

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC Hospitals must return almost \$300,000 in funds

UNC Hospitals must return \$293,933 to the N.C. General Assembly for hurricane disaster relief efforts, but hospital spokesmen said they are looking into the possibility that they are exempt from the state budget cuts.

In the meantime, the hospital will try to cut administrative expenses, said Karen McCall, vice president for public affairs and marketing for UNC Health Care.

"We will look into seeing if health care programs are protected," she said. "But our main goal is to ensure patient care is not affected."

A memorandum sent by state officials said organizations must transfer the proportioned amount of their authorized budget to the Office of State Budget and Management by Nov. 21.

CITY BRIEFS

Airport Road committee to finalize recommendations

On Saturday, the Special Committee to Consider the Renaming of Airport Road will finalize the recommendation it will make to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Dec. 6.

The group met Nov. 5 and 6 and voted 15-3 to rename Airport Road in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

According to a draft of the final report to the council, the committee will advise as its primary recommendation that the road name be changed to "Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard" and have separate signs underneath with the designation "Historic Airport Road."

Flag-burning protester fails to appear in court Thursday

The man who burned an American flag in the Pit on Oct. 6 failed to show up for his first appearance in Orange County District Criminal Court on Thursday.

Kevin Sellers, a homeless protester, was charged with the burning of personal property, a felony charge, after he set fire to the flag adorning a booth operated by the UNC College Republicans. Reports state that the damage was minimal.

Public Defender Glen Gerding said there could have been a number of reasons for Sellers' failure to appear but added that because he did not show up, an order for his arrest likely will be issued.

No date has been set yet for his next scheduled appearance.

Va. man robbed at gunpoint at Carrboro gas station

A Virginia man was robbed at gunpoint at 1:10 a.m. Thursday while filling his fuel tank at the Short Stop Food Mart at 300 W. Main St. in Carrboro, police reports state.

According to reports, a masked gunman tapped the victim on the back, pointed a sawed-off shotgun at him and demanded all the money he had. The victim gave up his wallet, which contained \$40, and the perpetrator fled, reports state.

The suspect was described as wearing a brown coat, blue jeans and a black ski mask, but police were not able to locate him in the area, reports state.

STATE & NATION

Troxler and Atkinson retain leads in recounts for 2 races

RALEIGH — Steve Troxler and June Atkinson retained their leads Thursday after the last recount totals trickled in for the still-undecided races for state agriculture commissioner and superintendent of public instruction.

Results from all 100 counties show Republican Troxler leading Democratic incumbent Britt Cobb by 2,287 votes in the agriculture commissioner's race, according to the N.C. State Board of Elections. The advantage had been 2,656 votes after canvassing last week.

For schools superintendent, Atkinson, a Democrat, maintained a lead of 8,535 votes over Republican Bill Fletcher. Before the recount, the difference between the two had been 9,254 votes.

Fletcher has sued to keep as many as 10,000 provisional ballots from being counted because the voters cast their choice outside of their precincts.

Cobb, Fletcher and Troxler all have filed protests because 4,438 votes were lost in Carteret County when an electronic voting system failed to record ballots cast before Election Day.

The state elections board is to consider the protests the week of Nov. 29. The board could order a new election, for Carteret County or the entire state, in one or both races.

From staff and wire reports.

4 grad schools could raise tuition

Salaries, faculty jobs would benefit

BY KRISTLE SPELLMAN

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The UNC Board of Trustees was presented with proposals for sizeable increases in tuition costs at four graduate and professional schools during its Wednesday meeting.

Most of the tuition hikes, which could affect both enrolled and prospective students, would fund professors' salaries, added faculty positions and educational programs.

The tuition increases would go into effect in fall 2005 if voted upon favorably by the BOT during its January meeting.

Provost Robert Shelton said

that the proposals are well thought out and that graduate and professional school deans understand the tuition-price markets.

"They are all setting aside portions for financial aid so that they don't lose students who can't afford the extra cost," he said.

The Kenan-Flagler Business School and the School of Public Health both proposed multiyear tuition increases, while the School of Law and the School of Medicine have proposed one-time tuition swells.

Shelton said that in the past, it has been more difficult to gain approval for multiyear plans from the UNC-

system Board of Governors.

Proposals by the business school's master's of business administration and master's of accounting programs suggested a three-year tuition increase totaling \$11,000 more for in-state students and \$6,000 more for out-of-state students.

Dave Stevens, associate dean of finance and operations for the business school, said the increase will help to compensate faculty salaries.

"We have a significant gap (for faculty salaries) comparing to other top-20 MBA programs," he said.

In-state tuition would increase \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 for the second and third years, while nonresidents would see a flat \$2,000 increase for three years.

The School of Public Health has plans for a five-year, \$500-per-year tuition increase for all master's of public health students.

Officials are looking to use the increases to overcome significant declines in state funding.

The School of Law has proposed a one-time tuition increase of \$500 for in-state students and \$1,000 for nonresidents. The increase will not affect current students.

"The purpose of the tuition increase is to add two faculty positions," said Gene Nichol, dean of the school. "We are attempting to restore positions that were lost due to budget cuts."

The proposal issued by the school states that once the increase affects

all students, it will generate an additional \$402,500. Of that, 25 percent will fund need-based financial aid, and remaining funds will cover salaries for the two instructors.

The School of Medicine proposed increasing tuition for in-state students by \$1,500. If approved, this will go into effect for all entering and enrolled students next fall.

Officials at the school are looking to use the funds for educational program investments such as software acquisitions to continue a Web-based curriculum system. One quarter of the excess would fund need-based financial aid.

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UNC athletic trainer Dean Crowell wraps running back Ronnie McGill's ankle during a football practice Nov. 2. Undergraduate athletic trainers work alongside professionals such as Crowell and must log more than 1,000 hours of clinical experience over five semesters.

FOR THE LOVE OF THEIR GAME

Student athletic trainers work long hours to keep performers in top shape

BY JULIA FURLONG

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Junior Becca Frazier said she thought it was "pretty cool" when senior Kelsey Keeran lost the top part of her finger at field hockey practice earlier this year.

Frazier isn't a sadist, but she is one of UNC's student athletic trainers.

The senior exercise and sport science major is one of 45 students pursuing the school's concentration in athletic training.

Frazier, who has also worked with Durham's Jordan High School and UNC's varsity football team, said she was excited about the opportunity to expand her working knowledge as she saw Keeran's emergency unfold firsthand on the field.

"As nasty as it was, it was a good experience," she said. "I won't freak out now if I see something like that in the future."

The high level of enthusiasm Frazier exhibits toward training is crucial, considering the dedication required by the program outside of regular coursework.

Before students even apply for the pro-

gram in the fall semester of their sophomore year, they must have acquired at least 50 observation hours in Fetzer Gymnasium's training room.

Throughout their participation in the program, students must complete more than 1,000 hours of clinical experience over five semesters, including assignments with 28 varsity UNC teams and a handful of local colleges and high schools.

The time commitment is similar to that of a varsity athlete, said Meredith Petschauer, clinical site coordinator, and many students far surpass the minimum hour requirement.

Undergraduate trainers work alongside graduate students and professionals and are responsible for everything from athlete hydration and preventative taping to emergencies and rehabilitation.

"Our students are there for treatment before, during and after all practices and for all of the games," Petschauer said. "They are there every day."

UNC has had a graduate athletic training program for a long time, she said, but

the undergraduate education program received national accreditation in 1997 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

"You have to be quite committed to be in this program," said senior Naomi Chang, president of the Student Athletic Trainers' Association.

It's great being on the sidelines for competitions and games, she said, but the extensive paperwork on treatment is less enthralling.

Even so, working with UNC athletes is amazing, Chang said.

"They are so elite, it's amazing how quickly some of them can recover from injuries."

Frazier also takes pride in the athletes she serves.

"Field hockey was ranked No. 1 in the country throughout most of the season," she said. "Not a lot of people can say they've worked with a number one team."

The hours are a little insane, Frazier admits, but she says the work is still fun.

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DEDC considers providing wireless

Looks to Carrboro as an example

BY LIZ STANLEY

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The Downtown Economic Development Corporation is looking into providing free wireless access in downtown Chapel Hill.

The corporation has discussed the idea of forming a subcommittee to look into the possibility, though after tabling the item at its Wednesday meeting, the group might not start its work until next year.

For corporation member Andrea Rohrbacher, the idea came after talking with Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson and hearing about the success and affordability of Carrboro's wireless system.

Rohrbacher said she thinks Chapel Hill could use a similar model for its downtown. "Providing wireless Internet service downtown is a great opportunity because it would be convenient for people and allow them a place to work outside

of their offices," she said.

Corporation chairman Bob Epting said free wireless access helps business. "When you sit down, you tend to buy, so it will provide a great advantage to business owners."

Such benefits can already be seen in local businesses such as Woody's Tar Heel Tavern & Grill and the West Franklin Street Caribou Coffee Company, which provide Internet service to their customers.

Angela Nguyen, manager of Woody's, said that by offering Internet access, the restaurant is able to appeal to students.

"It provides an environment where students can come in, work, hang out and eat at the same time — something that libraries and coffee shops on campus, who have such limited hours, do not offer," Nguyen said.

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Board considers hybrid schedule

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Local school leaders heard once again Thursday night from students and community members concerned about proposed changes to the city's high school schedule.

Members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education discussed a new alternative to the hybrid block schedule proposed by Superintendent Neil Pedersen.

The proposed alternative — called a hybrid seven-period day — would change the school day to consist of seven 50-minute periods.

The most controversial scheduling option would change the school day to include four 90-minute courses each semester with an option to split at least one of the 90-minute periods into two 45-minute courses.

Students at Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools now have six yearlong classes that last 55 minutes each.

"I think it is viable," Pedersen said of the new alternative to the controversial block scheduling proposal.

Many of the students who spoke at the meeting said they were in favor of the new seventh period option.



Superintendent Neil Pedersen speaks Thursday night at a meeting concerning the proposed changes to the city's high school schedule.

"The closer (the proposal) gets to what we have now, the more helpful the schedule will be," said Tamar Ariel, a junior at Chapel Hill High School.

Josh Abram, a junior at East Chapel Hill High, told school board members that his school's

student government endorses the addition of an extra period. "We feel the block scheduling will be disruptive," he said.

The discussion at Thursday's meeting centered mostly on the

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Groups take on issues of homeless

Talks focus on outreach, plans

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Residents of Orange County gathered Thursday morning to try to tackle issues related to homelessness, in hopes of finding some resolution.

More than 100 people representing several organizations and interests attended the Orange County Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 1050 Airport Road.

Sally Greene, a Chapel Hill Town Council member who along with Mayor Kevin Foy proposed that the town sponsor the event, said the three main goals of the roundtable were "to educate the community by dispelling myths and to put a face on homelessness; to develop a long-term plan to end homelessness in Orange County; and to encourage personal responsibility by inviting the community to get involved."

Many speakers expressed the need for all sectors and organizations in the county to work together to confront homelessness.

"If you want to go quickly, you walk alone. If you want to go far, you walk together," Ken Maness told the group, quoting an African saying about partnership.

Maness, who is with the city of Raleigh Planning Department, has been working in Raleigh for the last year to implement the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness initiative.

Greene said that Chapel Hill is aware of the initiative, sponsored by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and that federal funding is available locally if the homelessness plan is adopted on the specific federal terms.

"(This roundtable) puts us into a position to consider whether or not to move in that direction," she said.

Others shared their personal experiences working with the homeless at the Inter-Faith Council's men's shelter at 100 W. Rosemary St.

Stephen Elkins-Williams, the rec-

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