

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Two student groups host candidate forums this week

The Black Student Movement will host a forum for student body president candidates today in Chase Hall. The forum will be held at 5:30 p.m.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance will host a student body president candidate forum Thursday to endorse a candidate. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in Dey Hall 305.

ESPN's Dick Vitale to sign book today at Bull's Head

Famed college basketball personality Dick Vitale will speak and sign his new book at the Bull's Head Bookshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The broadcaster is at UNC to cover the basketball game between the Tar Heels and N.C. State.

Vitale's book, "Living a Dream: Reflections on 25 Years Sitting in the Best Seat in the House" was released in September and chronicles the irreverent sportscaster's 25-year career at ESPN.

Student reports car theft from Aycock Circle lot

A student called police upon discovering that his car was stolen, reports state. He was in his dorm room with three friends when he noticed that his car keys were missing. According to reports, he looked for his vehicle in Aycock Circle, where he had parked it. Officers said the black 1992 Nissan Maxima is valued at \$2,500.

About \$1,000 worth of property stolen from car

According to reports, property totaling \$914 was stolen from a vehicle parked overnight at WXYC.

A disc jockey stopped on his way from Greensboro to Raleigh and spent the night at the office with a friend.

When he returned to the vehicle, owned by his mother, the front passenger side window was broken, apparently by a large rock, reports state. Among the stolen items were a \$430 camera, a discman and a backpack. There are no suspects, reports state.

ARTS BRIEFS

Famed saxophonist at Duke for 3-day residency

World-renowned jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis will perform with the Duke Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. Friday in Duke University's Baldwin Auditorium as part of his three-day residency.

The Grammy award-winner first will lead a saxophone workshop Wednesday in Nelson Hall and deliver a lecture about the future of jazz Thursday in Baldwin Auditorium. Both events begin at 5 p.m. and are free to the public.

Friday evening's concert is \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased by calling 684-4444.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Patriot Act has not abused civil liberties, reports state

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Justice Department has found no incidents in which the anti-terrorism USA PATRIOT Act has been invoked to abuse civil rights or civil liberties but has identified instances of mistreatment of Muslims and Arabs that did not involve the act.

Tuesday's report probably will provide fodder for Bush administration efforts to persuade Congress to renew the law, which expires in 2005. The law, passed shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, faces a legion of critics who contend that its expansion of government surveillance powers violates constitutional free speech and privacy rights.

"It is clear that the government has been thoroughly responsible in its implementation of the act," said Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo. "As the president has said, it is vital that Congress reauthorize these provisions."

But Rep. John Conyers, senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said the report failed to identify "a single punishment or sanction" imposed on a Justice Department employee found to have violated civil rights and civil liberties.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

8 p.m. — The Daily Tar Heel will host a forum for student body president candidates in 209 Manning Hall. The forum will be open to the public.

For more information, contact Editor Elyse Ashburn at eashburn@email.unc.edu.

From staff and wire reports.

Tuition increase to bring in \$12-15M

Money to fund salaries, financial aid

BY CLAIRE DORRIER
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UNC-Chapel Hill officials estimate that the tuition increase approved last week will generate \$12 million to \$15 million in new funds, with about half designated for salaries and half for need-based financial aid.

Last Wednesday the University's Board of Trustees recommended a

proposal to increase tuition \$1,500 for nonresidents and \$300 for resident students. The proposal will go to the UNC-system Board of Governors for approval next month.

The total amount of revenue UNC-CH will get from tuition increases cannot be determined until enrollment for the fall 2004 semester is finalized. UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton said the best

estimate is about \$13 million. Shelton said the BOT's tuition advisory task force has set aside about 48 percent for faculty, staff and graduate teacher assistant salaries, and the remainder will go to need-based financial aid and graduate student tuition remissions.

Of the 48.5 percent of revenue going toward salaries, 40 percent will go to faculty salaries, 5 percent for teaching assistant salaries and 3.5 percent for staff salaries.

If the increase is approved by

the BOG and then the N.C. General Assembly, salaries will be distributed next year to schools throughout the University.

Shelton said that the distribution of salaries most likely will be conducted as it has been in the past: Each college in the University will come up with a group of peer schools at other Universities and will calculate average salaries across the board. A gap will be determined, and each department will get a specified amount to min-

imize any salary shortages consistently through each college.

After each department gets an amount of the revenue, the dean of each college determines by merit who will see money, Shelton said. "The tuition increases won't take care of everything, but it is a good step," he said. "It will significantly help dig our way out."

Richard Soloway, interim dean of UNC-CH's College of Arts and

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Eric Liu was trying his best to walk on ice when his feet slipped out from underneath him outside of Sitterson Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

UNC opens amid cancellations

Officials base decision on transit availability

BY ALICE DOLSON
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Despite class cancellations Tuesday by most area schools, UNC-Chapel Hill officials reopened the University on Tuesday, citing an operational Chapel Hill Transit Authority and an end to the winter precipitation.

Monday evening UNC-CH's emergency management group recommended resuming class at 11 a.m. after examining weather and road conditions.

The group waited to see whether the predicted second wave of bad weather would bring freezing rain to Chapel Hill. After the weather system largely bypassed Chapel Hill, moving to the southeast instead, the management team decided to hold classes, UNC-CH Public Safety Director Derek Poarch said.

"If the freezing rain had hit Chapel Hill,

we probably would have had to cancel class," he said.

The management team also considered the fact that Chapel Hill Transit buses were operational and major roadways to UNC-CH and sidewalks on campus were being cleared.

"I think we made the right decision about Monday, and I think we made the right decision about today," Poarch said. "There's no way to make everyone 100 percent happy about the decision."

Duke University, N.C. State University and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools decided to cancel class Tuesday.

"We made a decision based on our sense of what the roads were going to be like, our parking lots not being cleared, the larger campus bus routes not running, and that we

don't like to cancel partial days," Duke Provost Peter Lange said.

NCSU Provost James Oblinger said the major difference between UNC-CH and NCSU's conditions is that more of his students live further from campus, in neighborhoods that had not been plowed.

He also said Wofline, the NCSU-operated bus system, was not running.

Poarch said the management group did not consider NCSU or Duke when making their decision.

"There are any number of variables in the decision-making process," he said. "We don't compare ourselves to other campuses."

Many professors cancelled class today because they were unable to make it to campus, and the UNC-CH School of Law cancelled all classes.

Charles Kurzman, professor of sociology,

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Vote to resolve camera issue

Council to decide SafeLight's fate

BY SARAH HANCOX
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The controversy over the SafeLight program in Chapel Hill will come to a head when the Town Council votes on the issue at tonight's business meeting.

The vote comes after council member Mark Kleinschmidt submitted a petition asking for the termination of the SafeLight program during the Jan. 12 council meeting.

The program has generated questions on many different issues. The use of a private company to catch red light violations instead of traditional law enforcement has produced the most opposition.

Kleinschmidt believes this privatization takes away from due process and is the focus of his opposition. Other issues raised in the petition include the increase in rear-end collisions at monitored intersections and the small percentage of citations issued compared to recorded violations.

In anticipation of the upcoming vote, a forum was hosted Saturday by council member Dorothy Verkerk.

Among those present was Joe Clark, chief operating officer of Affiliated Computer Services, who made a presentation demonstrating how the company's traffic cameras worked and how the company works with the community to monitor the system.

Also present was Ann Sweet from the National Campaign to Stop Red Light Running who spoke about how her daughter,

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Moesser declines year-end bonus

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moesser said he has declined his end-of-the-year bonus, electing instead to "stand with the troops" and receive no addenda to his \$250,000 annual salary.

"I just felt that with all of the attention to low-wage workers on this campus — the fact that so many people up and down the wage structure, including my own vice chancellors, were not getting increases — that this was just the time to say, 'No, thank you,'" he said.

The bonuses, awarded to 11 of 12 eligible system chancellors, is part reward, part attempt to keep salaries competitive with other universities, said Gretchen Bataille, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs.

Moesser and the other eligible chancellors have received no salary increases other than a \$625 pay increase given to all state employees in the 2000-01 school year.

Bataille said Moesser publicly stated months ago that if he received a bonus he would not accept it because of the salary woes many employees were facing. She added that arguments that the chancellor was obligated to defray or not accept the money because of the plight of low-income campus workers were unwarranted.

"The chancellors have the same issues as other employees," she said. "They have families, they have kids in college, and while their salaries might be on the higher scale in North Carolina, they're not nearly as high as they should be."

But Bataille said it is no secret

that the system awards chancellor bonuses to help chancellors resist the lure of other job offers.

"We are concerned about retention, we are concerned about competitiveness and we are concerned about rewarding our chancellors for doing a good job," she said.

Denying the bonus was a good move by the chancellor, said Tommy Griffin, UNC-Chapel Hill Employee Forum chairman.

Griffin said the chancellor's decision is indicative of a recent tide of change and perhaps a softening of the oft-confrontational relationship between the people who run the University from South Building and the people who maintain it. "This is a loud voice to say, 'I'm not going to take \$25,000,'" Griffin said. "If I stood up and said I wasn't going to take \$250, nobody would listen."

But David Brannigan, member of the N.C. Public Service Workers Union or UE Local 150, the union that represents UNC employees, said there was nothing spectacular about Moesser not accepting the bonus.

"He's trying to make a virtue of a necessity because you know they've been telling everyone about the pay raise," said Brannigan, who also questioned the decision to give bonuses when system campuses are beset by problems such as mold and a dearth of salary increases.

"Will (UNC-system President) Molly Broad be offering any money to the workers who worked for 12 hours in the cold to keep this university open?" he asked.

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New virus floods UNC network

BY ALLISON PARKER
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The latest e-mail virus hit the UNC community Monday, causing more than 1,000 students to be blocked from the campus network.

The virus, bearing the file name W32.novarg, is spread via attachment and, once opened, is sent automatically to everyone in the user's address book.

"The virus basically works as a spam relay, with the number of people affected increasing exponentially," said Bruce Egan, associate director of Academic Technology & Networks.

Virus complaints flooded the ATN computer lab in the Undergraduate Library on Tuesday morning. "We've had about two- to three hundred people in here today," he said.

Among the students waiting for help was sophomore Kelsey Brickham, who said she has had trouble keeping up with class because of the virus.

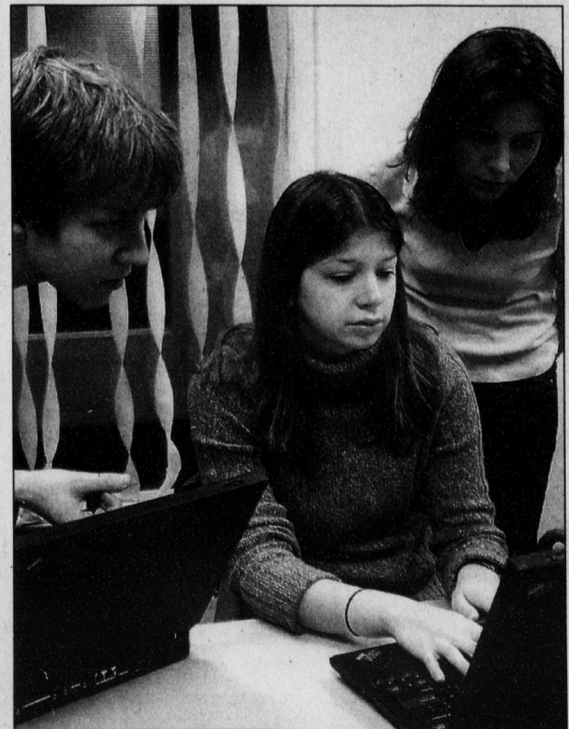
"I can't get on the Internet, which is important especially with professors posting assignments."

Computers with the virus were kicked off the campus network immediately in order to isolate the problem. Outbound e-mail from residence halls is being blocked temporarily until the problem is under control, according to reports on <http://help.unc.edu>.

"We are blocking these systems from the network in order to keep the virus from spreading elsewhere," Egan said.

ATN officials said the department staff worked through Monday night writing a CD that could solve the problem.

The CD, which contains a patch to remove the virus, is extremely effective, said Jeanne Smythe, director of information technolo-



ATN employee Kelly Gallagher (right) and sophomore Adam Pruitt help sophomore Erica Griesedieck fix her computer at the ATN computer lab.

gy services computing policy. Egan said it only takes about five minutes to ten minutes to operate.

"We're being successful because the ATN technical staff got tools ready for us that we needed to help students," he said. "We're able to do this because ATN worked all through the night."

To avoid the virus students should not open e-mail attach-

ments from unknown sources, according to <http://help.unc.edu>.

Smythe cautioned students to take extra care with e-mail. "To protect your computer, you should have anti-virus software up all the time, check files that come in and get updates on a regular basis."

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