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ASG president to appeal assault conviction

Student officials call for an open discussion

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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Barely two months into his term as president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, Cole Jones is finding himself in the delicate position of explaining a criminal conviction for misdemeanor assault.

On Aug. 1, exactly one month after taking office, Jones appeared in Craven County District Court to dispute charges

filed by the maternal aunt and grandmother of his 2-year-old son.

The charges were related to a February incident in which Jones attempted to leave the Havelock home of his son's maternal grandmother.

According to witnesses and police reports, Jones tried to drive away with his son in the car, but the boy's aunt — Shekinah Bryant — was hanging from the driver's side window. Jones said he plans

to appeal the conviction, arguing that the boy's aunt assaulted him and refused to let go of the car.

"I'm just not going to say 'OK' to something I wasn't at fault for," Jones said, explaining why he plans to appeal. "The 'assault' was basically me leaving the scene with my son after I was attacked."

Even with an appeal pending, Jones' legal troubles have sparked a quiet but intense debate among UNC-system officials and ASG officers about how to handle the situation.

Jim Phillips, chairman of the UNC-sys-



ASG President Cole Jones wants to continue in office while he appeals the conviction.

tem Board of Governors, met with Jones not long after the court hearing. As ASG president, Jones is entitled to serve as the student representative on the board, which sets policy for all 17 UNC-system

campuses.

"Students need to have that representation in an effective way," Phillips said in an interview. He said he would like to see the issue resolved in time for the board's Sept. 7 meeting.

"I am very sorry for Cole and for ASG with regard to the events that have occurred," he said.

The board's stance reflects a willingness to let student officials decide what action, if any, ought to be taken. The board is

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SERVICES HEAD SOUTH

Move centralizes campus offices

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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As students roam campus putting final touches on their schedules and paying tuition bills, many are finding themselves gravitating to one location.

The new Student and Academic Services Buildings, which officially opened in July, now houses many academic and student activity departments.

The buildings are one of the University's final initiatives that aim to tie North and South campuses together — bringing a mix of residential, academic and administrative buildings to one location.

"The vision for this particular area of South Campus was to include all of those components," said Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

The buildings' departments range from Disability Services to Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Most building visitors have sought the services of the University Registrar and Student Accounts and University Receivables, as students are still hacking out their class schedules and paying tuition bills.

Despite officials' efforts to alert the campus of the location changes, some students were still a little unsure where to go.

Sophomore Raj Naik, who lives in Morrison Residence Hall, needed to visit Student Accounts to pay off his account balance.

He saved himself a trip to North Campus — where most of the departments previously were located — by double-checking the location before he left.

"That would have been a bummer," he said, as he waited in line with about 15 other students.

Although this year's freshmen weren't aware of the departments' previous locations, some still had trouble figuring it out.

"I wasn't exactly sure, so I had to ask, and somebody in Student Stores told me," said freshman Jordan Oakes, who lives in Granville Towers.

To help with the confusion, the north building usually staffs an information desk with two student workers.

But before the desk opened, the Department of Housing and

Student and Academic Services Buildings

Consisting of 160,000 square feet and costing \$30 million to build, the SASB opened in time for the start of the fall 2007 semester. Offices in the building:

NORTH BUILDING

LEVEL ONE

Dean of Students
Basics: Answers students' policy issues
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: deanofstudents.unc.edu

Fraternity and Sorority Life
Basics: Oversees greek groups
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: greeks.unc.edu

Housing and Residential Ed.
Basics: Campus housing
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: housing.unc.edu

SOUTH BUILDING

LEVEL ONE

ITS Computing Lab
Hours: Open 24 hours a day

ITS Repair Center, Help Desk
Basics: Tech support, computer repair
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. M-F, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sun.
Online: its.unc.edu/itrc

LEVEL THREE

NC Health Careers Access
Basics: Fosters careers in health
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: nc-hcap.unc.edu

New Student, Carolina Parent
Basics: Organizes orientation, etc.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: nscpp.unc.edu

LEVEL TWO

Disability Services
Basics: Assistance and education
Online: disabilityservices.unc.edu

Student Accounts and University Receivables
Basics: Formerly University Cashier
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F
Online: cashiers.unc.edu

Academic Success Program for Students with LD & ADHD
Basics: Learning disability services
Online: www.unc.edu/asp

Diversity Recruitment
Basics: Multicultural programs
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: www.unc.edu/diversity

Academic Services and Summer Bridge
Basics: Support program for select entering first-year students.
Online: www.unc.edu/depts/bridge

LEVEL THREE

University Registrar
Basics: Provides records, registration
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
Online: regweb.unc.edu

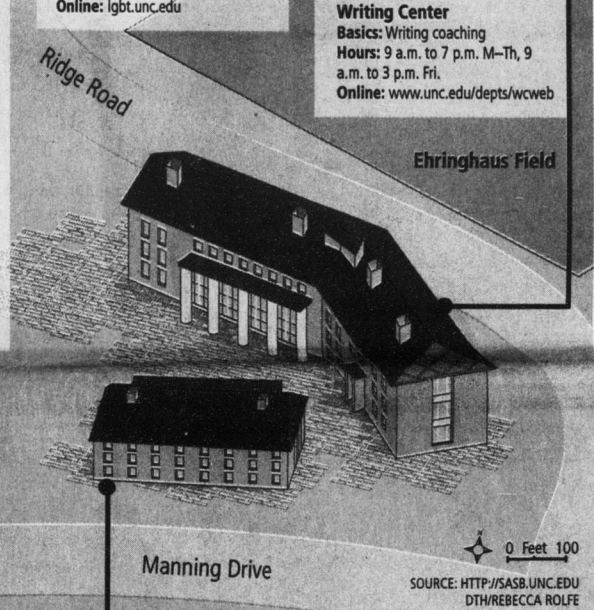
LGBTQ Center
Basics: Sexuality and gender identity
Online: lgbt.unc.edu

BASEMENT

Honor System
Basics: Holds court hearings
Online: honor.unc.edu

Learning Center
Basics: Peer tutoring
Online: www.unc.edu/depts/lcweb

Writing Center
Basics: Writing coaching
Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-Th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri.
Online: www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb



"We're happy to be almost like an information desk for South Campus."

JILL RODRIGUEZ, MARKETING MANAGER FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Residential Education, which is located at the main entrance, acted as the building's information center.

"We're happy to be almost like an information desk for South Campus," said Jill Rodriguez, marketing manager for the housing department.

Although it can be a headache for students and parents to search for the relocated departments, SASB Operations Coordinator

Other campus moves

- Carolina Center for Public Service
 - > 205 Wilson Street
 - > unc.edu/cps
- University Career Services
 - > Granville Towers South
 - > Second Floor
 - > careers.unc.edu
- Academic Advising Programs
 - > Phillips Hall: Team 65, 70, 75, 85

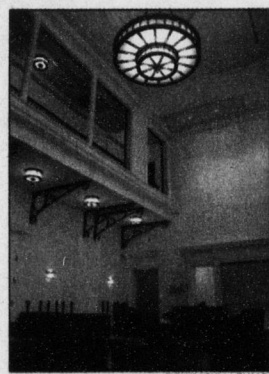
Renee Cadena said most are finding a silver lining in the situation.

"The positive has been if they come for accounts receivable, they also need to go to the registrar,"

- and 95, pre-health and pre-law
 - > Coates Building: Team 55, 60, 90
 - > advising.unc.edu
- The Graduate Student Center
 - > 211A W. Cameron Ave.
 - > gradschool.unc.edu/gsc
- Carolina Leadership Development
 - > Carolina Union suite 3505
 - > leadership.unc.edu

she said. "It's much better when it's housed in the same building."

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The new Student and Academic Services Buildings will house several offices on campus, including the University Registrar.

Book-policy revamp limited

Buybacks apply to 50 courses

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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As part of a recent mandate from the UNC system, campus officials are slowly hammering out the details of an expanded buyback program for introductory textbooks.

Public universities across the state have until the spring semester to implement a rental system or guaranteed buyback for textbooks in large introductory courses.

Officials at UNC-Chapel Hill have opted for a buyback, arguing that a rental system is too expensive, and decided that any class with more than 250 students will qualify for the program.

The guidelines issued by the UNC system in March allow each campus to decide the scope of its buyback commitment based on how officials define "large, introductory course."

"Obviously, the more narrowly you define it, the more easily you can reach the goal," said Steve Allred, executive associate provost and chairman of the committee charged with implementing the new textbook guidelines.

"Two-hundred and fifty just seemed like a reasonable number."

That would translate into a guaranteed buyback for about 50 courses, based on data from fall 2006, including such freshman staples as Economics 101 and Math 231.

That constitutes a relatively small proportion of classes offered at the University, and student officials say they'd like to see the buyback expand over time. Student Body Vice President Mike Tarrant, the student repre-

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Freshmen go to top of class

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
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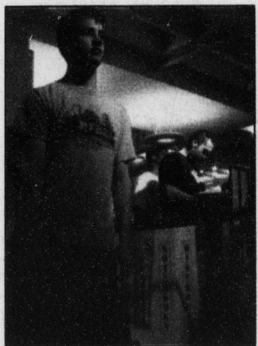
Many of this year's freshmen might seem lost and confused as they wander the campus, but members of the class of 2011 on average have academic credentials that exceed their predecessors at UNC.

The average SAT score of freshmen is 1302, up from 1292 in last year's entering class, according to preliminary data released by UNC's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

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	2006-07	2007-08
In-state	84.1 percent	80.1 percent
Out-of-state	15.1 percent	19.9 percent
Male	40.1 percent	39.8 percent
Female	59.9 percent	60.2 percent
White/Caucasian	69.8 percent	69.3 percent
Top 10% of class	76.2 percent	76.5 percent
Average SAT score	1292	1302

SOURCE: Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Office of Institutional Research



Freshman Will Bayliss, from Greensboro, buys books at Student Stores on Monday.

Statewide shortage of teachers hurts county

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
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School starts Monday for local school districts, but education leaders say they are short a few teachers.

State sets out funds to draw next generation of teachers. PAGE 6

will start with 19 vacant positions. "What's different about some of the positions that we have open has to do with the specialization attached to them," said Stephanie Knott, assistant to the superintendent for community relations for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district.

While most of the shortages are part-time positions, the absences

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CORRECTION

An incorrect map ran with Monday's front-page story "Deadlines approaching for Carolina North's approval." To see the correct version of the map, visit www.unc.edu/depts/trustees/Carolina%20North.pdf.

announcement

WE'RE HIRING

The DTH is accepting applications for new staff. Come to our interest meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Union 3411 for information. Applications are available in Union 2409 or at www.dailytarheel.com.



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FACT AND FICTION

What really happens if you kiss under Davie Poplar? The DTH debugs some of the campus's prominent myths.

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