

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's pg. 3 story "New rabbi looks to connect" incorrectly identified the program N.C. Hillel new rabbi Jessica Marshall plans to start. She wants to host "Shabbat in the woods." The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

U.S. News and World Report ranks UNC fifth in the nation

For the eighth consecutive year, UNC was ranked fifth among public universities by U.S. News and World Report, which compiles an annual list of the country's best universities and colleges.

UNC fell behind the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Virginia, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The list will be published in the magazine's Sept. 1 issue.

UNC ranked 30th among private and public schools nationwide.

Last year the school ranked 28th among private and public schools.

For the first time, the list also factors in objective data such as graduation and retention rates, faculty resources and alumni giving.

In other rankings compiled by the magazine, UNC ranked first among public schools in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category.

UNC researchers determine delays affect stroke care

Researchers in the UNC School of Public Health found that pre-hospital and in-hospital delays affect the level of care that stroke patients receive.

Those who do not arrive for care within three hours cannot be helped by time-dependent therapies such as the drug tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, which is proven to reduce disability caused by blood clot-related strokes.

"It is vital for people to recognize the symptoms of stroke and promptly call emergency medical services at 911 when they occur," said Kathryn M. Rose, Ph.D., lead author of the study and research associate professor of epidemiology in the UNC School of Public Health.

The results were published in Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association.

CITY BRIEFS

Fire at Carrboro apartments causes property damage

A fire late Wednesday at a Carrboro independent living facility caused about \$45,000 worth of damage.

A single sprinkler extinguished the bedroom fire at Carolina Springs Apartments on West Poplar Avenue, according to a press release from the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department.

Crews evacuated the retirement home but later allowed everyone back into the building at about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, except the occupants of the involved apartment and the apartment below it.

Carolina Springs has 144 elderly residents. No one was hurt, according to the release, and the two displaced occupants stayed with family in the area.

Kidzu Museum exhibit has received record attendance

A new exhibit at Kidzu Children's Museum had 4,000 visitors in its first month.

The attendance at Kidzu is up 50 percent from the same time last year.

"KidZoom: The Power of Creativity," the children's museum's first original exhibit, is a hands-on experience that encourages children to be creative.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Kidzu receives funds through a combination of private donations and foundation grants.

STATE BRIEFS

Raleigh nuclear energy plant resumes normal operation

At 10 a.m. Thursday, Progress Energy's Shearon Harris nuclear energy plant in southwestern Wake County resumed operation after a 10-day hiatus.

While out of order, Progress Energy obtained electricity from other plants and other power companies.

The plant shut down Aug. 11 in order to replace a rubber gasket. As workers prepared to restart the nuclear reactor, they discovered further problems with equipment controlling the plant's nuclear reaction.

—From staff and wire reports.

UNC rethinks e-mail service

Gmail, Hotmail may replace Webmail

BY ELLY SCHOFIELD
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UNC is considering outsourcing its campus e-mail service to an Internet provider, such as Google or Hotmail.

There's no set time frame for a transition yet, but it's something the University is looking into, said John Streck, assistant vice chancellor for telecommunications.

"We are actively pursuing it, but it needs to be a joint decision," he said, adding that he wants input from Student Body President J.J. Raynor and the Division of Student Affairs before finalizing anything. UNC currently uses an in-house

e-mail service, Webmail.

Streck said the University is considering switching for several reasons.

"The No. 1 reason is that an Internet provider would create a more seamless transition between student and alumni e-mail addresses," he said.

An Internet e-mail provider would allow students to keep their e-mail addresses past graduation.

Another benefit of an Internet provider would be increased e-mail storage space, Streck said.

Students now can access their campus mail through e-mail pro-

grams like Mozilla Thunderbird or Microsoft Outlook. They can also go online to webmail.unc.edu.

All three options would still be available with an Internet provider.

Some students said campus e-mail pales in comparison with online services like Gmail and Yahoo.

"I have Gmail and I like it a lot," first-year student Christina Nasuti said. "I only use campus mail for professors' e-mails."

Google has created a new program specifically designed for college students. The education edition of Google Apps includes e-mail service in addition to applications like Google Calendar and Google Talk, an instant messaging service.

"Students would be able to keep

their same campus e-mail addresses, but the experience would look and feel like Gmail," said Jeff Keltner, business development manager for Google Apps.

Unlike a campus e-mail service, Google Apps comes at no charge. Arizona State University, which switched to Google Apps two years ago, paid \$400,000 a year to maintain their old system, Keltner said.

Although a new e-mail service appears to be on the horizon, Streck said, only students would have access to it. Faculty and staff would continue to use the old e-mail system.

The new service also would be phased in gradually, Streck said.

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Million meals to fight hunger

UNC students to pack lunches

BY AARON TAUBE
STAFF WRITER

It is estimated that 862 million people go hungry every night, according to Bread for the World Institute.

This weekend thousands of students from colleges across North Carolina will team up to fight world hunger as part of the University Million Meals Event.

Volunteers from UNC, N.C. State University and East Carolina University, sponsored by the Raleigh-based nonprofit Stop Hunger Now, package fortified soy and rice meals and send them overseas.

The meals will then be sent to school lunch programs in impoverished areas overseas, which could double or even triple school enrollment, according to Stop Hunger Now CEO and UNC alum Rod Brooks.

"Not only do you provide food for the kids. You also provide an incentive to parents to send their kids to school because they know they will have a hot meal there," Brooks said.

The project came about as an extension of an earlier Stop Hunger Now program called Operation Storehouse, during which 1,300 N.C. State students came together to package about 301,000 meals. The group approached people from UNC and ECU in March about expanding the project.

"We said 'Gee, if we thought we could have 1,300 volunteers package 300,000 meals in one day, why can't we do a million meals in a day?'" Brooks said.

Joy Messenger, a full-time staffer at Assisting People in Planning Learning Experiences in Service at the time and a current graduate student at UNC's School of Public Health, started recruiting volunteers in the spring.

There will be about 1,650 volunteers packing meals in three-hour shifts in Fetzer Gym from all over — an impressive turnout for an event so early in the school year, Messenger said.

"It will give people an outlet and a way to get involved," Messenger said. "It allows first-year students to get into the culture of service here at Carolina."

Despite disturbing statistics, Brooks feels that with enough effort, hunger will one day be obsolete.

"We believe that for the first time in history we have the opportunity to end hunger in our lifetime," he said. "There is enough food in the world to feed everyone."

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HELP PACK MEALS

Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday
Location: Fetzer Gym
Info: www.unc.edu/apples/students/millionmeals.htm



Student Body Vice President Todd Dalrymple speaks to sophomores Kelsey Miller, left, and Kim Vuong, right, about signing up for the Alert Carolina program. During an emergency situation, the program would help facilitate communication through advisory notices.

ALERTING CAROLINA

Registration drive for emergency text sign-ups

BY LAURA MARCINEK
STAFF WRITER

Administrators are ramping up advertising of the University's emergency notification system this fall in an effort to combat low sign-up rates.

Armed with a laptop and free goodies, members of student government sat in the Pit on Wednesday and Thursday to encourage students to sign up for Alert Carolina, UNC's emergency notification system.

"It's so easy to sign up," Student Body Vice President Todd Dalrymple said. "I don't know why students wouldn't."

But many members of the UNC community are not registering their cell phone numbers to receive emergency text messages.

As of Aug. 1, about 11,000 students, faculty and staff had signed up for Alert Carolina text messages, 6,700 of whom were students, said Mike McFarland, director of University communications.

That's almost double the number of peo-

ple who were registered in January but still only about one quarter of the student body.

"That's certainly progress, but if you think about it, it's still just a fraction of the University community," McFarland said.

This fall, University officials increased Alert Carolina advertising by putting a full-page ad in the Carolina Week by Week planner, a preset bookmark on new Carolina Computing Initiative laptops and a link to the Alert Carolina Web site on the UNC home page, McFarland said.

"We're just trying to get the message in as many hands as possible," he said, adding that he understands the University will not be able to get everyone signed up. "But we still have a lot of work to do, and we realize that."

First-year students also received information about Alert Carolina at C-TOPS though many students have not yet registered their cell phone numbers.

"I just keep forgetting," said first-year Elizabeth Ryan. "Whenever I hear about it,

I can't do it at that time."

First-year Daniel Brannock said that he first heard about Alert Carolina during a safety lecture at C-TOPS but that he has since forgotten to register. He said the University should hand out fliers on campus.

"If somebody hands me something, I usually read it and throw it away, but at least I read it," Brannock said.

Students who signed up at student government's table received coupons to Student Stores, toiletry gift boxes and soda donated by Student Stores and Carolina Dining Services.

"We certainly recognize that — students hearing that message from other students — they're more likely to pay attention to that than getting an e-mail," McFarland said.

Several students stopped by student government's table to register.

"Honestly the Pepsi attracted me," said junior Jimmy Waters. "But it's a nice safety net to have in case something happens."

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'Weaver Street' at ArtsCenter

Collective focuses on local culture

BY DANNY STAINKAMP
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A series of short plays slated for this weekend intends to hold a mirror up to local society and illustrate the idea of Carrboro's Weaver Street as a cultural phenomenon.

Local theater collective The Roundtable will present "It Happened at Weaver Street," at 7 p.m. Sunday at the ArtsCenter.

Now in its fifth year, Roundtable's focus has shifted to local culture, specifically Carrboro, which is referred to tongue-in-cheek by some locals as "The Paris of the Piedmont."

"Focusing on Weaver Street helped give some unity to the show," said John Paul Middlesworth, a playwright of one of the shorts and an actor in "It Happened at Weaver Street."

Each work in the production probes deeply into the elements of local culture and addresses a broad-enough spectrum of issues that audiences will likely find common ground with the characters, according to the ArtsCenter press release.

In one sappy surreal short, a classic cliché of the pop ballad is realized: Two people kiss on Weaver Street, and time literally stops.

Also in the mix of bohemian

vignettes are a bitter monologue by a curmudgeon who resents Weaver Street and a story about a young boy and a woman who find a common bond in their sadness.

ArtsCenter Theater Director Emily Ranii said that weaved throughout the shorts is a meditative figure played by Rajeev Rajendran. The character is a man who has taken a vow of silence and runs into conflict when he encounters a man displeased with his sanctimoniousness.

"(Rajendran) is the through line, the narrative arc in this piece, and will serve for transitions," Ranii said. "Although you're seeing six plays written by six different artists, it is going to feel like one fluid show."

Roundtable, the host of the production, creates original works with in theatrical media ranging from short films to full-length plays and film festivals.

Ranii said Roundtable is a group by and for playwrights geared toward developing their works.

"The collective works to fine-tune theatrical productions so they can be sent out to film festivals and other contests," Middlesworth said.

He said the collective also provides artists with a career springboard.

"Although you're seeing six plays ... it is going to feel like one fluid show."

EMILY RANII,
ARTSCENTER THEATER DIRECTOR

SEE THE SHOW
Time: 7 p.m. Sunday
Location: Carrboro ArtsCenter
Info: www.artscenterlive.org

But the collective is neither esoteric nor self-consumed. "They very much want to have a public audience," Ranii said. "They frequently include talk-back sessions after the show."

Ranii said this aspect of Roundtable dovetails perfectly with "It Happened at Weaver Street."

"It provides (audiences) with a sense of community and a sense of agency," Ranii said.

"It is an opportunity for people to come together and ... be brought closer together in celebration of Carrboro and local artists."

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Locally Grown series wraps up this summer

Events celebrate community activities

BY KRISTEN CRESANTE
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Chapel Hill will hold the last event in the Locally Grown entertainment series tonight.

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the Parks and Recreation Department presented the event twice already this summer. The event features local entertainment and family friendly activities.

"Locally Grown helps us promote downtown and gives people the chance to enjoy our businesses and everything the town has to offer," said Meg McGurk, assistant director of the Downtown Partnership.

Wes Tilghman, supervisor for festivals and community celebrations at the Parks and Recreation Department, said the two previous events brought in somewhere between 300 and 500 people.

But some businesses did not see a difference in the number of customers that came in on those nights.

"I really didn't notice a big increase in business," said Steve

ATTEND THE EVENT

Time: 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. today
Location: Wallace Plaza, 150 E. Rosemary St.

Dorozenski, owner of Jack Sprat Cafe.

Dorozenski recommended blocking off Franklin Street.

But Tilghman said this would be problematic.

"Any time you close the streets, the impact on merchants, traffic and parking starts to become a negative one," he said.

Other businesses, such as Kidzu Children's Museum, found that Locally Grown has had a positive effect on the town.

"It was wonderful to see all that vitality and energy downtown," Executive Director Cathy Maris said. "That is exactly what our town needs."

"It was an intersection of a lot of different kinds of people that really defined what makes our community special."

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