

Campus and State

Preliminary phone directories completed, available in Union

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The preliminary student campus telephone directories have arrived and are available in the Student Union lobby. The permanent directory is scheduled to be ready by mid-October, said

Annette Harmon, Campus Directory Coordinator.

It will feature a photograph of the Old Well with many trees in the background. The surrounding frame will be a wine color, said Harmon.

"There will also be a statement on

the front and inside front cover about the chartering of the University on December 11, 1789," Harmon said. The front will contain a fairly short commemorative statement, and the inside will include more details.

In the past, there have been many

problems with wrong numbers. Harmon, who has been organizing the directory since 1985, explained that many of the numbers change because people move or departments change buildings. "I do the best I can with what I get," she said.

Because a directory was published

during the spring semester, there is a better chance for the department numbers to be correct. "But sometimes a department moves into a new building and I am the last to know," Harmon said.

In addition to student telephone numbers, the temporary directory in-

cludes a calendar of the 1990-91 academic year and 1989-90 game schedules for both football and basketball.

When the permanent directories are ready in October, they will be delivered to residence halls and sent to the individual departments through campus mail.

National education meeting promises new ideas for N.C.

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North Carolina educators are expecting Gov. Jim Martin to come back from a national education summit with some major changes and improvements in mind for North Carolina's educational system.

President George Bush is meeting in Charlottesville, Va., with the nation's 50 governors to discuss the state of education in the United States.

Bush is putting education on the national agenda and raising public awareness that the United States is in serious trouble academically, said Glenn Keever, director of communication for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

"The time has long gone when we could content ourselves with leading

the world because we had lots of people and natural resources," Keever said. He said this move was almost unprecedented because there have been very few national summits on education in the United States.

A national summit is also a good way to boost teacher morale in North Carolina, Keever said.

"Simply having education on the top of the agenda has to make teachers feel good," Keever said.

Martin went to the summit to learn what other states were doing in terms of education and to explain what North Carolina has been doing, said David Prather, deputy director of communications for the governor.

One of the issues on which Martin wants to focus is the school of choice issue and how other states have dealt

with it, Prather said. In this situation, students are allowed to attend the school they choose within the district, he said.

This type of system results in a sort of marketplace environment, generating a positive competition between schools, Prather said.

The success of this type of system depends on the definition of "choice," said Julia Kron, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE).

If the state ends up with just a few good schools which only those students with means of transportation attend, North Carolina could face a re-segregation of schools, Kron said.

Although Bush has often denied the likelihood of a big increase in education spending, the issue of funding is expected to be addressed at the summit.

Bush has said more money for federally funded programs like Head Start is not needed, but some North Carolina educators disagree.

"The federal government has never done its share in terms of the total education dollar," Keever said. "About 65 percent of the money invested in education comes from the state."

"Head Start ought to certainly be expanded," Keever said. "We need to get 3- and 4-year-olds into educationally sound programs." It is unfair to leave preschoolers in poverty-stricken homes where there are no educational advantages and expect them to compete with other children from wealthier homes on a higher level, he said.

One of the most important needs in North Carolina is a preschool program, said A. Hope Williams, executive director of the North Carolina Center for Higher Education.

"Head Start has been proven as one of the programs in education that really makes a difference," said Williams. "The results are astounding."

While some additional money will be needed to implement major changes, there should also be a reorganization of existing funds, Kron said.

"The federal government's role is going to have to be greater," Kron said. The poorest people in our society are children, and homelessness and teenage pregnancy are increasing, she said.

"I think we need to deal with the issues that make us need Head Start in the first place," Kron said.

However, some organizations are still skeptical.

"Education at this point doesn't need a national set of standards," said Kathy Travers, director of the Atlantic Center for Research in Education (ACRE). "Kids want to succeed. Their parents want them to succeed. How are we going to help kids do that?"

The idea of a national summit is promising but could prove to be more talk than action, she said. It is good to set high standards, but there should be a definite way to meet those standards, she said.

Some local education officers were concerned that they were not included in the national summit.

"In a summit of this size, everyone could not be involved," said Tony Copeland, executive assistant to Bob Etheridge, superintendent of schools in North Carolina. "It is surprising that local educators were not taken to Charlottesville. But, obviously, the president is trying to do what is best for education."

Students give cool reception to single-sex residence halls

COLUMBIA, S.C. — This year hundreds of freshmen at the University of South Carolina were randomly assigned to live in one of the two newly restricted residence halls when only 36 freshmen voluntarily applied.

This year two freshman residence halls were made off-limits to members of the opposite sex, who are only allowed in the downstairs lobbies, which are now the designated visiting areas.

The decision to create the new residence hall policy was highly influenced by trustee and Republican state legislator Michael Fair, who saw a need to offer concerned parents a new living option for their children — a dorm where male and female students could not spend all night together.

Fair's daughter, a freshman at USC, is a resident of one of the restricted residence halls.

The decision to implement the policy met with some opposition from students and town members, said Dave Macaulay, director of area operations. Some students were disturbed that a personal moral value was imposed on them, he said. Despite the discontent, no major protests have occurred.

"But the dorms certainly weren't in demand by our students," he said.

New program aids sophomores

ATHENS, Ga. — The 1,200 sophomores housed on campus at the University of Georgia in Athens are no longer being neglected, thanks to "Blow Off Sophomore Slump" (BOSS), a new program designed to help students during their crucial sophomore year.

Sophomores often feel isolated and lonely, said Vernon Wall, a spokesman for the University's housing department. After receiving a lot of attention, advice and help their freshman year, sophomores are basically forgotten.

The sophomore year is full of big decisions, he said. Students must decide majors, consider career options, and deal with family separation.

The program, which began last year, is based in the residence halls. Last year it included 10 sessions during the winter quarter. The sessions addressed issues such as relationships, study skills, time management and career exploration.

Across the Campuses

Course explores homelessness

SAN FRANCISCO — Undergraduates at San Francisco State University can now enroll in "Homelessness and Public Policy," a new course on causes, consequences and preventive measures of homelessness.

The course is offered through the Urban Studies and Health Education Departments.

Because many people feel confused, angry and guilty about the poverty problem, the course is based on understanding, said Beverly Ovrebø, professor of the class.

"The course helps to humanize the problem and to humanize homeless people," said Ovrebø.

In order to understand better the root of the homeless problem, students will be placed in simulated situations where they are forced to become homeless for a few hours, walk around with no identification and beg for money.

Students will also discuss preventive measures and develop some of their own.

"The program has been very powerful in the past," Ovrebø said.

Programming plethora hits school

STANFORD, Calif. — Watching television at Stanford University can be confusing, and administrators plan to expand it — there are already 43 channels and a wide range of languages to choose from, including Russian and Polish.

Also included is the Soviet satellite system "Molnija;" the Stanford Instructional Television Network, which goes out to industries in the area via microwave; and XTV, the student entertainment channel.

Most of the stations offer some type of academic service, said Lon Berquist, video coordinator at Stanford. While many residents receive this special cable service in their residence hall rooms, it is not available to everyone.

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What's up, Doc?

Rob Harrell, a sophomore from Winston-Salem, plays with a rabbit outside the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house Thursday afternoon. Harrell is a new pledge at the fraternity.

Support group strives to help alcoholics deal with addiction

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Ask nearly any Carolina student what he does on the weekend, and alcohol is sure to be mentioned.

For some, though, alcohol can become addictive. The RAMS group, Recovering Alcoholics Meet for Support, is a UNC Alcoholics Anonymous support group that meets to help students, faculty or staff recover from their alcohol addiction.

Formed in early fall of 1988, the group meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 in a private dining room of Chase Hall.

The meeting is open to any individual who wants to recover from alcohol dependency, he said.

"Joe," a student member of the group,

said he attends the meeting for several reasons — it's close by and fits into his schedule. But most importantly, Joe, a graduate student, goes to stay alcohol-free.

"It's been three years now since I've had any mood- or mind-altering drug," he said.

Joe said he was a former alcohol and substance abuser. "I drank to get drunk," he said. To answer criticism of his substance abuse, he pointed to his good grades.

"I used good grades as my method of operation," he said. People would come up to him and say that he was going too far. "Look at my grades," he said.

Joe said he realized he had a problem when he could no longer function socially. Faced with this addiction, Joe

started to attend RAMS as soon as it formed.

At the group meetings, members eat in a relaxed setting and then talk about their problem.

Individuals then share their experiences with alcohol to the group, thus prompting discussions.

Around campus, students agree that alcohol is a pressing issue. "I think it's a definite big issue," said Corin Ortlam, president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. "Especially in the Greek system, in that all mixers have been traditionally organized around alcohol. The Greek system as a whole, though, has been trying to get away from that."

For more information on RAMS and other area AA meetings, call 929-1109 or 967-9530.