

**SLICE**

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leaders and their technology-related people to a workshop that will introduce them to Mambo and what kind of features it can offer," Hicks said.

Each organization's individual SLICE site contains features including a news page, a forum, polling, a photo gallery and a calendar.

The central Web site, slice.unc.edu, will provide an automatic update of current information and calendar events from all student organizations.

Laabs said that student government is the only student organization utilizing the Mambo technology, but that other groups, including Campus Y, the Residence Hall Association and the Carolina Union Activities Board already have expressed interest.

Stephen Lassiter, Campus Y co-president, said with 17 committees, his organization will benefit greatly from using the new program.

"With Mambo, our co-chairs could go onto the Web site and make additions or changes to their part of the Web site themselves," he said.

"They wouldn't even have to bother our information technology director."

Hicks said the idea has been in the works since last spring. It also is part of Dearmin's platform to improve communication across campus.

"This is definitely the first time that we've gotten real results," Hicks said.

"We're really excited right now to have a name for it and we're looking forward to student groups advocating it."

Laabs said he is working to publicize the program to students and organization leaders.

"Getting it out to greater members of the student community ... is something that's really important."

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# UNC system distributes pay raises

## Salaries still fail to mirror peers'

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The UNC-system Board of Governors approved salary increases for top administration officials last week, handing out hikes as high as 6 percent.

The N.C. General Assembly granted increases of 2 percent or \$850, whichever is greater, to all state employees this summer. But the UNC system is allowed flexibility in administering the increases.

Two newly hired officials were given an \$850 bump in pay, freeing up money for other administrators, said BOG member Brent Barringer, secretary of the personnel and tenure committee. He said the allocations are based on merit, market and performance.

Gretchen Bataille, senior vice president for academic affairs, and Jeff Davies, vice president for finance, both received 6-percent raises, increasing their salaries to \$255,505 and \$201,109 respectively.

Barringer said Bataille received a large bump in pay because she is serving both in her regular position and as interim chancellor of N.C.

School of the Arts.

"She's probably still doing 75 percent of the same duties at General Administration that she was doing before plus School of the Arts," he said. "And it appears she will be serving as interim chancellor through the end of this school year."

He said that even with the hikes, salaries for the UNC system are nowhere near the top end of national salary scales. He said retention always is an issue.

"A lot of the senior staff has what I call institutional knowledge and memory that newer board members cannot have," he said. "We have to rely on them."

He said losing a senior staff member usually means paying more for a replacement with less experience.

"We learned the hard way that you have to pay a lot more for the new person who comes in from somewhere else, and they are usually not as effective in the short term."

The personnel and tenure committee tabled the issues of chancellors' pay and a salary for system President-elect Erskine Bowles until its November meeting.

Barringer said both issues require further discussion.

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The board discussed Simon's letter at a meeting last week and decided to offer help in collecting funds.

In addition to contacting El Centro Latino, a collection was taken at a memorial service held at St. Thomas More Parish, 940 Carmichael St.

Additionally, the family has sought help from the Mexican consulate.

"The Mexican consulate usually will finance the transport, but not the funeral details," said Carrboro Alderman John Herrera.

Herrera, himself an immigrant from Costa Rica, said this type of situation — the postmortem transportation of loved ones to their countries of origin — is a common practice among the Latino community, many of whom are first- and second-generation immigrants.

"This is something that happens all the time," Herrera said.

"It seems like a natural thing to have the body sent back because people who come here want to make a little money and send it home," said David Marshall, candidate for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

*"(People) come here for economic opportunity but they keep their hearts in their country."*

DAVID MARSHALL, CANDIDATE

"People keep ties to where they come from. They come here for economic opportunity but they keep their hearts in their country of origin."

Herrera added that bags often are placed in the Latino Community Credit Union to collect donations for families in need.

"Latinos in North Carolina work in the lowest class of jobs, such as agriculture," he said.

"Most of them are not insured, like many low-income people in the community. This issue needs to be addressed. Everyone needs to be protected under the law so that people don't have to worry about things like funeral expenses."

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**HOMECOMING**

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Jarrod Jenkins, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. fraternity, said he hopes to raise money for Hurricane Katrina through a collective effort.

The main goal of his platform is to make the aid process less segregated.

He emphasized the need for "more unity on campus through service."

Jenkins is the service chairman for the Black Student Movement.

Matthew Mullane, a Robertson Scholar, also plans to focus his efforts on victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"A lot of families have been devastated," he said.

Mullane said he hopes to accomplish this goal with the help of Habitat of Humanity and local Red Cross organizations if voted Homecoming king.

He has been a member of the Achordants, a UNC a cappella group, throughout college and also is involved in the Songwriter's Club. Clayton Perry, co-chairman of

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Oct. 10 and Oct. 11 to discuss the many possible avenues that the school's leaders could take in its development.

Incorporating the First School into the current school system will be a challenge, said Stephanie Knott, assistant to the superintendent for community relations for Chapel Hill-Carrboro city schools. But it's one she's excited about.

"I think that anytime that you have the opportunity to partner with an institution of higher learning there are benefits to be gained and reaped not only by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools but by the larger education community," she said.

The program, Ritchie said, should be progressive and innovative in its attempt to provide the best possible education for young children. She said the key to working together on the project is open communication and an open mind.

"We believe in child-centered education," she said. "It's not a matter of dictating what we think is right. It's a matter of respecting the fact that the schools have been working with these questions for years and years."

"We need to all work together to combine the ideas of research as well as what happens in the classroom."

It has yet to be determined which students will attend the First

School, Didow said.

Pam Winton, the director of outreach for FPG Child Development Institute and a member of the First School steering committee, said she believes the school should be open to area students of different socio-economic backgrounds, ethnic groups, linguistic ability and needs.

"We know that we have a priority for diversity," she said. "We hope they can be included very actively and meaningfully in the general curriculum so they will be fully included in the classroom."

Winton said the model school in the Chapel Hill community should be just the beginning of improvements in N.C. early education.

"I think the important part is that we are developing a model that we see as bigger and broader than just Chapel Hill itself."

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**STATE FAIR**

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year.

Only 84 of the fair's 111 rides had passed inspection on opening day, but Stewart said they eventually were able to get all the rides running.

"They finally got everything pretty much inspected," he said.

"I set up the roller coaster and the Rainbow, so I know they're all right."

While safety was a concern for many North Carolinians, increased energy prices could have been a greater factor for some groups that usually attend the fair.

Group sales were down by 20,000 from last year. Overton said she thinks it was too expensive for groups to fill up a bus.

But Jeanette Richardson said higher energy prices did not deter her church from bringing a group

of about 100 from Wadesboro.

Francine Blouin, a quilter who has been coming to the Village of Yesteryear for seven years, said sales were down for her this year. Though she noticed good crowds, she said she believes people were spending more conservatively to compensate for higher gas prices.

"People aren't spending as much as usual at the fair," she said.


Even with high gas prices and conservative spending, the fair still drew large crowds.

Overton said the state fair is one of the biggest events in North Carolina, drawing crowds twice the size of all Durham Bulls games combined.

"A lot of people come to the fair," she said.

"It's important to North Carolina."

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