

Leading with enthusiasm

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Twenty-one people are responsible for showing UNC's newest students everything they need to know about the University — and they couldn't be more excited to do it.

"I don't think there's a more important job on campus," sophomore Wyatt Bruton said.

Orientation leaders are student representatives to parents and incoming students, but also dancers, entertainers and constant suppliers of information about all things UNC.

They were busy early Monday morning as new freshmen arrived for the first C-TOPS session of the summer, climbing out of buses to be greeted with schedules and orientation packets.

Orientation leaders might be doing their first visible work on campus this week, but the process started more than seven months ago.

Applications to be OLs were submitted in October and the final group first met in January. Since then, they've been meeting every Wednesday to learn more about their responsibilities and to grow closer together as a group, a task that some say wasn't always so easy.

"It's just been a really diverse

group of 21 people, which has been really trying at times," senior Sharon Levine said, "But we've all come together so well."

The OLs have spent a huge amount of time with one another, and attended a Southern Regional Orientation Workshop in March to build trust and learn teamwork. They won the Spirit Award there.

"I can count on my OLs and they can count on me," said sophomore Alex Li, who also serves as the group's resident dancer-in-chief. "They won't have to worry about picking up my slack for me. It's that teamwork and the trust and the delegation of responsibility that is really important."

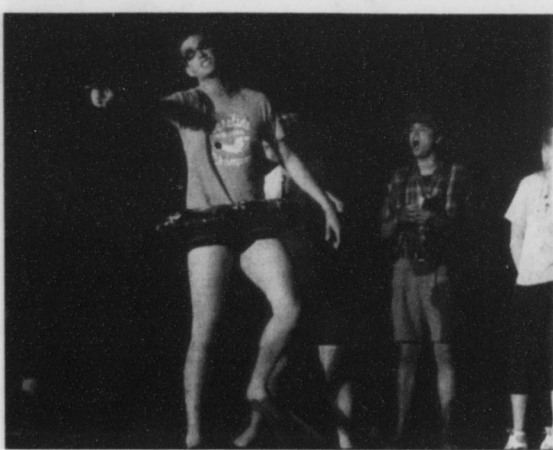
Several orientation leaders acknowledged the struggle of keeping up their enthusiastic attitude, but said that seeing one another often lifted their spirits.

Li said when he went to lunch, he was excited to see the other OLs, and they quickly strove to see who could be the loudest group.

"Obviously I started screaming," he said.

Though the group is, on the whole, a rowdy bunch, not every leader is alike, though they hope to match styles when they can.

"I had a quieter OL and that



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In a C-TOPS skit, orientation leaders explain to the incoming freshmen the vast possibilities of weirdness they might experience in the Pit.

really wasn't good for me," sophomore Dan Bobrowski said Sunday night. "I'm really loud, energetic, enthusiastic and I think I can get my group hyped."

Not all the orientation leaders work with students, either. Some work with parents and still others are administrative orientation leaders, assigned on a rotating basis.

Bruton chimed in his agreement,

adding that their differences made them more interesting as a group. He said one of the things he hopes most to do is to connect personally with his charges.

"When each person says, 'my OL got to know me personally,' that makes a difference," he said.

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Budget cuts could undercut programs

Commissioners face difficult task

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As the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year approaches, the Orange County Board of Commissioners is faced with its annual task of forming the budget for the upcoming year.

"There's never enough money to go around," said Donna Coffey, director of the county's budget office. Orange County provides money for about 35 departments and programs.

All of these departments submit requests to the commissioners for funds, and the board holds meetings and work sessions to iron out the differences and compile a completed budget.

And in the upcoming year, some departments might not get what they have asked for.

"Revenues are down," Coffey said about next year's budget. "Property evaluations haven't grown as heartily as in the past."

She said this has caused the budget office to recommend an 8.8 cent increase in property taxes, bringing the total to 130.8 cents per \$100 value.

These budget cuts might cause many of the departments and programs around the area to cut services offered.

Andrea Tullos, Hyconeechee Regional Library System assistant to the director, said that the library system has been asked to cut costs and that they will receive no increase for materials or supplies.

This is a problem, she said, because the prices in the market have gone up, even though the library will

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receive no additional funding.

"A book that might have cost \$25 last year could be \$30 this year," she said. "But there isn't an increase in our money. This means a reduction in materials."

She said the number of people the library employs will decrease as well.

"The majority of the budget for libraries is the people," she said. "Our staff is concerned because there is a 10 percent increase in traffic this year. Patrons might be shelving their own books. We don't know."

Orange County Parks and Recreation also will have to deal with a budget crunch in the upcoming year.

"It is definitely a tightening of the belt," said director Lori Taft. "We've had to review everything that we do."

The department will open two new parks in the fall, and Taft said that keeping parks safe and clean still is the main priority.

But she said that with the continued growth in the area, the parks division might have to halt its development of new parks.

The Board of County Commissioners meets tonight in one of several sessions scheduled before the budget is proposed June 17.

The final approval will come a week later on June 24, just before the start of the new fiscal year July 1.

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up.

"A lot of things fall into place once a party's candidate is known," Guillory said.

He also said that people will begin to play political guessing games.

"I think that it's inevitable that some names will begin to leak out, in part because some folks will

want to float names," he said. "And in part because political people like to gossip."

Guillory said that the selection process for a running mate will be full of smoke and mirrors.

"This is going to be a week with a lot of telephone calls, people sending signals by the way they interview on television," he said.

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parent Jane Laurent said.

Laurent works in university advising and said she understands how difficult it can be to organize an orientation program.

"Considering this is the first session and there are 300 students, they are doing very well."

Other parents were also impressed with the orientation. Deb Mayes said

she found everything to be well organized, on time and informative.

Googe, an out-of-stater who picked UNC over Vanderbilt, was one of a number of students to list UNC as his first choice.

"I decided to come here because everyone was a lot happier and friendlier than anywhere else I applied," he said.

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mother-in-law.

Though Adams is an experienced ultra-marathon runner, this extreme challenge is beginning to take its toll on his feet.

What keeps him going is the support he receives. "I've met great people along the way," Adams said.

One memorable encounter happened on the third day of the run. Adams was running along the Blue Ridge Parkway where he met Trevor, a cancer survivor.

"I don't know where he was exactly in his stage of cancer, but he couldn't talk," Adams said.

However, he said there was no need for words because when Trevor grasped Adams' hand, the gesture spoke for him.

"It was very encouraging holding his hand and knowing I'm running for people like him."

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Apodaca said. He said many of them could not do this if they had to drive the extra 30-40 minutes to RDU.

Apodaca said he hopes to start debate and decide something where everyone wins.

"I feel like it's the right thing to do," Apodaca said. "And sometimes in politics I feel like the right thing to do is the best thing."

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market. ITS will have to decide if it is even appropriate for UNC to provide e-mail for students anymore, with products such as Google Gmail and Mozilla Thunderbird so widely used and readily available.

Arizona State University has adopted Gmail as its e-mail provider. However, Google doesn't back up or guarantee the delivery of their e-mail, Conrad said.

As far as a name for the new system, nothing has yet been decided. "I'm primarily an engineer," said Conrad, laughing. "As far as I'm concerned, 'Project X' is just fine."

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