

CAMPUS AND CITY

Scholarship to help gays combat prejudice

By Mary Jo Tumey
Staff Writer

The UNC School of Law this fall will offer the state's first scholarship dedicated to preventing discrimination against gays and lesbians.

David Jones, a Chapel Hill writer, established the law-school scholarship in memory of his partner of 17 years, Alan Berman, a UNC alumnus and Durham lawyer.

"My primary goal is a permanent living memorial to my life partner Alan

Berman," Jones said.

Jones, an AIDS activist, said the second goal of the \$26,000 endowment is to fight for civil rights, which Berman spent the last few years of his life focusing on.

The scholarship will be granted according to merit and financial need, regardless of sexual preference.

Although the scholarship is based on need, it will give preference to gay or lesbian students. The scholarship, however, also will be available to heterosexual students interested in fighting

discrimination against gays.

Jones said he thought the scholarship was a good memorial to a man who worked very hard to help people.

At the end of his career, Berman fought insurance companies that tried to deny health benefits to people after they became sick.

Berman died last year of AIDS at age 43.

Law school administrators will work with the Gay and Lesbian Law School Association to choose the recipient for the 1993-94 school year.

Because the Alan Berman Scholarship is based on need, the Bicentennial Challenge fund, which encourages endowments to the University, will match the donation.

Lisa Grafstein, co-chairwoman of GALLSA and a law student, said the organization was very excited about the new scholarship.

"We are really happy about it," Grafstein said.

"This is affirming a whole field of gay and lesbian civil rights."

Grafstein also said she thought the

scholarship would be good for the law school.

"This (scholarship) will encourage people to come to UNC," she said.

The Alan Berman Scholarship is the first offered in the state aimed at fighting discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The recipient of the scholarship during the 1993-94 school year will receive \$1,000.

The scholarship will increase based on the amount of interest earned from the \$25,000 endowment.

Paul Gardner, director of development at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said the journalism school hoped to offer a similar scholarship in the future.

"One of our alums has in his will provisions for an endowment that will give preference to a homosexual or lesbian student," he said.

Jones said the law school scholarship would have standard requirements.

"Students will need a good academic performance and demonstrate financial need," he said.

Green Games aim to improve UNC's energy-use habits

By Jennifer Talhelm
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Students will have the chance to root for more than Carolina basketball this fall.

And even though the winning competition won't be made into a video titled "The Road to Victory," organizers hope to get students excited about the events.

A number of student organizations are sponsoring Green Games, monthly contests between residence halls to encourage students to recycle and conserve energy.

Winners won't go home with gold medals, but they will get the chance to win prizes for themselves and for their residence halls.

"One month we may offer a ... group prize," said Josh Busby, out-going chairman of the Student Environmental Action Committee and an organizer of the games. "It may be a huge pizza party or maybe a VCR."

To win the prizes, residence halls or, in some cases, residence areas, will compete to see who can achieve the best recycling or energy-conservation record.

The recycling and conservation rates will be measured by the Physical Plant and SEAC volunteers and compared to past records of energy usage and rates of participation in recycling efforts. Winners will be those residence halls with the best improvement, Busby said.

Contests will be held roughly every month beginning in September, and about \$250 in prizes will be available each month.

"We're trying to hold different environmental contests with prizes from various businesses ... to raise awareness and involvement in projects designed to improve environmental awareness," said Student Body President Jim Copland, whose office also will sponsor the games.

UNC's Green Games events are based

on a program put together by the National Wildlife Federation called Cool-it. The program began at Harvard University and spread to other schools such as Tufts University and Yale University.

Besides the games, coordinators hope to increase enthusiasm by providing a speaker series. Busby said they hoped to kick off the events Sept. 1 with a speaker in Memorial Hall.

"To do it right, we also need to have some high profile events," Busby said.

Leading the list of desired speakers are: Vice President Al Gore, Environmental Protection Agency Director Carol Browner, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and Benjamin Chavis, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Green Games organizers currently are trying to plan the events and line up funds to pay for prizes. The total cost for events and prizes might be as much as \$30,000, Busby said. Until all the events are planned, the total cost can only be estimated, he said.

So far, the Physical Plant has promised \$3,000, and the Department of University Housing pledged \$3,200 and agreed to purchase T-shirts for resident assistants. Organizers are asking for donations from area businesses as well as corporations.

Among the University groups sponsoring Green Games are: the Residence Hall Association, SEAC, the Campus Y, the office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Student Congress.

Green Games will be tied to Bicentennial events although the Bicentennial fund is not scheduled to help pay for any programs. Kevin Moran, chairman of the Student Bicentennial Observance Planning Committee, said the games worked nicely with the Bicentennial theme of community.

"The pan-campus series of events works on one of the important social issues and an important campus issue," Moran said.



Celebrating the Fourth

Tony Vogg, right, and "Officer Pat" lead the patriotic Fourth of July People's Parade in Carrboro. Participants, dressed in their best red, white and blue, marched Sunday afternoon from Carr Mill Mall to the Carrboro Town Hall, where several bands performed free of charge. Parade participants with the best costumes were awarded ribbons and prizes. Below, the Triangle British Brass Band entertains the crowd of about 20,000 who had turned out to see the fireworks display Sunday night at Kenan Stadium.

DTH photos/Debbie Stengel



Village plan gets go-ahead

By Rochelle Klaskin
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Construction on Chapel Hill's largest-ever development will begin in 30 days after being approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council Tuesday night following months of public hearings and compromises.

The Southern Village community will be built as a town within a town with a mixture of residential, retail and office space. The development will be located south of town off U.S. 15-501 near Culbreth Middle School.

Council member Joe Capowski said he thought the council was taking a risk approving such a large development.

"We're taking a risk here, but it's a marvelous experiment, and we'll give it a try," he said.

The town council approved the first stage of residential development as well as the general use of the area.

The residential area of the 312-acre site first will include town houses and single-family homes, according to D.R. Bryan, the Holly Springs-based developer of Southern Village. Apartments will be developed in later phases of the project. When community is completed, it will consist of 1,388 residential units.

Bryan said the project will be developed over a period of 10 to 12 years. In that time, according to a report by Town Manager Cal Horton, more than 6,000 residents will populate the entire area.

Stormwater management, the construction of bike paths, parking management and building recreation sites were issues the council considered before deciding to approve the plan. Many compromises were made between Bryan and the council.

Bryan said the development would be friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists. A bike path will be built on the facility and extend to Purefoy Road. Roads within the village will be narrow to slow cars to speeds less than 35 mph. Council member Julie Andresen said she thought Bryan had been very responsive to every concern the council had raised.

"I think we were tough. We expected a lot, and we got it," she said.

The village center, which will comprise the storefront district, will simulate a Franklin Street-type atmosphere. The center will include 80,000 square feet of commercial and retail space and 145,000 square feet of office space.

The storefront designs call for residential-looking buildings that line close to the streets with parking in the back. The residential area will be built around the retail village core.

One citizen told the council Tuesday night that some residents feared that Southern Village would just become a Kroger Plaza or a Carrboro Plaza.

But Bryan told the council that design guidelines and storefront provisions would prevent the development from becoming a mall-like structure.

Council member Joyce Brown said she was concerned there were no guarantees to ensure that retail merchants would occupy the village's main streets instead of predominantly office space.

But council member Art Werner said he thought retail owners would be attracted to the project. "I think this is going to be a very attractive place for retail."

The village also will include religious buildings, park areas with playing fields and recreation facilities and a private swim and tennis club.

Council member Mark Chilton said, "This is going to be the best project that Chapel Hill has ever seen."

Two parents enter school board race

By Bill Blocker
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Two Chapel Hill residents, who are parents of children enrolled in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, have decided to run for spots on the school board.

LaVonda Burnette and Grainger Barrett are the only school board candidates officially registered with the Orange County Board of Elections for the Nov. 2 municipal election.

Three board seats are open. Two of the incumbents, Doug Breen and Ted Parrish, have announced that they will not run for re-election. School board Chairwoman Mary Bushnell has not yet decided whether to seek another term.

Barrett, who is the father of three children in the school system and a member of the Estes Hill School Governance Committee, said he has been active in school matters for several years. "I have an investment in the school system and will have for another 10 years," he said.

Barrett said the school board needs to develop a set of long-term goals to better serve students.

"My ideal is making a student a lifelong learner," he said. "Specifically, our most pressing need is to ensure that African-Americans share in the overall excellence of our school system."

The school board needs to be better prepared to handle tough economic times, and try to improve the quality of its plans by completing fewer projects, he said.

The board should develop a more effective relationship with the Orange County Commissioners, which is the district's primary funding source, he said.

Barrett added that he supported classroom reform, which would be the incorporation of new and innovative programs in the schools. "I want to encourage that to blossom in the schools," he said.

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Two seek spots on Carrboro board

By Bill Blocker
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Since the election filing period began Friday, two Carrboro residents have entered the race to secure one of three open seats on the Board of Aldermen.

Currently, three seats on the Board of Aldermen held by Hilliard Caldwell, Jacqueline Gist and Tom Gurganus are open.

Gist and resident Michael Nelson are the two candidates who have filed with the Orange County Board of Elections.

Gist said she enjoyed helping her fellow citizens. "Carrboro has a wide variety of citizens, and it's also a very little town. I have the opportunity to work with a lot of different types of people, and I really like doing that."

Gist said she hoped to have the opportunity to continue with the work she has been doing for the past four years.

"I've worked for the past two years as a member of the Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Task Force," she said. "I've also worked as the liaison between the Board of Aldermen and the Small Area

Planning Work Group."

She added that she had worked on a variety of human service issues. "I've been working hard toward better fiscal management of the town and want to continue," she said.

Gist, who has lived in Carrboro for 17 years, said she received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University. "I'm a career counselor at the University, working specifically with students interested in nonprofit, the arts and social work," she said.

Michael Nelson, who ran for a seat on the board four years ago, said he thought he could bring diversity to the board. "I think our current board is a very good board, but I'd like to increase the diversity of its members," Nelson said. "I think there should be a gay person on the board. I want to make sure we are part of the process."

Caldwell said he would hold a press conference Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. at Carrboro Town Hall to announce his election plans.

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