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- What do you do when you come downtown?
- When do you not feel safe downtown?
- What do you most want to see downtown?

Top service leaders look to collaborate

BY NATE HUBBARD

Leaders of campus service organizations are dedicated to helping others. Sunday evening they joined together to help each other.

In the first meeting of the Service Student Organization Consortium, service group leaders shared experiences and learned about ways to tap into funds for their groups.

"This was about giving people a chance to come together," said Julia Shalen, co-chairwoman of the Public Service and Advocacy Committee of student govern-

The purpose of the consortium is simple, said Anne Phillips, the committee's other co-chairwoman.

'We are meeting so that different service organizations can get together and brainstorm and network," she said.

Brainstorming was a big part of the inaugural meeting.

"We would like to move away from the standard ways of publicity," Shalen said.

Peter Attwater, the overall coordinator for Dance Marathon, shared some of his organization's successes with publicity.

"As a leader of one of the larger campus organizations, I hope that some of the experiences we have had can benefit some of the small organizations in their infancy," he said.

The meeting began with two speakers giving tips on ways to publicize and fund events.

Organization among groups was stressed for presenting a stronger request to Student Congress for student fee funds.

They also look really highly when you organize with two or three groups," said Student Body

Alsobrooks' trip, and the organiza-tion also helped fund several other

Ranjani Manjunath, the rescue's

president, says the organization

collected donations, paid for gas money, donated toys and supplies

and offered rescued animals fos-ter space and veterinary expenses

"I can't imagine, kind of being

ripped away from your home without any kind of control over

it, and to add to that, you may be

losing a family member in a pet,"

Hill residents and volunteers for the rescue, went down to the Gulf

Coast about a month after Katrina

landed, battling Hurricane Rita on

ing to me was that when we were

that by the time we got down there

Jennifer Strom says.

But a month afterward, there

were still injured and starving ani

mals in desperate situations and single people caring for a whole

neighborhood of dogs.
"Even right now today, people are

going around rounding up animals on the street," Jennifer Strom says.

able to bring back nine dogs and

four cats to put up for adoption.

From their trip, the Stroms were

Efforts also have been taken to reunite the original owners

with their animals. The Web site

Petfinder.com has an extensive

affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

"The thing that was most shock-

Jennifer and Bill Strom, Chapel

KATRINA PETS

individuals' trips.

upon their arrival.

Maniunath says.

their way there.

Furr said Congress has many resources but pointed out that groups always should have a back-up plan for funding.

"It is irresponsible just to depend on one source," she said. "Don't expect them to find the said."

expect them to fund everything

Furr also alerted the service leaders to ways Congress will help to fund publicity for events.

"We will give you publicity like nobody's business," she said.

After Furr finished her presentation, Lynn Blanchard, director of the Carolina Center for Public Service, spoke about her organization's benefits to service groups on

"A resource in terms of communication is one service we offer," she

Blanchard also talked about the opportunities available through the center's grant program.
"We do get more requests than

we can fund but not many more,

Although the turnout for the meeting was smaller than the committee's co-chairwomen had hoped, they still were encouraged by what was accomplished.

"I think we had some great speakers come out," Shalen said.

"This brings a group of people that are really passionate about things together."

Phillips said she hopes that the initial consortium will build momentum for future meetings. "It was a good start," she said.

The group of leaders plans to meet once each semester.

PETITION

to attend as well, he said.

determining tuition hikes.

trustees," he said.

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Student Body President Seth

Dearmin, also the tuition task

force chairman, was a vocal propo-nent of tuition predictability and

said student involvement is key in

"The more students we have, the more likely the impact on the

are involved and want the oppor-

tunity to look at tuition is definite-

ly a huge help in furthering tuition

The tuition advisory task force,

which is charged with making a

recommendation to Moeser on

tuition, included a section on pre-

dictability in its report.
"The tuition task force believes that predictability must be a central

principle of the University's tuition

"The simple fact that students

Victims to receive spare change

BY LAUREN BERRY

Immediately after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulfport, Miss., region, campus groups leapt at the chance to organize events to help with relief efforts.

Months later, relief efforts continue, as exemplified by the stu-dents who gave up their Sunday afternoon to bowl for the benefit of Katrina's victims

Bowling for Katrina, hosted by various campus groups, invited stu-dents to bowl for \$1 and play pool for \$2 in the Union Underground, with all proceeds going to relief efforts.

The event attracted 90 people and raised \$210, said Christian Rhodes, assistant manager of the Student Union.

The money will go to UNC's chapter of the American Red Cross, which then will send the funds to the national Red Cross chapter. The small number of attendees

enjoyed free refreshments and music, in addition to prizes provided by EA Sports.

Co-sponsored by the Student Union and Carolina Union Activities Board, and in cooperation with the Residence Hall Association, the event marked many organizers' first efforts with hurricane relief.

Dexter Robinson, a Union employee, came up with the idea of a bowling fundraiser. He said he wanted to create an event where many members of the Union could be involved, including administra-

tors and employees.
"With so many different groups on campus all donating money, this was our opportunity to be involved," he said.

Quincy Allen, Student Union building manager, said he thought a bowling event would be a way to combine the resources of the Union with the desire to help.

We knew a lot of people needed help, and with everyone else contributing, we knew that we wanted to be part of the campuswide effort," he said.

Rhodes said it is important for the Union to be part of the relief efforts. "The Carolina Union is a main place where students congre gate on campus, so we viewed this

as Carolina's Katrina event."
Union staff had hoped to raise \$300 with the event, a number Rhodes said was quite large considering the minimal cost to play.

Alisha Brice, campus unity chair-man for CUAB, said the group was charged with publicizing the event.
"We wanted to do our part to

Sophomore William Thompson collects money for reduced-priced bowling at the Underground on Sunday as part of a fundraiser for hurricane relief

help out the Katrina victims and to show our support as part of the Union," she said

William Thompson, Olde Campus Upper Quad governor, said the RHA did their part in the event by providing the money for food and refreshments.
"We want to make our residents

more aware of what is going on in the community and in the world.'

Students in attendance cited the event's good cause in addition to the Underground's fun atmosphere

for their reasons for coming.
"Bowling made for a good social atmosphere, and then it's also ben-efiting the hurricane victims," said junior Carlon Myrick.

Junior Jeff Nguyen said it is important for students to help with relief efforts. "Anything that anyone can do and any effort can help.'

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UNC, Duke techies dial up competition

The Tar Heel and Blue Devil rivalry usually entails feats of physical prowess. But Saturday, the old adversaries fought with feverish typing and a little bit of recursive

UNC, Duke University and dozens of other schools com-peted in the 30th annual Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest Mid-Atlantic regional

Sponsored in large part by IBM,

Levine Science Research Center, saw as much excitement as any

said Kevin Jeffay, professor of com-puter science and coach of UNC's

signs, but the tension between the old foes was evident.

Duke," said Philip Kelley, a UNC junior who was competing for the second year in a row

We want to hit them first and hit them hard."

Coaches gathered in a board room, nervously watching real-time results, while students, sequestered in groups of three, worked for five hours to finish nine programming problems as fast as they could.

Teams scoring in the top three won an all-expenses-paid trip to the world finals in San Antonio.

Problems had to be solved exact-, with no room for error.

One of the sample problems was simple change-sorting program,

"Everybody got it right except for one team that misspelled the word nickel."

UNC had four teams this year, the Knuth Knights, the Lords of the Token Rings, NOOBZ and Semantic Errors.

UNC's teams traditionally nab at ast one spot in the top five.
"Our trademark is to always be

one away," Jeffay said.
In 2002, a UNC team went to
Hawaii, and in 2004, another barely missed a chance to go to Shanghai, China.

Governors already is looking into ways to control tuition through the use of price ceilings. Ceilings set a limit on tuition

increases and allow for better planning, said Zack Wynne, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and BOG member. You can plan by saying, 'OK

we know it's not going to be any more than this amount," he said.

Last week the BOG approved a plan that would keep in-state tuition in the bottom 25 percent of peer institutions for all system schools. The board did not set guidelines for nonresident students.

UNC implemented a similar tuition philosophy almost two years ago, but administrators set a ceiling for out-of-state students' tuition at the 75th percentile of peer institutions' tuition.

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it's billed as the largest and most prestigious computer programming contest in the world. More than 5,000 colleges across the globe expected to compete this year.

The competition, held at Duke's

major sporting event.

"There's a lot of bravado here,"

There were no Cameron Crazies and only a few "FOOK DOOK"

"Our rivalry is, of course, with policy," the recommendation states.

Nonresidents at UNC paid

During their final meeting Oct.

10, the tuition task force proposed

a range of hikes from \$250 to \$300 for undergraduate residents

and \$600 to \$900 for undergrad-

raising graduate students' tuition

between \$300 and \$500 for resi-

dents and between \$300 and \$600

The increases would produce between about \$4 million and

about \$5.5 million in net tuition

the trustees will react to the idea of predictability, but a number

administrators have called for some type of guidelines.

The UNC-system Board of

It is unclear at this point how

University and UNC-system

The task force also proposed

\$17.003 in tuition this year, com-

pared to residents' \$3,205.

uate nonresidents.

for nonresidents.

"This year's theme is really to avenge last year," Jeffay said. "If we end up going to the world finals we'll all go out for Chinese.

But the Lords of the Token Rings, the highest-scoring UNC team Saturday, placed 12th, falling short of Duke's third place and Virginia Tech's second.

"There was a fair amount of frustration," Jeffay said.

About 30 hours of training during several months went into making the team the best it could be. We joked once that we'd do

pull ups and run for five miles, but we decided to concentrate on pro-gramming," Jeffay said. Jeffay, the S. Shepard Jones pro-

fessor of computer science, paid for all of the teams' expenses with his endowment. In his 10 years of coaching, he's seen the competition change to

reflect new educational realities.

"International participation has gone way up," he said, citing China and the former Soviet Union.

"And they're better," he said. Way better. Teams from St. Petersburg,

Russia, and Shanghai have won five of the past six competitions.

In a competitive world, partici-

pation in a prestigious competition looks really good on résumés, said Jeffay, and employers increasingly ask programmers in interviews to write programs on the spot. And though the team failed in

some of its objectives, it succeeded in others We wanted to beat Duke,"

Kelley said, "but beating State is always a bonus."

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AMBASSADORS

For Poole, the program also means that students who believe in international education can be ambassadors to other students.

"The students we produce through international education are the best examples of the effects of an international education," Poole said Student ambassadors fit neatly

into the chancellor's internationalization efforts, Poole said, by showing the University's efforts to globally reach out.
"It shows that we are a global uni-

versity and that we are really paving the way to be a great international university, and that will be shown in our students, not just shown in our programs or classe

Both Crowell and Poole said the application process is not intended as an obstacle for students interested in applying.

"The application is not meant to be exclusive at all but to make sure people think about why they want to do it, why it's of benefit to them," Crowell said.

Poole said applications are meant to be inclusive. Experience studying abroad is not required.

The information provided on the application will be used to compile a database of student ambassadors. epending on student availability or languages spoken, for example, students from the database will be called upon to escort visitors.

Crowell said student ambassadors are doing a service to the University through their efforts.

"They really are helping promote the international agenda of the University by helping bring in people who are from all parts of the globe."

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International **Education Week**

➤ Noon - 5 p.m. Welcome to Carolina, Welcome to the World: Photos From Afar 4 p.m. - Reception, at the Second Floor Lounge of the **Student Union**

Tuesday

> 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Carnavalito — An Evening of Latin Jazz, at the Caberet Theater in the Student Union

Wednesday

➤ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Women's Refugee Micro-Enterprise Initiative — Featured Speaker and Discussion, in Student Union room 3206

➤ 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Go Global Get Your Passport! in Student Union room 3203

Thursday

➤ 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. University Center for International **Studies Student Research** Symposium at the LICIS Conference Room - 223 E. Franklin St.

Passport to the World Fair in the courtyard outside **Student Union**

➤ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Carolina for Kibera — Information Reception at the University Center for International **Studies Conference Room** - 223 E. Franklin St.

anning our trip, we were thinking the animals would all be rescued,"

"(There's) always been that tension of kicking people out over certain theological issues," he said.
"Christ's table, in my perspective, is open to everyone.

The idea of an open table is something that Wesley wants to preserve, Rivero said, but the orga-nization will not take an official stance on the issue.
"Wesley is a welcoming place for a broad range of opinions," she

continue the sense of exclusion in a different type." Staff Writer Kristen Pope contributed to this article Contact the State & National

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said. "Because it's a student ministry, I want to be sensitive to not



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Campus Minister Jan Rivero leads a Sunday evening service at the Wesley Foundation across from the Carolina Inn on Pittsboro Street.

Jennifer Strom says that dur-ing the week she and her husband were in the Mississippi Gulf area, they worked 18- to 20-hour days, but she describes it as "a mere blip on Katrina's enormous radar in an article she wrote for The Independent Weekly "It's awful, and it's bottomless, she says.
"The pet thing was awful, but it was a little window, one tiny little

that was going wrong down there.' Contact the Features Editor at features@unc.edu.

slice, a metaphor for everything else



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