

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's pg. 3 article "Town weighs public finance" incorrectly identified qualifications for receiving public funding in local elections. In order to receive \$3,000 in public funds, candidates for the Chapel Hill Town Council must raise at least \$750 and no more than \$2,250 in donations not exceeding \$20 from residents eligible to vote in Chapel Hill. Mayoral candidates must raise a minimum of \$1,500 but no more than \$4,500 to receive public funds of \$9,000. All candidates can also raise up to \$750 from any source in unlimited amounts. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Apply for early registration by Friday, no late requests

Students who want to be considered for priority registration have until 5 p.m. Friday to submit their requests.

University-sponsored groups are eligible to apply, but individual students cannot.

To apply, go to regweb.unc.edu and click the "Registration Priority Forms Due" link.

There will be no extension on the deadline because registrar officials will assign registration times by March 1.

The priority registration advisory committee will review the applications and determine who is eligible. So far, only one group has submitted a request.

Previously, groups such as athletes and students with disabilities received priority registration. But the Faculty Council passed the new system in December.

Apply to be part of next DTH editor selection committee

The Daily Tar Heel is seeking four students to serve on the editor selection committee, the 11-member board that picks the next editor-in-chief of the paper.

The selection committee will consider applications and conduct interviews of editor candidates before making a decision April 5.

Applicants must be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 3 and from 8:30 a.m. until about 2 p.m. April 5.

Any UNC undergraduate, graduate or professional student who is not a member of the DTH staff may apply.

Applications and more information about the process can be found at www.dailytarheel.com under the "About Us" tab or at the DTH office in the Student Union, Room 2409.

March 20 is the deadline to apply.

Seniors to be auctioned off, funds raised go to charity

The senior class will host a date auction today at Players to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

The senior class built a house in Hillsborough and needs to raise \$2,000 more for the charity.

All drinks will be 50 percent off, and seniors get in free before 11 p.m.

The auction starts at 11 p.m.

Here are some of the seniors who will be auctioned off: Colby Almond, Eve Carson, Angela Crocker, Sam Crocker, Bert Ellison, Ryan Geary, Veronica Mora, George Moreland, Alex Perini, Sagar Rathie, Ashley Shores, Mike Tarrant and Andrew Woodin.

CITY BRIEFS

Dental health workshop aim to educate parents, children

Attempts by the Orange County Health Department to educate parents about their children's dental health have not sparked much interest so far.

Two workshops led by local pediatric dentists were planned, but the first of the two, scheduled for Wednesday night, was canceled because only two people signed up.

The workshops aim to teach parents about how to prevent decay and address dental trauma, said Dr. Avni Rampersaud, who was supposed to host the first workshop.

She also said the workshop would have been an opportunity for pediatric dentists to reach parents that might not have access to dentists.

Visit City News at www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Hillsborough residents meet to discuss sidewalk project

Hillsborough residents met Wednesday to discuss a town project that will place new sidewalks throughout the community.

The plan calls for the addition of more than 8,000 feet of sidewalk to help connect the town's northern and southern neighborhoods, Hillsborough and Central elementary schools and the upcoming Gold Park and Riverwalk.

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— From staff and wire reports

Emergency sirens to be tested

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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UNC's new emergency siren system is in place and will undergo additional testing this semester, University officials said.

The four sirens are designed to alert those in the area of an emergency situation.

Shaped like a stack of large, off-white discs, they are mounted on 50-foot-tall poles at three locations on the main campus and one other University-owned site.

The sirens will sound in case of a tornado, an "armed and dangerous person" or a major chemical spill or other hazard in the area, according to the Alert Carolina Web site.

"Basically these are one item in a menu of communication devices to be employed in the event of a threat to campus," said Randy Young, spokesman for UNC's Department of Public Safety.

He said the sirens, which are designed to be heard outside within a one-quarter to one-half mile range, emit both an alarm sound and announcements giving instructions to those in the area, typically to go indoors and remain there until the all-clear.

Another siren and announcement will signal that the danger has passed.

"They're certainly a salient signal," Young said, adding that he was able to hear several sirens at once during a Winter Break test.

Sirens are located at Hinton James Residence Hall; behind the Dogwood parking deck; at the corner of Raleigh Street and South Road at Winston Residence Hall; and at University-supported facilities on Airport Drive off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

They are powered by batteries charged by solar panels mounted on

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the poles and have their own radio frequency, ensuring their functionality during a power outage.

The first test of the system was Dec. 19.

Although it functioned properly, officials said changes are still being made to ensure the siren is more distinct from emergency vehicles and to clarify the emergency messages broadcasted.

Mike McFarland, director of University communications, said another test of the system likely will take place later this semester.

"Students have not heard these sirens yet," he said.

Officials said the sirens were

purchased last spring from Federal Signal Corp., after about two years of discussion.

They are one of several facets of UNC's new Alert Carolina campaign to promote campus safety.

Other initiatives include text-message-based emergency alerts and a mass-mailed emergency information poster set to go out to students and parents of undergraduates in the next few weeks.

The Web site, which also displays emergency alerts, is available at alertcarolina.unc.edu.

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

UNC-C debates football startup

Report offers a recommendation

BY JAKE RATLIFF
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A special committee at UNC-Charlotte is expected to recommend that the school start a football program, a move that aims to raise the profile of the only public university in North Carolina's largest city.

The program would require a significant investment by students and university alumni.

UNC-C Chancellor Philip Dubois said he expects to receive the committee's official report this week or early next week.

The chancellor said he will reserve his official judgment until reading the committee report, which is widely expected to favor a football program for Charlotte.

But in discussing the issue with the UNC-system Board of Governors, Dubois has shown little enthusiasm for the idea.

The university's student body, by contrast, has been vocal in its support. In a poll conducted by Charlotte's student government, the student body overwhelmingly voted for a football program.

The Official Student Football Vote, conducted by student government and endorsed by the chancellor, yielded the highest turnout in school history, with almost 39 percent of students participating.

More than half of voters reported that they would agree to pay additional student fees of up to \$200 per student to support a football program.

"The overwhelming issue is the cost," Dubois said.

The chancellor cited not only yearly operating costs but the initial capital costs of starting a program. The total cost just for the startup is estimated at \$10 million, Dubois said, adding that the number will not be confirmed until the committee's report is released.

Because of Title IX requirements, UNC-C would have to start several women's sports in addition to the football program, the chancellor said.

The monetary cost is not the only concern. Many cite the importance of the university's image when debating whether the school should add such a high-profile sport.

"There is the aphorism that athletics is the front porch of your university and that it can get your university more attention," Dubois said.

Other UNC-system schools have sought to boost their profiles through football. UNC-Pembroke started its program last year.

Athletic Media Relations Director Todd Anderson said that when UNC-P first decided to start a football program the question of whether to raise student fees to fund the program was put to a vote and passed with 90 percent in favor.

"Obviously, as far as startup

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Abdul Asimalowo, a resident of Hillsborough, hands out food during a free vegetarian dinner held by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness in McCorkle Place on Feb. 7. The dinner is held every Thursday night and often draws large crowds of students.

FAITH THROUGH FOOD

Free meal served weekly for Hare Krishna

BY RACHEL KUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Each week for 14 years, Jagadguru Das has been serving free food prepared "with love and devotion" to UNC students and the Chapel Hill community.

He does this as part of his practice of Hare Krishna, a spiritual practice started in India thousands of years ago.

Das and several others from the Krishna Temple of North Carolina in Hillsborough have a stand in McCorkle Place near Franklin Street, where they serve a vegetarian meal every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Usually, about 100 to 120 people come to the distribution, Das said. Hare Krishna members also distribute food at Duke University on Mondays.

The stand at UNC serves rice, beans, curry and bread with a cream of wheat dessert.

When people eat the food, Das said, they receive the love put into its preparation then

spread that love and devotion to others.

Hare Krishna, a sect of Hinduism, is also known as the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. It got its name from its traditional chant, which begins with the phrase.

Hare refers to the energy of God, and Krishna means "the all-attractive."

The religious group focuses on one god, Krishna. Eating food specially prepared for him is an act of purification and communion.

Followers of Hare Krishna eat only vegetarian meals, avoiding fish and eggs. Caffeine, alcohol and tobacco are also forbidden.

Abdul Asimalowo, a member of the Hillsborough congregation, started serving meals on UNC's campus in 1987 during his fourth year as an undergraduate at UNC.

He said the group's tasty vegetarian cuisine shows that "vegetarian food is not all about raw vegetables and dry grains."

Last Thursday, 20 to 30 people sat alongside the stone wall of Franklin Street and

under the large oak trees, leisurely enjoying their food and making new acquaintances. Many gathered at the stand said they came for the social aspect.

Amala Dass Antonyamy, who conducts research in the chemistry department, has been coming for about seven months.

"I see several positive aspects of this," he said. "These days, everyone walks around in their own world with their iPods and cell phones, so it's nice to just come and interact with other people."

Alex Shapiro, a junior religious studies major from Carboro, has been coming to the gatherings every Thursday for about a year.

He said he does not follow the Krishna spiritual practice, but is familiar with its beliefs.

He found out about the weekly event from the free food listerv at UNC.

"It's delicious food that's inexpensive, and I see people here I don't see at other times in the week," he said.

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Pop festival comes to town

Local 506 is site of Chapel Hill debut

BY JOHN CHOQUETTE
STAFF WRITER

The last time Chapel Hill band The Huguenots played a show, they wound up stranded off of I-540 in Raleigh fixing a blown-out tire with their stage gear — psychedelic shirts and dress shoes — still on.

The group said they're hoping that their next gig, the International Pop Overthrow festival at Local 506, will run a bit more smoothly.

The festival, founded in 1998 in Los Angeles by David Bash, is coming to Chapel Hill for the first time this weekend and aims to bring attention to bands that Bash said aren't getting enough of.

The festival begins today and runs through Sunday. A full schedule of events is available at www.internationalpopoverthrow.com.

Other stops for this year's IPO include New York City, Los Angeles, Toronto and Liverpool, England.

Bash said in its history, the festival has been host to groups such as Maroon 5 (when it was known as The Clik Five) and pop-rockers The Clark Five.

Groups that perform are not always well-known at the time, but popularity is not a part of the selection process.

"What matters above all is the music," Bash said. "People should support any kind of grassroots movement."

Sometimes bands contact Bash directly to be a part of IPO, or he finds them through MySpace or Sonicbids.com, a site where bands can apply directly to be a part of festivals.

Bash said he selects bands with "really catchy melodies that will stay with you."

The Huguenots, which consists of UNC sophomore William Moose, juniors Samuel Logan and Matthew Howie and Ragtime Vintage Clothing owner Matt L'Esperance, got involved with IPO through a friend.

The bandmates describe their music as '60s-style pop influenced primarily by The Beatles, and they said they expect their sound to fit in well with the rest of the music being performed this weekend.

"We really try to write the most kind of concise, efficient and effervescent pop music," Howie

International Pop Overthrow

All shows at Local 506 on West Franklin Street

Today
► Artists will perform sets beginning at 7:30 p.m.
► Admission is \$8

Friday
► Groups presented by Waterstone Musical Instruments
► Performances beginning at 8 p.m.
► Admission is \$8

Saturday
► Acts begin at 8 p.m.
► Admission is \$10

Sunday
► Performances start at 4 p.m.
► Admission is \$8

said. "We don't have any grand ambition of changing the world, but we just want people to have a good time."

Bash said that he had long wanted to bring the festival to Chapel Hill but that this year the time was finally right.

"Chapel Hill has long been the

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Water contest ends, but results a secret

BY MARYANN BARONE
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Along with the win against N.C. State in basketball, UNC pulled ahead of the Wolfpack in the water conservation challenge.

"It was successful for both campuses for lowering the water use of students," Residence Hall Association President Brian Sugg said.

The updated results were announced Wednesday at the UNC vs. N.C. State game. The competition began with the Nov. 10 football game between the two schools.

While water counting is officially over, the final results won't be announced until the ACC Tournament in March.

Throughout the competition, both universities had their turn at being the leader. At the Jan. 15 update, N.C. State had the lead. At the Feb. 1 update, UNC had pulled ahead.

N.C. State started off with 31 gallons of water used per student per day, and UNC with 34 gallons of water per student per day.

Three criteria were considered for this competition. The university with the largest decrease in gallons of water used per student per day from the initial reading won one section.

The other two components

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include average number of gallons of water used per student per day and the total percentage reduction in gallons of water used per student per day from the initial reading to the final reading.

The challenge's inaugural year was met with positive feedback.

"This is the first time we've done it," UNC's Director of Energy Services Ray DuBose said. "I am overwhelmed."

N.C. State is able to read its statistics every day, but UNC only gets its results on a monthly basis, said Brock Phillips, co-chairman of the environmental committee of student government. He said the competition could be more successful if UNC had offered students more updates.

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