

# Ram Village charges forward

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The completion of the first-ever undergraduate apartments next fall might hail a new era at UNC — upperclassmen might actually want to live on South Campus.

Construction is on schedule for the Ram Village apartments, and they should be housing students next fall, said Larry Hicks, director of housing and residential education.

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION



The five apartment buildings, two behind Hinton James Residence Hall and three near Craigie Residence Hall, will house more than 900 students.

Apartments will have four bedrooms. About 800 students will live in single rooms, while a little more than 100 will live in double occupancies. In both types students will share two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living area, Hicks said.

Juniors and seniors will have first pick of the rooms. Hicks said he expects most to be taken before they

become available to sophomores. The proposed cost of a single is \$3,000 to \$3,050 per semester, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of housing and residential education.

A single room in a dormitory runs at \$2,900, and a double goes for \$2,190, Bradley said.

The rates are comparable to higher-end off-campus apartments.

A private bedroom in a similarly equipped apartment — utilities included — in The Warehouse costs \$595 per month, or \$2,380 for the equivalent of a semester.

As many students living in Hinton James and Craigie residence halls this year can attest, the massive construction project has created a noisy living environment.

"It's a little noisy in the morning and wakes me up on occasion," said Dave Lorange, a sophomore living in Hinton James.

"But the construction itself is not a problem — growth is positive for UNC as a campus," he said.

Lorange said he likes the apartments but not the location.

"South Campus is a separate but special place for my underclassman years. Since I do not aspire to attend the (nearby Kenan-Flagler Business School), the location is

not desirable," he said.

But that project and others are a work in progress to make South Campus a more attractive place to live, Bradley said. He pointed to the recent addition of the Rams Head Center as an example.

Students will be able to view a model apartment later this semester, Hicks said. He said it is important for students to get a feel of the rooms before the recontracting process begins in March.

The entire project will cost \$87 million, up from the fall 2003 estimate of \$70 million, Hicks said.

"What's impacted this project mostly is the rising cost of steel, concrete and labor," he said. "The statewide bond projects are taxing the availability of resources."

The completion of Ram Village by fall 2006 and the reopening of Morrison Residence Hall in 2007 will bring the number of undergraduate beds on campus to 9,100. Just four years ago there were 6,800.

Hicks said the University will have met student demand by 2007. "We're definitely in pace with enrollment trends."

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## EXTRA! EXTRA!



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Walter Burns, the editor of Chicago's largest newspaper in the 1920s, frantically searches for his star reporter, Hildy Johnson, via the telephone during a night of journalistic corruption.

Actor Mike Genovese (front) plays Burns in a dress rehearsal of PlayMakers Repertory Company's "The Front Page" at the Center for Dramatic Arts on Tuesday. The show opened Wednesday and will run through Oct. 30.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ "Stand for Sudan" will be held in the Pit from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. today to spread awareness of the genocide. The event is co-sponsored by Students for Darfur Awareness Now.

■ The first Student Arts Forum of the year will take place at 5 p.m. today in Hill Hall 103. Refreshments will be provided.

■ Community service awards from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's Foundation for a Sustainable Community will be presented at 6 p.m. today at the Sonja Haynes Stones Center.

■ "Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium" will be shown at 6 p.m. today in Hanes Art Center 121. The award-winning documentary explores hate crimes and features an insightful look into the Columbine shootings.

■ The Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Chapel Hill Town Hall. School board members will be discussing a process for naming the district's third high school, among other things.

■ The Daily Tar Heel will host a Town Hall-style candidates' forum from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in Greenlaw 101. Editor Ryan Tuck will read half of the questions — some generated by the newspaper's editorial board and others submitted by readers — and the audience will ask the rest.

■ "Representatives of Race in the Media" will be held at 8 p.m. today in Hanes Art Center 121. The panel will feature professors Debashis Aikat and Harry Amana of UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, among other speakers, and will look at how race is represented in the media.

■ Expressions After Dark will

feature Chapel Hill Players and Ebony Readers/Onyx Theater at 10 p.m. today in Hanes Art Center 121. CHIPIs is a predominantly white improv comedy group and EROT is a predominantly black collective of spoken-word artists.

■ Students for Darfur Awareness Now will hold events today in accordance with a national Darfur Fast to raise awareness about the current genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. To become involved in the fast or other events, contact Tracy Boyer at [tracyboyer@unc.edu](mailto:tracyboyer@unc.edu).

■ The groundbreaking for the Southern Orange Senior Center will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road.

To make a calendar submission, visit [www.dailytarheel.com](http://www.dailytarheel.com) for a list of submission policies and contacts. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

## POLICE LOG

■ Carolina Inn management contacted police Tuesday at 8:27 a.m. to report a man trespassing on the property, University police reports state.

Reports state that witnesses saw Antonio Cay Morrow, 28, enter the Carolina Inn and eat food from the employee break room.

After Carolina Inn managers told Morrow to leave, he became hostile and threw a coffee cup at an employee, according to police reports.

Reports state that police spotted a man fitting Morrow's description outside the Caribou Coffee on West Franklin Street later in the day. But when an officer attempted to approach him, he fled to Rosemary Street.

Officers advised Carolina Inn employees to call the police if Morrow returned.

■ A Durham man was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault on a female, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Ike Johnson, 31, initially was picked up by University police at 3:46 p.m. behind Ehringhaus Residence Hall after he fled to campus from an incident on Fordham Boulevard, reports state.

Johnson then was turned over to Chapel Hill police, reports state.

Johnson was released on an unsecured \$2,000 bond and handed off to Durham police for warrants of aggravated assault and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting

serious injury, Chapel Hill police reports state. Johnson is scheduled to appear in district criminal court in Hillsborough on Nov. 7.

■ Three University students were cited early Tuesday morning for various alcohol-related charges, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Megan Victoria McMurray, 19, of Concord, and Laura Carolina Meredith, also 19, of Jamestown, were cited at 2:24 a.m. for fraudulent use of an ID and underage possession of a spirituous liquor, according to reports.

Police also cited Maria Milan Jovanovic, 18, of Cary, for underage possession of a spirituous liquor, reports state. The three students will appear in district criminal court in Chapel Hill on Nov. 15.

■ UNC Hospital Police reported that a juvenile walked off from the mental ward at 11:31 a.m. Tuesday.

Hospital police requested help from University police in detaining and transporting the patient, who had an involuntary order at the mental ward, according to University police reports.

Police found the patient on Manning Drive and transported her back to the hospital, reports stated.

■ A Chapel Hill resident was cited Tuesday for possession of marijuana, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Walter Guillermo Morizon Xutuc, 17, a native of Guatemala, was cited for possession of 0.4 grams of marijuana when an officer approached his car in the Homestead Place parking lot after smelling marijuana smoke, reports state.

Morizon Xutuc admitted to having the remains of two joints under his seat, according to reports.

He is scheduled to appear Nov. 14 in district criminal court in Hillsborough.

■ Police arrested William Frank Schrader Jr., 21, for driving while intoxicated at 2:40 a.m. Wednesday morning as he drove the wrong way on South Columbia Street, University police reports state.

After questioning Schrader, police arrested him for driving while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle, according to police reports.

Reports state that Chapel Hill police determined Schrader's blood alcohol level to be .11 percent. Schrader was released with a written promise to appear in court.

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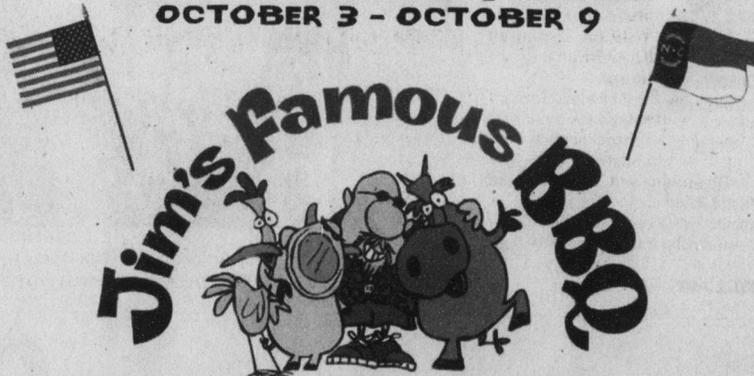
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