

# N.C. attorney general to enforce call block

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Even though a federal court ruled Thursday that the National Do-Not-Call Registry hinders free speech, N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper's office still will enforce state legislation that punishes telemarketers who make illegal calls.

Cooper stated in a press release that the law, enacted by the N.C. General Assembly this summer, would protect consumers from unwanted telemarketing calls. Under the legislation, telemarketers would be fined for calling people who listed themselves on the registry before Aug. 31.

As of last week, more than 50 million people had signed up across the nation, including 1.6 million North Carolinians.

State officials will start enforcing the lists Wednesday for people who registered by the deadline.

For people who signed up after the deadline, telemarketers have three months after people register to continue calling them.

But Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said the constitutionality of Cooper's proposal still has to be proven by a legal counselor, even though it has a lot of support in the state.

"A lot of people are very much in favor of the list," he said.

Rand added that while there's no question that the list will take away jobs, a person's right to be left alone also has to be considered.

The Associated Press reported that the telemarketing industry could lose up to \$50 billion and two million jobs if the bill is approved.

The president of the American Teleservices Association refused to comment Friday.

The Registry hit a road block last week when a U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City ruled against the list because the list's creator, the Federal Trade Commission, did not have the authority to start it.

U.S. Congress promptly passed legislation Thursday that gave the FTC the authority to start the Do-Not-Call Registry.

But a second U.S. District Court in Denver ruled Thursday that the list restricted free speech, putting a halt to the list again.

The second ruling was based on the argument that the government would be deciding who people could receive calls from, thereby discriminating against for-profit organizations' calls.

The federal and state bills would fine violators up to \$11,000 for each illegal call, although charity and political organizations would be exempt.

"Nonprofit organizations are trying to help," said N.C. Rep. Alma Adams, D-Guilford. "The type of business that they do is probably the cause for them to be exempted (of the list)."

But Adams said there was a need for the state to take action for the benefit of North Carolinians.

"We try to be consistent with the federal government, but sometimes we need laws for the people of North Carolina."

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# Project UNC calls 115 to service

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About 115 UNC students, faculty and staff participated Saturday in the fifth annual Project UNC, a one-day event during which volunteers work in a variety of service projects around the area.

Volunteers arrived to balloons, music and a free lunch sponsored by the Hunger Lunch committee of the Campus Y.

Barry Brinkley, a 2001 UNC graduate and program director for Teach for America in the San Francisco area, gave the keynote speech to motivate and praise the hard work the volunteers put into the event.

"Today most people are caught up with money and power," he said. "It's great to see a movement of people who want to help others."

Project coordinator Sanja Bosman, who has been involved with Project UNC for four years, said the number of volunteers has grown tremendously since the program's start.

The project was founded in 1999 by former Student Body President Nic Heinke.

Many volunteers are a part of various organizations across campus that devote their time to helping others.

Organizations involved in the event included the Campus Y, student government, Project Rush

Hour, Asian Students Association, the Academic Enhancement Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Mu Beta Psi, the campus chapter of the American Red Cross and Interservice Christian Fellowship.

After the kickoff in Polk Place, volunteers dispersed to various sites.

Participants worked at five locations in the Chapel Hill area, including the N.C. Botanical Gardens, Project Homestart, a Habitat for Humanity site and the Ronald McDonald House.

Student government also led a canned food drive.

"We work with organizations that have the greatest need and have a relationship with the Campus Y," Bosman said.

Volunteers worked for three hours to help build houses, fix nature trails and collect food for various people in the community.

Bosman said the N.C. Botanical Gardens desperately needed help because of destruction caused by Hurricane Isabel, including fixing trails that were destroyed during the storm.

Blair Ruddock, a sophomore business major, spent the afternoon at the N.C. Botanical Gardens pulling invader weeds that were destroying the natural wildlife.

"I feel that we made a real dif-



DTH/MADONNA LEE

Saturday's fifth annual Project UNC brings Senior Huoy Lim to the N.C. Botanical Gardens where she helps clean out an invasive weed.

ference in the area by protecting the wildlife," she said. "Project UNC was a great way to fulfill my service hours."

Ruddock said she needed the community service hours for the Academic Enhancement Program, a theme housing program that requires upperclassmen participants to complete 12 hours of community service each semester.

The volunteers returned at about 4 p.m. to campus, where

they could relax with music and ice cream after a hard day of work.

Project UNC was a great success, Bosman said, because students, faculty and staff all contributed their time and effort to helping others in the community.

Brinkley challenged the volunteers as they left to "continue serving beyond the walls of college."

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# Service scholars program kicks off

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Several months after its inception, the Public Service Scholars program had its official kickoff ceremony Friday on the steps of Wilson Library.

The program, administered through the Carolina Center for Public Service, recognizes exemplary public service on the transcripts of students who complete a variety of service requirements.

Supporters of the program gathered to celebrate past accomplishments and to look forward to continued success.

*"We envision that Public Service Scholars will become a network and a force."*

LYNN BLANCHARD, CCPS DIRECTOR

Chancellor James Moeser, who spoke at the event, said UNC students are distinguishable by their passion for service.

"The public service program sets a new benchmark for public service," he said.

A jar of pennies was displayed prominently prior to the event, and those attending were invited to guess the number of pennies.

The jar held 2,470 pennies, one for each hour of service performed by the program's 42 participants last semester.

Sophomore Katie Hunt, a program participant who also spoke at the event, poured the pennies into a bucket and said the goal is to fill it with 70,000 pennies.

The program began last year after CCPS received a \$15,000 planning grant.

In the program, students who complete 300 hours of public service, two service learning courses, skills training, a service portfolio and a have a grade point average of at least 2.5 are given special recognition of public service on their transcripts, said Chad Fogleman, program officer for CCPS.

Although the program started last year, Fogleman said the idea was born eight years ago.

"It's been a really long process," he said. "The idea has been around since 1995. The Public Service Roundtable, a group of concerned faculty and staff, decided we need to raise awareness for the idea."

Enrollment for the program this semester closed at 5 p.m. Friday, and according to CCPS, about 200 students signed up.

Fogleman said students with at least four semesters remaining are invited to join the program next semester.

Even as the kickoff ceremony was taking place, members of the program were away helping victims of Hurricane Isabel, which hit the North Carolina coast earlier this month.

A mass e-mail sent to students by CCPS on Wednesday cited the need for volunteers who could drive a van or truck, speak Spanish or use a chain saw.

The e-mail also stated that the state's Emergency Response Center is seeking donations of cleaning supplies, canned foods, beverages, paper goods, garbage bags, personal care items and baby items. Donation boxes were available at the event Friday.

CCPS director Lynn Blanchard said the kickoff event went well and that she has lofty goals for the program's future.

"We envision that Public Service Scholars will become a network and a force from students and organizations all over who can join what they're doing already in new ways."

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Chancellor James Moeser speaks Friday morning at the Carolina Center for Public Service kickoff event accompanied by students volunteers.

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