

Incoming freshmen Ryan Griffin (left), Kirby Crider (center) and Stephanie Kelly configure their new CCI laptops as part of C-TOPS, UNC's orientation program. Laptops have been required for all new students since fall 2000.

Incoming students take in Carolina experience

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The Carolina Testing and Orientation Program Sessions, the University's incoming freshmen orientation, has commenced for the summer with the segmented arrival of the almost 3,570 students that make up the class of 2008.

C-TOPS is a two-day long program that provides students with various opportunities to immerse themselves in the campus and orient themselves with the pressures of college life.

Judy Deshotels, director of the Office of New Student Programs, said that the program is an effective way to prepare students for the rigor of what lies ahead.

"Their schedules for the two days is packed with very little time in between those commitments," she said. "But our hope is that they participate fully during orienta-

tion. The programs intent is to provide them with helpful information."

Special interest programs are offered from the Study Abroad Office, Greek Life and University Libraries, among others.

"We emphasize that we value diversity, and we try to incorporate that message throughout C-TOPS," Deshotels said.

The students are housed in Carmichael Residence Hall.

They are split up into 14 small groups with an orientation leader who takes the students from event to event and is there to offer his or her perspective on life at UNC.

Testing comes into the equation as all students are required to take a foreign language placement exam on the first day of the program.

After meeting with an advisor, students register for classes for the

fall 2004 semester. Carolina Computing Initiative laptops are also handed out and configured at C-TOPS.

Parents are invited to attend the sessions that are offered for them to mingle and learn how to let go and send their children to college.

There are 12 different C-TOPS sessions this summer and two sessions for transfer students dubbed Transfer Testing and Orientation Program Sessions. The sessions are held throughout June and July.

Deshotels said the program has been a success thus far.

"The feedback that we've gotten so far from parents and students is that it's a very positive experience."

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MLB comes calling for five Tar Heels

Three UNC players selected on first day

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Two Sundays ago, the men's baseball team's season ended in heartbreaking fashion, after the brutal three-day, four-game NCAA Regional in Columbia, S.C., the third straight year UNC failed to triumph over South Carolina.

But for five Tar Heels, their disappointment was shortlived, when they were selected the following two days, June 7 and June 8, during the two-day, 50-round Major League Baseball first-year player draft.

The players selected had stand-out seasons in 2004, a season in which UNC went 43-21.

Chris Iannetta (fourth round, 110th overall to the Colorado Rockies), Marshall Hubbard (eighth round, 243rd overall to the Seattle Mariners) and Garry Bakker (11th round, 329th overall to the Chicago White Sox) were

selected last Monday, the first day of the draft.

Kevin Brower (33rd round, 973rd overall to the Detroit Tigers) and Michael Gross (33rd round, 990th overall to the St. Louis Cardinals) were chosen the following day.

Head coach Mike Fox now has had 25 players drafted during his six-year tenure with the Tar Heels.

Iannetta, the junior All-American catcher from Providence, R.I., enjoyed his finest season in 2004, batting .336 with 15 home runs, 19 doubles and 71 RBI. He earned all-tournament honors at the ACC Championship and the NCAA Columbia Regional.

Defensively, Iannetta threw out 24 of 48 runners, picked off nine more and, with only seven errors in 571 chances, accumulated a .988 fielding percentage.

Iannetta also was one of three finalists for the Johnny Bench



Junior catcher Chris Iannetta was drafted last Monday by Colorado in the fourth round.

Award, given to the nation's best catcher, as well as a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, presented to the nation's top collegiate player.

Hubbard, a junior from Ashland, Va., who transferred from William & Mary prior to the season, led the team with a .352 average, 17 home runs and his 83 RBI set the team's single-season record.

The outfielder's 21 doubles were the fifth most in school history, and his 41 extra-base hits were the third most.

Hubbard also was named to the all-tournament teams at the ACC Championship and the NCAA Columbia Regional.

Bakker, a junior pitcher from

Sloatsburg, N.Y., amassed a 5-5 record with a 3.90 ERA, but came on much stronger down the stretch.

He pitched a complete game shutout against Maryland in the 2004 ACC Tournament to earn all-tournament honors.

Brower, a senior relief pitcher from Middleboro, Mass., appeared in 105 games during his career, the fourth-most in school history. In 2004, he went 1-1 with a 3.57 ERA in 22 appearances.

His best season came in 2002, when he recorded a career-low ERA of 2.28.

Gross, a senior reliever from Marietta, Ga., was the final Tar Heel selected in the draft. He went 4-4 in 2004, with eight saves and a team-low 2.24 ERA, striking out 59 batters in 52 1/3 innings as the team's closer.

His 91 career appearances in a Tar Heel uniform are the seventh-most in team history.

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U.S. economy shows signs of rebounding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The appetite of America's shoppers returned in May, boosting sales at the nation's retailers by 1.2 percent, a fresh sign that the economic recovery is on solid footing.

The latest snapshot of retail activity reported by the Commerce Department on Monday comes after a consumer pullback in April, which depressed retail sales by 0.6 percent. May's increase was slightly larger than the 1 percent rise some that economists were predicting and marked the biggest gain since March.

The U.S. trade deficit swelled to a record \$48.3 billion in April, reflecting Americans' demand for foreign-made goods, especially cars, TVs, furniture and clothes.

April's trade deficit was 3.8 percent larger than March's shortfall, which had been the previous all-time monthly high. The rebounding economy has been supporting demand for imported goods.

Imports of goods and services rose by 0.2 percent in April to a record \$142.3 billion. Exports

dropped by 1.5 percent to \$93.9 billion, which nonetheless marked the second-highest level on record.

Higher imported crude oil prices also contributed to the trade deficit in April. The average price of imported crude oil rose to \$31 a barrel, the highest since February 1983.

Sales at automobile dealerships increased by 2.7 percent in May, an improvement from the 2.1 percent decline in April and the biggest gain since November. Excluding sales at automobile dealerships, retail sales went up by a solid 0.7 percent in May.

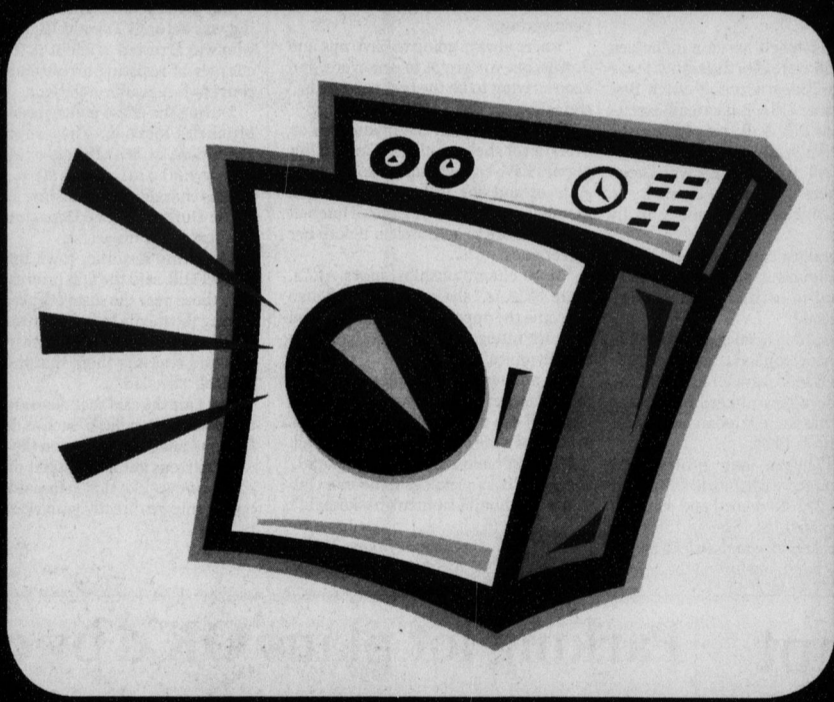
Sales at clothing stores, department stores, health and beauty shops, sporting goods, music and book stores, and grocery stores all increased in May. Sales of furniture and building supplies posted declines. People also ate out less, causing sales at restaurants to dip.

Consumers play an important role in determining the vigor of the economic recovery. That's because their spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

They have managed to spend at a modest pace even in the face of high energy prices. Looking ahead, economists believe consumers will keep their pocketbooks and wallets sufficiently open to support the recovery in the coming months.

Gasoline prices posted their first nationwide decline this year. The national average price fell by 6 1/2 cents to \$2.04 per gallon on Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 gas stations released Sunday.

In May, sales at gasoline stations rose by 4 percent, the biggest rise since February 2003, reflecting higher prices at the pump. Excluding the sale of gasoline, retail sales rose by a strong 0.9 percent in May.



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25 FR NRBA w/ Memphis** (\$15)
26 SA CHRIS STAMEY EXPERIENCE / Hotel Lights / Matt McMichaels
27 SU The Icarus Line / Dead Meadow / 400 Blows** (\$8/\$10)

JULY
3 TH THE NEVER, Is, Sleepsound, Alvarez Painting (\$6)
5 MO JULIANA HATFIELD w/ The Damnwells** (\$10)
7 WE JAY CLIFFORD OF JUMP, LITTLE CHILDREN
8 TH X-ECUTIONERS w/ NORTHERN STATE AND WYLDE BUNCH
10 SA NC WARN Benefit w/ Jon Shain Tito, Jonathan Byrd and Dromedary**
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