

## City and Campus

### Across the Campuses

**Rush process goes high-tech**  
**AMES, Iowa** — A new software program developed at Iowa State University (ISU) is helping many universities through the headaches of fraternity and sorority rush. Richard and Sandra Horton developed Compute-A-Rush when organizing rush on the ISU mainframe became too expensive. "It's a software program that takes you from rushee data entry all the way to bid matching," said Sandra Horton. "It operates off of a PC." Panhellenics and InterFraternity Councils are able to store information about each rushee and produce invitations for each round of parties. The system also allows the councils to control party size, check for missing rushees and organize rushees according to the locations of the sororities and fraternity houses. Students at ISU love the new system because it saves time and is much more efficient, Sandra Horton said. "You are your own boss, and it's the kind of system that is perfect for a large campus or a small campus." Compute-A-Rush is now being used by over 100 colleges and universities.

**Campus shuttle looks successful**  
**LARAMIE, Wyo.** — Students at the University of Wyoming are receiving free campus shuttle service during the fall semester. The free service is being offered on a trial basis to encourage ridership, said Bill Andrews, coordinator of the vending service. The shuttle serves the entire campus, and fare is normally 40 cents. The students are really enjoying the service, and ridership seems to be increasing, Andrews said. "Our weather is severe at times, and (students) appreciate that they can use the service." The service will be evaluated at the end of the semester and considered for future use, he said.

**High rolling students**  
**MOHAVE, Ariz.** — Gambling is legal and encouraged for students at Mohave Community College in Arizona. Students enrolled in Mohave's Casino Training Program receive diplomas for playing games like blackjack, poker, dice and roulette. The program which began last August recently graduated its first five students. Today 30 students are enrolled. The courses are taught by professionals who are currently employed in the casino industry. Classes for "21" last eight weeks, dice classes span eleven, poker classes four, and roulette classes six. Classes last four hours and are held five days a week. "The course is fundamentally hands-on practice," said Jim Andrews, Casino Program Training Coordinator. Mohave has a mini-casino on campus that serves as the classroom for the students. They practice with state-of-the-art equipment including chips, cards and fake money. Students are expected to read procedure manuals on the games and take a series of written tests during the course. The final is a hands-on exam in which students are tested on their dealing abilities. A placement assistance service helps graduating students find dealing positions at nearby casinos. "Dealing is an art and vocation you only learn by doing," Andrews said.

**Select few trained as leaders**  
**NORMAN, Okla.** — The University of Oklahoma is creating its own leaders, and has been doing so since 1961. Every year a committee from the university selects students to join the President's Leadership Class which entitles them to certain university benefits. Students who are recommended by their high school principals receive \$850 in scholarship money, a year of leadership training and the chance to meet state and national leaders.

**Footing the transportation bill**  
**AUSTIN, Texas** — Public transportation is now free for everyone in Austin except University of Texas (UT) students. Capital Metro recently began a three-monthlong promotion allowing residents to ride the buses for free in an attempt to boost business. However, students at UT pre-pay for their transportation. The university uses annual student service fees to pay the bus company for student transportation. While other residents are getting free rides, UT students are paying the bucks. — compiled by Kyle Spencer

# Student Congress orders parking examined

By NANCY WYKLE

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Student Congress attempted to deal with the perpetual problems of student parking at UNC Wednesday night when it voted to direct the student parking committee to examine use of student, faculty and staff parking lots. "This bill is really what I see as the start of something," said Sam Bagenstos (Dist. 14). The results of the research done by the parking committee may offer a partial solution to the parking problem, he said. An example of parking lot use Bagenstos said he would like to see examined is in the lot beside Caldwell Hall. "No

one can park at Caldwell Hall before 7 p.m., but it's always empty after 5 p.m."

The parking lot near Sitterson Hall is another example of unused parking space, said Bill Brown (Dist. 2). The lot is gated and guarded to prevent people without permits from parking there, he said. "I would like to see a study like this that could redress that kind of injustice."

Bagenstos said, "I would just like to see something on paper to see what's used."

The bill addresses problems that are the result of a parking policy overhaul done last year, Student Body President

Brien Lewis said. "I hope the survey will show that policy is a total failure."

The student parking committee — which usually only works with student parking space allocation — would have to be revived under the bill, Lewis said.

Establishing the amount and times certain lots are used is necessary because it may lead to a policy change, Bagenstos said.

"You get a very different effect when you bring numbers to people in charge of policy making."

Research on parking has been done in the past with interesting results, said John Lomax (Dist. 13). A parking study

done in the Ehringhaus parking lots a few years ago had an impact on student parking, he said.

Mindy Friedman (Dist. 12) said she thought the study was a good idea. "We're just trying to check out what's going on."

The congress meeting was held in Hinton James Residence Hall, marking the first time congress has met on South Campus in six years, said Ian Schiller, executive assistant in Hinton James Residence Government.

The Hinton James government invited congress to meet there because members felt South Campus is often

ignored, Schiller said.

In other business, congress adopted a resolution to support students 25 years of age or older.

The University hasn't established services to meet older students' needs, said Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7). Beall, the author of the bill, said, "I wrote it in response to demographics."

The administration is now addressing some of the problems graduate students face, including financial aid, housing and child care, Lewis said.

"It's unfortunate the University has not adopted services to meet older students' needs," Beall said.

# Proposal would use parking fines for financial aid

By KENNY MONTEITH

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Money for financial aid could soon come from collected parking fines if a proposal from Tuesday's Financial Aid Task Force (FATF) meeting is studied by University administration and students and eventually passed by the Board of Trustees.

Student Congress Rep. Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7), a participant in FATF, introduced a document asking for studies to begin using funds from parking fines to help students who need financial aid.

"Basically I wanted to present the idea and get reaction and feedback to it," Beall said. "Brien Lewis (student body president) asked me to do a little more research into the feasibility aspect of it."

Beall said the student reaction at the meeting was almost universally positive. He said the administrators' reactions were "a little bit skeptical. But there were only three or four of them there."

The FATF accepted the idea and agreed that it should be examined further, he said.

Student Congress Rep. Matthew Heyd (Dist. 11), a member of the FATF, said Beall's idea sounded "really interesting." But at the meeting, he said, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton told the committee that all the money available went back to the transportation office. "If there is extra money, then it's an intriguing idea," Heyd said.

The FATF should work closely with

the transportation office if anything is to become of Beall's proposal, Heyd said.

"Since last year, the whole parking issue was such a big thing. I did a lot of thinking and research on that as a Student Congress member," Beall said.

"These people are fining students, and I think those fines are going right back to the department. It just gives them more money to fine more students."

Transportation officials said Wednesday they had not heard anything about the plan and they preferred not to comment on it until they knew more.

John Gardner, transportation planner for the Department of Transportation and Parking Services, said the

money taken from parking fines went into a trust account. "It goes to fund parking operations and any kind of capital requirements of the parking system, such as new lots."

Beall said the main reason for the study was to help battle recent tuition and fee increases. "We've got to start really looking and thinking of other ways to get money to help out students, and this is just one of these ways and ideas."

"I just saw a vicious cycle there (transportation office), and I thought a more justifiable, benevolent thing to do with that money would be to give it back to the students."

Parking fines would create an ample source of funds for student financial

aid, he said. Beall believes the use of parking fines to assist financial aid would also help soothe students who are disaffected by the lack of parking on campus.

Beall said his document only proposed that studies be started to determine the feasibility of using parking fines to deal with the recent tuition and fee increases. The document emphasizes that action does not need to be taken immediately.

Regardless of the outcome, Beall said he would stand by his idea. "I don't think there's any situation that's too vague to change. Of course, it can't happen immediately, but I think somewhere down the road that we can use parking fines for student financial aid."

# Alumni chapters may provide contributions for scholarships

By CHRIS HELMS

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More scholarship money may become available to UNC students through local alumni chapters known as Carolina Clubs because of a proposed program initiated by Student Congress Rep. John Lomax (Dist. 13).

The program would use students in Student Government's ambassadorial program to persuade Carolina Clubs to incorporate scholarships for local students.

In a memo to the Student Government Financial Aid Task Force, Lomax said: "Students involved in UNC's Ambassador Program would be the designated people to return to their hometown or other areas to present this program to the local Clubs. I feel that students can present and sell this idea better than anyone."

Some Carolina Clubs already give scholarships, including the Clubs of Greensboro, Iredell County, Wilkes-Allegheny-Ashe Counties and Fran-

klin County, according to Lomax's memo. The groups offer as much as \$500 to local students entering UNC in the fall.

This approach to scholarships is not new. Douglas Dibbert, executive director of the General Alumni Association, said the Alumni Association has encouraged the Clubs for several years to get involved in community service projects, including scholarships.

According to research done by Lomax, alumni chapters were involved with financial assistance to local students around the turn of the century, but most of that aid has disappeared over the years.

Those involved in the program hope to have a network set up by next semester. Lomax said he would like to see letters sent out to the approximately 56 in-state clubs and 72 out-of-state clubs by November, with initial contacts made over Christmas. Rentz also said she thinks the program may be up and running by the spring semester.

But many obstacles still remain in implementing the program, said Student Body President Brien Lewis. "It's almost a dance routine, there are so many steps," he said. The Financial Aid Task Force will draw up a formal report, to be circulated around the University, Lewis said. Meetings with the Alumni Association will follow.

Still, Lewis said he was excited by the idea. "It's a realistic idea. It seems from my perspective to be such a doable thing," he said.

On the administrative side, Eleanor Morris, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said local clubs would raise the money, and the financial aid office would pick a student to receive the scholarship. Morris said she was unsure if clubs could claim the scholarships as tax deductions.

The financial aid office is already very busy, but Morris said she would not mind the extra work. "It would be a problem, but it would be a happy problem."



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## Shelter from the storm

Serena Wille, a freshman from Connecticut, takes refuge from Wednesday's rain under the trees in front of Lenoir Hall.

# Campus Y committee to target youth issues

By JENNIFER PILLA

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A new Campus Y committee called Youth United is being formed to address the problems of local junior high school students.

The committee, chaired by junior John Cella, senior Rodney Harris and sophomore Terri Robinson, is organized into three subcommittees designed to work directly with junior high school students and to represent the interests of the students to the community.

Members of the "Y to Y" Committee will be working directly with local students. Each volunteer will be assigned a junior high student.

"It's similar to the Big Buddy program, except with junior high students," Robinson said.

Volunteers on the Programming Committee will also work directly with local students but will not be assigned partners. The committee will plan activities for groups of students, such as parties and block seating for football games, which will be held on campus. They hope to hold their first party in November or December.

Action Committee members will deal with the long-range goals of the program. They will address area town councils about the need for a teen council and promote awareness of the issues

facing local youth.

One of the main focuses of the program is drop-out prevention.

"If we can prevent just one student from dropping out, then it will have been worth forming the committee," said Tony Deifell, co-president of the Campus Y.

Deifell also said this was the first Campus Y committee to deal directly with the needs of teenagers.

"This is one example of how the Y adjusts its programming to address the needs of the community."

Youth United will begin working with about 20 students from Culbreth Junior High School. Lois Frears, the head of the guidance department at Culbreth, said the volunteers and students would deal with varied issues.

"It's a broad gamut from academic to personal to decisions they have to make," she said.

Applications from volunteers were due Wednesday, but interested students still have a chance to get involved.

"We'll be taking applications throughout the year, because we plan to expand," said Robinson.

Members of Youth United hope to begin including students from other junior high schools sometime this year, Robinson said.

# PR lot opens behind schedule

By BETH MECKLEY

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Construction of a new off-campus parking lot on Airport Road has been completed, and students with PR permits can move their cars to that lot now.

Those who have been keeping their cars in Craige lot because the PR lot has not been available must move their cars by Monday, John DeVitto, director of Transportation and Parking Services, said in a memo to students this week.

The PR lot, which contains 500 spaces, was completed last week. Some permits for the lot may still be purchased for \$36, said Transportation Planner John Gardner.

Although the lot was originally supposed to be completed about six weeks ago, the project was delayed for several reasons, he said. "The weather was obviously a factor because of all the

rain. One day of rain may lose you two or three days of working." Other delays occurred because of problems encountered with the soil and with some bedrock that was found close to the surface, he said.

To accommodate the people who had purchased permits for the PR lot, these students were allowed to park in the Craige lot. But construction fences will be put up there next week as work begins on the Craige parking deck.

"I don't think we're going to have any difficulty (getting people to move their cars); students have been very responsive. We're lucky we had the Craige lot to fall back on," DeVitto said.

David Smith, a member of student government who worked with parking allocation, said some students may find parking in the off-campus lot an inconvenience. But several students men-

tioned that they were just glad to be able to park in the Craige lot while they could.

"I'd rather park here (in Craige lot) because it's closer to campus. But I didn't have a Craige lot permit at the beginning of the year, so I didn't expect to have this space anyway," said Todd Harke, a sophomore from New Bern.

Shannon Ward, a sophomore from Charlotte, said, "I'd much rather park here, but I'm really just glad to have a permit to park my car."

The opening of the PR lot has made it easier for the bus system to stay on schedule, Gardner said. Because the bus schedule was written to include the PR lot at the beginning of the year, buses were forced to lay over in the P lot to make up for not going to the PR lot.

# Mangum's Haunted House to return home in 9th year

By DIONNE LOY

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The ninth annual Mangum Haunted House will be held October 27 and 28 from 8 p.m. to midnight, and proceeds from ticket and T-shirt sales will benefit the North Carolina Burn Center.

The house will include at least seven major rooms with themes, said Aric Beals, Mangum president. The project is in a transitional stage, because Mangum's renovation processes last year forced the haunted house to be held in Manly Residence Hall.

With the move back to Mangum, Beals said he hoped to mix tradition with creative ideas. "We're not only sticking to the old, we're adding new. We also want to welcome everyone around the area to help."

The Haunted House is being supported by Olde Campus government this year, said Michael Schmier, area governor, who is now working on financial and business aspects of the

project.

"Last year, the project was expensive because of all the building we did in the (Manly) basement," Schmier said. "But this year we had permission from Jim Weaver, area director, and Dr. (Wayne) Kuncel, housing director, to use Mangum. Our cost should run comparably lower — around \$1,600 to \$1,700."

"It is more like an Olde Campus project this year, and by next year Mangum should be able to handle it individually."

The lower building costs should allow a larger contribution to the Burn Center, Schmier said. T-shirts will be sold for \$8, and tickets can be purchased for \$2 in the Pit or \$3 at the door. "The money from the sale of these items, with the help of a large grant from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and over \$500 sponsorship from local merchants, might enable us to contribute as much as \$3,000."

The project will require several hours of work from many people, Beals said.

More than 30 volunteers will work at each of the two shifts. The workers will scare visitors and sell tickets and refreshments. Domino's and Ben & Jerry's, two of the haunted house sponsors, will supply refreshments.

Last year the total attendance for both nights was around 600, Schmier said. Increased advertising, added sponsorship and a better location should lead to higher attendance, he said.

The North Carolina Memorial Hospital Burn Center administers care statewide to patients of all ages, said Ernest Grant, education and outreach clinician. North Carolina ranks high in numbers of burn victims, and the center treated more than 362 new burn patients last year, he said.

"We are very grateful for all the help from the UNC campus organizations. People don't know about the Burn Center and don't really realize the pain and suffering. All we can do is let people know we're here."