

MEALS

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everyone gets a great experience, great food and gets to sit with the friends that they came in with."

Simon said the first step is to use signs to remind students of other dining options on campus.

"Students establish a traffic plan at the beginning of the semester, and once they are in that pattern it's hard to change that," he said. "We're trying to encourage students to take that five minute walk."

Earp said that she thinks it's good that people go to Ramshead but that the signs don't help.

"People know that it's there," she said. "They don't need a sign to tell them. It's a good idea to start routing people that way though."

But, apparently, not everyone knows about all Ramshead has to offer.

Molly Chadbourne, a junior transfer student from Greensboro, said she didn't know it exists.

"It seems like there's a lot of good food choices on the Carolina campus," she said. "It's inconvenient to have to wait 20 minutes for a Subway sandwich."

Simon said that the transition is not going as well as he had hoped but that it is still a positive process so far.

"We want to fill more seats down there from a service perspective and from a financial perspective," he said.

Jennifer Smith, a sophomore chemistry and Spanish major, and Meredith Dixon, a sophomore dramatic arts and business major, said Ramshead isn't convenient for them.

"We live on North campus," Smith said. "It's just more convenient for us to eat at Lenoir."

Dixon said her class schedule doesn't provide enough time to walk to Ramshead.

"It's not that Ramshead isn't good," she said. "It's just not convenient for lunch especially."

Simon said many older students are set in their ways, so he is concentrating his efforts on first-year students and next year's class.

"With time we can improve the balance in our facilities," he said. "We've had excellent feedback based on comments and numbers that we're seeing."

Stefan Ringel, a sophomore from Ridgewood, N.J., said he is a fan of the new Ramshead facility because of its leather wrap-around tables, the convenient End Zone sports diner and the video games available upstairs.

He likes it so much he comes from his off-campus residence to eat there.

"Why not come here?" he asked. "It's cleaner-looking. Lenoir is starting to get a Chase (Hall) smell already. Lenoir is the new Chase."

Simon said he is trying to put a faculty meal plan in place due to an increase in faculty and staff using that facility.

"They want a place that they can go and actually find a seat," he said.

The new sports diner and the grocery store should be positive additions to the campus, Simon said.

They will remain open on Friday and Saturday, which should make weekend activities easier, he said.

Students can order certain menu items and participate in contests such as shooting a basketball to win prizes at the End Zone.

"It's a great opportunity for us to be creative and provide great service and give students a chance to have fun," he said. "We're excited about it."

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raise education funds by \$94,000, bringing the total to \$4.15 million.

"Keeping pace with technology is costly," he said.

"Please keep in mind this fee could be a lot more than we're proposing."

The fee goes hand in hand with the technology fee, proposed with a \$48 increase, that will be discussed later this semester.

Last year, the University's Board of Trustees approved a last-minute proposal to raise the athletic fee by \$150 during a two-year period — a decision later overruled by the UNC Board of Governors.

Student leaders said they are worried about the pressure that would be put on students by raising fees at least \$100 — especially in light of a possible tuition increase.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin, a member of the committee, said that while it is too early to decide where he will focus on fees, he does intend to take a close look at the proposals as they come up in the next few weeks.

"It's too early in the game to tell," he said.

Dearmin also said that approvals and disapprovals will occur throughout October and into November.

The committee will meet again at 6 p.m. Monday to continue deliberations on all fee proposals.

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been so faulty as to be terminated, Millman said.

"That's less than 1 percent. Most hospitals are able to get their act together."

The CMS' finding is the second repercussion from the incident. In April an investigation by the state's division of facility services also found UNC Hospitals to be at fault.

In response to that finding, hospital officials drafted a plan that month to improve its operations,

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Elliot Grudem, who worked in the poverty-stricken ninth ward of New Orleans for two years, came to campus Monday to drive home the dire need of Gulf Coast residents.

"This is not a problem that's going to be solved when the French Quarter reopens," said Grudem, who moved to Raleigh three months ago. "It's a long-term problem that needs a long-term solution."

He said most people only volunteer while a disaster is fresh in their minds.

"You do what you have to do to get rid of that nagging feeling and then move on to something else," Grudem said.

But he stressed that people will need help for years, describing the hurricane's devastating effect on one community — the ninth ward, a particularly poor part of the city.

"Hurricanes don't discriminate, do they?" Grudem said. "But the area that got hit the hardest was an area where people didn't have

McCall said.

One of the changes made is the implementation of a waiver that a patient must sign when leaving the emergency room against the advice of medical staff.

UNC Hospitals will point to these initiatives in its forthcoming response to CMS, McCall said.

"We will come up with a very good plan that we hope they accept," McCall said. "In the process we'll make sure that we're all educated and our policies are up to date."

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the resources to get out. For them, it's a general confirmation that life just isn't going to be fair."

Committee members will focus their efforts on a specific location, and Small said they are in contact with several communities. But she said they won't know which location they will help until they know how many students will get involved.

Interested students can e-mail Small at smallm@email.unc.edu.

Committee members handed out small envelopes, hoping students will keep the envelopes in their wallets as a constant reminder to donate money to the cause.

"Squirrel away what you might be able to spare for 10 weeks," said Benjamin Inman, a minister for Reformed University Fellowship.

The committee will collect donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Pit.

"I can't say it enough," Grudem said. "These people have lost everything."

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GOSSIP

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Although freshman Emily Morgan says she generally doesn't like gossip, she once had a positive experience with it.

Morgan says she began to think of one of her male friends differently after a mutual friend spread a rumor about them liking each other.

The two victims of the rumor ended up dating as a result — and they still are together.

"I liked him for other reasons, too, but it definitely put the idea in my head," she says about the rumor.

Though senior Michael Pennink avoids the chatter, calling it irresponsible, he says that he understands the desire to gossip.

"It probably makes people feel good about themselves to talk about other people's problems," Pennink says.

Many students say they think women are more prone to gab.

"Girls are the worst," Atkinson says. "The only time I've heard guys participate in gossip is when girls initiate it and pull them in."

But that may be more than just a stereotype — girls develop a stronger relationship focus at adolescence, Prinstein says.

"It is that relationship emphasis that makes gossip such a potent mechanism for harm," he says. "It hurts girls and women where it hurts the most, in terms of relationships and social reputations."

Some research suggests, how-

ever, that men are just as likely as women to gossip.

The varying findings are characteristic of a developing field of interest.

Prinstein says gossip can encourage empathy, friendship and healthy social interactions. But those being talked about often experience depression, low self-esteem and anxiety, he says.

Perhaps that is why students seem to be so opposed to it, even if they admit to engaging in it.

"I've had my feelings hurt by gossip before," Atkinson says. "And most of my best friends have too."

And while many call it pointless, gossip seems to sneak into conversation even when people don't want it to.

Comparing yourself to others, which inevitably means talking about others in an evaluative way, is bound to happen, Prinstein says.

But ideally, that can be curbed as adolescents come into adulthood and focus on internal — instead of external — sources of esteem, he says.

Reklis says that while it might be impossible to avoid gossip, it is important at least to try.

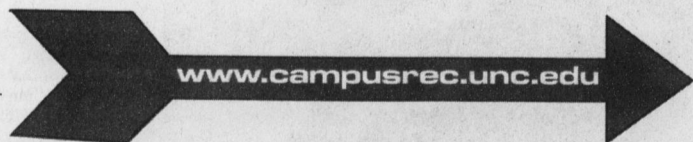
Reklis summed up his feelings about gossip with a verse from Proverbs:

"Without wood, a fire goes out; without gossip, a quarrel dies down."

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