



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Nike Recruits Coaches For City Youth Leagues

Nike's P.L.A.Y (Participate in the Lives of America's Youth) Corps is recruiting college students to coach in city youth leagues.

An interest session for UNC students will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in 104 Fetzer Gym.

After completing a Nike training clinic, students coach a team for 80 to 100 hours.

At the end of the season, coaches receive \$500 to use for college tuition expenses.

Applications are due March 1. For more information, contact Taylor Laumann at 932-6748.

UNC's Martin Honored By President Clinton

Scot Martin, assistant professor of aquatic and atmospheric chemistry at the School of Public Health, was presented with the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers at a White House ceremony Feb. 10.

The award, which recognizes the nation's top researchers in the sciences and engineering, was created by the Clinton administration in 1996.

Martin, 28, was the only winner in the geosciences out of 20 researchers honored.

Each award winner will receive \$500,000 over five years to further his or her research.

Comedian to Attend Gospel Comedy Show

Comedian Jonathan Slocumb, of the album "Laugh Yo'Self 2 Life," will be featured at a comedy show sponsored by the UNC Gospel Choir.

The show will start at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Tickets are on sale at the Carolina Union Box Office.

The cost is \$5 for UNC students, \$6 for the general public and \$8 at the door.

Art Show to Examine Social Role of Women

Artists Rachel Watkins and Lynsey Logue will exhibit the art show "Homecoming Queens" at the School of Social Work on Feb. 22-23.

The show is aimed to raise questions about the social and political status of women.

Local poet Jaki Shelton Green will speak about using art to advance social justice at the show's opening reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 22.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Michelle Trask at 493-2674.

Frisbee Registration Starts in Carrboro

Registration begins Monday and runs through March 3 for a three-on-three Ultimate Frisbee Tournament sponsored by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department.

Men's and coed divisions are offered, and the team entry fee is \$15.

Forms are available at the recreation department office at 301 W. Main St. in Carrboro. For more information, call 968-7703.

Sessions to Educate Families on Adoption

The Orange County Department of Social Services is sponsoring a program designed to prepare individuals and families to make an informed decision about becoming a foster or adoptive family.

The program will be held Monday evenings from Feb. 22 through April 19. Sessions will be held at the Southern Human Services Building in Chapel Hill from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 968-2000, ext. 237 or 238.

Volunteer Orange! Asks for More Help

Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of programs in the Triangle area. Individuals and groups are needed to plan landscaping projects, provide behind-the-scenes assistance at a local television station and tutor children.

Volunteer Orange! is also seeking volunteers to provide counseling for victims of domestic violence and to build one-on-one friendships with developmentally disabled adults.

For more information, call Volunteer Orange! at 929-9837, or email to volunteerorange@mindspring.com.

—From Staff Reports

Hooker: Tuition Hike Might Ease UNC 'Crisis'

UNC is faced with problems including low faculty salaries and large research laboratory space deficits.

By AMBERLY CALLOWAY
Staff Writer

Chancellor Michael Hooker has called for a discussion of a possible tuition increase to offset the "financial crisis" the University is facing in its need for competitive development.

Hooker said in a Faculty Council meeting Friday that funds from a tuition increase might help resolve low teaching salaries and large research laboratory space deficits. Such a need for laborato-

ry space includes preliminary plans for developments in the natural science departments, he said.

"A dialogue is needed to address the issue of our financial crisis — our faculty salaries have been declining in relation to our peers, and our faculty facility needs are phenomenal," he said. "We are clearly in a crunch, and it has to be discussed. Over time, there will be a gradual decline in the University if we are not able to remain competitive with our peers."

Hooker said the University was not aware of the magnitude of the deficits until UNC-system President Molly Broad issued a study concluding that there was a 900,000 square foot deficit in research labs on campus.

The projected amount of cost is \$1

billion for the additional square feet, Hooker said.

He said there was no connection between the cost and the Billion Dollar Campaign, a University fund raising campaign whose purpose is not yet known.

Another problem facing the University is faculty salaries, he said.

Hooker said Vice Chancellor for Business Jim Ramsey would work with administrators to come up with solutions



Chancellor Michael Hooker said the University needed to remain competitive with its peers.

to the financial crisis.

The University has three sources of revenue — state appropriations, tuition and fund raising. The only thing the University has its hand directly in is the fund raising, Hooker said.

"It is unreasonable to think that the legislature in North Carolina in the foreseeable future is going to be in a position to appropriate the necessary dollars to this campus — or were they in the position would be willing, given the size of the need."

Hooker's comments came after UNC-system administrators' recommendation last week for an increase in tuition of 4.9 percent for in-state undergraduates and 8.4 percent for graduates to keep up with other universities that had recently raised costs for students.

But Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Bryan Kennedy said he was against a tuition hike. "I think that the rationale that the Board of Governors is giving is a crock."

Because many graduate students are teaching and research assistants who are exempt from tuition, Kennedy said the increase for graduate students would affect only a small number of people.

Kennedy added teaching assistants hadn't had an increase in salary since a \$100 increase four years ago.

But Hooker stressed that he was neither suggesting nor rejecting a tuition increase. Instead, he said of UNC's financial state, "Something is called for."

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Kinnaird Poised for Progress in New Role

The N.C. Senate appointed local Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, as chairwoman of two influential committees.

By DAN O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, has leaped into the new legislative session with a powerful appointment.

Recently chosen as chairwoman of the Senate's influential State and Local Government Committee, Kinnaird could gain greater control over the N.C. General Assembly's legislative agenda through her new position.

Kinnaird, who served as Carrboro mayor until elected to the Senate in 1996, said she would like to see taxes, growth and the environment addressed in the upcoming legislative session.

Kinnaird said that over the last four years, huge tax cuts had been made but they had not been distributed equitably.

"Since 1994 ... the legislature has cut



Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, awaits the results of the November 1998 election at her Carrboro home. Kinnaird kept her Senate seat by defeating Republican challengers P.H. Craig and Teena Little.

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\$1.8 billion in taxes," Kinnaird said. "They cut corporate income taxes, intangible taxes and inheritance tax."

Kinnaird said these kinds of tax cuts were creating a heavier tax burden for the middle and lower classes.

The problem is amplified by a lack of money for government programs, she said. "The money is really tight now," Kinnaird said.

In addition to the \$1.8 billion in tax

cuts, two lawsuits, which repealed the intangibles tax and refunded incorrect taxes on government worker pensions, cost the state more than \$1.1 billion.

Without these funds, Kinnaird said, important programs benefiting the poor could be cut. The limited funds will go toward education priorities, not social services, she said.

"Teacher's salaries are to go up, and Smart Start will continue to be funded,

but there is just not enough money," Kinnaird said.

Instead of raising taxes, Kinnaird discussed changes to the tax code and equal distribution of tax liabilities. "Taxes, and the tax code should be modified so everyone pays their fair share," she said.

The cost of growth in North Carolina

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Bill Eludes Appearance On Ballot

Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt says a revised referendum on student fees might come later in the semester.

By JIM HARRIS
Staff Writer

Despite criticism about the wording and publicity for a referendum that would have increased student fees, Speaker Morayo Orija stopped action that could have put a revised proposal on Tuesday's election ballot.

Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt, Dist. 1, said the student fees referendum failed in last week's election because the wording misled students on how much fees would actually rise. "It appears to be calling for a \$10 to \$12 increase," he said. "The undergraduate student fees are already \$10 now, so the increase would only be \$2."

Orija said she decided against an emergency Student Congress meeting scheduled for Friday to rewrite the referendum due to some discussions with Congress representatives. "There were some concerns that we were rushing it and not taking our time," she said. "Some people disagreed with (the referendum) because it was fairly worded, and they did not feel the referendum should be put on the ballot so soon."

Referring to past years of low turnout for run-off elections, Kleinschmidt said passing the referendum required a large number of students to vote for it. Therefore, he said, the referendum could appear on a ballot later in the semester.

Student Body Vice President Emily Williamson said Congress viewed the referendum's miswording as a result of incompetent planning. "Congress is not happy with what they wrote on the ballot," she said. "They feel they should have put more thought into it."

The referendum was co-sponsored by Kleinschmidt and Finance Committee Chairman Ryan Schlitt. Kleinschmidt said the \$10 to \$12 and \$8 to \$12 figures that appeared on the referendum might have misguided students when voting.

In addition to miswording, Schlitt said the referendum did not gain enough publicity. "I think it wasn't campaigned for enough from the executive and legislative branches," he said.

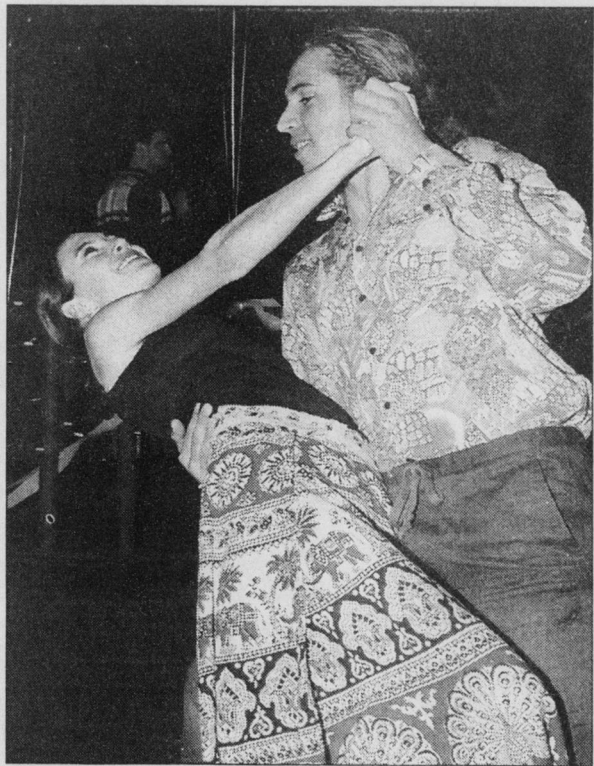
Schlitt said there was an urgent need for a \$2 undergraduate and \$4 graduate student fee increase because of the lack of funds available for student organizations. He said the student fee problem arose when 1992-93 Student Body President Jim Copland pushed for a referendum to decrease student fees.

"There hasn't been an increase in student fees for over 25 years," Schlitt said. "Eighty-eight student groups requested

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Dhyana Cabarga and Ché Downs take a spin around the dance floor during the 19th annual Brazilian Carnival at the Carrboro Arts Center on Saturday night. The festivities included dancing and live music.

U.S. Sanctions in Iraq Prompt Holiday Protest

By CAROL ADAMSON
Staff Writer

More than 50 people gathered and mailed Valentine's Day packages Friday from the Franklin Street Post Office, not to woo a loved one but to protest economic sanctions in Iraq.

Group members from eight organizations mailed the gifts, intended for Iraqi children, to U.S. government officials. Students United for a Responsible Global Environment, the Arab Anti-discrimination Committee and the Campus Y participated in the protest.

The U.S. government imposed the sanctions when Iraq did not comply with the United Nation's special commission on monitoring and dismantling Iraq's mass destruction weapons.

Salem Shubash, a member of the Arab organization, said the care packages were one of the ways the groups protested the sanctions.

"The mission is to prove how ludicrous the sanctions are because we can't even send small gifts to the starving children of Iraq."

Because the sanctions forbid mailing packages that weigh more than 12 ounces to Iraq, protesters sent them to government officials to show how officials were denying children harmless gifts, Shubash said. "We're sending them to government representatives instead. The initial address was to Iraq, and that was left in place."

Sarah Shields, a professor of Islamic Studies at UNC, was one of the speakers at the rally in front of the post office.

"Between 6,000 and 7,000 children are killed every month," Shields said in her speech. "Since 1991, the U.S. has killed over a half million children. The sanctions have made it impossible for the Iraqis to get the clean water that they needed."

"Children are dying of starvation and easily preventable childhood diseases. The children don't need teddy bears, but they do need the love the teddy bears symbolize."

For Hani Alkhalidi, the rally had a more personal meaning. Alkhalidi, a sophomore industrial relations major from Oxford, said he chose to attend the rally because of his ties to the Middle East. "I'm a member of the Arab Club so it was important for me to come out here and support this."

Participant Dennis Markatos said the purpose of the protest was to make people aware of the effects the sanctions on innocent people. "The reason why there aren't hundreds of people out here is because not many people know what's going on," Markatos said.

"The foreign policy is heartless. We're allowing the deaths of thousands of children pretending that it is Saddam Hussein that we're punishing."

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Council to Examine Use Permit Process Amendment

The council will also discuss a proposal to limit the initial paving of approved parking areas.

By SHELLEY LEVINE
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The Chapel Hill Town Council will hear public input tonight on two changes in development processes raised by its own members.

Council members Joe Capowski and Julie McClintock proposed last September that a fifth finding be added to the list of requirements developers must meet before receiving a Special Use Permit.

The finding would require developers to ease the automobile-related impacts of their development on the site and in the affected area, town documents state.

"For example — if one were to build a 10-acre asphalt parking lot, they'd also have to make a 5-acre green space to compensate," Council member Joe

Capowski said.

Under the current permit process, the council must already find that the development maintains or promotes the public health, safety and general welfare and enhances the value of contiguous property,



Council member Joe Capowski is pushing for the process amendment.

town documents state.

Because the downside of every development is the auto-related effect, Capowski said the separate requirement should be added to the process.

"I think the automobile issue has become such an issue that we need to address it directly," he said.

In a memorandum, members of the town staff stated that the negative impacts of a proposed development, including automobile-related effects, could be addressed in the current Special Use Permit process.

Council member Flicka Bateman said she did not anticipate that a fifth finding would lengthen the time period for a developer to receive a Special Use Permit. "We dwell so much on traffic impacts anyhow, I think (a fifth finding) would just bring to a formal level those discussions," she said.

But she said she would wait for further input from the public before making any decisions about the proposal.

In the preliminary proposal, the town

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