

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error the Wednesday page 7 story, "Congress bill requires input on tickets," incorrectly identifies Student Congress Rep. Tyler Younts. He is chairman of the student affairs committee. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to an editing error, the Wednesday page 3 story, "Billing system sees changes," misspelled the name of Marty Pomerantz. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student government makes external appointments

Student Body Vice President Brian Phelps released the list of his external appointments Wednesday after a weekend of interviews with applicants.

Phelps said he reviewed more than 185 applications for about 300 positions. He made 93 appointments to 45 committees.

External appointments — student seats on University policy-making and advisory boards — are made yearly by the executive branch, Phelps said.

External appointments cover topics from building and grounds to textbook pricing.

The student advisory committee to the chancellor saw the most competition — drawing 45 applications.

Phelps said he mainly wanted first-year students appointed to the committee because he appointed upperclassmen last semester, and so he choose freshmen Ronald Bilboa and Peter Boyle.

The committee meets monthly with Chancellor James Moeser to discuss broad University goals and specific policies.

The renewable energy special projects committee — which allocates a student fee and also directs environmental advocacy projects — was the second-most competitive. Phelps said 26 students applied.

Forum about new printing system open to students

The student affairs committee, which is led by junior Tyler Younts, is conducting a public hearing at 6 p.m. Oct. 2.

The forum, which will be held in Union 3102, is an opportunity for students to discuss the new printing policy.

This semester, students can print 500 pages per semester with their Education and Technology student fee. After that, they will be charged 5 cents per page.

Graduate students who are also teaching assistants have access to the same printing abilities, but many of them were unaware that they could print through their department for work-related jobs.

UNC officials and members of student government approved the printing limit so that funding would be freed up to pay for new and maintain old equipment.

The forum is meant to give students a chance to voice their concerns about the new policy and ask any questions they might have.

Thomas Wolfe memorial on would-be 106th birthday

A Thomas Wolfe Memorial will be dedicated at 3:30 today at a new site between Greenlaw and Murphey halls, honoring UNC's most celebrated literary alumnus. It would be his 106th birthday.

The memorial is an 850-pound bas-relief bronze sculpture of an angel, which references Wolfe's most famous work, "Look Homeward, Angel."

The site includes landscaping, a brick patio and four benches where students and others may read and converse.

Chancellor James Moeser and Wolfe scholar Joseph Flora, of UNC, will speak at the free public ceremony.

CITY BRIEFS

School district receives applications for counsel

Nine firms have applied to provide a lawyer for Chapel Hill-Carboro City Schools.

Adkins Law Group, Cranfill Sumner Hartzog, The Law Office of Michael W. Patrick, Lewis Anderson Phillips Green and Hinkle, Law Offices of Jay Reeves, Schwartz and Shaw, Tharrington Smith, Willet Law Firm and Ellis & Winters all applied.

The lawyer search committee will meet to begin considering the candidates Friday.

The district fired its longtime attorney John McCormick after he disappeared in July.

Allegations later surfaced the McCormick mismanaged more than \$1 million in client funds unrelated to the schools.

He has not been located.

— From staff and wire reports

Schools assess admissions

UVa. drops early acceptance policy

BY FRED A. KAHEN-KASHI
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Several prominent universities recently dropped binding early decision programs because of concerns that such programs discourage low-income applicants.

Just two weeks after Harvard and Princeton universities dropped their binding early decision programs, the University of Virginia announced Monday that it would end its program, effective fall 2008.

Early decision often is designed to benefit the university rather than the students, said John Blackburn, UVa's dean of admissions.

Many low-income students are prohibited from applying early

decision because it might not guarantee them the best education for the lowest price, he said.

Blackburn said the early decision program worked against the financial aid program's goal to increase the university's accessibility and diversity.

"It is incumbent upon public universities to be accessible to all of our students," he said.

"We felt that early admissions did serve as a bit of an obstacle."

He said he hopes that the college's decision will help low-income families realize that UVa. is serious about its commitment to financial aid.

The college's decision had been pending for several years, but when Harvard decided to drop early decision, UVa. chose to jump on the bandwagon, Blackburn said.

"Prior to that, I doubt if we would have done it."

UNC was the first major university to abolish its binding early admissions policy in 2002, opting instead for a nonbinding early notification plan.

It became clear early on that the policy discouraged low-income families seeking financial aid from applying, said Steve Farmer, UNC's director of undergraduate admissions.

"Binding early decision puts most of the cards in the hands of the university and very little in the hands of the students," he said.

UNC's admissions policy boasts equal consideration for entry no matter what the deadline, he said.

But smaller, more specialized universities see less impetus to change.

The admissions policy at Harvey Mudd College, which includes a binding early decision option, has remained unchanged for decades.

Peter Osgood, Harvey Mudd's

director of admissions, said the college is a niche-oriented school with a small applicant pool of only 2,100.

The school is not inclined to change its policy unless many universities follow suit, he said.

Duke University, which also is standing by its binding early decision program, re-evaluates its policy every few years.

Christoph Gutentag, Duke's dean of undergraduate admissions, said the current policy is well-balanced.

He said Duke accepts such a small percentage of early decision applicants that those who apply later are not disadvantaged.

Duke will keep an eye on neighboring universities' policies, he said.

"We always just wait to see what Carolina's going to do."

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Center debuts space show

Morehead features NASA astronaut

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"Destination: Space" has landed in Chapel Hill.

The launch weekend begins 7 p.m. Thursday at the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. It includes the premiere showing of "Destination: Space" — a planetarium video show — and an appearance by astronaut Charlie Duke, one of only 12 men to walk on the moon.

The video is narrated by Walter Cronkite, who is known as the voice of the space race, and includes appearances by astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Kathy Thornton, Bill

Thornton and Robert Satcher.

"Who knows? The kids who see this might be the astronauts who walk on Mars in the next 15 to 20 years," said Karen Kornegay, public relations manager for the planetarium and science center.

"Destination: Space" will replace regularly scheduled shows for the duration of the weekend.

The planetarium provided an astronaut training program in the 1960s and 1970s, which Duke attended in 1967, Kornegay said.

"The show brings us back to our roots," she said.

Duke, a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force, went to the moon as a part of the Apollo 16 mission and also worked on the Apollo 10, 11, 13 and 17 missions.

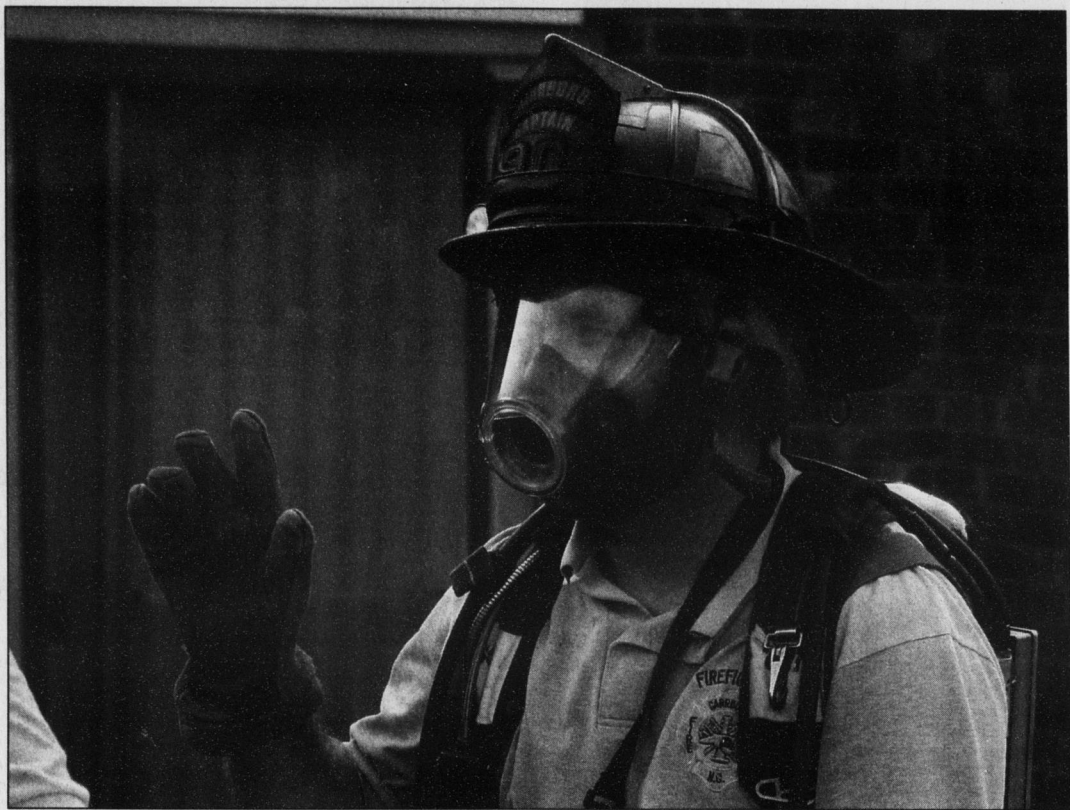
Duke said the planetarium has a special place in his heart. He said he hopes to speak about the history of the Apollo missions, why NASA decided to invest in going to the moon and the life of an astronaut — the technical side and the thrill of adventure.

"It was the wonder of it all," he said. "It was, 'Gee whiz golly, I'm on the moon,' and 40 years after that happened people are still interested in it. It's amazing."

Though the 1960s "space race" is finished, programs like NASA still affect our everyday lives, Duke said.

"Space exploration pushes tech-

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Apartment fire quickly quashed

▲ Carrboro firefighter Keith Crabtree reports to his colleagues, after a kitchen fire broke out inside an apartment at Carolina Apartments off of N.C. 54 Bypass. The firefighters were waiting for carbon monoxide levels to drop inside before entering. Tynesa Crumpler, who was home when the fire started in her kitchen, said that it appeared to come from the hood over her stove. An official cause has not yet been determined.

► Maria de Lourdes, who lives in an apartment near the fire, gets a hug from her daughter, Jennifer Benavidas. Jennifer frolicked on the sidewalk while the firefighters worked to ventilate the affected apartment. Firefighters found few flames after a passerby emptied an extinguisher on the blaze.



Council gets glance at Halloween plan

Doesn't want event to hinder residents

BY KAYLA CARRICK
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Police Chief Gregg Jarvies presented the preliminary operational plan Wednesday for Halloween festivities and addressed concerns at a meeting of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The event Tuesday, Oct. 31 will last from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and will span Franklin Street from Raleigh Street to Roberson Street — two blocks longer than last year.

To account for this expansion, the department plans to cover more surrounding neighborhoods with the help of officers from a dozen other municipalities.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom expressed concern for neighborhoods near Roosevelt Drive.

"Every year we expand the neighborhoods we protect," Jarvies said in response to Strom. "We'll continue to add parking monitors."

Jarvies said he anticipates no issues with Roosevelt Drive, but said Meadowbrook and Estes drives could present problems.

Crowd panic is the biggest con-

"It would be just as expensive ... to try and stop it, and probably more dangerous."

GREGG JARVIES, POLICE CHIEF

cern, Jarvies said.

"We have protocols in place to deal with those things people don't like to think about but that are inherent in crowd situations," he said.

The department will amp up coverage, but not to the extent it did for Halloween in 2001, when officials stopped cars as far away from downtown as Estes Drive because of Sept. 11-related concerns.

"It didn't turn out to be a very popular plan," Jarvies said.

Council member Cam Hill said he wants to ensure that residents who live downtown can get home.

One year an officer would not let him through a checkpoint to his house, he said.

"I told him I only lived a hundred yards away and he said, 'Take it to the town council,'" Hill said. "I just want to know if there's anything we can do for people in this part of town to get home quicker."

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Cat's Cradle gears up for '80s dance

Biannual event hosted by WXYC

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
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As October approaches and temperatures in Chapel Hill drop into the 60s and 70s, WXYC 89.3 and Cat's Cradle are doing everything possible to keep UNC students stuck in the 80s.

The 1980s, that is.

On Friday Cat's Cradle will host WXYC's biannual '80s dance. Tickets for the dance are available for \$5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday in the Pit. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 at the door.

The dance, the station's largest fundraiser of the year, is a tradition that has existed in some form since the 1970s.

"It's been around longer than it should," Cat's Cradle owner Frank Heath said with a laugh.

Before the '80s dance, other decades were given their due — '60s and '70s dances were once part of UNC culture.

"Those were kind of wild times," Heath said. "You could bring your own beer in."

"They sort of lost steam as people started viewing them as too nostalgic," Heath said of the '70s dances.

As of last year, only students with One Cards could purchase tickets in advance, a change from previous years.



COURTESY OF LAUREN BRENNER

DJ Colin Rogister, who graduated last spring, spins during his midnight set at last spring's WXYC '80s dance as sophomore Steven Rybnick looks on.

"We had a huge number of high school students come," said Lauren Brenner, WXYC's station manager.

But the majority of the crowd, Brenner said, was UNC students.

"It's great that (high school) kids are interested in that whole music scene," Heath said. "But we've shifted to sell tickets more to Carolina students, so it can remain centered around UNC."

The price at the door was raised as a means to keep the dance UNC-focused, Heath said.

"That's part of XCYC's mission, to center around the college community," he said.

Further indication of the dance's ties to the UNC community can be seen in WXYC's DJs, who volunteer to spin the dance.

There are usually five shifts lasting one hour each, and radio management chooses who gets each slot.

"The most coveted spots are the ones later on in the night," Brenner said.

Kellen Carpenter, a junior linguistics and comparative literature double major, will be deejaying his first '80s dance Friday.

"I look forward to it because it's

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