



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Firm Advises Against Privatized Services

A recent report released by Roesel, Kent and Associates, a private firm hired by the University to look for ways UNC could cut costs with privatization, urged UNC not to turn residential housekeeping services over to an outside contractor.

Privatization of residence hall housekeeping would cost the University an extra \$59,620, according to the report.

The report will be discussed as part of a presentation by the UNC Housekeeping Department to the outsourcing committee April 12.

University officials said they agreed with the findings of the report.

"We obtain excellent services from the in-house housekeeping employees," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities services.

"We have seen significant improvements in the quality of housekeeping in the last year-and-a-half."

Out-of-State Students Needed for Committee

The Out-of-State Students Association, a group run through student government, is accepting applications for its 1999-2000 Coordinating Committee. Applications are available at the front desk of the Student Union. The deadline for completed applications is 5 p.m. April 5.

Cancer Clinic to Teach Prevention, Self-Exams

The Carolina Cancer Focus, a student organization, will present a clinic on breast and other types of cancer at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The goal of the clinic is to teach students how to prevent cancer with self-exams. Females should meet in 105 Gardner Hall and males should meet in 309 Gardner Hall.

For more information, contact Sonia Mondor at 914-6109.

Community Recycling Holds Waste Collection

Orange Community Recycling, a program of the Orange Regional Landfill, is holding a hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 3 at the Orange Regional Landfill on Eubanks Road.

Items included in the collection are all household, lawn, pool and automotive chemicals, batteries, cleaner, paints, sealers and solvents, aerosol cans and fluorescent light bulbs.

Bookstore to Present Local Author's Book

Author John Elliston will be at 7 p.m. April 1 at Internationalist Books to present his new book, "Psywar on Cuba: The Declassified History of U.S. Anti-Castro Propaganda."

Elliston unveils declassified CIA and U.S. Government documents detailing a 40-year campaign to wage psychological warfare on Cuba.

Refreshments and discussion will follow his unveiling of the book. Internationalist Books is located at 405 W. Franklin Street. Those with questions should call 942-1740.

Orange County Names Economic Director

Orange County Manager John Link has appointed Dianne Reid as Economic Development Director. Reid will begin work April 5.

As Economic Development Director, Reid will supervise the Orange County Economic Development Department and oversee areas such as small business assistance, tourism, arts promotion, employment education and training.

County in Immediate Need of Volunteers

Volunteer Orange!, a service of Triangle United Way, is recruiting and referring volunteers to local nonprofit and human service organizations.

Immediate needs include escorts to drive animals to and from an animal shelter to a clinic for medical treatment on weekends, mentors to children or adolescents with a learning disability and/or emotional or behavioral problems and adult volunteers who would like to be court advocates for children.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to work a large fund-raising event, to be held April 24, for four area nonprofit organizations that serve people living with HIV/AIDS.

Those who need information should call 929-9837 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

-From Staff Reports

Congress Gives Thumbs-Up to Picks

Laughter and antics marked resolutions of gratitude in the final session of the 80th Student Congress.

By ANDREW MEEHAN
Staff Writer

A Student Congress that one representative described as "touchy-feely" was all thank-yous and approvals at its last session Tuesday night.

The body approved, without objection, Student Body President-Elect Nic Heinke's choices for student body treasurer, vice president and secretary. Congress then passed some unusually

worded resolutions of gratitude for many students.

Student Congress Finance Committee Chairman Ryan Schlitt was approved as treasurer. He inherits an office that was in disorder early this semester after former treasurer James Dasher resigned.

Student Body Vice President Emily Williamson said Schlitt had saved the office with assistant



All appointments made by Student Body President-Elect Nic Heinke were approved.

treasurers Sara Reynolds and Brandon Davis. "I'm proud that Ryan Schlitt is going to step up one more step."

Monika Moore, a junior from Statesville, was approved as the new vice president. Moore was co-chairwoman for academic advising reform and associate student attorney general.

Lerissa Rentas, a sophomore from Charlotte, was approved as the new secretary. She said she wanted to work inside student government. "If you could help the student government members by motivating and encouraging, they will be able to accomplish more goals," she said.

After approving Heinke's appointments, Congress began passing resolutions of gratitude.

The resolution thanking principle Congress clerk Katie Hanson stated she had "endured the endless monotony of Student Congress bureaucracy."

When Congress thanked Congress television producer Amy Joe Scruggs, the lights dimmed and Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" sounded as she went to the podium. Fourteen Congress members then lined up, got down on one knee and kissed her ring finger.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Bryan Kennedy, who was a member of the previous two sessions of Congress, said the body had passed resolutions only thanking the speaker when he was a member.

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Charter School Still Open

Students who have not yet transferred to other schools will still attend class at the School in the Community.

By LINDSEY EMERY
Staff Writer

Despite reports that Carrboro's School in the Community is closing its doors today, staff members said they would continue to instruct remaining students on a voluntary basis until further notice.

Due to a lack of state funding and support, teachers at the school will receive their last paychecks today.

While most of the students will either enroll in public schools or homeschooling, the school's four teachers will remain without pay to teach seniors and students who have not yet transferred.

Lead Administrator Debra McHenry said the school did not have adequate funds. "We just didn't have enough resources or support to get the vision off the ground."

The small charter school opened with 132 students in 1997. McHenry predicted it would close with less than 10 seniors at the end of the school year.

School officials said they did not know how long the school would remain open, but the main concern now was placing all current students and ensuring that seniors would graduate.

"The teachers are committed to getting good situations for the students set up, for the seniors to graduate," said Fred Good, of the Association for Quality Schools, a nonprofit board that opened the Carrboro charter school.

The Board of Directors plans to meet in two weeks to discuss the future and finances of the school.

Aaron Winborn, a teacher and technology coordinator at the school, said he did not think the school could afford to stay open long. "They do have problems financially and will not be able to continue much longer," Winborn said.

The board currently faces a \$10,000 to \$15,000 debt, and officials are trying to cut back expenses by transferring their students to other schools.

Melinda Malico, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Department of Education, said it was common for charter schools to fail due to lack of funds.

"The biggest barrier is a lack of start-up funds and then inadequate operating funds," Malico said.

Officials also cited the lack of organization and experience as a problem. Malico said the state did not accept chartered schools until 1996.

McHenry said few schools could develop into perfect institutions in just two years. "Even if you came from the school system, you have a whole central office; when you come to charter schools, you have to know everything—you have to start from scratch."

School officials said they did not foresee the school renewing its charter for next year. But they emphasized that nothing was certain and no one knew what the next step would be.

"Charter schools are new, and everyone is new at this," Good said. "The government is new at this; it's not all cut and dry."

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State Law Inhibits Charge

Officials say a driving while intoxicated charge in Saturday's Zeta Tau Alpha accident is unlikely.

By JON OSTENDORFF
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Although Chapel Hill Police are still investigating a possible driving-while-impaired charge in Saturday's Zeta Tau Alpha accident, state law might make it difficult to build a solid case.

According to the Orange County District Attorney's office, drivers can only be charged with driving while impaired if they are caught on a public road, highway or public parking lot.

Although police reports state that UNC senior Samuel Paul Buckman, 21, of 701 Pritchard Ave. Ext., who drove his truck through a wall at the Zeta house, was "extremely impaired" he was not charged with DWI because the accident happened in a "private" parking lot.

Officials said it was unlikely the driver would be charged with anything more than resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer and injury to real property.

But Chapel Hill Police Lt. Tim Pressley, who teaches a motor vehicle law course to police officers, said the law that designated areas as private and public was not that cut and dry, which was part of the reason Buckman was not charged with DWI after the accident.

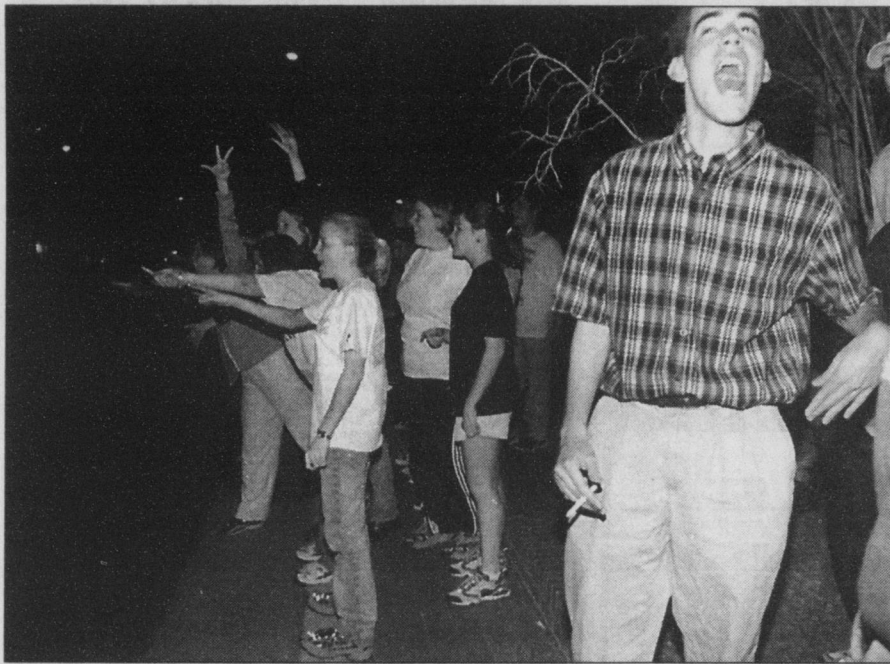
Although Pressley would not comment directly on the Zeta house accident because it's still under investigation, he did use the University Mall parking lot as an example of traffic law enforcement on private property. He said the parking lot was private, but open to the public and that this meant police did have some regulatory power.

"The way that it comes into play, as far as law enforcement is concerned, is that a person can be arrested for DWI in the mall parking lot but does not need a valid driver's license to drive there," he said.

Pressley said police could also have difficulty charging drunk drivers who crash into private property. If witnesses

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DANCING IN THE STREET



DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

UNC students celebrate after Connecticut defeated Duke (77-74) in the National Championship game Monday night. Students stormed Franklin Street, chanting "overrated" and started a small bonfire before the Chapel Hill police and fire department regulated the scene.

UNC: Computer Virus No Problem

The computer virus Melissa disguises itself as an e-mail message that contains an infected Word document.

By ANGELA MERS
Staff Writer

Although a computer virus infecting e-mail servers has swept across the nation, officials said they had already taken steps to prevent the virus from taking hold at UNC.

The Melissa virus, first reported Friday afternoon at Carnegie Mellon University, disguises itself as an e-mail message that contains an infected Word document named list.doc.

If the user has Microsoft Outlook e-mail client software installed, then the virus automatically enters the user's address book and sends itself to the first

50 addresses.

A user without the Microsoft Outlook software can still receive the virus, but the virus will not send itself through the user's address book.

Director of Information Technology Response Services Sherry Graham said most of UNC did not use Microsoft Outlook as an e-mail client, but some departments did, including the School of Medicine, the Department of Biology and the Facilities Planning Department.

She said since the majority of the University did not use Microsoft Outlook, the virus should not cause the e-mail server to go down. "We have done our best to contact these departments (that use Microsoft Outlook)."

Graham said the virus could damage e-mail servers for corporations where Microsoft Outlook software was used.

When IT Response Services learned of the Melissa virus Monday, they downloaded the anti-virus of Melissa

from the Norton Anti-virus Web site to the IT shareware Web site. IT Response Services also contacted a listserve of University computer support employees, Carolina Technology Consultants, and Computer Labs Manager Brent Caison informing them about the virus and where to find the anti-virus.

Graham said that over time the virus would get cleaned up, but the main issue was whether there would be copycat viruses. Tuesday morning there were reports of a mutation of the Melissa virus called Papa. This mutation infects Excel spreadsheets and sends 60 messages of itself after infection.

Dennis Schmidt, director of operations of the medical school's Office of Information Systems, said the school made the anti-virus available on the school's Web site. Schmidt said he had not heard any reports of the virus so far.

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Rough-housing: Women's Rugby Club

By MOIRA VANDERHOOF
Staff Writer

While the members of the women's rugby club might be tough with their tackling, they deny the common misconception that the sport makes them brutish or masculine.

"We are definitely not brutes. We are of all different body types, shapes and sizes," said Shannon Edgerton, club president and a senior from Asheville.

Made up of 25 dedicated women, the undefeated team was founded in 1993 by a group of students anxious to open the sport up to UNC women.

Senior Beth Creech of Zebulon has been playing rugby for three years, and she said that nothing compared to the feeling of being on the rugby team.

"It's really a good group of people,"

Creech said. "We are all close friends."

Although UNC does not have a varsity rugby team, the women play on a varsity level. "Everyone takes it very seriously," Creech said. "It is structured like a varsity sport."

The competitors in the women's league are varsity teams. They include Elon College, N.C. State University, Guilford College and Furman University.

This past weekend the team competed in the South Eastern Collegiate Conference Regional Championship in Greenville, S.C., and beat Clemson University to win the championship for the second year in a row.

With the win, the women earned the right to travel April 17 to Pennsylvania State University where they will compete in the Sweet Sixteen of the National Championship.

"We feel great, and our goal is definitely to win nationals," said Coach Ted Calhoun, a UNC alumnus who commutes from Zebulon to coach the team.

Neil Bagchi, a senior from Toronto,



DTH/SEAN BUSHNER

Justine O'Connor, a freshman from Matthews, drives into a sled at rugby practice on Ehringhaus Field. The women's rugby team qualified for the April 17 National Championships at a tournament this past weekend.

Canada and a member of the men's rugby team, has been the women's assistant coach for the past three years.

"The girls on the team are in great shape and are great athletes," Bagchi

said. "In terms of technique, they are better than the guys."

He described the women's practices as very intense. "At practices we do a lot of fitness, sprinting and ball han-

dling drills, and we run plays like in football or basketball."

Although the practices are rough,

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