

CAMPUS AND CITY

Congress loan could revive Phoenix



Habitat for Humanity to hold interest meeting

The Orange County chapter of Habitat for Humanity will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday to coordinate the efforts of community volunteers to build houses. The meeting will be in the Holy Catholic Church on Governor Burke Road in Hillsborough. The meeting will allow area business leaders, community organization members and church members to join in the funding and building of two houses in northern Orange County. Direct questions to Susan Levy at 732-6767.

Ronald McDonald House to sponsor reception

The Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill will hold a reception from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday to encourage local community groups to work with the house to serve families with sick children. The Ronald McDonald House is on Finley Golf Course at 101 Old Mason Farm Road. Direct questions to Travis Montgomery or Ellen Crow at the Ronald McDonald House at 966-6752.

Local service agencies to hold pet care clinic

Several agencies will sponsor a rabies clinic Saturday to encourage pet owners to care for their pets. The Carrboro Animal Control, the Animal Protection Society of Orange County and Weaver Street Market will sponsor the clinic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Weaver Street Market. Weaver Street Market is located at 101 E. Weaver St. in Carrboro. Dog and cat owners also can have their pets vaccinated for a \$5 fee. The Animal Protection Society will provide educational materials and free pet identification tags. Direct further questions to Amanda Graham at 967-8323.

Discussion to highlight history of N.C. women

The Orange County Women's Center is holding a free forum to share the stories of three North Carolina-raised women to celebrate Women's History Month from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Catherine Dickman, Ida Friday and Marie Mann will talk about the stories of their childhoods in North Carolina. The Orange County Women's Center is located at 210 Henderson St. For more information, contact Dawn Williams at 968-4610.

County manager's plan focus of public hearing

There will be a public hearing Tuesday to discuss the county manager's capital improvement plan. The Orange County Board of Commissioners will sponsor a public hearing Tuesday at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Community Center, 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro. The county manager has proposed forming an agreement with the Triangle Youth Hockey Association to build a new swimming pool in Orange County, setting aside funds to provide four staffed solid-waste collection sites in the county and providing a reserve fund to increase elementary school space. Direct questions to Rod Visser, assistant county manager, or Sally Kost, budget director, at 732-8181.

By Everett Arnold
Staff Writer

The Phoenix could rise from its ashes this spring if Student Congress approves a \$460 loan to the financially troubled student news magazine. The news magazine ceased publishing in January after Student Congress froze its funds. The magazine's editors had failed to pay a \$910 phone bill due since last summer, said Student Body Treasurer Kevin Hunter. The Student Congress Finance Committee recently thawed the Phoenix's advertising revenue funds to pay half the phone bill, and finance committee member Jonathan Roberts, Dist. 24, has proposed that Student Congress loan \$460 to the magazine.

Under Roberts' proposal, the Phoenix staff could then use self-generated funds to print an issue. Phoenix Editor Diane Faces said the Phoenix did not have enough self-generated funds to pay the phone bill and to print another issue. "If we have to pay \$460 of our own funds, it leaves us with not enough money to put out an issue," Faces said. "It takes about \$500 to put out an issue." Phoenix Treasurer Brendan Smith said the proposal was not drafted Monday because finance committee Chairman Chris Tuck, Dist. 20, called quorum for lack of members when committee member Eric Pratt, Dist. 22, left the meeting. Smith said he would work with Roberts to present the proposal to the full

congress tonight. The Phoenix will not publish again this semester unless congress approves some sort of proposal, Smith said. "If no proposal is made, we're dead in the water because we'll only have \$3 left (after paying the phone bill)," he said. But Smith said he didn't know how the Phoenix would be able to pay off the proposed loan from congress, which would accumulate about 4 percent interest. "We won't have the self-generated funds, which are usually used to pay printing costs, to pay off \$460 unless we skip an issue next year," he said. The size of the phone bill was due in part to unauthorized long-distance calls made when a lock that was supposed to be on the phone during last summer

disappeared, Smith said. "The phone bill wasn't really our fault," he said. Faces said former Student Body Treasurer Nigel Long assured her in a meeting with Tuck and Hunter late last year that student government would pay the phone bill. Smith said he thought the freeze was unfair to the magazine because Long had promised to pay the bill. "They're punishing us for something their own student body treasurer didn't do," he said. Smith added that until recently, Phoenix editors were unaware that Long had not paid the bill. Smith said Hunter had mentioned during Monday's meeting that he remembered Long's promise to pay the bill. Tuck said congress would continue

the freeze until the Phoenix had a business staff and could prove the magazine editors could manage their finances "responsibly." But Smith said the legal services needed to become a business would cost about \$400. "They want us to have a board of directors," he said. "It would give us extra direction because they don't think we can run a magazine." Smith said he was concerned that a board of directors would interfere with the magazine's content and editorial decisions. Tuck said no new funds were allocated to the Phoenix during congress's February budget allocations because the magazine's managers missed the required budget orientation session.

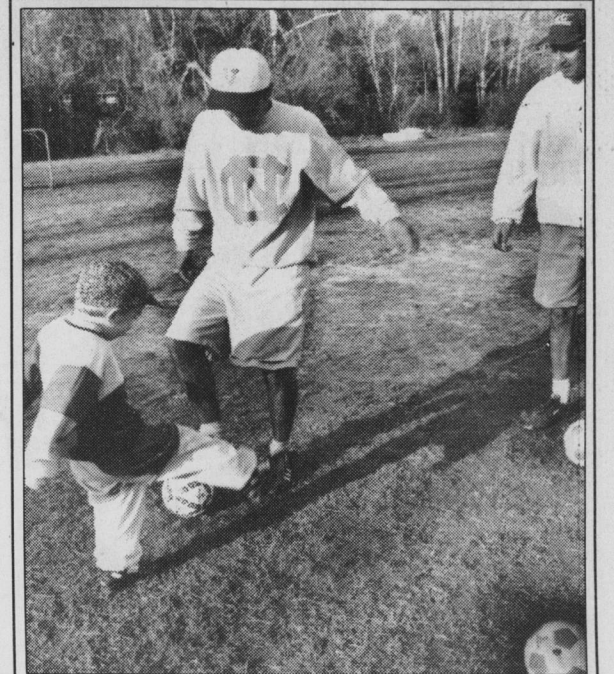
Proposed Bible class sparks debate at Chapel Hill High

By Ivana Washington
Staff Writer

A proposed Chapel Hill High School Bible-study course has drawn mixed reactions from school board members, students and faculty who are concerned the course could violate the doctrine of separation of church and state. The Chapel Hill High School student government passed a resolution Thursday endorsing a course that would teach the Bible as a work of literature and history. Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board member Ken Touw said Monday that he did not think the proposed class would result in the injection of religion into public education. But Touw added that the class would have to be structured so that it did not exclusively study the Bible. School board member Ted Parrish said the administrators at the high school would make the final decision on whether the class would be allowed. "The high school has the responsibility for making those decisions," he said. Holly Kileff, the Chapel Hill High School senior who sponsored the resolution, said there had been opposition to the idea of teaching the Bible in school but added that she did not think the class

violated the doctrine of separation between church and state. "It's just teaching history," she said. "There's nothing illegal about that." The resolution the student government approved stated, "Therefore be it resolved that Student Government supports the idea of the creation of a class that teaches the Bible as a piece of literature and history for the school year 1994-1995." The resolution will be presented in April to the governance committee, the school's policy-making body. Kileff said she introduced the course because she wanted to promote understanding between students of different religions. "I wanted people to understand Biblical allusions and have an understanding of our civilization," she said. Touw said he also was concerned that adding another class to the curriculum would give the school a shopping-mall image by offering a wide variety of classes. Parrish said he could not comment on the course since the matter had not reached the school board. School officials also are concerned about the reaction of religious organizations to the addition of a Bible course. Touw said a Bible course could open

the door for other religious organizations wanting to introduce other religious books to public school curricula. Kileff said she would support introducing other religious books into the curriculum, including the Torah and the Koran. "I think that's fine," she said. "I would gladly take a class on the Koran." Touw added that the class was worth considering if there was a demand for it and qualified teachers to teach it. "I guess somebody in the English department might be qualified," he said. Michael Hickman, the chairman of the school's governance committee and the student government faculty adviser, said he did not think the addition of a Bible course would encourage other religious groups to call for more religion courses. "Religion is not the issue," he said. Hickman, a history teacher, said there was a strong need for a course that considered the Bible's influence on Western culture. The class would help students understand the prevalent Biblical allusions in music and literature, he added. Hickman said he thought some atheists and non-Christians would like to take a Bible course because they had little exposure to that information.



Playing footsie
Nik Mittal (center), a senior from Raleigh, coaches 5-year-old Andrew Baker Monday during a Rainbow Soccer practice as assistant coach Ibrez Bandukwala watches.

Sanford to speak on United Nations as part of new Law School series

By Gina Evans
Staff Writer

In the first part of a series sponsored by the UNC Law School Forum, Terry Sanford, a former U.S. senator and N.C. governor, will discuss "The United Nation's Mission without the Cold War," at 7 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Hall. The event marks the first in what organizers hope will be an annual speaker series sponsored by the new forum, said Winston Crisp, assistant dean of student affairs at the Law School. Sanford, who was defeated in his campaign for re-election to the U.S. Senate in 1992, earned his undergraduate and law degrees from UNC and served as Student Congress speaker while at the University. He also holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University. Sanford is president emeritus of Duke University and will begin teach-

ing at the school's Institute of Public Policy this fall. The Law School Forum, a student-run branch of the Student Bar Association, first began organizing the speaker series last fall. "The UNC Law School Forum is trying to bring in people to talk about topics of national and public interest with the University campus and Chapel Hill community," said Ellen Smith, director of public information at the Law School. The forum was proposed by Harry Martin, a recently retired N.C. Supreme Court justice who now teaches at the UNC Law School. The forum is modeled after the Harvard Law School Forum. Martin and Sanford, who have been



Terry Sanford

friends for many years, attended UNC at the same time. "Sanford likes young people," Martin said of his friend. "He realizes the future of our state is in the hands of our young people." Cynthia Garner, a law student from Lexington and student chairwoman of the Forum, volunteered to work with Crisp and Martin on the actual details of the forum last fall. "We talked about the purpose of the forum and whether Senator Sanford would be willing to be the first speaker," she said. "Last fall, we had a tentative commitment from Sanford to speak." After Winter Break, a student committee took over the work the forum was doing. "From then on, the UNC Law School Forum was a student-sponsored and organized event," Garner said. Crisp said the forum was working toward bringing "very prominent national figures" to speak at UNC.

Residents criticize town pay increases

By Jay R. Davis
Staff Writer

About 30 Chapel Hill residents echoed President Clinton's call for national sacrifice at a public hearing Tuesday night, saying it was time for the Chapel Hill Town Council to cut the town budget to avoid raising local taxes. The council held a public hearing at town hall to allow residents to respond to the preliminary 1993-94 town budget. The budget would cut the property tax rate from 57.7 cents to 54.9 cents per \$1,000, but town property revaluations still might cause a tax hike. The preliminary budget also calls for a 4.75-percent salary increase for all town employees, which would be the first raise for town employees in two years. Town Manager Cal Horton said the budget proposal would allow the town to continue providing the same services, including transportation and parking.

Chapel Hill resident Sandy Brownstein said she sympathized with town employees but thought that all residents needed to make sacrifices for the good of the community. "There are too many other needs," Brownstein said. "I would like to see not much, if any, of a pay raise." Chapel Hill resident James Goldstein said he did not support a town employee salary increase. He urged council members to look at consolidating and eliminating some employees. "Have the mentality of a prudent buyer... consider your own pocketbook," Goldstein told council members. But Chapel Hill resident Mary Dexter, a bus driver, said a salary raise was necessary to preserve the quality of the town's services. "Chapel Hill's town services are highly touted," Dexter said. "Good employees make this happen." She said most of the employees at her

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