

**B**ored in Chapel Hill this summer? There are plenty of things to do. The Daily Tar Heel provides a list of some of the top things going on in the town and University.

on Franklin Street most Tuesday and Thursday nights. Head down to the Forest Theatre for the summer solstice June 21. Or take a break for a concert at one of the Sunday series at Southern Village or Whole Foods Market.

# Blood drive receives enthusiastic support

BY DAVE PEARSON  
SENIOR WRITER

Donors sat in rows of chairs that lined the court June 3 in the Dean E. Smith Center during the 20th Annual Carolina Blood Drive.

Katrina Coble, a blood drive committee member, said the drive has grown during its 20 years. "It's become a community drive," she said.

Coble said that the drive is much larger than other campus blood drives and that most student-run drives collect less than 50 units of blood. The Carolina Blood Drive's goal is 1,000 units.

And event organizers were optimistic about reaching that goal.

"In this region, we need about 1,600 units per day," said Caroline Allison, a representative from the American Red Cross.

Allison said the Durham region, which spans from Alamance to Warren counties and north of the state line, collects between 300 and 350 units of blood per day through smaller drives.

And the annual event in Chapel Hill is popular with both donors and the volunteer staff.

Crystal Pettiford, collection operations supervisor for the Red Cross in Durham, said she has participated in the drive every year since she became a registered nurse in 2004.

Pettiford said that she has fun saving lives and that most of the donors enjoy giving, too.

"They keep coming back," she said.

This year both Dean Smith and football coach Butch Davis, along with several of his players, visited the blood drive to support donors.

Coble said that the majority of donors during the summer drive are UNC staff and faculty members but that more and more community members are beginning to donate.

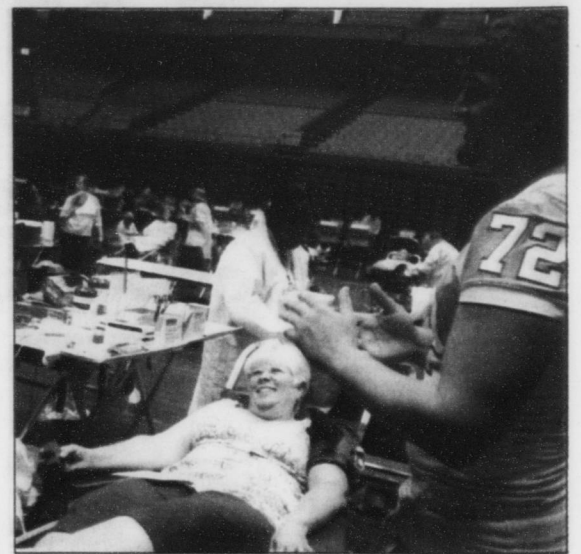
One participant was Laura Paul, a Chapel Hill resident who is home for the summer from Kenyon College in Ohio.

"I try to give blood every time I'm able to," she said.

Paul said she began giving blood regularly when she was a senior in high school.

"I typically try to help other people, and it's good for your heart," she said.

Allison said that planning for the event begins in January and that volunteers usually put in a 13-hour shift on the day of the blood drive. But Pettiford was still enthusias-



Football player Kyle Jolly visits with Teresa Holt of Campus Health Services as she donates blood June 3 at the UNC summer blood drive.

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CAROLINE ALLISON, AMERICAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE

tic after 11 hours on her feet. "I love what I do," she said.

Allison said donated blood is used in many more situations than people usually imagine, such as for burn victims and patients undergoing all types of surgery.

"We need it more than people think we do," Allison said. She said people who are inter-

ested should go to [unc.givesblood.org](http://unc.givesblood.org) to find local blood drives. Allison urged people to give blood often.

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## Summer Events Calendar • June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Music on the Market Lawn Weaver St. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	6 Transactos Improv 251 The ArtsCenter 8 p.m.	7 Pieta Brown Concert The ArtsCenter 8:30 p.m.
8 Sunday Music Series Southern Village 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	9 Trivia Night Skylight Exchange 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	10 Live Music La Residence 5 p.m.	11 Long Leaf Opera The ArtsCenter 7 p.m.	12 Karaoke Night Bub O'Malleys 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.	13 Fridays on the Front Porch Carolina Inn 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	14 Long Leaf Opera Memorial Hall 8 p.m.
15 Jazz & More Sunday Brunch Weaver Street 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	16 Karaoke Night Fuse 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.	17 Live Music La Residence 5 p.m.	18 Starry Summer Nights M. Planetarium 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	19 Karaoke Night Bub O'Malleys 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.	20 Long Leaf Opera Memorial Hall 8 p.m.	21 Summer Solstice Forest Theater 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
22 Sunday Music Series Southern Village 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	23 Trivia Night Skylight Exchange 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.	24 Long Leaf Opera Memorial Hall 8 p.m.	25 Look out for CUAB events on campus every Wednesday	26 Long Leaf Opera Memorial Hall 8 p.m.	27 Cyril Lance Concert The ArtsCenter 8:30 p.m.	28 Long Leaf Opera Memorial Hall 8 p.m.
29 Jazz & More Sunday Brunch Weaver Street 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	30 Open Mic Night The Library 8 p.m.					

SOURCE: STAFF REPORTS

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# Students must now have higher GPA to progress

### Goal of new system is graduation

BY MIA MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

By increasing the grade point average required to progress the class of 2011 through their years at UNC, administrators hope the tougher standards eventually will decrease the number of students who are academically ineligible.

And though the standards were raised, no fewer students remained eligible this year.

Effective for this year's sophomore class, students who do not hold a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 will be placed on academic probation.

Prior to the change, students were held on a graduated system of eligibility: to be a sophomore a student needed a 1.5; to be a junior a student needed a 1.75; to be a senior a student needed a 1.9; and to graduate a student needed a 2.0.

Though the system has changed dramatically, progress has not been fully realized.

The same number of students who needed to come to summer school last year came this year, said Bobbi Owen, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Figures have remained stagnant, but administrators said they find the new system beneficial to students.

"I think it's a good idea because that's what students need to graduate," said Jan Yopp, summer school dean.

"If students know what they need to graduate, they should keep it there all four years so they don't get behind."

In the old system, it was relatively easy to progress from one year to the next, said Stephen Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions. Some students were placed in an uphill battle toward graduation.

"The raising of the eligibility was designed to keep students out of a trap," Farmer said. "It's always risky to raise standards with anything, but the hope was that students would rise to the occasion."

To a degree, some students have risen to the occasion. For Summer Session I, only 9 percent of students are enrolled because they are academically ineligible. For these students, summer courses are an opportunity to boost their GPA through focused learning.

"I think the reason students

do so well in summer school is because classes are smaller and more focused," Yopp said. "I think for some students, summer school really fits their learning style."

With the implementation of this new system, administrators are looking to retain graduation at higher rates than previous years.

The Carolina Covenant scholars program and the extension of the drop deadline to eight weeks instead of six are two additional ways Chancellor James Moeser has looked to increase graduation rates. This year's graduating class was the first class to graduate within the Carolina Covenant.

Good graduation and retention rates are one of many factors that help Carolina in its recruitment process, Farmer said.

"The real payoff in this will come when these students walk across the stage at graduation."

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