

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Robertson bus restarts route between UNC, Duke

The Robertson Express bus began operations Tuesday. The service offers transportation for students and faculty between the campuses of Duke University and UNC.

Buses depart each half hour from the Morehead Planetarium at UNC and the West Campus bus stop at Duke on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Additional weekday buses leave on the hour from UNC and on the half hour from Duke from 8 to 11 p.m. Bus service also is offered on weekends after noon.

For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.robertsonscholars.org/bus>.

The bus service, funded by the Robertson Scholars Program, is free for all members of the Duke and UNC communities.

WXYC to host Early '90s Dance at Local 506

Don your parachute pants or flannel shirt — Friday marks WXYC's third annual Early '90s Dance. Everyone remembers the times — grease wasn't the word, but chances are it was in your hair.

The event, which runs from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Local 506, will feature a festive crop of WXYC DJs and everything from Salt 'n' Pepa to Ace of Base.

For \$3 in advance or \$6 at the door, interested parties can zoom-a-zoom zoom down to 506 W. Franklin St. Your name doesn't have to be Jonas, but it helps to be both funky and cold.

STATE & NATION

Edwards crisscrosses state in Oklahoma fund-raiser

OKLAHOMA CITY — Vice presidential candidate John Edwards, who traveled across Oklahoma during the Democratic presidential primary, returned to the state Wednesday night to raise money for John Kerry's presidential campaign.

Edwards decried personal attacks against Kerry's Vietnam war service during an 11-minute speech in which he promised to bring tax relief to the middle class and bring new focus to the war on terror.

He took aim at political advertisements by a conservative group of Vietnam veterans that criticized Kerry's activities during the war as the commander of a swift boat.

He said the ads were paid for by friends of President Bush and are intended to say something about Kerry's character.

Edwards criticized the Bush tax cuts and said Kerry would roll them back for the richest Americans while retaining them for the rest of the country. He said about one-third of the tax cuts went to taxpayers with average salaries of \$1.2 million.

Edwards said the nation has lost 1.8 million private-sector jobs under President Bush and that Kerry wants to stop tax cuts for companies that export jobs overseas.

Edwards visited Oklahoma more than a dozen times prior to the state's Feb. 3 presidential primary. His return shows the Kerry-Edwards ticket is not writing the state off, said Jay Parmley, state Democratic Party chairman.

WORLD BRIEFS

Sudan rejects increased capacity for peacekeepers

ABUJA, Nigeria — Sudan has turned down a wider role for African peacekeepers despite international pressure to end violence against non-Arab villagers that has led to the world's worst humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region.

The U.N. Security Council has given Khartoum until Aug. 30 to disarm Arab militias known as Janjaweed, who are blamed for terrorizing black African farmers, or face economic and diplomatic sanctions. More than 30,000 people have been killed and 1.4 million forced to flee their homes in the crisis.

As Sudanese and rebel officials gathered for peace talks in this Nigerian city on Monday, the African Union proposed to send nearly 2,000 peacekeepers to the western region of Darfur.

CALENDAR

Carolina Fever to hold interest meeting tonight

Carolina Fever, a UNC sports fan organization for students, will hold an interest meeting at 7:00 p.m. today in 209 Manning Hall.

Coaches, Carolina Athletic Association President William Keith and Carolina Fever Co-Chairmen Chris West and Meridith Martin will provide information about the group, which supports all of UNC's varsity athletic teams.

From staff and wire reports.

Former teacher faces five charges

Assault, neglect among misdemeanors

BY TERENCE JORDAN
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A former teacher of autistic children in Chapel Hill turned herself in to police Tuesday afternoon after five warrants for her arrest were issued.

Kathleen Yasui-Der, 49, of 101 Fieldstone Court in Chapel Hill was charged with two counts of assault on a handicapped person, two counts of contributing to the neglect of a minor and one count of child abuse, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins

said.

All five charges are misdemeanors, Cousins said.

The charges stem from incidents involving her autistic students that might have occurred at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School during the 2003-04 school year, Cousins said.

Yasui-Der was charged with one count of assault on a handicapped person and accused of bending a student's finger back, Cousins said.

The second count of assault on

a handicapped person resulted from an incident when a student was slapped around the head, reports state.

Yasui-Der also was charged with one count of child abuse in relation to the twisting of a student's arm March 12, reports state.

The two charges of neglecting a minor and one of the assault charges did not have specific dates, Cousins said.

The incidents occurred between September 2003 and May 2004 in Yasui-Der's classroom, reports state.

The students involved, a 9-



Former teacher Kathleen Yasui-Der taught at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

year-old and a 12-year-old, were both members of Yasui-Der's class.

It is unknown if the complaints stemmed from a student, parent or administrator, but school officials made the report to Chapel Hill police May 27.

Yasui-Der was suspended with

pay June 1.

She resigned from her teaching position July 15.

The school district also has launched an investigation in response to the allegations.

Julie Daniels, who helps coordinate the autism program at Estes Hill Elementary School, said the charges are ludicrous.

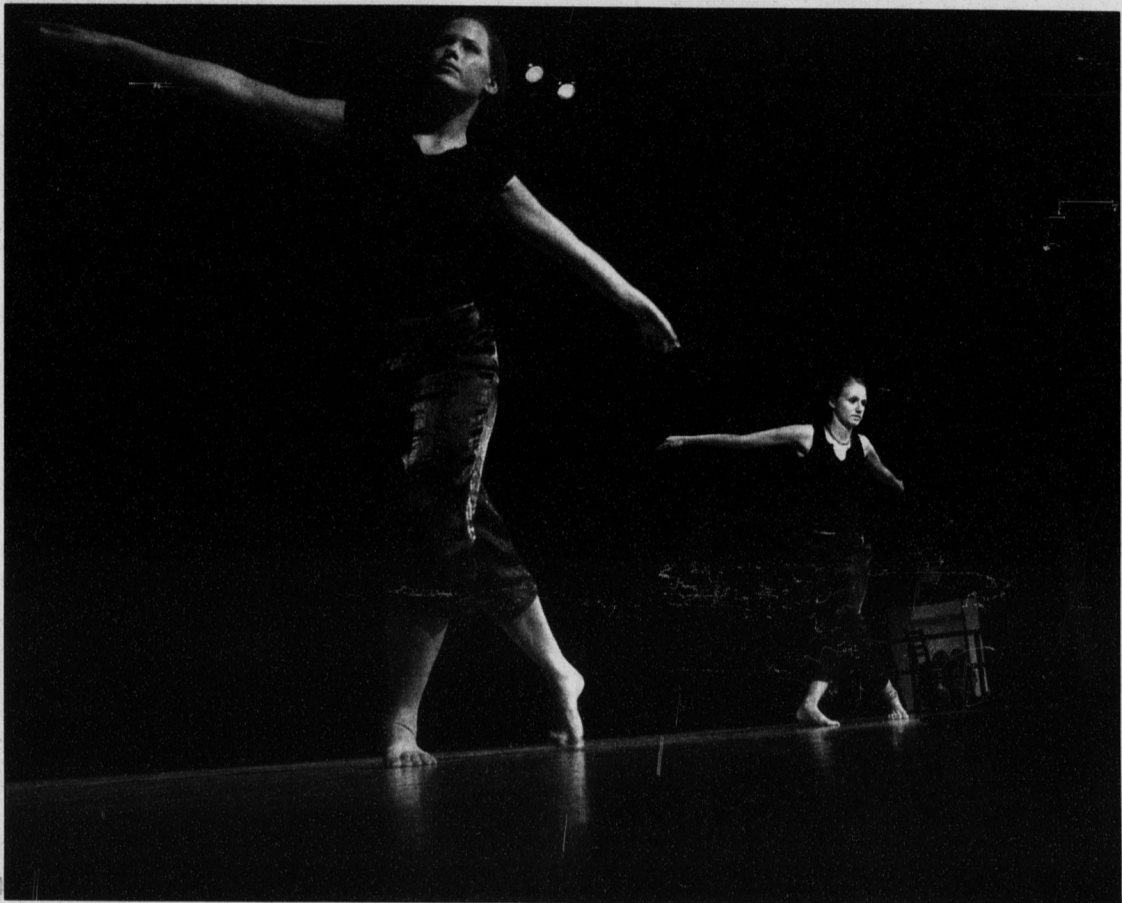
"She is a wonderful teacher," Daniels said.

"This is outrageous."

Yasui-Der has no prior history of any abusive tendencies, said Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for the

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WEEK OF WELCOME



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Juniors Erika Petty (left) and Megan White of the Inversions Modern Dance Company perform as part of the annual Week of Welcome on Wednesday night.

The purpose of the week is to introduce new students to the UNC community. It seeks to provide ways for new Tar

Heels to get involved and allows them to meet one another through specially designed programs. Events began Aug. 20 and will last until Friday. The week's activities will continue today with Transfer Student Game Night, which will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Union's Underground.

Council picks tentative lot plan

Developers to examine potential cost

BY DAN SCHWIND
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After much discussion Wednesday night, Chapel Hill Town Council members took steps toward deciding on a building scenario that they like for the development of parking lots 2 and 5.

Real estate consultant John Stainback of Stainback Public/Private Real Estate presented three building scenarios, each demonstrating a different timeline, for the development of the lots.

Of those, the Council Committee on Lots 2 and 5 asked him to create

a financial feasibility model on the third option, scenario C.

"It seems Option C is the direction we ought to be heading," said council member Bill Strom.

The scenario would involve further development of the Wallace parking garage behind the Rathskeller and the creation of a new parking garage where RBC Centura currently stands at Rosemary and Columbia streets.

Stainback will present that model at the committee's next meeting on Sept. 13.

"It was good thinking on their

part," council member Ed Harrison said. "It covered everything I can imagine."

Scenario C would begin with the construction of lot 5 and the expansion of the Wallace garage, which would last 18 months and would displace temporarily the 137 parking spots in lot 5.

When that construction is completed, RBC Centura would move into the new facilities at lot 5, and construction of the "RBC Garage" would begin.

Construction of a transit transfer center and development of lot 2 would begin shortly thereafter.

Stainback said the plan had several advantages over the other

options. It allows for the construction of a transit transfer station that would not be possible under scenario A.

It also would carry a shorter timeline than option B, so that the market analysis on which the developments are based does not become antiquated.

"(Scenario) C ... reduces risk, gives you time to contemplate how to get the money for the transfer center and allows you to capture market demand with Wallace and lot 5," Stainback said.

Another benefit to the plan is that the town and developers could

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Ducote prepares to stump in D.C.

Former ASG prez returns as lobbyist

BY ALEX GRANADOS
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A new position within the UNC-system Association of Student Governments will provide North Carolina students with an advocate in Washington, D.C., who can voice their formerly quieted pleas.

Jonathan Ducote, who served as ASG president for two years, was named director of federal relations over the summer by ASG President Amanda Devore.

Ducote said his first order of business is bringing higher education to the political forefront.

"The big thing this year is going to be the higher education reauthorization act," he said.

This act extends the programs provided for in the 1965 Higher Education Act, which is scheduled in January for its first reauthorization in seven years.

There are three areas Ducote said are priorities for discussion: increasing access to higher education through financial aid and Pell

grants, making education more available to international students and creating more research opportunities on the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Bob Samors, associate vice president for federal relations in the UNC system, worked with Ducote during his presidency when he traveled to Washington on a UNC-system Board of Governors trip.

Samors said he was impressed with Ducote's and the ASG's work.

"The ASG put together a very thoughtful document, which basically laid out the ASG perspective on certain issues," he said.

That document included some of the same goals, related to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, that Ducote will be advocating for as federal relations director.

Ducote began talks on the act during his trip, but discussions were put off until after the November elections.

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ATN official seeking improvements

Reed explores network options

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Face-lifts to the University's network soon will bring UNC up-to-date with the latest technology and will better support students' computers, both in and out of the classroom.

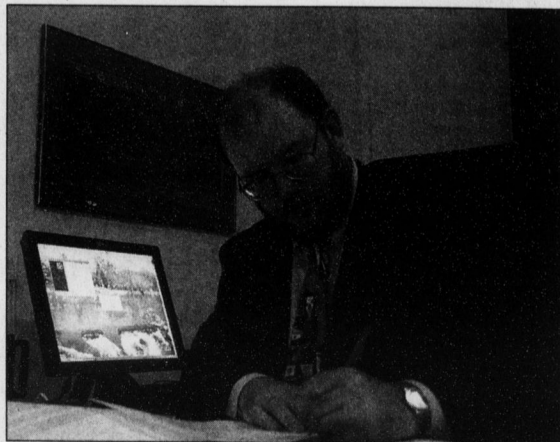
As Dan Reed settles into his position as the vice chancellor for Information Technology, he is leading the University on its quest to become more technologically oriented.

Reed has been working countless hours to integrate and reorganize the Administration Information Services and Academic Technology and Networks.

"I think he's going in the right direction," said Bruce Egan, associate director of ATN. "Anything that improves the delivery of IT services benefits campus."

The old network does not sufficiently meet the growing needs of the University, and as a result, it cannot keep up with the rapidly advancing technological world, he said.

The Carolina Wireless Initiative is being launched with a goal for students and faculty to have the ability to access e-mail, schedule appoint-



DTH/WALLISON MONEY

Dan Reed, vice chancellor for Information Technology, works in his office Wednesday. Reed is leading the University's technological efforts.

ments and view UNC's calendar from cell phones.

Reed added that he has been working with Student Body President Matt Calabria to create a program for students to access digital music without the threat of copyright infringement.

"It touches everyone on campus, whether they see it or not," Reed

said. As the new information and technology vice chancellor, Reed is addressing the country's rapid shift to online and wireless technology.

"We want to put the right tools in the right people's hands to make a difference," he said. "We want to do

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Change reflects energy policy

Morrison to get greener, cheaper

BY LAUREN HARRIS
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Solar panels to be installed on the rooftop of Morrison Residence Hall as part of an extensive renovation will reflect the University's growing efforts to use green energy.

UNC's Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee will see the beginning stages of its first project this spring with the start of the Morrison renovations. When complete, the residence hall will boast the addition of low-temperature solar thermal panels.

Energy created from the panels will heat water used in the residence hall and cut students' housing costs, said Cindy Shea, the University's Sustainability Coordinator.

"The savings (for Morrison) initially were calculated to be about \$11,000 annually," Shea said. "That's about \$14 per student."

But Shea said the savings could range from \$8,625 to \$11,275 in total annually, depending on the size of the water-heating system.

Christopher Payne, director of Housing and Residential Education, said Morrison is the next hall on the list of campus renovations, so it was the perfect choice for the project.

He said the combination of fee availability and renovation plans identified Morrison as a good prospect for renewable energy.

After a February 2003 student-run campaign to fund renewable energy sources on campus, UNC students passed a referendum to increase student fees by \$4 per semester to establish a Green Energy Fund. Seventy-four percent of voting UNC students were in favor of the referendum. The money from this fund will support the Morrison project.

Morrison's renovation is scheduled for completion in 2007.

"There are no (other) projects yet to which funding has been committed," Payne said. "We're still in

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