

CAMPUS BRIEFS

BOT hears about impacts of increased UNC enrollment

At Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting, two preliminary reports showed potential effects of an increase in UNC's enrollment. UNC officials are planning how to deal with the surge of N.C. high school graduates. They have three scenarios on the table ranging from an increase to 29,447 students to 33,000 students. The Arts and Sciences Foundation and Paulien & Associates Inc. have been reviewing the effects that enrollment will have on the quality of education and the physical space on campus, respectively. So far, they've found a correlation between an increase in enrollment and a decrease in the SAT scores and class rank of admitted students. The report showed UNC would need at least 2 million assignable square feet to meet the projection of 29,447.

Musical group has no permit, gets kicked out of the Pit

A band playing jazz, rock, hip-hop and funk got through one song before being shut down by UNC officials for not having a permit. The People's Party, an indie-label band based in Los Angeles, drove its makeshift stage — a van — in front of the Pit and started playing at 1 p.m. Thursday. An official at UNC's Department of Public Safety said the band could not continue playing because it did not have a permit and was too loud. The impromptu nature of the band's concerts means the group usually doesn't have time to get permits, said Orlando Boyd, a member. The group, which is a part of the Rock the Vote campaign, also showed support for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. The band played at N.C. State University on Wednesday, where they were also kicked out for not having a permit. They plan to stay in the area for a few more days and want to hold a concert at Duke University.

UNC upperclassmen honored for prestigious scholarships

Four seniors have been awarded prestigious awards and were recognized by Chancellor James Moeser at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. Senior Mike Tarrant, student body vice president, was granted the Luce Scholarship, one of 18 given nationwide, to live and learn in Asia. Tarrant is a political science and communications studies major and is one of 27 UNC students and alumni to win the Luce since 1974. Junior Danielle Allen has received the Truman Scholarship, which is \$30,000 for graduate studies. She is a public policy and economics double major and said she plans to attend law school. Seniors Lisa Bond and Stephanie Jones received Churchill Scholarships for graduate work at Cambridge University in England. Bond is a biology major, and Jones is a chemistry major.

GLBTSa opens 'The Laramie Project' today on campus

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance will present its production of "The Laramie Project," a play focusing on the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo. The play opens at 8 p.m. today in the Hanes Art Center auditorium and will be offered Saturday at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Topeka, Kan.-based Westboro Baptist Church has announced plans to picket GLBTSa's performance. A group from WBC was on campus earlier this month in protest of Student Body President Eve Carson's memorial service. Tickets to the play are on sale in the Pit today for \$5 and will be on sale at the door for \$8. Proceeds from the production will benefit the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

Local orchestra Lost in the Trees to play Gerrard Hall

Carolina Union Activities Board will host Lost in the Trees, a 13-person orchestra with local musicians, Saturday in Gerrard Hall. Lost in the Trees combines orchestral scores with folk melodies and electronica. The show, at 8 p.m., is free for UNC students with a valid One Card and costs \$3 for the general public.

CITY BRIEFS
Count of homeless finds more living without homes

There are at least 1,929 homeless people living on the streets in the Triangle, according to the 2008 Point-In-Time Count. The numbers, announced by U.S. Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., revealed that homelessness has increased in Orange, Wake and Durham counties.

— From staff and wire reports

WATER WATCH

OWASA doesn't ease rules

BY ANASA HICKS
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Customers will still have to pay high water rates, despite rising reservoir levels. The Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors decided Thursday to defer a decision to lower water rates until they have billing information for Stage 3. The board wants to know how severely the increased rates affect customers before lessening restrictions. At its Feb. 28 meeting when the board implemented Stage 3 water restrictions, OWASA staff recommended the board consider mov-

ing back to Stage 2 if reservoir levels reached 60 percent by April 1. Since then, reservoirs have gained 700 million gallons of water and are near 60 percent full, said OWASA Planning Director Ed Holland. Conservation also has increased. "We've actually exceeded the conservation goal for March, which is unprecedented," he said. "People are doing a commendable and responsive job of using less water." Still, the area isn't out of danger yet. "This is good news, but the bad news is that reservoirs are lower today than they've ever been at

this time in previous years," he said. Stage 3 restrictions have financially affected businesses and could affect athlete safety, officials said. "I would urge the board to ease the water restrictions from Stage 3 to Stage 2," said Doug Chapman, co-chairman of the N.C. Green Industry Council's legislative committee. Chapman said many small gardening businesses earn most of their annual revenue between March 1 and June 15. Carolyn Elfsland, UNC's associate vice chancellor for Campus Services, recommended the board seriously look into using Jordan

Lake as a water source. She also asked the board to allow UNC to import water from neighboring towns to irrigate athletic fields. "The fields have to be watered at specific intervals, or they literally get as hard as concrete and pose a real danger for the athletes," she said. OWASA will consider moving to Stage 2 restrictions if reservoir levels are at 65 percent by May 1. The board agreed to reconvene as soon as it had more telling information on the impact of Stage 3.

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UNC leader steps down

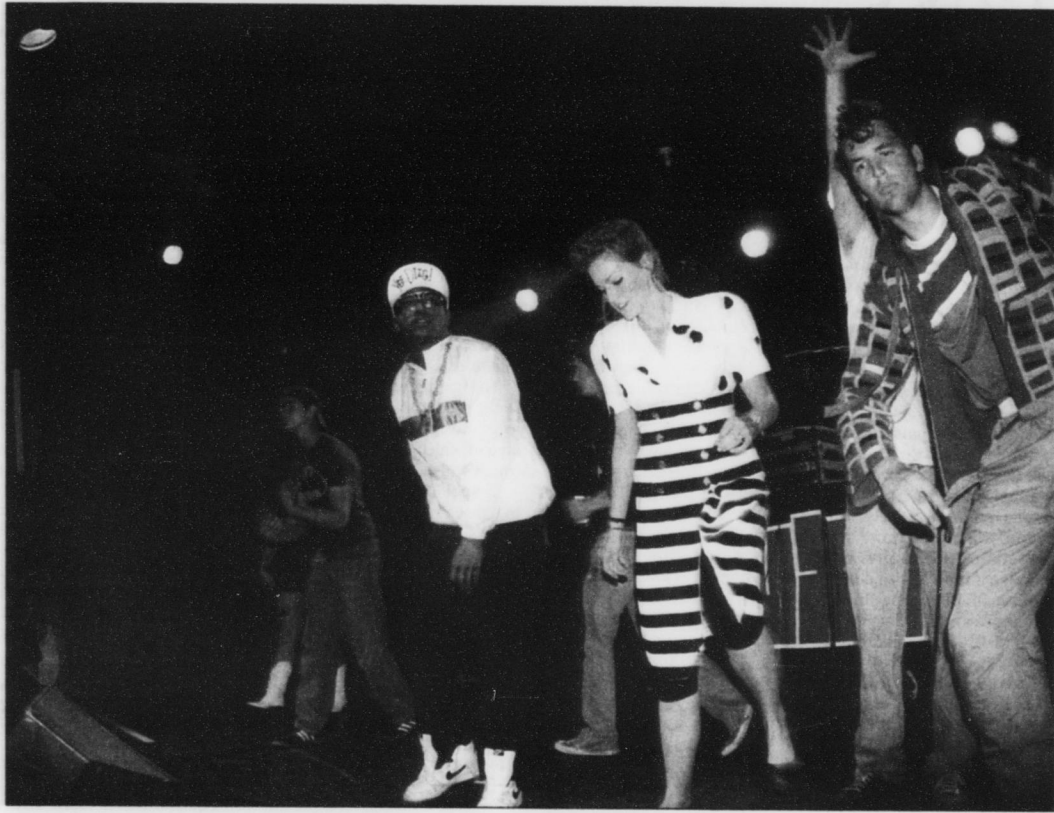
Was in charge of green initiatives

BY MEGAN HANNAY
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After 25 years at UNC and six years as director of the Institute for the Environment, Douglas Crawford-Brown resigned his post this month to accept two opportunities in Cambridge, England. "We're all very disappointed to have Doug leave. He was the sort of vision that created the institute," said Robert Peet, the interim director of the institute until Crawford-Brown's replacement is found. Peet said he expects a new director to take over by July 1. Although he will miss the students and faculty with whom he worked, Crawford-Brown said now is the right time to give up his position. "What I'm doing (in England) is going to have a larger impact on climate change than anything I could have done at the University," he said. Crawford-Brown added that working with universities provides more long-term results but that with climate change there is not much time to make a difference. While UNC searches for a new director, Crawford-Brown will begin his new position as a senior sustainability adviser for Pell Frischmann, a European and Asian building design company. He also will help establish an operation to bring investors, innovators and manufacturers together to create more sustainable products. During his time at UNC, Crawford-Brown aided in the development of the institute and its predecessor, the Carolina Environmental Program. He also helped establish two different environmental degrees. Turning these degree programs into a school for environmental studies is something Crawford-Brown tried to do and now hopes his successor will consider. "I would say this campus has the potential to produce the best school of the environment in the country," he said. Last year Crawford-Brown and some students worried that the future of the environmental programs was unclear when UNC began evaluating how to put them in the College of Arts and Sciences. And all his work to focus UNC on sustainability will make him hard to replace, colleagues said. "Doug was the right person for the environment at Carolina," said Tony Reevy, senior associate director of the Institute for the Environment.

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Attendees at last semester's '80s dance, put on by campus radio station WXYC, show off their moves. The dance is the station's biggest fundraiser and will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. today. Tickets can be bought in advance for \$5 in the Pit and \$8 at the door.

LET THE MUSIC PLAY

BY ALYSSA GRIFFITH
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It might be difficult to imagine a time when big hair and even bigger shoulder pads were the height of fashion and Michael Jackson was seen as a sex icon rather than a sex offender. This infamous decade was known as the '80s, when the Brat Pack dominated the silver screen and people reveled in Madonna's antics instead of Britney's. And beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, UNC's campus radio station, WXYC 89.3, will pay its biannual tribute to the decade as Cat's Cradle will fill with material girls, punks, metal heads and yuppies flash-dancing to stellar jams. "WXYC created its own brand of '80s dance that has developed quite a following over the years," said Lauren Brenner, WXYC's station manager. And the decade has been preserved in Chapel Hill for almost 16 years in the form of a dance. "When the '80s dance was initially brought onto the UNC campus by WXYC, students were actually living the '80s," said Frank Heath, the owner of Cat's Cradle.

ATTEND THE '80S DANCE
Time: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. today
Location: Cat's Cradle, Carrboro
Info: www.wxyc.org

Despite the fact that some current UNC undergraduate students were only knee-height or shorter during the celebrated decade, the dance is still the radio station's most profitable fundraiser of the year. "Even though students today were born on the brink of the decade, the culture was still an influential part of our memories growing up," Brenner said. Dressing the part, often to an outrageous degree, is a big part of the fun, some organizers say. "Students get to play dress up for our dance," said Steph Russ, WXYC's event coordinator. "Most dance attendees find it hard to resist throwing on a neon leotard, a sweatband and a pair of leg warmers." College students aren't the only ones infatuated with the tubular fashions and killer beats. High school students have been known to clamor around the doors of Cat's

No. 1 songs from the '80s

- 1980: "Call Me" — Blondie
- 1981: "Bette Davis Eyes" — Kim Carnes
- 1982: "Physical" — Olivia Newton-John
- 1983: "Every Breath You Take" — Police
- 1984: "When Doves Cry" — Prince
- 1985: "Careless Whisper" — Wham!/George Michael
- 1986: "That's What Friends Are For" — Dionne Warwick & Friends
- 1987: "Walk like an Egyptian" — The Bangles
- 1988: "Faith" — George Michael
- 1989: "Look Away" — Chicago

Cradle, anxious to enter the party, too. "We definitely want to serve the community, but the station is first and foremost for the (college) students," Russ said. Heath said the price at the door was raised to keep the dance more focused on the University. UNC students have been able

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System seeks to up outreach

BY REBECCA PUTTERMAN
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When the UNC Tomorrow Commission released its final report in December, calling on UNC-system schools to engage in finding solutions to the state's problems, Mike Smith was already ahead of the game. The UNC vice chancellor for engagement and public service spent nine months researching the viability of a resource center, the Center for Public Policy, that would tap the brains of the system's faculty for policy suggestions to send to the capitol. "There are faculty on all of our campuses, including Carolina, that would like to do more of this work but don't really know how to do it. What we see this center doing is funding what would be used to support faculty," Smith said. But at its March 6 meeting, the Committee on Budget and Finance expressed concern about the center's neutrality and delayed including its \$1.2 million budget in the 2008-09 budget proposal to go before the N.C. General Assembly in May. Dealing directly with policy as a publicly funded institution is a delicate balance to strike, but Smith assures critics that an advisory board will review research for neutrality before its submission to lawmakers. He now must submit a detailed report for committee members to review before they vote May 9 on



Mike Smith, vice chancellor for engagement and public service, wants more public policy research.

whether to add the center's funds to the budget proposal. "I don't have any doubt about Mike's commitment to what he's been saying about neutrality," Board of Governors Chairman Jim Phillips said at the March meeting. "If you've got faculty that want to do it non-neutrally, that'll be a disqualifier; those won't be the people who will participate." Other system universities also are responding to the UNC Tomorrow's mandate for statewide engagement. UNC-Greensboro is launching an Institute for Community and Economic Engagement, approved by its Board of Trustees in February, that will integrate both campus and community groups to combat local and regional issues. "If the partners identify an effort that the institute needs to be involved with, then it's going to be like working with interdisciplinary research," said Rosemary Wander, an associate provost and director of the institute. The organization will provide a center where the government, the

Community engagement at UNC-system schools

N.C. State: The Institute for Emerging Issues: A public policy think tank composed of business, nonprofits, public officials and university officials to research and debate issues facing North Carolina.
UNC-Greensboro: Institute for Community and Economic Engagement, a virtual organization that will integrate campus activities into community economic development.
UNC-Charlotte: Now developing community engagement and social justice curriculum that could lead to a future certificate in community engagement.
Winston-Salem State: Simon Green Atkins Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit that creates community-based leadership focused on improving the neighborhoods surrounding WSSU. private sector and the university can work together on solutions. "We are definitely addressing issues in the community," Wander said. "Because the Triad has lost

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Relay for Life begins short of initial goal

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
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One of UNC's largest student fundraisers hopes to reach a milestone this weekend by topping \$1 million in UNC's fight against cancer. The seventh annual Relay for Life is expected to see more than 1,300 students participate. Activities kick off at 6 p.m. today in an opening ceremony and last until 2 p.m. Saturday. Relay for Life is an annual nationwide event in support of the American Cancer Society. Since the first relay in 1985, the event has spread to about 4,800 communities and universities across the U.S. and eight foreign countries. Teams must keep at least one person walking around the Fetzer Field track at all times. There are 135 teams of 15 registered at UNC, short of the goal of 200 set this fall. Committee members also hoped to raise about \$180,000 to meet the \$1 million goal. The organization needs a big last-minute push to meet that mark. As of 7:30 p.m. Thursday \$101,814.71 has been reported, according to the American Cancer Society. "We're hoping by the end of the event on Saturday that we can say

ATTEND RELAY FOR LIFE

Time: 6 p.m. today to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: Fetzer Field
Info: unc.edu/relay

for sure that we have raised \$1 million," said Mark Shifflet, event co-chairman. Relay for Life raises money by sponsoring concerts and other events throughout the school year, as well as seeking donations from race participants and the general public. Last year the event raised a record \$220,000 with 123 teams. But despite not meeting participation goals, UNC Relay for Life event co-chairwoman Amy Bugno said that the fundraiser's visibility and overall participation has grown considerably throughout the years. "We're hoping to keep that progress going," she said. "Even though last year was a super successful event, it'll be a challenge." Bugno said many staples of the event — such as the luminary ceremony to remember people who have died from cancer — will remain unchanged. But the American Cancer Society's new motto "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back!" will add a new focus on activism to the event.

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