

Businesses download plans

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With several groups discussing how to provide wireless in town, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership has launched a study of downtown businesses' demand for the service.

A University consultant will send a survey to business owners by the end of November to gauge the market for town-provided wireless, with input from the partnership and the town's technology committee.

Committee chairman Gregg Gerdau said his group is seeking advice from Shannon Howle Schelin, director of the Center for Public Technology at the School of Government.

"It's the most remarkable thing," Gerdau said. "We've been looking into town wireless networks, and there's an expert right here."

The committee is considering the possibility of wireless Internet access throughout downtown and the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

Schelin consults with local governments around the state to find the best ways to provide Internet access.

Different models of offering access give the town several options for funding the wireless initiative, Schelin told the partnership.

The survey will include questions such as how much business owners pay for wireless now and what price range would entice them to switch to a town service.

In most cases around the state, funding for a wireless program comes from a combined public and private partnership.

But Gerdau said the town must factor in the cost of maintaining the service, which keeps some programs from succeeding.

"Failures come from not understanding their constituent base," he said. "And we have a number of different bases."

Many businesses, especially restaurants and coffee shops, claim that wireless Internet is the key

to keeping an establishment vital, Schelin said.

But owners of the 3 Cups coffee shop on West Franklin Street said they are not interested in wireless for their customers.

"It's a really small cafe and we need that space," said manager Grant Meadows. "We don't have the space to accommodate people studying all day, and we want the atmosphere to be more social."

The partnership will provide Schelin with further comments on the survey through the end of the week.

Another proponent of wireless, former council candidate Walker Rutherford, said he was encouraged by the level of interest shown from the partnership.

"The Internet is only 10 years old," Walker said. "With wireless, it's a question of whether we're going to be ahead of the curve or behind it."

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Memorial Hall to feature African flavor

Grammy winner performs tonight

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One of Africa's premier musicians will grace the stage of Memorial Hall tonight.

Youssou N'Dour, a native of Senegal, will perform along with Egyptian composer Fathy Salama and the Cairo Orchestra.

N'Dour's critically acclaimed unique musical style is called "mbalax" and blends intense Senegalese percussion and "griot" singing with indigenous African dance flavors.

Emil Kang, executive director for the arts, said N'Dour is "one of the greatest musicians in the world living today, and I don't say that lightly."

N'Dour has released more than 20 solo albums since 1986 and has been performing musically since he was 19. He won a 2005 Grammy award ("Best Contemporary World Music Album") for 2004's *Egypt*.

"He's so authentic to his musical traditions, but he's still flexible, as

shown by his work with many contemporary artists," Kang said. "As an artist, he's kind of like soccer in America — popular everywhere else in the world but not here."

The artist has built up an international fan base of millions and has worked with many famous musicians, including Peter Gabriel, Sting, Neneh Cherry and Wyclef Jean.

Kang said N'Dour recently finished up an artist-in-residence program at Carnegie Hall in New York City before coming to Chapel Hill.

Kang, who started working at the University in January, was in charge of assembling this year's line up for the 2005-06 Performing Arts Series. He said saw N'Dour in Central Park in 1991 and was impressed by the performance.

"I really hope that students at Carolina will be able to enjoy his performance because it will be a long time before someone of his caliber will be here again," Kang said.

"He's an artist that comes around once in a generation."

Thomas Rome, N'Dour's manager in North America, said N'Dour wrapped up his residency early

Attend the show

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 1
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.unc.edu/performingarts

to spend a few days in England, where he's landed a role in the film "Amazing Grace." The film is set in 18th century England and focuses on ending slavery in the British empire.

Rome said that tonight's performance will be the second time that N'Dour and the Cairo Orchestra will perform in the United States, with the Oct. 26 show at Carnegie Hall being the first.

The worldwide premier was held in May 2004 in Morocco during the World Festival of Sacred Music.

Rome said the concert promises to be a rich encounter of musical traditions. "He sings the praises of people from all walks of life."

As of Monday afternoon, tickets still were available at the Memorial Hall Box Office.

Single tickets range from \$20 to \$60 for the public and are \$10 for UNC students.

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Retailers unsold about lottery tickets

N.C. lottery lacks director, plans

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Mega Millions. Pick 4. Powerball. They could be coming to retailers across the state.

But as of now, the N.C. Educational Lottery has no games, no detailed plan for how businesses can become retailers and no executive director for its lottery commission. And, as a result, many business owners around North Carolina are unsure if they will sell lottery tickets.

"We haven't made a decision yet," said James Barnwell, retail manager for Huffman Oil Company Inc., which owns two gas stations in the Chapel Hill area.

Diane Eliezer, director of marketing for Kerr Drug, said the corporation's officials also are debating whether or not it will be a retailer.

And some simply don't want to be involved at all.

"I think it's too much responsibility keeping up with the state's money," said Rod McFarling, owner

of McFarling's Exxon on West Franklin Street.

Nevertheless, Robert Farris, a commissioner for the N.C. Lottery Commission, said he is confident the lottery will be successful, with 3,000 to 5,000 businesses participating. "If the people who stop me on the street is any indication, it will be significant."

He said he expects an executive director to be appointed soon, and games should be in place four months to six months afterward.

During that time, details on the application process to become a retailer will be finalized, he said.

But the commission does have some basic requirements in place.

Owners of lottery retailers will have to be at least 21 years old as of their last tax return. Also, retailers will not be permitted to sell only lottery tickets and they will not be allowed to live with a lottery commissioner or anyone who works for the commission.

Once the lottery is up and running, Barnwell said he believes many gas stations will be forced to sell lottery tickets because their competitors do.

Based on the success retailers have had in neighboring lottery states, selling tickets would be profitable.

In fiscal year 2004, S.C. retailers earned almost \$67 million in incentives and commissions.

About 3,500 South Carolina retailers receive a 7 percent commission per ticket sold, plus incentives for selling a winning ticket, said Tara Robertson, product relations manager for the South Carolina Education Lottery.

Retailers in Virginia received \$75.6 million in compensation in fiscal year 2005.

Virginia has about 5,000 retailers and a commission of 5 percent. A "winning" retailer receives 1 percent of the winnings from the Va. Lottery Commission, said Jill Vaughan, spokeswoman for the Va. Lottery.

Farris said the commission is working as quickly as possible without sacrificing integrity.

"We're going to make it fair for the moms and pops as well as the big retail stores."

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THE Daily Crossword

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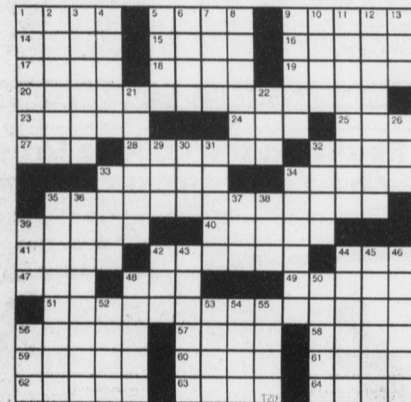
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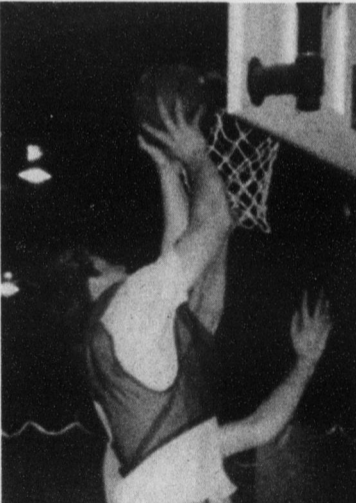
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- 45 Recluse
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- 50 Nearly vertical
- 52 Low card
- 53 One of HOMES
- 54 Stack up
- 55 False god
- 56 Ref's relative



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SIGN UP TO PLAY TODAY!

SPORTS TRIVIA :: 4 players
GRAIL B-BALL :: 5 players
Sign up Oct. 24–Nov. 1

TABLE TENNIS :: singles/doubles
9-BALL :: individual
Sign up Oct. 31–Nov. 8

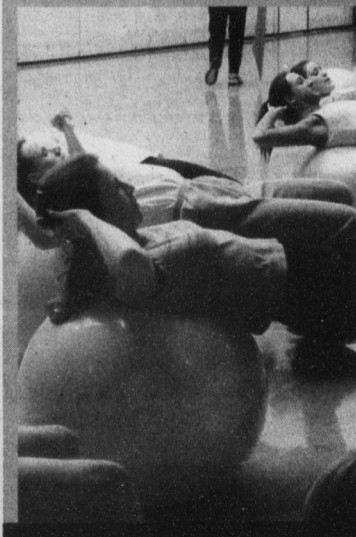
FLOOR HOCKEY :: 6 players
BOWLING :: individual
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