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UNC readies to greet families

Annual weekend features food, fun

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As students scramble to clean their dorm rooms before parents arrive, UNC officials are prepping the campus for an invasion of Carolina families. This weekend thousands of parents will arrive in Chapel Hill for UNC's annual Family Weekend.

"For parents, it's a time to come and explore student life," said Laurie Beck, coordinator of communications and programs for Carolina Parent Programs — the group in charge of planning the annual tradition.

The weekend offers a wide range of events that vary in cost, from free seminars to the \$26 Carolina Family Grand Lunch Buffet on Sunday at the Carolina Inn.

The weekend costs about \$100,000 to put on, said Sheila Hrdlicka, assistant director for parent programs. "This is a free-standing event. The funding comes strictly from the revenue of ticket sales and registration."

Funding covers venue rentals and the free shuttles and events, she said.

The Tar Heel Barbecue and the Carolina Family Grand Lunch Buffet usually draw the crowds, but many new, space-limited events are already booked, Beck said.

This year Family Weekend falls later in the semester than previous years. The event is always scheduled for the weekend of a home football game, Beck said.

Program officials said they do not expect the team's season record to affect participation.

"We've generally had people excited about it," Beck said. "If there is any decrease in attendance, it's because Family Weekend is after Fall Break."

Sophomores also register Saturday, which could interrupt festivities, Hrdlicka said.

The weekend features a Tar Heel barbecue, a Southern dinner, seminars and a free concert in the Pit.

In addition new events were added to the schedule this year.

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EQ loses permits for Apex site

Company says cleanup first priority

BY JEFF SOPLOP
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Several new developments stemming from the Apex chemical fire reduced the Environmental Quality Company's chances of continuing to do business in the area. A federal judge ordered a freeze Tuesday of the company's cleanup efforts at the facility in Apex because of pending lawsuits. On Wednesday the N.C. Division of Waste Management suspended hazardous waste storage and treatment at the site.

The controversy results from the Oct. 5 chemical plant fire that forced about 17,000 residents to evacuate.

The revocation of the permits was just a formality, said Bob Doyle, corporate communications manager for Environmental Quality.

"We haven't accepted waste since the fire," Doyle said. "We weren't planning on doing so until we get through all this. That's not really on the radar."

Apex Town Manager Bruce

Radford said he thought Environmental Quality had hoped to continue operating as a nonhazardous waste facility.

"Yesterday the state slammed the door on their ability to do that by revoking both their hazardous and nonhazardous waste permits," he said.

Doyle said the company had not yet decided whether it will seek reinstatement as a nonhazardous waste facility. It will its options after the cleanup is completed, he said.

Radford said he supports the temporary suspension of Environmental Quality's permits

even though it means the town permanently could lose the company as a business.

"We have always had concerns about not wanting them to come back into town," he said.

Because the Environmental Quality facility and its hazardous waste management units were damaged in the fire, the company cannot manage the waste in compliance with permits, said Cathy Akroyd, public information officer for the N.C. Division of Waste Management.

She said the division of waste management wants the cleanup process to continue right away.

"We want to remove any remaining risks as soon as possible," she said.

Environmental Quality is complying with the judge's order and will do whatever it can to facilitate the process, Doyle said.

"We want to continue to work closely with the state to get the facility completely cleaned up."

Although most of the waste from the site was collected into containers, the material is exposed to more air and water than it was before, Radford said, referring to the delayed cleanup.

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New movie make funny for Heels

Students line up for advance screening

BY HARRY KAPLOWITZ
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Only 30 broken chairs kept the Carolina Union Activities Board from filling the Student Union auditorium with UNC students anxious to see what's been called one of the funniest movies ever made.

CUAB screened the new film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," an event sponsored by JetBlue Airways. The movie opens nationwide Nov. 3.

"We ended up turning away a lot of people, more than double the people we were able to admit," CUAB community committee chairman Ethan Lin said.

All told, 345 students were able to attend the screening at 8 p.m.

Thanks to a media-fueled controversy surrounding the film and its satirically negative portrayal of Kazakhstan, "Borat" has become one of the most anticipated comedies of the year.

"Have a sense of humor — he's a really clever guy," University history professor Louise McReynolds, who plans to see the movie, said of Borat's creator, Sacha Baron Cohen.

"This guy comes from a corpus of comedic material that's not about Kazakhstan, and if you want to look at it from that perspective, he's made fun of a lot of different societies," said McReynolds, who works in the department's Russian and East European offices.

"Any government has the right to be offended, but it's a waste of time to be," she said.

And though many students were looking forward to the laughs and inappropriate gags they'd get from Cohen's portrayal of a Kazakh journalist coming to America to learn about our culture, a lot weren't buying the hype.

"I know Kazakhstan is upset about it, but I don't think it's necessary," sophomore Brad Lockwood said. "I don't think it deserves all the media hype it's getting



Senior Rachel Van Patten blocks the doors to the Union Auditorium, allowing only five students at a time to enter the lobby to get their bracelets for CUAB's preview of "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" on Thursday.

— it's probably just going to be a funny movie."

Lin said he sees the controversy as an even greater pull for bringing "Borat" to UNC.

"I think that's just another great reason to make this movie available to students — to let them judge it for themselves," he said. "We took that into consideration, but determined that bringing it would do more benefit than not."

Senior Jan Ahlen, who was first in a line that stretched the length of the Student Union and up to Davis Library by 6 p.m., said he is worried the movie's popularity

will affect Cohen's ability to do what he does best — be funny.

"I think it's pretty cool," Ahlen said of the media blitz. "But it sucks that it's going to get bigger and that he won't be able to interview all the high-profile political figures that he does because they'll be onto him."

The Internet has proven to be a useful tool for Cohen and his film, as many fans — including freshman James David and senior Amelia Hummel — have used sites such as YouTube.com as a way to feed their "Borat" fix.

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A line of hundreds of students stretched from the Union Auditorium around Davis Library for the sneak preview of "Borat."

Court sets date to hear cases

Board of Elections serves as defendant, then plaintiff

BY KATE SULLIVAN
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The Student Supreme Court will hear two cases Sunday, both involving the Board of Elections.

The last time the Student Supreme Court heard a case was a little more than a year ago, when The Daily Tar Heel and two other student groups sued the BOE.

The two cases were given pretrial hearings Thursday night.

The first case, McLamb v. Board of Elections, involves a candidate who won a seat in the off-campus district.

Stephanie McLamb ran as one of five candidates for one of two congressional seats for district six. Jessica Thompson was the top vote-getter, with McLamb falling just seven votes behind.

But when Thompson was found to be in violation of election rules for passing out candy with her

campaign fliers, the BOE voided the results, calling for a re-election.

McLamb filed a complaint with the BOE, stating that as the second highest vote-getter, the BOE should certify her as the winner of one of the two seats.

"Title VI states that we are not able to certify one seat while voiding the other seat," said Jim Brewer, chairman of the BOE, citing the Student Code.

"She should not have to run in another election," said Congress Rep. Tyler Younts, who is representing McLamb in court. Younts said the BOE instead should hold another election for one of the two district-six seats.

But BOE officials cited the small margin of cast votes for the five candidates as reason enough for a re-election.

"There is no way to determine where the affected votes would have been cast if there hadn't been a violation," said Candace Debnam, student attorney general and counsel for the BOE.

In the other case, Board of Elections v. Student Congress, the BOE is the plaintiff instead of the

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Former provost at home at ASU

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As North Carolina gears up for the start of the basketball season, former UNC Provost Robert Shelton said he eagerly is awaiting Jan. 27 — the day the Tar Heels travel to Arizona to take on the Wildcats.

Shelton, who officially assumed his role as president of the University of Arizona during a ceremony Thursday, said his new job has changed his perspective.

"I've got to root for Arizona."

Shelton began his work with the University of Arizona in July. During the first few months he kept busy, meeting with students and community groups and acclimating to his new role.

"It's different as a president as opposed to a provost," he said. Shelton reports directly to the



Former UNC provost Robert Shelton was inaugurated Thursday as ASU president.

Arizona Board of Regents. He is working on several broad goals, including expanding Arizona's flagship university.

"Enrollment management is a big thing," he said, adding that the university is seeking to add 300 students a year to the current population of 37,000.

Before Shelton arrived the University of Arizona had no plans to grow its enrollment, but the new president convinced the state of the need for expansion, Arizona Student Regent Edward

Hermes said.

"It's a very important step for UA."

Hermes is one of the 11 voting members on the Arizona Board of Regents.

Two students are appointed to the board. Students spend one year as a nonvoting member and then another as a voting member.

"It's a very clever way of getting the student educated and oriented so that he or she can be effective," Shelton said.

Board members agree that Shelton is effective in his new post.

Hermes said that Shelton takes different approaches to old problems, and that he has streamlined the bureaucracy to divert funds to new educational projects.

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the Thursday front page photo outline accompanying the story, "All Hallow's Month," incorrectly states that Matthew Scott Montgomery was in his dorm room. He actually was in his apartment. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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FIRSTHAND VIEW A Cuban-native says there are public misconceptions of Cuba

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TRADITIONAL TREAT As Halloween in Chapel Hill gets more adult-oriented, events in town still cater to a traditional Halloween crowd — the kids.

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POWER SCALE Is the student government executive branch too powerful, or is Student Congress overstepping its bounds? Leaders from both sides weigh in.

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The Board of Trustees approves a site next to Fetzer Gymnasium for the Student Recreation Center.
Construction began in August 1991 and was completed in 1993.

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