

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

UNC camp collects shoes to make playground surfaces

As part of their "Carolina Goes Green" theme this week, Carolina Kids Camp is collecting athletic shoes to donate to Nike's Reuse a Shoe program, through which the company grinds the rubber soles and makes the material into playground surfaces.

The camper, aged 6 to 12, are spending the week learning about recycling and other environmentally friendly practices.

Anyone wishing to donate their shoes can bring them to Paul Green Theater Drive, off Country Club Road, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 4.

Shoes also can be left during the day in Room 2416 of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union.

CITY BRIEFS

Chapel Hill to seek charges against racist graffiti artist

Criminal charges could be brought against the person or persons who vandalized a Chapel Hill Town Operations Center bathroom in late June, according to a statement released by Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancel.

"The appearance of racial and sexual graffiti in a public restroom has led to investigations, both administrative and criminal, by the Town and the Police Department," Stancel said in his statement.

According to a police report filed on July 3, the graffiti was drawn with a magic marker and only caused about \$10 in damage.

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Parham farewell party to be held at Franklin Hotel

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership is holding a farewell party for departing Executive Director Liz Parham.

The reception will be held July 18 at The Franklin Lobby Bar in The Franklin Hotel.

It will last from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Parham announced her resignation last month and will be taking a job as director of the office of urban development for the division of community assistance in the N.C. Department of Commerce effective July 21.

She was the partnership's first director in July 2005 after serving as executive director of Uptown Lexington Inc.

STATE BRIEFS

N.C. House bill would put the brakes on Real ID spending

An N.C. House of Representatives judiciary committee has passed a bill that would require the state to stop spending taxpayer money on the federal Real ID program, which aims to make identification cards more secure.

The federal government plans to demand that states incorporate more security checks to keep identification cards away from terrorists and illegal immigrants.

The Real ID program, if fully implemented, could cost North Carolina tens of millions of dollars.

The bill passed by the N.C. House panel requires the state to stop spending taxpayer dollars and instead try to use federal grants and other funding sources.

The bill still would need to pass both houses of the N.C. General Assembly and be signed by Gov. Mike Easley to become law.

State might gain power to limit water use in a drought

The N.C. House of Representatives tentatively passed legislation July 14 that gives state officials the power to mandate water restrictions during a drought.

The bill gives power to state leaders, who last year during the severe drought could only ask communities to decrease water use.

If the bill is passed in the Senate, the state would require communities to impose drought conservation plans. The plans would be written in advance and must be approved by the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

If initial conservation plans do not save enough water, the state can order localities to require more restrictions.

House members also eliminated a requirement of the bill that would require a separate meter on new, in-ground sprinkler systems.

Installing those meters would allow utility companies to disconnect the sprinklers separately from indoor water service.

— From staff and wire reports

Planning begins for Raynor Board

BY BRIAN AUSTIN
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Student Body President J.J. Raynor and her executive branch staff haven't been wasting their time this summer, but still, they don't have a lot to show for it.

Student government is still compiling its reports from various committees and will release that information with its annual Summer Report in late August.

Much of student government's work this summer has been in fostering productive relationships with town and University leaders, holding numerous meetings and starting projects that will be continued by committee members when they meet again in the fall.

"Last semester I was sad that

I couldn't really get my hands on things," Raynor said.

"The summer's been nice because I've really been able to sit down with administrators and talk through ideas."

One of the first things student government had to deal with this summer was installing three blue lights off campus — a project that has now plagued three student government administrations.

The administration has gotten the locations of two blue lights passed by the Chapel Hill Town Council and proposed moving the third to a location on Merritt Mill Road to accommodate residents' concerns that student government's previous place was unsuitable.

That project brought town-gown

relations front and center for the Raynor administration, a focus it will pursue as the summer turns to fall.

Among their projects, her officers plan to reach out to the community with a Good Neighbor Initiative on August 18, in which they will distribute resources that include safety information and will promote constructive town-student relations.

When her Cabinet arrives on campus, Raynor will also be able to hand off projects for students that she has been spearheading this summer.

She said that though she had enjoyed making headway, passing off the projects on her platform was inevitable.

"Part of the point of student government is giving people the chance to see how they can get



Student Body President J.J. Raynor spent her summer networking and planning for the fall.

things done," she said. "We'd be cheating people if we didn't."

Though the administration said they touched or worked on every area of the platform over the summer, much of the student leaders' time was spent learning how best to work with administrators to accomplish their goals.

One working aspect of her platform

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preps for final meeting

Could start up talk of tuition

BY JOHANNA YUEH
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As the summer winds down, committees of the UNC Board of Trustees are preparing for their first meeting, scheduled for July 23 to 24, before the start of the 2008-09 school year.

Trustees say there is no huge issue to discuss at the meeting. Instead, the meeting will cover a range of routine business matters.

One item that will likely garner more attention is Carolina North, UNC's satellite research campus, which received funding from the N.C. General Assembly earlier this month.

Bob Winston, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, which has oversight over the project, will not be present at the meeting. He said he expects discussion on what to do with their allocated budget and how to move projects forward.

Design plans for the Innovation Center, the first building scheduled to be completed at Carolina North, will be up for approval. The building has been under review since initial designs were unveiled to the public in January.

The board is also expected to vote on the Kenan Stadium expansion plan, which will add more seats and a new academic support building.

The board also plans to discuss, without taking action, a preliminary design review that includes the design guidelines for Carolina North. Roger Perry, chairman of the board and member of the buildings and grounds committee, said the board hopes to have the guidelines approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council within the next year.

Guidelines would provide standards for the space that proposed buildings would occupy, allowing UNC to approve multiple building plans with local governing bodies in a short span of time.

Though tuition is not on the agenda for the upcoming meeting, several comparison studies from the audit and finance committee may help lay the groundwork for future talks.

The studies, which are part of benchmarking discussions that began in January, compare UNC to peer institutions on cost of student and faculty benefits to see how the University measures up in relation to similar schools.

Paul Fulton, chairman of the audit and finance committee, stressed that faculty benefits cause some concern for lagging behind those of other institutions and state employees.

"We've made a lot of progress on getting faculty salary into the 80th percentile," Fulton said. "But their benefits are not competitive at all."

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Competitive bikers race in the final event of the Carolina Speedway Series on July 15 at the Orange County Speedway. Bikers from all areas of expertise have raced several times already this season, and the track continues with motorcar races for the rest of the summer.

SPEED RACERS

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ROUEMONT — Judy Rhine laughed and shook her head as two of the competing Carolina Speedway Series cyclists zoomed past her on the track.

"They're just so competitive, no matter what," she said.

Rhine served as one of the two USA Cycling officials during the third and final races of the Twilight Points Race Series on July 15 at the Orange County Speedway.

The series was hosted by Mike Vandy, president of Flight Club, a sanctioned USA Cycling club in Raleigh.

Though Vandy says the races are about "fitness and fun," don't let these cyclists fool you — they definitely enjoy some healthy competition.

The races are judged by a points system whereby cyclists get points for each lap in which they finish in first or second place and for finishing in the top five during the sprint lap — usually halfway through the race.

A \$15 entry fee and a licensed rider membership with USA Cycling are the only things required of riders to participate in the event. It is possible for anyone to purchase a one-day license for \$10 just to compete in one

racing event, or an annual license for \$60.

Currently, cyclist Keith Weitz is taking advantage of races like these to train for the Furnace Creek 508 in October.

He and his fellow teammate will bike 508 miles, which will include parts of Death Valley, in about 30 hours.

"Sprinting just kills me," said Weitz, who prefers long-distance biking to race sprinting. But he said he welcomes races such as this one as "something to mix up the training."

The first race was for class C riders, who are considered beginners. Five cyclists participated in the 25-minute race around the track, and Linus Owen-Garni claimed the most points and the race. Owen-Garni, who works at a bike shop, just recently started riding competitively.

"It's a great way to stay in shape, biking is good transportation, and I love the sense of camaraderie with everyone here," he said.

Though the second race was originally intended for more advanced category B and A riders, to increase the sense of competition for riders, Vandy decided to open the race to everyone. Many of the beginner riders who participated in the first race elected to race again, completing 50 minutes and

Races at Orange County Speedway

- ▶ All races start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.
- Racing General Admission: Adults \$10, Students \$8, 10 & under Free, VIP tower seating \$25.
- ▶ July 26
- ▶ Aug. 2
- ▶ Aug. 16
- ▶ Aug. 23
- ▶ Sept. 13
- ▶ Oct. 4, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Oct. 18, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Nov. 1, 2 p.m.

about 60 laps around the seven-tenths-of-a-mile track.

Though there is some prize money offered for the winners, many of this summer's riders have decided to forego the prize money.

"These guys have been very gratuitous, and it really shows that this racing is more about respect than anything else," Vandy said.

Normally the speedway is home to motorcar racing during the summer, and those races will resume next weekend.

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Kidzu unveils original exhibit

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The growing pains are finished for Franklin Street's Kidzu Children's Museum.

After two years of renting other children's museums' exhibits while raising the money to create its own, Kidzu unveiled its first original exhibit July 11.

"This is a really momentous time for us as a children's museum," Kidzu Executive Director Cathy Maris said. "The rented children's exhibits really didn't reflect and show our community or our creativity."

Kidzu closed its doors to the public for approximately two months to prepare for the installation of "KidZoom: The Power of Creativity," Maris said the focus of this exhibit comes from many angles.

"One of our primary goals was to make this exhibit enormously interactive, with a lot of open-ended features," Maris said. "We really wanted to celebrate kids' artwork, in addition to that of adults in this area."

In early 2007, the nonprofit organization put together an exhibit advisory committee responsible for creating the concept for its debut.

The exhibit combines the work of 13 local artists challenged to incorporate hands-on learning experiences for children in their artwork.

"This is definitely a big step for



Parents and children play under a large Keith Norval print in Kidzu Children's Museum. All the art in the exhibit comes from local artists.

Kidzu. The exhibit is so much more interactive than the ones we've had in the past," said UNC sophomore Teresa Meredith, a visitor service associate at Kidzu. "The others offered hands-on stuff, but this goes above and beyond what we've had. It allows kids to be creative."

The bilingual exhibit houses three primary creation "zones": the "Green Thumb" Garden-to-Table Market, the "Build-A-

New National Guard family center opens

BY DEVIN ROONEY
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N.C. military families in Greenville now have a new place to turn for help.

On July 10, the state, in cooperation with the National Guard, opened the second of three state-funded family assistance centers that aim to usher in a new level of support for guardsmen and their families.

The facilities are intended to make services more readily available to military officers and their families who don't live near military bases.

These new centers are modeled after five existing family assistance centers located across the state. But the state-funded centers are more expansively funded than the older ones.

The first center opened in May in Greensboro. The last, to be located in Caldwell County at the N.C. National Guard Foothills Readiness Center, will open later in the summer.

North Carolina is the first state in the country to fund such centers.

State officials are working to develop additional family assis-

tance centers farther across the state to expand service to more rural Guard members.

Gov. Mike Easley was at the opening of the Greenville center. He said the centers will help relieve stress for soldiers who are deployed.

"Our Guard members have enough to do without worrying if their children are getting medical care or whether their paycheck got deposited in the bank," Easley said in a press release.

Three full-time employees will work at each of the \$95,000 family assistance centers.

The federal family assistance centers are staffed by only one person each.

Diane Coffill, N.C. National Guard state family program director, said in a press release that the centers will continue to be state-funded.

"These are permanently state-funded facilities," Coffill said.

"We have the ability to service more families and with the partners we've created ... we are able to provide these services to families that are not living on or near a mili-

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