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Chapel Hill mayor files for re-election to post

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun officially entered the mayoral race Tuesday by filing for a spot on the Nov. 2 ballot.

So far, Broun is the only resident who has entered the mayoral race. Candidates for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Carrboro mayor, Chapel Hill Town Council, Chapel Hill mayor and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board can file with the Orange County Board of Elections until noon, Aug. 6.

Food Lion reopens after being closed 10 months

The Eastgate Food Lion, which was damaged in a September fire, reopened as a bigger grocery store Wednesday after about 10 months of reconstruction.

Fire officials still have not determined the cause of the fire, which blew out the grocery store's roof and back wall. The fire was the third in a string of blazes Sept. 20.

Cameron's at University Mall reported a fire at 5:20 p.m., but the fire was controlled by the store's sprinkler system.

The Intimate Bookshop on East Franklin Street was gutted by a 6:50 p.m. blaze. Owner Wallace Kuralt said he expects the store to reopen around Oct. 15.

Fire officials were called to the Food Lion fire at about 7:20 p.m.

Campus Pepsi machines to offer Coke products

Students looking to campus vending machines for a midnight caffeine fix soon will have more than Pepsi products to choose from.

Beginning this week, about 55 of the 130 soda and juice machines on campus will carry Coca-Cola products along with the usual Pepsi and Mountain Dew.

"Customers appear to have a demand for Coke as well as Pepsi," Carolina Dining Services Director Chris Derby said. CDS maintains the campus vending machines.

"We, being the University dining service, want to meet as many of the customers' needs as possible," Derby said.

Coke and Diet Coke have been available from fountain drink machines in Chase Hall, Lenoir Dining Hall as well as the Union Station for about a year.

The change was not due to customers' complaints, Derby said.

"We received relatively few complaints," he said.

"When we do focus groups, we get a voice from students."

CDS manages the campus meals services for Marriott Corp., which has a national agreement with Pepsi, and so all sodas sold by CDS are Pepsi products.

But CDS has the right to offer products from the rival company.

"We have the ability to sell Coke products based on customer preference," Derby said.

CDS to branch out into espresso cart business

Carolina Dining Services plans to expand its outdoor food cart business in the fall by opening an espresso cart.

The CDS cart will compete with The Daily Grind Espresso Cafe, located in the Bull's Head Bookshop across the Pit from Lenoir Dining Hall.

"We have the intent to explore the espresso market," Derby said.

"It appears to be something students are interested in. The market is doing well."

CDS tried out the outdoor cart business during the spring. Carts outside Lenoir sold items from hot dogs to ice cream.

"We experimented with some cart business at the end of the semester," Derby said.

"I would feel you would see something similar to that in the fall."

Espresso bars — espresso machines built into carts with running water and electrical capacity — have become fashionable on the West Coast and now are rising in popularity in other areas.

"It's something that was started in the Northwest. They appear to appeal to this age group," Derby said, referring to college students.

The CDS cart would add to the growing number of espresso bars on campus. An espresso cart has been in the Osler Snack Bar in Berryhill Hall since March.

# Raleigh daily buys Chapel Hill News

By Yi-Hsin Chang  
Editor

A week after The News & Observer Publishing Co. of Raleigh announced its plans to buy The Chapel Hill News, the more than 40 News employees still are unsure what their fate will be when the deal goes into effect July 30.

"A lot of them are going to go through the interviewing process (for the N&O)," said Bob Parks, publisher of the News. "I think a lot of them want to stay."

Ottaway Newspapers Inc., the community newspapers subsidiary of Dow Jones & Co. Inc. that currently owns the News, announced the plan at a press conference Thursday. Ottaway President Richard Meyers would not disclose the price of the sale.

When the two companies close the deal at the end of the month, all News employees will be laid off, and the N&O will hire the ones it wishes to keep. The N&O has begun interviewing News staff members and will continue to do so for the next two weeks, Parks said.

"We're hoping they'll hire as many employees as possible," he said. Ottaway will offer severance packages or openings at other Ottaway or Dow Jones papers to those who aren't hired by the N&O, Parks said. The N&O also may offer employees jobs at other N&O bureaus.

Meanwhile, the mood is somber in the News office at 505 W. Franklin St., and the buyout is the talk of the office.

"There's a great deal of fear, and there's a great deal of pessimism," said Paul Brown, a 1978 UNC graduate who has been the paper's news editor for the past five years. "The uncertainty just kills you."

Brown said the staff felt a sense of failure because Ottaway had failed to turn the newspaper around.

"The newsroom poured itself into this product. This was their heart. This was their soul," he said. "And all that seems to be for naught."

"That's what hurt so bad Thursday. That's what hurt so bad Friday when we came into the office. That's why it still hurts."

Ottaway bought the News in January

1988, when it published 5,000 paid copies five times a week. Hard economic times forced the paper to move to publishing 25,000 free copies three times a week — Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays — in September.

"The newsroom did what it was supposed to do. We beat the Durham and Raleigh papers (on stories) as much as they beat us," Brown said. "(But) it's like we failed. Now they own us."

"It's almost as bad as being absorbed

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Tywanda Ellison, 1992 Homecoming queen, shows student Terence Foushee how to sort garbage while playing a recycling game

## Homecoming queen teaches area children about recycling

By Bill Blocker  
Staff Writer

Even during the summer, area children have been learning. Tuesday's lesson was eco-friendliness.

1992 Homecoming Queen Tywanda Ellison initiated her public service program at the Sewell Transition Enrichment Camp teaching children about the importance of sorting and recycling garbage for the good of the environment.

"It's a project used to let the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area be more aware of the need for recycling," she said.

The program, Kids Engaged in Environmental Preservation, is geared primarily toward minority children.

"I think that within the minority community we did not realize the need for recycling," Ellison said.

"We don't have exposure to information letting us know recycling is a must."

Ellison spent the spring semester preparing the program, which consists of an environmental song written by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, a recycling game and watching a video. KEEP probably will continue once a week throughout the summer and once a month during the year.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha, which is my sorority, is going to continue the program for the year," she said. "I had to gear my information toward this age group."

Reaching children is a good way to communicate the recycling message to the entire community. "A lot of times when you get through to kids you can get to parents," Ellison said.

Each child received a packet containing a letter to parents, directions to local recycling sites, a how-to-recycling packet and a coloring book.

The UNC recycling program donated the recycling bins and the coloring books and the town of Chapel Hill donated the video.

"(Students) will each receive a participation certificate," Ellison added. "Maybe parents will get interested in the KEEP program."

Several parents who attended the afternoon program praised the idea of including children in teaching environmental responsibility.

"I think this is great," said parent Dawn Minton. "I think it's really good that they're teaching about recycling at a young age."

LaVonda Burnette, who is running for a spot on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board, and her daughter Brittany agreed that the program was useful and fun.

"I think exposing kids to these experiences at a young age will prepare them for later on," LaVonda Burnette said.

Brittany said she learned to "separate the trash and throw it away."

KEEP also received rave reviews from several other participants.

"I learned to put the right trash in the right baskets," said Terence Foushee. "I loved the class."

and then narrowed it to four," he said. Redfoot said the N.C. Division of School Planning had a list of criteria for selecting a school site. Topography, location and access were among the six most important factors in choosing the school location.

"There is a checklist that is followed when purchasing a school site," Redfoot said. "The site has good access to roadways, public transportation, sidewalks and bikeways."

Touw said the total cost of building the new school would be close to \$2 million. The school will be funded with money from a \$52 million bond referendum that passed in November.

He added that the site would have to be approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council before construction could begin next year.

The school board has not yet agreed on a name for the new high school, but it is likely that even Chapel Hill High School's name might be changed slightly, Touw said.

"We may have an East and West Chapel Hill High School," he said. "This way they will both start off equal."

The school will be built to accommodate 1,000 students with the capacity for an increased enrollment of about 1,500. CHHS currently houses between 1,500 and 1,600, which exceeds the building's capacity.

The number of students who will be attending the new school has raised some concern in the community about increased traffic and parking.

Touw said the school board planned to meet with the area's residents to get feedback about the best way to handle the influx of students and faculty.

"A lot of students do drive to school," said Cathie Brubaker, a resident of the Chesley development, which is located near the school site. "But I think there's enough land to accommodate student parking."

"I think it will be a well-done design, and my kids will be able to benefit from it."

## Site selected for new high school

By Jada Overton  
Staff Writer

Although construction on a new local high school will not begin until next summer, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board already has selected its future home.

The school will be located on a 72-acre site close to a residential neighborhood on Weaver Dairy Road.

"The price per acre was reasonable for the Chapel Hill area," said Ken Touw, a member of the school board. "It was not the most expensive piece of property we were looking at."

Touw said the board considered the site's accessibility to public transportation during the selection process. "The current high school is not on a bus route, but the new one will be," he said.

Ken Redfoot, project architect with Hakan, Corley and Associates, the firm contracted to build the new school, said it was a lengthy process to determine the best site. "We started with 30 sites

## Board of Trustees to have last word on grade appeals

By Yi-Hsin Chang  
Editor

Students appealing grades no longer will be allowed to take their cases to the UNC Board of Governors.

The BOG voted Friday to make the boards of trustees at each of the 16 UNC campuses have the last say when it comes to student grade appeals, conferring of degrees and admission.

"This is a responsibility that should be handled on each individual campus," said Joseph Thomas, chairman of the BOG's Committee on University Governance, which recommended the change in policy.

Thomas said the BOG had received only one or two appeals from the 16 campuses in the last three months, but the reasons for the appeals did not warrant them being heard by the board.

"We think they have a sufficient appeals process on each campus," he said. Chancellor Paul Hardin said the BOG's decision made sense.

"That's very sound," Hardin said. "There are several levels of appeals on each of the 16 campuses, and the Board of Governors does not need to deal with that."

Jim Copland, student body president and a voting ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, said he didn't see a problem with the policy change.

"As long as students can appeal up to the trustees level, I don't have a real problem with it," he said. "There's got

to be some delegation of decision-making."

Copland said decisions on student appeals often were difficult, especially for the BOG, which is far removed from the actual situations.

"Theoretically, it gives students one less appeal, but I don't think it matters in practice," he said. "I'm not sure how many students actually appeal (to the BOG)."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, said student grade appeals at the University usually were handled by faculty members without ever going to the BOT.

"As far as I know, all our grade appeals have been handled in-house," Boulton said. "In my 21 years (at UNC), I cannot remember a single appeal going to the trustees."

Appeals cases usually are reviewed and resolved by a faculty appeals committee between semesters, Boulton said.

Students usually are granted grade appeals if they experience extenuating circumstances, such as serious illness or a death in the family.

"Some people get very creative in what happened," he said.

Because grade appeals do not reach the BOT or the BOG, the policy change does not affect the University, Boulton said.

"Grade appeals should be handled by the faculty," he said. "Students still can appeal Honor Court decisions to the BOT."

## School board leader to vie for re-election

By Kelly Ryan  
Associate Editor

Six-year Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board veteran Mary Bushnell announced this week that she planned to seek re-election to see through projects that could benefit from her experience.

"I think I've worked very hard to establish relationships with people in the district and in the community, and I would hope some of that work that has gone on before would make it possible to cooperate," she said.

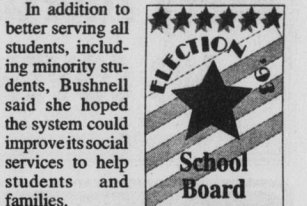
"I've worked hard to try to bring people together to understand different issues facing the district."

Three school board seats are open. Bushnell, two-year chairwoman of the board, is the only incumbent who has entered the race. Doug Breeden and Ted Parrish already announced their plans to sit out of the election.

Grainger Barrett and LaVonda Burnette, both parents of children enrolled in the schools, are the only candidates officially registered with the Orange County Board of Elections for the Nov. 2 election. Bushnell plans to file later this week or next week.

Bushnell said the school system's curriculum should be revamped to better prepare all students for the world of work beyond high school. For example, she said, lesson plans at elementary levels do not cater to individual students' needs.

"What really happens is children reach fourth grade with wildly different levels of skills and interests," she said. "We need to develop our curriculum so that it's challenging to every individual student — I mean every student."



In addition to better serving all students, including minority students, Bushnell said she hoped the system could improve social services to help students and families.

"I'm really interested in this effort, under the umbrella of communities in the schools, of integration of services for families and students," she said. "Wouldn't it be more efficient and more cost-efficient for one social worker to work with a family?"

She said one of her primary concerns was to ensure that existing buildings and the new high school, which will be constructed on Weaver Dairy Road beginning next summer, are energy-efficient. "We need to make costs as low as we can so we can put our resources in other places."

Bushnell first became a member of the school board when she filled the remaining two years of an unexpired term. She was elected to her first four-year term in 1989.

Bushnell said that if she were re-elected she would not be able to serve as chairwoman again because board policy prohibited a member from being holding the seat for more than two consecutive years.

A 21-year resident of Chapel Hill, Bushnell works as a referral counselor and office administrator for the Child Care Network in Carr Mill Mall.

Candidates can file for the municipal election until noon Aug. 6 with the Board of Elections in Hillsborough.

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