

University reports drop in recycling

New measures give exact numbers

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UNC's total recycling rate fell below 39 percent in July and August for the first time since 2002.

But that number, from the 2008-09 trend report released by the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, doesn't necessarily

reflect a drop in recycling on campus. Rather, the rate is the result of new contract requirements for measuring indoor recycling, said Amy Preble, the office's recycling coordinator.

The amount of trash and recycling UNC discards is measured because the University pays by the ton. This year, for the first time, the University's tonnage of indoor recyclables is being officially weighed instead of eyeballed.

Since July 1, the University recycled an average of 37 percent of its total waste, falling from an all-time high average of 45 percent last year. Results from RecycleMania, a

national recycling competition held last spring, showed UNC had more than double the total number of tons recycled than the next university had. After the competition, the office was prompted to do an audit on their measurement methods.

With the new numbers adjusted for scale weights, the University stands in fifth place out of 200.

UNC's recycling program, implemented in 1989, had always measured the amount recycled through estimation. Workers visually assessed the amount of recycling in each bin and used preset formulas to approximate the weight.

With the new weighing method, almost 200 fewer tons of recycling were recorded in July 2008 than in July the year before. The new measurement strategy is saving about \$10,000 a month.

Preble said the drop can be attributed almost entirely to the new measurement methods.

"The way we measured numbers changed so vastly, and there was inevitably going to be a decrease in percentage," she said. "I don't think there's been a decrease."

Cindy Shea, director of the UNC

Sustainability Office, agreed the drop was probably a reflection of the new scale measurements.

"We've got one of the best recycling programs in not only the state but the country," Shea said.

"I don't think it indicates necessarily that there's been a change in the recycling program at UNC."

The money saved will go toward marketing and outreach projects such as instituting a new mixed-paper recycling program and expanding the Green Games, an environmental competition among residence halls.

The result will be a larger campuswide initiative called the Carolina Green Games.

"We're expanding Green Games so that all of campus can be involved, including graduate students and faculty," said junior Brittney Jenkins, the Green Games liaison at the waste reduction office.

The Campus Sustainability Days celebration, which began Wednesday and continues through Friday, will feature more information on the Green Games, as well as a recycled school supply giveaway in Polk Place from noon to 2 p.m.

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Group aims to provide help to student parents

Seeking official University recognition

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Corrie Piontak, a graduate student and a single mother, knows how hard it can be to be a student and a parent.

That is why she founded the UNC Student Parent Association, which aims to provide support and resources for students who are parents or parents-to-be.

The group is now trying to become a recognized student organization.

"It is a population that often gets forgotten," Piontak said. "It is important that the University is aware that they are an active group on campus that pay tuition and attend classes, but have more needs."

Piontak said the association will use a mixture of social events and policy-changing initiatives to fill gaps in child care programming.

The group is planning its first social event of the year, a Halloween party to be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Graduate Student Center.

The University does offer some child care options, such as the University Child Care Center. This center, located at the Friday Center, offers 130 spots for children of

UNC employees and students.

But due to limited occupancy and high demand, parents often find their kids on a wait list rather than enrolled in the program.

"There are long wait lists, which I think shows an ongoing need for child care centers," said Aimee Krans, a work/life manager at UNC.

Another program offered is a child care subsidy option which gives financial aid to student parents who need help paying for child care.

To receive this financial help, parents must meet certain income levels depending on the size of their family.

Although good in theory, this program is not very successful due to its lack of resources, Piontak said. There are not enough funds in the program to help all parents cover the \$1,200 average monthly cost of child care in Orange County.

Many people do not feel that existing child care programs are enough, Krans said.

"I think that there is certainly more that could be done for student parents," she said. "They have different needs than employees, with different hours and different

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Creating more child care options for UNC students is one key issue the group will be discussing.

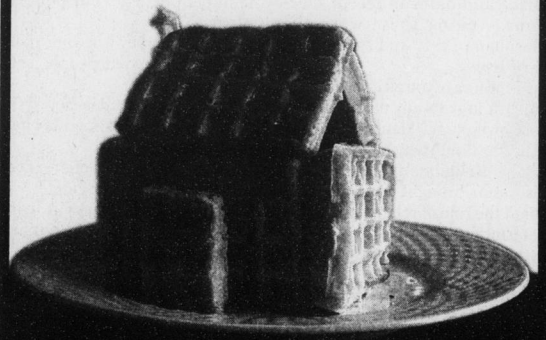
Lilah Besser, a second-year graduate student and parent of a 10-week-old, said she got involved with the Student Parent Association to help change the child care options on campus.

"I wish there were special child-care services just for students because we have very limited time and financial resources to pay for child care," Besser said in an e-mail.

"I think all in all, SPA is going to be a wonderful resource to student parents including myself, not only for parenting tips and advice, but also for providing moments of relaxation and fun with other students."

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