

'Plenty of space' left in on-campus housing

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It is better late than never to sign up for on-campus housing.

Students who missed the March 9 recontracting deadline with the Department of Housing and Residential Education will need to fill out a paper application at Carr Building as soon as possible, said Rick Bradley, assistant director for housing.

Although the housing department will give priority to students who applied before the deadline,

late applications are accepted until all spaces are filled, he said.

"We have plenty of space for everybody," Bradley said.

The number of beds on campus has increased 25 percent since 2002, and housing spaces have opened up. Because of the increase of beds, sophomores are guaranteed air-conditioned rooms next year.

Several communities were in high demand this year.

The housing department

received 1,080 applications for Ram Village Apartments, which opened in fall 2006 with a capacity of 917. The newly renovated Morrison Residence Hall, which will open in the fall, will be full as well.

After Ram Village's opening, 563 off-campus students moved back in 2006. This year the housing department expects to pull about 400 more students back on campus.

"Our focus has been to improve the quality of facilities and services

on campus to where students see it as the best alternative," Bradley said.

The housing department has not processed most room assignments yet. Recontracting students will receive their assignments before the spring semester ends.

Helen Baddour, a freshman journalism major, said she hopes to receive an assignment on North Campus.

"I think living in Hinton James was like a rite of passage for freshmen, but it's not very convenient," Baddour said.

"If I get on North Campus, I'll love housing."

After living in Avery Residence

Hall, freshman business and economics double major Mike Doubintchik said he is moving off-campus in the fall.

Doubintchik said that although he enjoys the convenience of living near classes, the price of campus housing isn't worth it.

"I have nothing against housing," he said. "It's just expensive, and there aren't that many benefits to it."

Bradley said having a mixture of graduating classes on North and South Campus contributes to an atmosphere of mentorship and leadership between upperclassmen and lowerclassmen.

He said that interaction with other students, convenience, loca-

By the numbers

- > 0: sophomore on-campus students without air conditioning next year
- > 25: percentage increase for 2007 in on-campus beds
- > 163: applicants who will not get a spot in Ram Village

tion and comparable prices are just a few of the benefits of living on campus.

"They have the rest of their lives to live off-campus. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

National and World News

Suicide attack might have been inside job

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The suicide attack against Iraq's Sunni deputy prime minister is now seen as an inside job carried out by a member of his own security detail — a distant relative who had been arrested as an insurgent, freed at the official's request and then hired as a bodyguard, a senior security official and an aide to the victim told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The assassination attempt, at least the third major security breach involving a top politician in four months, prompted Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to order a government-wide security shake up, including plans to hire a foreign company to guard the Green Zone building where parliament meets, the security official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak with reporters.

Half of funds not yet released for cleanup

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Of the \$151 million in federal rebuilding aid the city received in the first 18 months following Hurricane Katrina, less than 10 percent went into public repairs and reconstruction.

The rest — about \$137.7 million — went for such things as debris removal, temporary roofs for storm-battered buildings, and overtime and other expenses of the emergency response, city finance officials say. None of it comes close to the \$1 billion or more the city says it will take just to restore what Katrina ruined.

Virtually no one disputes that the recovery from the 2005 storm has been slow. But regardless of who is to blame, the state homeland security department charged with disbursing certain aid dollars has yet to release about half the money approved for the city by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Less support for Gonzales

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Republican support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales eroded Sunday as three key senators sharply questioned his honesty over last fall's firings of eight federal prosecutors.

Additionally, two Democrats joined the list of lawmakers calling for Gonzales' ouster. Several Republicans also urged President Bush to allow sworn testimony from his top aides about their role in dismissing the U.S. attorneys — a standoff threatening to result in Capitol Hill subpoenas of White House officials.

Five soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — With U.S. attack helicopters buzzing overhead, gunmen and Iraqi security forces clashed Sunday in a Sunni area in central Baghdad, and police said at least two people were killed in fighting in the neighborhood's narrow streets and alleys.

Roadside bombings killed five U.S. soldiers including four in a single strike in a volatile province northeast of the capital. The fighting in Baghdad started about 1:30 p.m. when gunmen attacked Iraqi army positions in the Fadhil neighborhood, on the east side of the Tigris River, police said.

British patrol could be tried

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned Iran on Sunday that the fate of 15 British sailors and marines seized off the Iraqi coast was an issue for his government, as Iran suggested the group might be put on trial for violating its waters.

British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett spoke by telephone with Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki late Sunday, and reiterated her country's stance that the British were operating in Iraqi waters as they searched for smugglers at sea.

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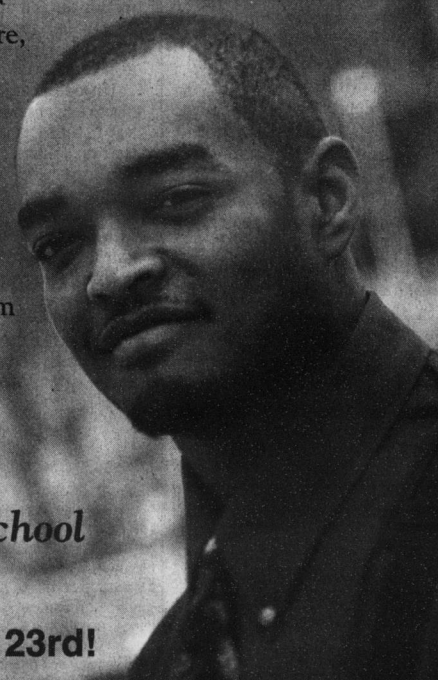
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Faculty group hears about grading system, background checks

The Faculty Council met Friday to hear about a new system for students' academic comparison and background checks for all University employees.

Council members also heard reports about construction, scholarships and student aid, as well as copyright options on campus.

After members raised concern about celebratory bonfires on Franklin Street at last month's meeting, the council heard an update on the issue from Faculty Chairman Joe Templeton.

ACHIEVEMENT INDEX

Peter Gordon, psychology professor and chairman of the subcommittee on grading, presented a proposal about the Achievement Index.

The index, which is similar to a student's grade point average, measures each student's academic accomplishments by taking into consideration the that they've classes taken.

"It means that students aren't being compared on how their instructors grade, but rather on how they do," Gordon said.

Because of time constraints, council members decided to hold an additional meeting April 13 to discuss the proposal further.

The council will not vote on the Achievement Index until their last meeting of the year on April 27.

UNC TOMORROW

Chancellor James Moeser talked about University of North Carolina Tomorrow, an initiative introduced by UNC-system President Erskine Bowles that examines how the system can best meet the changing needs of the state.

The initiative is examining the projected growth of Latino students in North Carolina and how this growth would affect the educational system.

Moeser discussed establishing an accountability plan for the system, which was drafted by Bowles. The accountability plan would ensure that the 16 universities that comprise the system carry out their responsibilities.

Moeser also said that officials are examining efforts to make more classes available online as part of the

initiative but that academic degrees will not be offered online by the University.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Provost Bernadette Gray-Little discussed a new criminal background check policy that will be instituted by the University on July 1.

The plan calls for a background check for all new faculty members before or when an employment offer is made.

Some of the faculty members present raised concern that there could be problems with the new background check policy.

They said they were worried that international workers would meet obstacles in extensive documentation.

Gray-Little said the University should not have problems with the new policy.

"On this campus we have not done criminal checks on faculty in some areas," Gray-Little said.

"We don't expect it to cause delays to the process."

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WALK-IN HOURS: Answers to quick career questions and resume reviews—M-F, 10:30am-3:30pm

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

The employers listed below will be conducting on-campus interviews. If you are interested, please submit your resume in our online system by the deadline date listed:

Internships

Centex Homes: Centex Homes - Sales Intern (deadline March 26)

Full-Time

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.: Manager in Training (deadline April 5)

ALDI Foods: District Manager (deadline April 8- Open sign up)

Apex Systems, Inc.: Recruiter Management Trainee (deadline March 29)

BearingPoint, Inc.: Management Analyst - Consultant (deadline March 29)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina: Customer Service Specialist (deadline April 2)

Cingular Wireless: Details pending

Enterprise Rent-A-Car: Management Trainee (deadline March 29)

Keyence Corporation of America: Sales Associate (deadline March 29)

Liberty Mutual Insurance Group: Claims Case Manager (deadline March 28)

Liberty Mutual Insurance Group: Disability Claims Case Manager (deadline April 4)

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network: Financial Rep. (deadline April 1- Open sign up)

US Airways: Analyst - Yield Management (deadline April 1)

PRESENTATIONS

HSBC: Accelerated Management Trainee: March 27, 5:00 pm, 239B Hanes Hall. Open to all students Business Casual Dress.

Pulte Homes: Information Session: March 27, 7:00pm, 328 Phillips Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

Neiman Marcus: Information Session: March 28, 5:00 pm, 239B Hanes Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress. You must attend this information session in order to be eligible for on-campus interviews on April 11.

CIA: Information Session: March 28, 6:30 pm, 116 Murphey Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

Geico: Information Session: March 28, 6:30 pm, 08 Gardner Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

US Census Bureau: IT Specialist, Math Stat., Statistician, Geographer, Cartographer: March 28, 6:30 pm, 105 Gardner Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

McKesson: Information Session: March 28, 7:00 pm, 328 Phillips Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress. Will be attending the Spring Job Fair on March 28. Interviews from the fair to be held on March 29.

Bard College Program on Globalization and International Affairs (Bard College): Information Session: March 29, 5:00 pm, 239B Hanes Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

AmeriCorps*NCCC: Information Session: March 29, 6:30 pm, 08 Gardner Hall. Open to all students. Business Casual Dress.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ▶ ***Writing Resumes & Job Search Correspondence:** March 26, 3:30 pm, 239B Hanes Hall
- ▶ ***School of Education Mock Interview Day:** March 26, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Hanes Hall
- ▶ ***Career Clinic:** March 27, 4:00 pm, 239A Hanes Hall
- ▶ ***Spring Job Fair:** Speak to representatives from over 70 organizations about possible job opportunities. View job descriptions at <http://careers.unc.edu>. Open to UNC-CH students only. Professional attire. March 28, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm, Great Hall, Student Union

*Note that this program fulfills one of the modules for UCS' Career Development Certificate Program. If you are not yet enrolled in this program, and have an interest, please see further information at <http://careers.unc.edu/certificate.html>

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