



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Adults of Jewish heritage sought to share stories

The Ackland Art Museum is seeking adults with Jewish backgrounds to participate in eight storytelling workshops. The workshops will take place Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 15 and March 1 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the museum.

Storytelling experience is not required.

Louise Omoto Kessel of Bynum will help participants find and tell stories about their faith experiences.

The stories will be compiled in a recording, which the museum will offer to N.C. schools teaching world religions.

The workshops are part of the museum's World Religions Project.

The project is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.

Space is limited. Participants are asked to attend all eight sessions.

To register or for more information, call Kessel at 542-5599.

UNC professor to assist in technology program

James L. Morrison, professor of educational leadership, planning and technology, has been reappointed to Microsoft Corp.'s Microsoft Scholars Program.

Morrison was among eight scholars from colleges and universities across the nation.

He will help Microsoft develop technology solutions to assist higher education institutions.

The program was established in 1995.

Concert series to feature known clarinetist, pianist

Clarinetist Danny Oehler and pianist Benjamin Rawitz will join in concert Nov. 15 in Hill Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m. for the second concert in the William S. Newman Artist Series.

The concert will feature works by composers Bernstein, Bassi, Mason and Burgmuller.

Oehler is a professor of music at the University who founded and directs the University Chamber Players.

He is a graduate of the Juilliard School of music and works as a soloist, chamber musician, conductor and educator.

Rawitz is a graduate of the Rubin Academy of Tel-Aviv University and conservatories in Brussels as well as in Geneva.

He is a faculty member at the Royal Flemish Conservatorium.

He teaches piano and chamber music at UNC workshops.

The Newman Artist Series honors William S. Newman of Chapel Hill, alumni distinguished professor emeritus of music at UNC.

Admission to the concert is \$12. Senior citizens pay \$10 and students pay \$5.

For tickets or information, call 962-1039.

Percussionist's show will explore musical diversity

Percussionist Beverly Botsford will host an event exploring the music of different cultures at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 17.

The event will be sponsored by the Carrboro Department of Recreation and Parks.

Tapestries to be highlight of Williams House exhibit

The Chapel Hill Preservation Society will host an ongoing exhibit at the Horace Williams House through Nov. 26.

The exhibit will feature tapestries by German native Martha Heine and works in clay by Lilo Kemper.

For more information call 942-7818.

Good health, aging to be focus of free Nov. 20 talk

The Carrboro Department of Recreation and Parks will sponsor a talk by Dr. Mark Williams at the Carrboro Senior Center on Nov. 20 at 9 a.m.

The talk explores the importance of good health and the aging process. The event is free.

Development commission to host annual breakfast

The Orange County Economic Development Commission will present the sixth annual State of the Local Economy Breakfast at the Friday Center on Nov. 13.

The presentation will explore local and regional trends in the economy. Tickets are \$20 and include breakfast and handouts.

For more information call Gail Walker at the OCEDC office at 732-8181, ext. 2325.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Petition, Connerly to send message to UNC

BY NAHAL TOOSI
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Campus conservatives seeking to combat affirmative action in North Carolina are hoping a well-known speaker and a number of signatures will help them win the battle.

Last week, members of the Carolina Conservative Coalition started circulating a statewide petition asking UNC-system leaders to reform the admissions and employment policies of the system so "as not to grant preferences on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin."

The petition is a prelude to the visit of Ward Connerly, president of the American Civil Rights Institute and

prominent anti-affirmative action activist, who will speak at UNC-Chapel Hill on Dec. 2.

Connerly's confirmed appearance at UNC-CH bolsters the efforts of those wishing to send the message that affirmative action is wrong.

Other organizations across the state have offered to support the coalition and circulate the petition in N.C. cities and towns as well as the 16 campuses in the UNC system.

"I hope that what (the petition) will accomplish is to show the level of support that there is for ending preferences based on gender," said Student Congress Rep. Bill Heeden, Dist. 16. Heeden is publisher of the Carolina Review, one of the groups in the coalition.

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SCOTT RUBUSH
Chairman, Common Sense

Coalition representatives said they hoped to present the signatures to UNC-system leaders during Connerly's visit.

Connerly was instrumental in the successful passage of the California Civil Rights Initiative, also known as Proposition 209, a measure preventing

the state from using race as a factor in university admissions and state hiring.

The Supreme Court recently refused to hear an appeal in a case against Proposition 209, another victory for people like Scott Rubush, chairman of Common Sense, a conservative group dedicated to bringing speakers to campus. The group, along with Students for Life and Liberty, is a coalition member.

"If people just take the time to read it and look at the language of the petition, they'll agree with it," Rubush said. "It's a strong statement in favor of racial equality."

Drake Maynard, senior director of Human Resources at UNC-CH, said since UNC-CH employees were considered state employees, it would take a

major piece of legislation to end affirmative action on campus.

"It hasn't been a big issue," Maynard said. "If something was going to be changed in the employee aspects it would have to be changed for all state agencies. Affirmative action is not something we've sort of struck out to do."

For Young Republicans Chairman Brad Morrison, a statewide petition is just one way to chip away at state statutes supporting affirmative action, especially when they concern public universities.

"All residents of North Carolina have a vested interest in the University," Morrison said. "I think it's good for the University to get another side on affirmative action."

Student group fights transportation board

The group known as Transportation Reformers will stage a protest Friday.

BY SHELLEY LEVINE
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The fight's not over.

Although construction of Ram Road did not change after their protests, the Transportation Reformers, a concerned student group, is still working to reform the state Board of Transportation and the way decisions are made to spend tax money in the state.

Students and community members met together to share their concerns about Ram Road and other transportation projects at the Silk Road Tea House on Friday night.

The group discussed ways of protesting the state Board of Transportation's methods and of ultimately dismantling it. The Board of Transportation has come under statewide criticism in recent weeks.

"Our main campaign now is to abolish the Board of Transportation," said Joe Mohar, a member of the Transportation Reformers.

The building of Ram Road, which will connect the VIP Ram's Club parking lot in front of the Smith Center with Manning Drive, spurred the students months ago to investigate how decisions are made by the Board of Transportation.

The Reformers petitioned the Chapel Hill Town Council and had a letter of resolution passed Oct. 27, said Mary Furr, president of the Reformers.

"(The letter) said we want the board to be more democratically run and to stick to local input," Furr said.

The board, consisting of 26 members appointed by the governor, makes decisions about how to spend tax money on transportation projects, said Jay House, a founding member of the Reformers.

The board members get input from each of the 26 districts' Transportation Advisory Committees but are under no obligation to follow the advice.

"They're not accountable on a local level for how they spend money," House said.

The students have attended meetings

"Kitchen supported (the Stomp) and said she would pressure the police not to charge us ... it's our road too, and we'll use it."

MARY FURR
President of Transportation Reformers

of the board in Raleigh, and Friday they met privately with Doug Galyon, the representative for the district that includes the University.

When students asked him why Ram Road was approved so quickly and efficiently compared with other items on the priority list, Galyon said the board did not have to follow the TAC's priorities.

Board members can directly request projects that they think are more important, House said.

The widening of Chapel Hill's Mount Carmel Church Road, which leads to the Governor's Club subdivision, is another project the Transportation Reformers are protesting, said Reformers member Andrew Holton.

The Board of Transportation has approved the construction in spite of vocal protest by the local TAC, Holton said.

The students were told that because an appointee of the board asked for the widening and it was approved, little could be done to stop it, Holton said. Only a resolution by the state legislature could prevent construction.

Doug Galyon was not available for comment Sunday.

The group also used the meeting Friday night to discuss ways the board could be run more democratically. Suggestions included instituting criteria for the members, designating seats on the board to ensure a representation of different views or allowing local governments to appoint members rather than the governor.

Plans were also made to educate people about the issues of transportation reform and to involve others across the state.

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Chancellor Michael Hooker stands on the steps of South Building to explain his position concerning the Nike contract with the University.

Hooker accepts protesters' demands

BY MONIKA ELLIS
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Chancellor Michael Hooker accepted student and faculty demands to bring Nike's overseas labor practices to public attention during a speak-out Friday.

At the speak-out, which was held on the steps of South Building, sponsors said they had two demands.

First, they wanted the University to establish a committee comprised of students and faculty to advise and review contracts with corporations.

They also wanted the University to use its association with Nike to publicly pressure the company to improve its working conditions in foreign factories.

Hooker told those gathered that he accepted the demands.

He said a student and faculty committee already existed and that he would address the other demand in an upcoming meeting with Nike executives.

"I'm not here to defend Nike," Hooker said. But he said he was defending the University's contract with Nike.

Through the \$7.1 million contract signed during the summer, Nike will provide equipment and uniforms to ath-

letes, pay coaching bonuses and sponsor team trips.

The University is only one of a handful of colleges that have a self-supporting athletic program, Hooker said. To keep the program self-supporting, the University had to consider the Nike contract.

During the speak-out, speakers named some of what they called poor labor practices in Nike's Asian factories.

Women are exploited, harassed and assaulted in Nike factories, said Tara Haberkorn, a member of Southerners Promoting United Network (SPUN).

She said if workers did not meet their quotas, punishments included running around a 1.2 mile factory and kneeling for 45 minutes.

She also said factory supervisors used



Chancellor MICHAEL HOOKER said he would not defend Nike, but he would defend the University's contract with Nike.

corporal punishment.

The group's information about Nike came from a variety of labor rights publications.

As speakers voiced their complaints, members of Support the Swoosh, a group that supports Nike and its contract with the University, gave pamphlets to the crowd. The pamphlets said Nike's presence had brought economic growth to countries.

Support the Swoosh Co-founder Richard Sheubrooks said he wanted to provide an equal amount of information to the crowd so people could form unbiased opinions.

"Support the Swoosh has the same feelings about humanity and human rights that the Nike Awareness Campaign has, but the only difference is our facts," Sheubrooks said. "I sincerely believe our facts have more validity."

Morgan Green, a junior from Wilmington who attended the speak-out, said he supported Nike.

He said Nike was not the only company operating in Asia with poor labor practices.

"If it's not Nike, it's going to be somebody."

Heavy load can lead to aching back

Heavy or improperly worn backpacks can lead to bad posture and headaches.

BY LEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A lunchtime walk through the Pit guarantees an abundance of students, many of whom are carrying a heavy course load — in more ways than one.

Strapped to most students is a backpack, carrying the essentials for the day.

"My book bag carries my life," said Shara Lee, a senior from Durham. "I take it with me everywhere. My book bag always has something in it I need."

But a backpack with too many books crammed in it can be harmful.

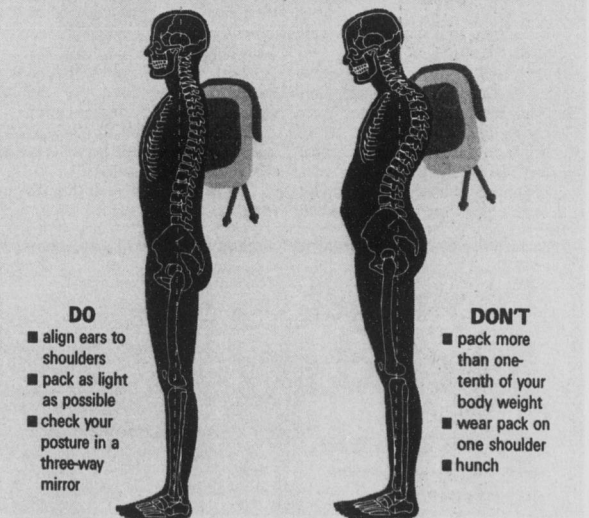
"Heavy backpacks are one of the leading causes of poor posture," said Dr. Chas Gaertner, a chiropractor at North Carolina Chiropractic located on 212 W. Rosemary St.

"Backpacks will shift posture and cause unnecessary stress in your neck and shoulders," he said. "If your straps are too tight, it can cut off circulation to extremities or compress nerves, which causes headaches, numbness and tingling."

Gaertner suggests students wear the type of backpack with two straps.

Bearing the burden

Book bags tend to create poor posture and back problems. Always use both straps and pack as light as possible.



SOURCE: DR. CHAS GAERTNER

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"Wear the straps over both shoulders," he said. "These straps should be padded and not too loose or too tight, and wear the waist strap if there is one. But, Gaertner explained, no type of backpack is healthy if it is too heavy."

"Weigh your backpack with a full load," he advised. "If it weighs more than a 10th of your body weight, it is too heavy and will cause major back problems in the future."

He offered students ways to evaluate their book bag carrying techniques.

"The best thing for people to do would be to copy chapters in their text book and only carry those around," he said. "Check your posture in a three-way mirror without your backpack. If your head is in front of your chest, your backpack is causing you problems."

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JAG recruiters arrive, draw pickets at some law schools

BY TONY MECIA
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Two months after UNC School of Law decided to allow military recruiters on its premises, dozens of law schools across the country are doing the same to avoid losing federal funding.

At some law schools, including Duke and the University of Pennsylvania, students have protested the new arrival of military recruiters on campus because of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals.

"We feel that the idea of allowing the military onto campus and trying to pretend that that doesn't violate nondiscrimination is ideologically incoherent," said Erik Oliver, a third-year law student at Penn.

Oliver led a protest of more than 40 students and professors when the Army Judge Advocate General Corps sent a recruiter to his campus Oct. 28. Penn has allowed military recruiters to come to campus on a one-year trial basis.

Until this summer, many law schools, including UNC, barred recruiters from the JAG Corps. Critics said those bans prevented law students from obtaining jobs.

In July, the federal Department of Education concluded that such bans violated a 1996 law designed to give military recruiters access. Since then, many law schools, including UNC, have reversed their policies and allowed military recruiters to interview students on campus and conduct interviews.

Penn administrators, like their counterparts elsewhere, said they were forced to alter their policies or risk losing financial aid funding.

"To some extent, they sold out," Oliver said. "They basically said, 'We're going to prefer money over this other commitment.'"

Other law schools that have recently allowed JAG recruiters on their campuses include the University of Oregon, the University of Iowa and Ohio Northern University.

On Oct. 29, the Connecticut legislature passed a law to allow military recruiters on state college campuses.

At Duke, law students and the law dean debated the military's policy in the pages of the daily newspaper after Duke's School of Law allowed JAG recruiters. Some students picketed an information session held last month.

Lt. Col. Diana Moore, a recruiter with the Army JAG Corps at the Pentagon, said she was pleased with the recent changes.

"We're delighted they've changed their policies, because the JAG Corps and the Army is a wonderful opportunity," she said.

Moore said that despite isolated protests, more law students were being exposed to the military than before the bans were lifted.

"We've doubled or tripled our numbers at some schools now that we're able to recruit on campuses like regular employers," she said.

"We're delighted to be out there."