

The Daily Tar Heel

VOLUME 113, ISSUE 95

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2005

www.dailytarheel.com

UNC balks at federal directive

1994 LAW EXTENDED IN AUGUST

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
STAFF WRITER

Universities nationwide will be forced to overhaul their Internet networks to offer the federal government greater access if a recent appeal against the expansion of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act is unsuccessful.

CALEA, originally passed in 1994, stipulates that digital telecommunication services

be accessible to law enforcement wiretaps. The law was extended in August to include Internet communications instead of only telephone companies.

Peter DeBlois, director of communications and publishing for Educause, called the expanded law a "major unfunded mandate for higher education."

And John Streck, assistant vice chancellor for telecommunications at UNC, said

the law would require a "fairly massive upgrade to our network" in the \$10 million- to \$20 million-range for hardware, such as network switches and routers.

As the law now stands, universities would have to upgrade their Internet networks by spring 2007.

"If the mandate was in the next 18 months, I don't know where the money would come from," Streck said. "People higher up than me would have to make trade-offs."

Educause and the American Council on Education are appealing the law's expansion

on behalf of universities nationwide.

DeBlois said that the universities are not appealing on First Amendment grounds, but that they feel the scope of the required upgrades is unnecessary. "We can already provide access for surveillance activities and have done so in the past."

Streck said it already is possible to provide the federal government with access to UNC's network.

"There are many ways with the technol-

SEE REACTION, PAGE 4

Project creates several red flags

The biggest development on the agenda for the Chapel Hill Town Council in the coming year is not Carolina North, but the public-private downtown project being submitted by Ram Development Co. of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Ram proposes to build 124 residential units and 24,000 square feet of retail space, along with public open space and a 375-space underground parking garage on parking lot 5, across from University Square. The central building would be nine stories tall, rising to 120 feet, with four levels of underground parking.

Ram also proposes to build 109 residential units and 6,000 square feet of retail space atop and adjacent to the Wallace Deck, on East Rosemary Street behind the Franklin Street Post Office.

Fifteen percent, or 35 of the 233 total housing units, will be qualified as affordable and provided by the Orange Community Housing and Land Trust. The town will pay \$500,000 toward construction of parking for the units.

Development will proceed on a fast track, with town approval expected by September 2006, and construction completed by September 2008.

The town will give Ram a 99 year lease on the sites, receiving \$7.9 million in prepaid revenues, which it then will return to Ram for construction of the parking garage and other improvements to be owned by the town.

The aggregate town investment is fixed at \$8.4 million, unless it requires Ram to add improvements. All risks of cost overruns, including increased

SEE DEVELOPMENT, PAGE 4

RANGER READY



DTH/AJISON YIN

Seven ROTC students gathered early Monday morning in 40-degree, pitch-black weather to practice throwing grenades in preparation for the Ranger Challenge this weekend. They met at Hooker Intramural Fields for an hour-long session when they crouched behind

trash cans, substituting for trees, and threw metal balls resembling grenades in shape and weight. Here, Dom Lerario (right) and Andy Herring (second right) march along South Road. Check Friday's Daily Tar Heel for a story on the cadets' preparations for the annual challenge.

Dearmin touts finished work

BY JENNY RUBY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student government officials released the 2005 October Report on Tuesday, providing the executive branch's assessment of its progress thus far on Student Body President Seth Dearmin's platform.

The 167-page report highlights issues and work tackled by the Dearmin administration — such as increasing accessibility of student government and establishing tuition predictability.

The report calls the vision of a new student government — one that is more accessible and friendly — the "single, most important goal of this year's student government."

Dearmin said Tuesday that having open office hours in the Pit and various other locations on campus has helped realize that vision.

"We're always looking at ways to better communication with the student body," he said.

The focus of communication with students was evident in the manner in which the October Report was distributed, he said.

A shorter, 26-page version also was released as a way to give students the opportunity to quickly

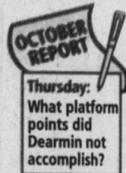
peruse the report.

New methods of communication — such as the Mambo technology that will link calendar information of all student organizations on a single Web site — play a key role in connecting the entire student body. The new Web capabilities will be available to student organizations by Tuesday.

"Right now, you can look at a lot of initiatives that the University has tried to do," said Mark Laabs, Dearmin's chief of staff. "None of them has been truly more of a central source of information regarding student life."

Another achievement noted in the report is a tuition hike policy that calls for more predictability. Dearmin, co-chairman of the tuition task force, and Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston met individually with other task force members to determine the policy's feasibility.

SEE REPORT, PAGE 4



DIGITAL IMPACT UNCERTAIN

BY CLINT JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

"Actually, I'm procrastinating right now," says sophomore Ben Greenberg, as he displays his America Online Instant Messenger window.

"I have a paper due today. As you can see, I've got one paragraph written," he says.

Clearly, technology plays a major role in the lives of students. Laptops are a requirement, iPods are a major trend and online tools like AOL Instant Messenger and

Facebook.com are used almost universally across campus.

But is the increasing prominence of technology helping or hurting students?

Procrastination is one of many concerns for UNC health officials.

"There are a fair amount of students up 'till three or four in the morning," says Bob Wirag, director of Student Health Service.

"They just can't pull themselves away from the computer because they are so addicted."

Besides this potentially harm-

ful behavior, Wirag says repetitive motion, such as constant typing, can lead to disorders like carpal tunnel syndrome. Also, listening to music at excessive decibel levels for extended periods of time can lead to hearing loss.

"The word ergonomics has really become a household term," Wirag says.

Furniture increasingly is being adapted to fit specific individuals, he says. When Wirag's bifocals caused him to have a stiff neck, he had a new pair of glasses fashioned.

As technology advances further, students may be apt to adopt a more sedentary lifestyle.

"It certainly seems that with limitless information and entertainment options through a computer that many people are less active," says Allen Hamrick, associate director of Counseling and Psychological Service. "This decrease in activity will definitely negatively affect physical health."

The effects on mental health,

SEE DIGITAL AGE, PAGE 4

Latinos offer new set of challenges for area

BY MEGHAN DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

A town government functions to represent the interests of its residents and neighbors. Everyone gets a voice, no matter what language that voice might use.

And Carrboro is hearing more and more voices in Spanish — the 2000 U.S. Census states that roughly 12 percent of the town's population is Latino.

With the mayor and three seats on the Board of Aldermen to be elected this year, the town is talking about how officials can meet

the needs of this growing demographic. Candidates and observers alike believe Carrboro's opportunities and atmosphere attract Latino immigrants to the area.

Sharon Mujica, director of edu-

cation, said she has seen an increase in Latino residents in the area.

SEE LATINOS, PAGE 4

WHY DID YOU VOTE EARLY?



Sarah Shah
Freshman, major undecided

"Politicians are representing what everyone wants and you should stand up and make a difference."

Vote early at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center through Nov. 5, Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



David Suits
Freshman, major undecided

"I've done stuff in the past to try and get other people to vote. If you ... talk the talk you gotta walk the walk."

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Tuesday's front page story, "Elections limp out of gate," incorrectly states that 30,000 people participated in early voting in 2003. That total is for the 2004 election.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

online | dailytarheel.com

PUBLIC IS MUM A Board of Aldermen hearing Tuesday sees no public comment

A FRIGHT FEST The UNC Red Cross chapter hosts an elaborate haunted house

WHAT HAVE WE DONE? City schools hold annual summit on achievement

city | page 5

A LITTLE BUSY

The Chapel Hill Planning Department has seen a busy workload in wake of its director of 21 years leaving earlier this May.



sports | page 11

READY OR NOT

The UNC football team faces perhaps its biggest test of the season Saturday at Miami, one year after its improbable 31-28 upset at home.

weather

Mostly Sunny
H 62, L 34

index

- police log 2
- calendar 2
- crossword 4
- sports 11
- edit 12