Local relief efforts show few signs of slowing Athletics alone to coordinate

BY MEGHAN DAVIS

In the weeks since Hurricane Katrina bombarded the Gulf Coast, people in Orange County have worked in creative ways to answer calls for relief.

People have donated truckloads of supplies, turned out for fundraising events and even stood in line for hours to get ice cream and pizza to help the efforts of several key aid organizations.

And they aren't done yet.

The Orange County Red Cross, 101 Ephesus Church Road, has collected more than \$60,000 so far. Executive Director Rosetta Wash said the chapter expects funds to keep coming in as events continue.

Ram Book & Supply, 306 W. Franklin St., is encouraging stu-

dents to sell their textbooks to the store, and the money will be donated to the Red Cross.

The store has raised about \$600 so far - 100 percent of book prices, Manager Steve Thurston said.

He said the store also is trying to t professors who have desk copies of their own textbooks to sell them to the store and donate the money. And other places are bypass-

ing the county's Red Cross chapter and sending checks straight to the national chapter.
On Sept. 7, Franklin Street Pizza

and Pasta, 163 E. Franklin St., offered to donate its profits to the Red Cross and raised \$6,400 — which they sent to Washington, D.C.
As of Sept. 12, the Red Cross Web

site states that the organization had received \$609.7 million in gifts and

pledges for the relief effort.

County residents came out in droves Labor Day when Maple View Farm offered to stay open and donate all proceeds — every-thing from the cost of ingredients to employees' salaries - from the

day to the Salvation Army.

Even with little publicity, the company ran out of ice cream at its Carrboro store

Between its three locations, Maple View donated \$30,000 to the Salvation Army.

While the Red Cross and Salvation Army are good conduits for funds, some activists want to play a more direct role. Katrina Ryan, a Texas native and

candidate for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said she felt a special pull to assist her friends in the

Democratic Party who are working

with evacuees in shelters in Texas.

Ryan collected and organized boxes of supplies to make them more comfortable: blankets, towels, pillows and toiletries. For children, they added diapers and color-ing books to pass the time.

She helped drive the boxes to Texas last week and now is working with the Orange County Democratic

Party to send even more supplies. On Wednesday afternoon the party is collecting basic supplies in the fellowship hall of Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, to send to Covington, La., where the Veterans for Peace have set up a camp on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

students care about this issue.
The recent national events have

ot only put the reauthorization of

the Higher Education Act on the

back burner in the media, but in

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football game donation drive

BY JENNY RUBY

ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR Last week in a Hurricane Katrina relief planning meeting, representatives from various student groups left with the hope of a campuswide donation campaign culminating in a massive drive at the first home football game.

But students were unable to move forward with plans with-out communicating with and receiving permission from UNC's Department of Athletics.

In a press release issued Tuesday, the athletics department announced that UNC athletes would be collecting donations at Saturday's game against Wisconsin - allowing other students to help

There were also plans to involve the General Alumni Association in the effort, but GAA President Doug Dibbert said the alumni were not going to participate.

Erica Curry, vice president of the UNC Red Cross, said she was disappointed regarding the department's announcement. "... I guess it takes the pressure off us to find volunteers," she said.

Student-athlete volunteers will sit at each of the gates collecting money before the game and throughout the first quarter. Donations will be given to the Red Cross.

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legislation also are pushing to put some of the savings from the bill toward disaster relief for Hurricane Katrina.

"We can and should use a por tion of the savings identified by the (Congressional Budget Office) to assist communities and families and help them speed the rebuilding their lives," said Sen. Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., in a Sept. 8 press release.

Between the impact of Hurricane Katrina and the ongoing confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice nominee, Judge John Roberts, higher educa-

tion reauthorization is not a major focus of the media, said Ginny Franks, vice president of legislative affairs for the UNC Association of Student Governments.

Because of this, she said the ASG, in cooperation with the U.S. Student Association, is going to make an

effort to get the word out. These student lobbyist associations are showing their discontent primarily with the House legisla-

"Its massive cuts are unlike anything we've ever seen," Franks

The trimmed funding will cause problems for students in three major areas — loans, grants and access, said Eddy Morales, president of the USSA.

The associations are urging students to present opposition to the legislation by calling members of

The USSA is sponsoring Call-in Day on Sept. 20 and pushing stu-dent governments from around the nation to pass resolutions illustrating their opinions, Morales said.

Franks said she is working with student governments at UNC-Chapel Hill and other UNC-system schools to pass these resolutions. She said the resolutions will show

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is politically difficult."

KATRINA

Monday, bound for a Hyundai auto plant in Greenville, Ala., port spokesman Chris Bonura said.

Congress as well.

The entire process has been The port expected the arrival of its first cargo ship since the hurricane late Tuesday and at least three more ships by week's "There are some who think this is the beginning of them not doing any reconciliation at all, because it end, said Gary LaGrange, port president and chief executive. The arriving ship was carrying up to 500 containers of coffee and wood products from Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, LaGrange

> "It's a historical moment. Two weeks ago the prognosis was six months, so to pull it off so our customers have enough faith and confidence in us is very heartwarming," LaGrange said. He added: "From a commercial and psychological standpoint, this is five stars. This shows the people of New Orleans their city is back in business."

The port of New Orleans is the gateway to a river system serving 33 states along the Mississippi River or its tributaries. The port also connects to six railroads

Also Tuesday, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport was scheduled to receive its first commercial flight since Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

The exact number of bodies recovered Sunday from the 317-bed Memorial Medical Center was unclear. A state official said the corpses of 45 patients were found; a hospital administrator said there were 44, plus three on the grounds.

The discovery raised Louisiana's official death toll to nearly 280.

It was not immediately clear how the patients died.

Dave Goodson, an assistant administrator at Memorial Medical, said patients died while waiting to be evacuated after Katrina struck, as temperatures inside the hospital reached 106 degrees. He said the heat probably contributed to some of the

CELEBRATION

circulated the bar with donation

Both Chaney and Linzsey said they will stay in Raleigh and will continue to play music just like they would if they were back in

their hometown.

Jeff Newsom, a part-owner of Yancy's Juke Joint, said the Louisiana men will be performing at a new Cajun restaurant and bar he is opening in Raleigh this fall.
Chaney said he is working with

the resources at the shelter to find a place to live and establish his new life in North Carolina.

There now are about 300 people staying at the shelter. They have access to phones and the Internet to connect with loved ones left behind. There also are organizations on-site to help people find jobs and housing if they choose to stay in the state.

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TUITION TALKS

could be doing at the moment is just to go in and listen to all sides of the tuition (debate)."

Other task force members have stressed the need to address the campus' funding crunch.

Last year, the tuition hike

approved by the trustees was reduced months later by the UNC-system Board of Governors — drastically reducing the University's revenue.

The cut brought about \$3 million less in tuition revenue to the University, leaving many of the campus' needs unfulfilled, administrators say.

"I think there really are some very pressing needs," said Faculty Chairwoman Judith Wegner, a member of the task force.

"Some of the disciplines - they are worse off against others as far as (how) they stack up against peers at other schools.

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HEARINGS

But acting as a lawyer for the administration, Roberts said, he had to put aside personal views

"I was promoting the views of the cople for whom I worked," he said. In one memo cited by Sens. Biden and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Roberts argued for a narrow interpretation of Title IX, the federal law outlawing gender discrimination in federally funded

education programs. "Of course gender discrimina-tion is a serious problem," he told Biden. "It's a particular concern to me, and always has been."

He refused to say whether the memo — which argued that Title IX applied only to college admissions for students receiving financial aid and not to all programs within a university — reflected his own personal view.

enator, I was a staff lawyer. I didn't have a position. The administration had a position."

There was at least one issue about which Roberts was comfortable admitting a change of heart.

Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wisc., brought up a memo in which Roberts voiced support for the idea of term limits for federal judges.

"You know, that would be one of those memos that I no longer agree with, Senator," Roberts said, pro-viding one of the hearing's lighter moments. "I didn't fully appreciate what was involved in the confirmation process when I wrote that."

The sometimes contentious exchanges between the nominee and members of the committee were a sign that senators are taking their obligations seriously, said UNC-Chapel Hill law professor William Marshall.

"I think what they'll want to do is end a signal to the American people

that there is a lot at stake here."
With the Supreme Court playing a key role in questions of national policy, a change in its makeup could have far-reaching effects.

"The country is split 50-50, the court is split 50-50," Marshall said. There's no question we are at an important historical moment.'

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