

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the graphic accompanying Monday's page 3 story, "Union puts crime under lock and key," incorrectly identifies locked doors.

The doors that face the Great Hall of the Student Union were noted as being closed at 7 p.m. daily. The doors actually remain locked all day and are for emergency exits only.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Edwards to give lecture for poverty center Wednesday

John Edwards, director of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law's Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, will kick off the center's new lecture series Wednesday.

Beginning at 12 p.m. in the law school rotunda, the former N.C. senator and vice presidential candidate will begin the series by speaking about the poverty center's main mission and programs.

He also will introduce the center's staff and field questions from the audience.

Brown to speak at Campus Y event on race relations

The Campus Y will present guest speaker Cynthia Brown, speaking on "The Politics of Race and Class - Past, Present, and Future" at 7 p.m. tonight in room 210 of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

Brown is a commissioner serving on the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the first Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the U.S., modeled on the work of South Africa. The commission focuses on the killing of five anti-Klan organizers in 1979.

A former Durham City Council member and a 2002 candidate for the US Senate, Brown will be discussing the importance of addressing historical injustices and the current state of race and class relations in North Carolina.

Student Congress to hold its first meeting tonight

Student Congress will meet tonight to discuss various items of legislation for the first time this school year.

Representatives are set to discuss several items approved during last week's committee meetings.

Congress members are set to discuss a resolution that would remove the student body president's status as a member of Congress and a resolution that would change the process of putting a voter referendum on a ballot.

They also will hear several fund requests from various student groups.

CITY BRIEFS

Franklin Street bars receive top honors in recent poll

In a poll of their favorite bars in the Triangle area, readers of The Independent Weekly awarded The Library top honors in multiple categories.

In more than nine categories, including best cosmopolitan, best drink selection and best tequila sunrise, The Library, at 120 E. Franklin St., took the prize.

The bar's mixed drink, Fisey, was No. 1 in the most unusual drink category.

The Independent reported readers' top three picks in each category.

Among the other Chapel Hill bars to receive honors were East End Martini Bar, at 201 E. Franklin St., and Town Hall Grill, at 410 Market St. in Southern Village, which made the list in multiple categories.

Local elementary school aids hurricane relief effort

Starting today, students at Ephesus Elementary School in Chapel Hill will be collecting money to send to the American Red Cross.

The Roadrunner Relief program is designed to provide aid to hurricane victims as quickly as possible and to teach students about the value of generosity, Principal Susan S. Wells wrote in a press release.

On Friday, the school will send its first check to the Red Cross to ensure aid will be available immediately.

Students will continue to collect money and send checks weekly, as checks arrive at the school.

Classroom teachers can accept cash or checks made out to Ephesus Elementary noted for Roadrunner Relief.

- From staff and wire reports.

U.S. leadership blamed for chaos

Unpreparedness result of cuts, shifts

BY KAVITA PILLAI, STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The largest disaster in U.S. history has highlighted the nation's preparedness, or lack thereof, for a catastrophe of the magnitude of Hurricane Katrina, experts say.

And the Bush administration now is facing the heat as criticism of the government's response mounts.

The death toll in New Orleans and other affected areas continues to rise, and speculation

that many, if not most, of those deaths occurred in the days after Katrina's immediate impact is rampant. On Sunday, the U.S. accepted an offer of aid by the United Nations.

"Of course, the United States is ... the country in the world best prepared to cope with such a disaster," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement Thursday.

"But the sheer size of this emergency makes it possible that we

can supplement the American response with supplies from other countries, or with experience we have gained in other relief operations."

UNC political science Professor George Rabinowitz said the government's response to critics should be to act quickly in handling the continuing crisis.

"The best solution to their image is to basically stay active ... and make the situation better," he said.

He added that criticism stems from the slow initial response to the disaster.

"It was something that every-

body knew was going to happen," he said. "And it was shocking that we were so ill-prepared as a government to handle it."

"When Katrina was moving from a Category 3 to a Category 4 and even 5 and was moving toward New Orleans ... there was a slow reaction. It was basically moving slowly, when they should have been moving very rapidly."

Jonathan Bernstein, president of Bernstein Crisis Management, a national crisis management consulting company, said funding cuts contributed to a shortfall in the response.

"The government from the top down has been in a Catch-22 situation, wanting to not increase taxes and at the same time having more emergency preparedness to fund," he said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, has taken a budget hit, Rabinowitz said, adding that the increase in awareness of terrorism actually could have negatively impacted the nation's readiness for a disaster like Hurricane Katrina.

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Morehead scholar Thomas O'Keefe, center, watches Dr. Patricia Hametz interact with a patient in the Children's Clinic in NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, in New York. O'Keefe joined his fellow Morehead scholars on a series of trips around the world this summer.

MOREHEADS LEARN BY DOING

BY NATALIE HAMMEL, STAFF WRITER

Performing in a traditional dance and drum team in Rwanda, teaching 35 classes a week in Namibia, investigating AIDS policies in Tanzania, educating Ecuadorians on dental health and shadowing doctors at a New York City hospital.

These are just a few activities that Morehead Scholars participated in during their summer "breaks."

As part of their scholarship from the John Motley Morehead Foundation, the students complete four summer enrichment experiences dependent on their year in school.

"A lot of what you really need to learn about in life happens either on the job or traveling, or away from the classroom," says Megan Mazzocchi, associate director of the foundation. "(The scholarship is) a whole life-changing experience where you are

learning how to live an extraordinary life." Sophomore Ali Tharrington completed a public service project with Morehead alumni Caleb and Louise King at the Shyira Hospital in northwest Rwanda.

"I was the first person who had done a service summer there," she says. "I just kind of went over there blindly hoping it would all be OK."

At the hospital, Tharrington had a large amount of hands-on experience, including - after watching 14 births - delivering a baby herself.

And outside of the hospital, she joined a traditional dance and drum team.

"I've always been interested in African dance," she says.

Though some college students gasp at the thought of taking 18 hours of class a week, sophomore Jacquie Harkema spent two-and-a-half months in Namibia teach-

ing seven or more classes a day, coaching volleyball practices and working in a school computer lab.

To make things just a bit more challenging, most of the classes she taught didn't have textbooks. And, for the first month of practice, her volleyball teams had to play with a borrowed soccer ball.

Even though it was time-intensive, Harkema says teaching was extremely rewarding.

"(The people) want to know so much, but there are no resources," she says. "It was nice to be a resource in that way."

Jonathan McNeill, a junior public policy and economics double major, also spent his summer in Africa.

For eight weeks he worked with physicians at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center

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Senior class starts year with a bang

BY BRIAN HUDSON, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

After a week of welcome-back events for seniors, class officials are momentarily resting on their laurels before settling into what leaders say will be an exciting year.

Senior Class President Bobby Whisnant said he wants to offer more opportunities for seniors to get involved.

"That's why we wanted to have this week, so seniors could get excited," he said.

"As of right now, we're going to give seniors a little breather ... because last week was so intense."

Whisnant said leaders are planning on capping off the year with a new event - a commencement celebration scheduled for May 12, the Friday before Commencement.

Although the event still is in the planning phases, Whisnant said he hopes to offer a speaker and a performer during the event.

"That's the very last program we're going to be working on the entire year," he said. "If we can (do it), it'll be very successful."

Senior class officials also have turned their attention to aiding the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, offering to help some of the displaced college students.

Last week the University announced it will open its doors to N.C. residents who attend schools closed by the hurricane.

Whisnant said he wants the senior class to be there to welcome the students into the University community.

"Our Outreach Committee is going to be hosting a peer-mentoring program," he said.

Christina Lee, chairwoman of the Outreach Committee, said the group still is planning the program because details about the displaced students are hazy.

"At this point we want to be just very open-minded and help in any capacity we can," she said.

The program initially would be run by student marshals, Lee said, and if necessary they would call on help from the campus community.

"Our goal is to help these students come to Carolina, help orient them to the campus," she said. "We just want to be those peers that they can confide in."

Senior class officials kicked off the year with a series of events welcoming returning seniors - something that has not been offered in years.

"It's a little dull to come in your

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Projects to sculpt downtown future

BY TED STRONG, CITY EDITOR

There are three big pieces of Chapel Hill real estate downtown waiting for direction.

Lately town officials have been exploring something more than municipal parking for the sites.

Instead, they are looking to develop a mix of residential and commercial space at lots 2 and 5 and at the Wallace Parking Deck - changing the face of what's often referred to as the town's living room.

Ram Development, of Coral Gables, Fla., is charged with designing the project.

The Wallace Deck project, on East Rosemary Street, is a massive renovation that will see the addition of a number of condominiums to the top of the deck.

Lot 5, which is at the intersection of Franklin and Church streets, is slated for a mixed-use project that would include a commercial component and new residences.

Lot 2 is slated eventually to become a transit center.

The project will make fundamental changes to the balance of residential types downtown.

"The key point is having a rich-

Downtown parking plans

The Chapel Hill Town Council is considering five design concepts for redeveloping parking lot 5 and one design concept for lot 2. Plans were proposed in May 2002.



SOURCE: TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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er variety, ... a greater diversity of people living in the downtown," Town Manager Cal Horton said. The hope is to secure a mix of downtown residents to support commerce even during the summer, when thousands of University students head out of town. Though Horton said negotiations are going well, the development still is not certain. The town has been in talks with Ram Development about the specifics of the project, but for the project to come to fruition, more than simple agreement is required. Additionally, while concept designs for the construction have been displayed to the council, the details still are subject to change. Another complex facet of the issue is that officials want to maintain the famous downtown while attracting high-end development. "There will be other development in the downtown," Horton

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Retreat readies leaders for year

Campus groups bond in Morganton

BY BRIAN HUDSON, SENIOR WRITER

With the large-scale return of students to campus, student government is preparing to launch into a year of activity.

Leaders held retreats last weekend to reorient returning staff and prepare for the coming school year.

Members of student government's executive branch, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation and Campus Y travelled to Morganton this weekend for a recreational retreat.

During the weekend, leaders camped outside, hiked through the mountains and navigated a ropes course.

"The most amazing thing was working with student leaders," Student Body President Seth Dearnin said. "It wasn't anything like being in the office, working behind a desk."

GPSF President Mike Brady said the retreat aided in building relationships between his organization and student government.

"This was really a way for the GPSF and student government to really connect and get to know each other very well," Brady said. "I think this bodes very well for our future relationships."

Many of those who participated said climbing the ropes course offered the most excitement.

Dearnin said that although he was aided by his experiences in the Boy Scouts, the task still was daunting.

"That said, standing 50 or 60 feet above ground is still scary," he said with a laugh.

Now that they're back in Chapel Hill, the executive branch will begin to orient new members and acclimate returning members for the new school year, Dearnin said.

Monday night, the executive branch committees met to discuss

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