



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Dist. 19 Senior Unofficially Nets Open Congress Seat

Unofficial results from a special election held Tuesday indicate that Steve William, a senior from the Bahamas, will become the new Student Congress representative for Dist. 19.

After 13 votes were cast, unofficial results showed William was ahead with five write-in votes, said Melinda Manning, election board chairwoman.

"I am very surprised, and I am looking forward to the challenge," William said. "I think that that outcome will be favorable."

Official results are pending on the winner's submission of a financial statement and will be released after Fall Break.

Student Congress held the special election to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of representative and former finance chairman, Jeff Matkins, in September.

Newsweek Art Critic Set To Speak at Conference

As part of the Bicentennial Observance, UNC is sponsoring the Southeastern College Art Conference on Oct. 21.

The keynote speaker, Peter Plagens, a Newsweek magazine art critic and former art department chairman at UNC, will speak on "The Last Esthete."

The event, which will be held in the Hanes Art Center Auditorium, begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Plagens, who also taught studio art at UNC during the 1983-84 school year, is a graduate of the University of Southern California and received his master's degree in fine arts from Syracuse University.

Church Organizes March Against Violent Crime

The First Baptist Church is sponsoring a march Saturday for residents interested in fighting the town's recent surge in violent crime.

The march will begin at 2 p.m. at Morehead Planetarium and end at the Hargraves Community Center.

"It is to serve notice that we are not taking this kind of behavior," said J.R. Manley, chairman of Saturday's march. He also is the pastor of First Baptist Church and Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

The church invited other organizations to participate in the march, including the Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments and the University.

The group will walk and carry signs.

League of Women Voters Sponsors Election Forums

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring two forums for local residents to meet the candidates in the Nov. 2 elections for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board and the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The first forum will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and the second will be held Oct. 28. Both forums will be held at the Chapel Hill Town Council chamber.

"Anyone who votes in these elections and wants to know who's running for these public offices are invited to come," league spokeswoman Catherine Emerson said.

Saturday Bike-a-thon to Benefit AIDS Patients

The seventh annual "Triangle Bikes and Hikes Against AIDS" bike-a-thon benefiting those who have AIDS will be held Saturday.

The 15- and 30-mile bike-a-thon will begin at 10 a.m. at The Imperial Athletic Club in Morrisville. Bike registration will occur at 8:30 a.m. There also will be a four-mile fitness hike.

One of the beneficiaries of the bike-a-thon is The AIDS Services Project. TASP is a Triangle nonprofit group that supports those with the HIV virus and their loved ones.

"We need the bike-a-thon to raise both awareness and money," said Wanda Floyd, TASP board member and co-chairwoman of this year's bike-a-thon.

Parents Pack School Board Meeting

BY JOHN BLACKWELL
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More than 100 parents and concerned citizens attended the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education meeting Monday night at Lincoln Center to express concerns about the inclusion of gay and lesbian literature in a Chapel Hill High School English class.

The gay and lesbian literature is included as a part of teacher David Bruton's multicultural literature project. The recommended reading list for the project contains more than 2,000 titles, 200 of which are written by gay and lesbian authors.

Most of the speakers said the literature was inappropriate for a high school English class because some contained sexually explicit passages about sodomy, group sex and sex between men and boys.

CHHS Principal Charles Pattenon this week suspended the gay-lesbian literature project until a committee was formed to review the reading material in question.

School board member Ken Touw said he thought Pattenon's suspension of the project was appropriate.

"It appeared from these excerpts that the readings contained material that was inappropriate for high-school students," Touw said.

Reviewing challenged classroom reading materials is an administrative responsibility, Touw said. The school board will not take part in reviewing the materials.

Touw said the administration should use caution when determining the appropriateness of some of the literature on the list. "I want to make sure that we don't react with hysteria and destroy academic

freedom in the process," Touw said. "Many of these authors are easy to find. They are authors like Walt Whitman, Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote. To say that these books are very difficult to find is inaccurate."

School spokeswoman Kim Hoke said that while the controversy created a lot of emotion at Monday night's meeting, there was a general attitude of understanding among the speakers.

"Everybody was talking about the need to be tolerant and respectful of other people," Hoke said. "So this meeting was not as ugly as others have been."

Parents have spoken out both in opposition and support of the project at each board meeting this fall.

The Chapel Hill-based watchdog group, Putting Children First, has been especially

vocal in its opposition to Bruton's project. Several members of PCF spoke at the meeting Monday night, including Durham resident Victoria Peterson, who called for the resignation of the school board members and superintendent Neil Pedersen.

Pedersen issued a press release Tuesday outlining the process of reviewing the reading materials. While the reading materials are being reviewed by the committee, the seven students involved in the literature project in Bruton's class will "temporarily suspend their studies," the release states.

The administration will conduct an investigation of the way Bruton compiled the list, to what extent it has been used in the classroom and "the degree to which Mr. Bruton has fulfilled his duties and responsibilities as a teacher as prescribed under state statute and board policy."

UNC Seeks Telescope Funding

BY JUDY ROYAL
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After seven years of dreaming, the construction of the world's best telescope still is light-years away for the University, without the necessary funds.

Astronomy Professor Wayne Christiansen has pursued the dream since 1986, when he first envisioned the Southern Observatory for Astronomical Research as a science project for the Bicentennial Celebration.

In Christiansen's dream, he sees a telescope of the sharpest vision atop Cerro Pachon, a mountain that rises 9,000 feet above the desert foothills of Chile.

Unless UNC's share of the project can be raised, however, the dream will continue to be just that — a dream.

The total cost of SOAR is \$23 million, and UNC is expected to provide \$10 million. But after two years of fund raising, only 20 percent, or \$2 million, of that share has been raised through the Bicentennial Campaign.

Christiansen said Tuesday that in order to raise the money, the right match must be made between the interest of donors and the project. He said fund raising required a fairly unique group of individuals who loved science and astronomy.

"We have been very busy trying to spread the word," Christiansen said. "We are constantly trying to go out and do presentations about astronomy, ... hoping the word will get out to other possible donors."

"We're really excited about the project," Christiansen said. "We're determined to see it through."

UNC is not alone in its quest for the greatest telescope on earth. After the initial dream of the possibility of SOAR, Christiansen and other University astronomers realized such a project was not feasible without financial partners.

Fund-raising responsibilities for SOAR are divided between UNC, Columbia University and the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, an organization that will operate the telescope and pay maintenance costs. This will save the University these otherwise costly expenses, Christiansen said. The three will split viewing time on the telescope.

If and when SOAR is constructed, Christiansen said it would be the only university-run observatory in the Southern

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Dip's a Home Away From Home for Southern Food

BY KRISTEN MIN
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DITHILL KAUFMAN

Mildred Council works on a pie in the kitchen of Dip's Country Kitchen on West Rosemary Street. Council, who opened the restaurant in 1976, still manages the business with help from her children and grandchildren.

In the diverse community of Chapel Hill, there still exists a home for traditional, good Southern cooking.

Dip's Country Kitchen, a restaurant at 405 W. Rosemary St., is known for its friendly, relaxed atmosphere and is frequented by many Chapel Hill residents and students.

Mildred Council, who opened the business in November 1976, still manages the family-run business.

"I knew that I liked the restaurant business, and I wanted one of my own," she said.

She said she chose the location on account of availability, just as most self-starters in business begin.

"When I go on vacation, I don't look just on the main street. You normally get better food for more reasonable prices," she said.

Since Dip's opening, there has been only one change in the business. The number of seatings has increased from 22 to 94, but everything else, including the appearance of the restaurant and the style of cooking, has remained the same.

"I don't cook soul food — it's just general American cooking. I call it country because I use fresh things in my dishes, such as fresh vegetables," Council said.

Like all popular neighborhood traditions, the restaurant has had its share of famous clientele.

"We have regulars who come in for most of their meals. In general, though, there is a diversity in our customers," she said. "Chancellor Paul Hardin, Dean

"It's like going to your grandmother's house in the country for a nice home-cooked meal."

MILDRED COUNCIL
Dip's Country Kitchen owner

Smith, Coach Mack Brown, and other dignified people in the community come into the restaurant often. Students usually don't come on weekdays, but on weekends, there are plenty who come in for Sunday breakfast.

One of the restaurant's mainstays is that it makes its customers feel right at home, Council said.

"There is one fellow who has been coming in for all his meals for the past 17 years that the restaurant's been opened," she said. "It's like going to your grandmother's house in the country for a nice home-cooked meal."

Because the restaurant is family-run, Council's three daughters, one son and a few granddaughters work at Dip's.

Joe Council, Mildred Council's son, said he thought of Dip's as his second home. Elaine Council, one of Council's daughters, agreed.

"Working with the family is actually better because you're more into it as far as the quality of the food and service is concerned. You want to do everything right," she said. "There's also a tighter bond with the employees."

"It's like a family even with the employees who are outside of the family."

New Gay and Lesbian Group To Endorse Local Candidates

BY KATHRYN HASS
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Although the newly formed Orange Lesbian and Gay Association has not yet held its first meeting, the group already is hard at work getting its voice heard in time for the November elections.

OLGA will meet for the first time Monday. The organization already has sent out questionnaires to all the candidates running for Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board asking for opinions on gay community issues.

Led by Doug Ferguson and Liz Stiles, OLGA was formed to endorse candidates who are willing to represent the gay and lesbian community. OLGA will make endorsements Monday.

Ferguson, a first-year UNC law student, said a combination of other factors also had caused the group to form. One was the negative, stereotypical ideas about gays being publicized by Putting Children First, a community-watchdog group that formed to protest the Chapel Hill High School multicultural education curriculum.

The recent resignation of Joe Herzenberg, the only openly gay public official in the state, was another factor behind OLGA's formation.

"If people running for office think Put-

ting Children First is the only voice, chances are they won't be sensitive to the needs of those people who have been quiet until now," he said.

"We want to make sure the candidates know there is another side to this debate."

After this fall, OLGA wants to establish a regular committee for fund raising so it can donate money to candidates and provide volunteers to help out with local campaigns.

OLGA has a core group of 10 to 15 people right now, with about 20 expected to help with the endorsement process, Ferguson said.

"I want as many people involved who want to be involved (with gay concerns)," he said.

Other local organizations do not endorse candidates running for office.

Katherine Emerson, spokeswoman for the League of Women Voters, said her organization tried to provide the public

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New Bowling Alley to Open in December

BY BRETT PERRY
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Chapel Hill and Carrboro bowlers and pizza lovers no longer will have to drive to Durham — the new Falcon Bridge Center will be opening two of its stores, a bowling center and a pizza restaurant, by December.

The Falcon Bridge Center, which is owned by Real Estate Associates Inc. of Durham, is located at the intersection of N.C. 54 and Interstate 40, next to Hardee's. The center will house various entertainment facilities and eateries.

The new bowling center, The Mardi Gras — "where the fun never ends" — will be a state-of-the-art facility with 24 synthetic bowling lanes.

The Mardi Gras also will have computerized scoring and a Ball Wall for beginner bowlers. The Ball Wall is an electronically operated acrylic wall that covers gutters to ensure that the bowling ball will knock down some pins.

The new bowling center will have a large game room, a snack bar and a large room for adult parties.

Joe Jernigan, president of Real Estate Associates Inc., said the new bowling center expected a lot of business from both UNC and Duke University students.

"We felt that this location was not only a Durham and Chapel Hill location, but also a regional one because Interstate 40

"We're trying to boost bowling over a broader area and get more people involved. We want bowling to be an Olympic sport."

JIM GOODWIN
Fair Lanes cluster manager

can bring people from Cary, Raleigh and other cities in the area," Jernigan said.

Michael Vilopoto, owner of the Pizza Chef located at 300 E. Main St. in Carrboro, said he thought his new Pizza Chef store in Falcon Bridge Center would be ready by December.

"The new store will be very similar to the one in Carrboro. We will still have dine-in service with nine tables, pizza by the slice, salads, subs and pizza delivery," he said.

The new Pizza Chef store also will have a beer license, although alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the bowling alley.

"The new store will also have a deal with the bowling center to sell pizza from their snack bar. Bowlers can order pizza at the snack bar, and it will be delivered to them," Vilopoto said.

Although the location of the Falcon

Ridge Center is not ideal for the pizza business, Vilopoto thought the new store could serve neighborhoods where the Carrboro store could not deliver because of the long driving distance.

"Being on that intersection we are near a lot of neighborhoods, housing developments and apartments, and we are not very far from the Research Triangle Park," Vilopoto said.

"I think we'll do a lot better lunch business there because the store is a short drive from the RTP and local businesses."

Vilopoto also said he would be hiring 15 to 20 new employees for the Falcon Bridge Center store.

The Mardi Gras is less than a 15-minute drive from the Fair Lanes Bowling Center at 4508 Chapel Hill Blvd. in Durham.

But Jim Goodwin, Fair Lanes cluster manager, said he was glad a new bowling center would be opening in the area.

"I welcome the opening of the lanes," Goodwin said. "I don't think that the new bowling center will take too many customers from Fair Lanes because we get most of our business from Durham residents."

"We're trying to boost bowling over a broader area and get more people involved. We want bowling to be an Olympic sport."

Jernigan said bowling was becoming increasingly popular. "We believe that the market is large enough so that both bowling centers can operate without hurting the business of the other."

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