

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Safe Shuttle answers students' late-night calls

Students on campus between midnight and 3 a.m. now can take advantage of student government's Safe Shuttle. The van, identified by an S on the front windshield, will run a route similar to the Point-2-Point. It will stop at the Student Union annex 20 minutes and 40 minutes after the hour Sunday through Thursday.

The service will take students anywhere on campus — there is not a set route. In addition, Safe Shuttle will stop at sorority houses on Franklin, Hillsborough, Pittsboro and Rosemary streets.

WORLD BRIEFS



Bush administration open to use of U.N.-backed force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Bush administration is exploring the possibility of establishing a U.N.-endorsed multinational force in Iraq that would be led by a U.S. commander, a top State Department official says.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that the idea is one of many being weighed by the administration as it attempts to deal with continuing violence in that country almost four months after President Bush declared an end to major combat operations.

Armitage outlined his thoughts in an interview with regional U.S. newspapers on Tuesday, a text of which was made available by the State Department.

Secretary of State Colin Powell traveled to New York last Thursday to issue an appeal for a new U.N. Security Council resolution that would reinforce U.N. support for the deployment of additional foreign forces in Iraq.

United States and N. Korea open talks after 4 months

BEIJING — Trading the cold shoulder for careful conversation, the United States and North Korea made their first direct contact in four months on Wednesday.

China, South Korea, Japan and Russia joined them in formal discussions, eager to apply delicate diplomacy to East Asia's most alarming security problem.

ARTS BRIEFS

Somerhill features new mixed-media artists

The Somerhill Gallery, one of Franklin Street's staples for local art, is featuring works by Don Gialanella and Arless Day.

Gialanella is a sculptor whose main medium is steel. Among his included works is a nearly 3-foot, forged steel Dodo bird whose feathers each made of what looks like scale mail.

Day is a mixed-media artist who focuses mainly on collages. Her works carry a variety of messages but usually focus on cultural, social and ethnic themes. "A Room for Chiquitas," probably her most aesthetically appealing work at the gallery, is composed of paint, paper and picture cut-outs.

The exhibition will be featured in the gallery until Sept. 26 and is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.somerhill.com> or call 967-1879.

Ackland seeks public input on permanent collection

The Ackland Art Museum is hosting "Collecting Photography," an exhibit in which the public can weigh in on which of 10 photographs should be purchased for the Ackland's permanent collection.

The exhibit is open now until Sept. 28. Visitors are invited to share their opinion on photos such as a Cleveland Otis Steel Factory taken in 1928 and a shot of Ground Zero taken Sept. 25, 2001.

The decision will be posted Sept. 29 in the museum and on the Ackland's Web site at <http://www.ackland.org>. Contact Maria Gloggi, director of communications, at 843-3675 for more information.

CALENDAR

Today

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. — The Orange County Rape Crisis Center will host a volunteer information session in Union 3502. Sponsored by Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention.

Students saving money on books

Tepper's buyback plan aids change

BY CAROLINE KORNEGAY
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As students head back to the bookstore to purchase course materials, they might have an easier time saving money on their textbooks.

In March, professors began to turn in lists of textbooks they needed for this semester's courses after receiving letters from members of student government urging them to do so.

With a list of required books in hand earlier, Student Stores can decide what textbooks can be bought back and then sold the next semester at a cheaper rate, said

John Jones, director of Student Stores.

"We think it's a great program and can only hope it grows," Jones said. "We have more used books to sell because of this program."

The push for professors to turn in their book lists early started last semester as part of Student Body President Matt Tepper's platform.

Student Stores had received request forms for only 486 of 1,994 UNC courses by last semester's initial deadline. The number increased by almost 10 percent to 680 after the letters were mailed to professors.

"I think it's a great success," said

Graham Long, Tepper's executive assistant. "I think (the push) definitely helped."

Once booksellers such as Student Stores and Ram Book and Supply on West Franklin Street know a textbook is going to be used again, they will pay as much as 50 percent of the book's original price to buy it back, said Steve Thurston, store manager of Ram Book and Supply.

But when professors turn in their forms late or not at all, booksellers only pay the wholesaler's price and in many cases won't buy back the book. Sellers can't offer a better price until they know whether or not a book will be used.

Jones said one of the main problems in getting the lists from professors early is the general flux and

flow of faculty who are teaching courses during a given semester.

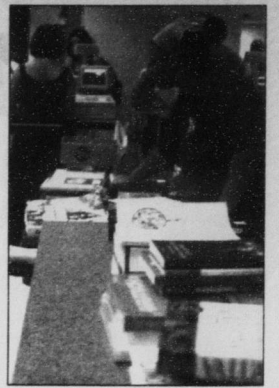
Some professors don't know whether they are teaching a particular course until after the previous semester is over.

If another edition of a textbook is released, a professor might need more time to decide which edition to use, delaying book request forms further.

The deadline for professors to submit lists for the spring semester is Sept. 26.

Long and Jones both said they look forward to a growing number of faculty submitting lists by the deadline.

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An employee of Student Stores sorts through books Wednesday afternoon. More used books are being made available to students this semester than in the past.

Students will not need tix for game

BY MARY MCGUIRT
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Students hoping to see the Tar Heels battle it out against the Seminoles in this Saturday's football season opener will not need tickets like they have in years past.

Officials will not hold ticket distributions for any games this season, said Sherrell McMillan, president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

Two years ago, the home football game against Florida State University merited a ticket distribution. Last year, games that were expected to draw high student demand — contests against N.C. State University and the University of Texas — also had ticket distributions.

Instead of tickets obtained through a distribution, students only will need their UNC ONE Cards to be admitted to all home football games this year.

Clint Gwaltney, assistant athletics director for the Smith Center and ticket operations, said he does not think student demand for Saturday's game will exceed the number of allotted seats this Labor Day weekend.

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Sophomore Lauren Simpson takes a dip in Kessing Pool behind Fetzer Gym on Wednesday afternoon, expected to be the hottest day of the week. Many students have abandoned lying out on Polk Place in favor of cooler spots by the pool.

Students try to beat the heat

BY LAURA YOUNGS
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For Rachel Edelsberg, adjusting to college life after uprooting from Miami was hard enough.

But the UNC freshman, who lives in Morrison Residence Hall, also has had to cope with the August heat.

Like many UNC students — especially South Campus residents — she does not have an air-conditioned room.

"I'm used to over-air-conditioned buildings," she said. "This is new to me."

Edelsberg said she keeps two fans running in her room at all times. Her

door and her window are always open. "I try to stay on campus in the library or in the shade," she said. "I come to (my room) just to change or sleep."

As students start classes this week, many simply are trying to stay cool in what seems to be unbearable heat.

Today's high is predicted to be 96 degrees, according to The Weather Channel's Web site. There is a 10 percent chance of rain.

But the temperatures actually are normal for this time of year, said Ron Humble, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service's Raleigh bureau.

Clouds and a large amount of rain have resulted in a cooler summer, meaning people have not gotten used to regular North Carolina summer temperatures. This makes the heat seem worse, he said.

"The effects on the body are the same, but the effects on our minds are different," he said. "It's psychological."

He said temperatures in June and July were almost two degrees lower than average.

Wednesday was expected to be the hottest day this week with a heat index

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Campus lobbyists' significance continues to rise

BY STEPHANIE JORDAN
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Though prominent higher education officials always have been influential lobbyists, the opinions of UNC-system student leaders are becoming increasingly important to state legislators.

UNC-system officials, such as UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser, are known for being knowledgeable about important issues, such as the University's state allocations, and have been effective in their lobbying efforts, some lawmakers say.

"When Moeser talks, I listen," said Rep. Marian McLawhorn, D-Pitt, vice chairwoman of the House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. "He knows and understands the lobbying process."

But in the General Assembly, students' voices are resonating more when issues such as tuition hikes and budget cuts arise.

"The student government is more organized and involved than 10 years ago when I was at (UNC-CH)," said Amy Fulk, spokeswoman for Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare. "Students come to Raleigh to sit with legislators."

Mark Fleming, a lobbyist for the UNC system, also said he believes students have been effective. "There's more student involvement

than has been tradition," he said. "I'm pleased with the student leadership involved."

He also said Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, has played an instrumental role in lobbying the legislature.

"Ducote stays on top of the issue and knows where the battles are," Fleming said.

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said Moeser and Matt Tepper, UNC-CH student body president, are influential because they speak about issues they experience firsthand. "(They) pay attention to what

directly impacts them," he said.

As a result, Fleming said, lawmakers were relatively kind to universities during budget negotiations and in other important legislation.

UNC-system representatives, including student leaders, have earned the support of legislators by keeping up-to-date on the nuances of issues affecting campuses, McLawhorn said.

"The university system does a great job of educating the legislature," she said.

That information is vital for legislators when they vote on bills affecting higher education, said Rep. Linda Johnson, R-Cabarrus,

chairwoman of the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Education.

Johnson cited a recent pay raise for professors at UNC-CH as an example, saying lobbyists presented information comparing professors' salaries at the University and other schools.

Because legislators had that data, UNC-CH faculty received a pay increase, Johnson said.

Now is the best time for a lobbyist to share information with legislators and gain support from General Assembly members because the body is between ses-

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