

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student not injured in accident near residence hall

University police responded Thursday to the corner of Manning and Skipper Bowles drives in response to a pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle, reports state.

Officer Wilbur Fike said a white Honda Civic struck a student in front of Hinton James North Residence Hall at 5:47 p.m.

A paramedic also responded and released the student after examining her knee, which he believed to be bruised. He advised the student to get X-rays at Student Health Service and to take pain relievers every four hours.

Fike measured the skid marks at the scene, and said he is yet to calculate the car's speed. He informed the motorist that pending further investigation she could be issued a citation for failure to reduce speed, and the pedestrian might be cited for failure to use a crosswalk.

CITY BRIEFS

Woman charged in felony assault with deadly weapon

Chapel Hill police arrested a Durham Technical Community College student Wednesday evening and charged her with felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Monica Alston, 26, was charged with striking an acquaintance with a baseball bat during a dispute Dec. 13. The woman suffered severe lacerations to the head. The incident occurred on Edwards Road in Chapel Hill, reports state.

Police arrived at Alston's home on Ashley Forest Road at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday with a warrant for her arrest. Alston was taken to the magistrate, where she was released on a written promise to appear in court. Her court date was scheduled for Thursday at the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Man sought in connection with 2 armed robberies

Chapel Hill police are searching for Derrick Lamont Schuler, 25, in connection with two armed robberies that have occurred in Chapel Hill in the past three months.

The first occurred Nov. 18 on Hickory Drive. According to reports, two women were approached by two men, one of whom was carrying a gun.

The suspects took money from the women, then fled on foot, reports state. Reports also state that one of the suspects was caught later.

The second robbery occurred Jan. 8 on Legion Road. According to reports, Schuler confronted a delivery man and demanded money.

Reports state that he also threatened to shoot the man, although no gun was seen. Schuler weighs between 150 and 160 pounds and is 5 feet 10 inches tall. His last known address was on Estes Drive.

Any person with information should call the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 226-CRIM

Police warn not to approach Schuler. He might be armed, and is considered dangerous.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

N.C. Sen. Steve Metcalf announces resignation

RALEIGH — After a tough year in office, N.C. Sen. Steve Metcalf, D-Buncombe, announced Thursday that he will resign his Senate seat. Metcalf, a three-term senator, said his resignation will take effect Feb. 2.

Last month, Metcalf was charged with driving while impaired after he drove his sport utility vehicle into a ditch in Buncombe County.

He also had been criticized for taking a job at Western Carolina University as director of local government relations while considering legislation that could benefit the school. Metcalf dropped the \$95,000-per-year job in early 2003 because of concerns about the perception that he could have a conflict of interest.

Even before his drunken driving arrest, Metcalf had decided not to seek another term in the Senate. He sent a resignation letter to Gov. Mike Easley on Wednesday.

Metcalf, 53, led the Senate Education Committee and the subcommittee on education appropriations in 2003.

CALENDAR

Feb. 3

8 p.m. — The Daily Tar Heel will host a forum for student body president candidates in 209 Manning Hall. The forum will be open to the public. For more information, contact Elyse Ashburn at eashburn@email.unc.edu or at 962-4103.

From staff and wire reports.

Forum to spotlight dean candidate

Gless is 2nd of 6 candidates in series

BY JOE SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

The search for a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences continues today during the second of six public forums spotlighting the final candidates.

Today's forum, which focuses on Darryl Gless, senior associate dean of fine arts and humanities, is the second in a series hosted by the search committee for the next dean of the college.

The committee is using the

forums as a way to introduce each of the final candidates to the University community and give students, faculty and staff the chance to ask questions and provide feedback.

Jack Richman, chairman of the search committee, said public reaction to the candidates will play an important role in the committee's final decision.

Gless' forum will be held at noon today in room 039 of the Johnston Center for Undergraduate

Excellence, located in Graham Memorial.

Gless, who has been a member of the UNC faculty since 1980, said his primary goal as dean of the college would be to improve funding for all its departments. Faculty and staff members, both in already existing and newly created positions, would be the beneficiaries of an increased budget.

"What needs to change is the level of funding for everything," he said.

Gless said his extensive experience working in administrative positions and with groups and

individuals outside the University make him qualified for the position.

"I would be able to translate for nonacademic people the value of this University," he said.

History Professor Bill Ferris, who worked with Gless in establishing the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies and UNC's Center for the Study of the American South, said Gless is the ideal candidate to take on the leadership role of dean.

"(He is) a visionary who understands teaching, scholarship and the mission of a great research

institution like UNC," Ferris said.

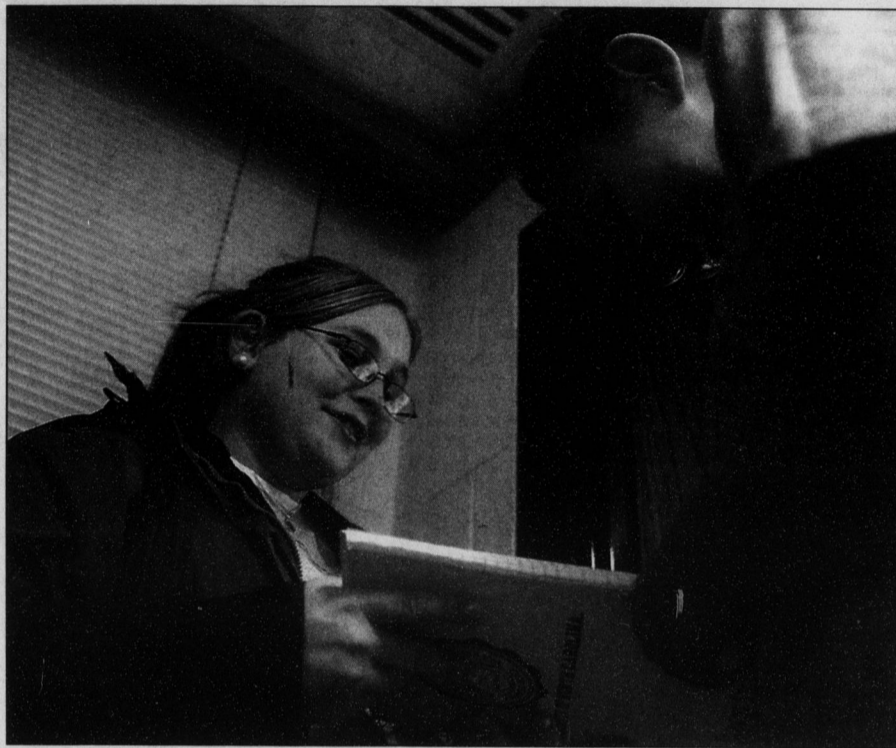
Gless is also a professor of English specializing in the works of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1968 and then attended Oxford University in England on a Rhodes Scholarship, where he was a classmate of former President Clinton.

After he received his master's degree in philosophy at Oxford, Gless then earned his doctorate in

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BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN



Brittany Dunstan, campaign manager for student body president candidate Matt Liles, gets a petition signature from senior Erika Hanami in Carmichael Residence Hall on Monday night. Candidates must have 800 signatures by Jan. 20.

UNSEEN STAFFERS DRIVE CAMPAIGNS

Friends, others are heart and soul of hopefuls' operations

BY GREG PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Students across campus have seen candidates for elected student office eagerly seeking out signatures as they strive for a spot on the ballot.

STUDENT ELECTIONS '04

But behind the scenes, candidates are setting their campaigns into motion by establishing officially recognized student organizations to satisfy the endorsement requirement for their candidacies.

To form their own organizations, candidates file for official recognition with the Carolina Union's Office of Student Activities and Organizations.

The organizations candidates create then become the primary forces behind their campaigns. In most cases, members of a particular candidate's organization are part of that group's campaign staff.

Putting together a campaign staff

is an individual process for each candidate that can be undertaken in a number of ways.

Many rely upon friends to constitute the core of their staffs.

"I have a good core group," said Matt Liles, a candidate for student body president. "They are my good friends, and they believe in me."

In addition to friends, candidates seek individuals who can enhance their campaigns with new ideas.

"I may be the candidate," said Laura Thomas, a candidate for student body president. "But I'm also looking for people who have ideas for what they want done at the University."

Across the board, candidates emphasized the importance of dedicated and hardworking staffers.

Jovian Irvin, a candidate for senior class president, wants "people that are dedicated, will do their extreme best, and go above and beyond —

someone that when others are sleeping, is working."

Integrity also is an important virtue for campaign workers to possess, said Ashley Castevens, a candidate for student body president.

Another student body president candidate, John Walker, also stressed integrity as a necessary characteristic in his campaign workers.

"I am looking for people who will be hardworking, who I can trust and who I know won't break any rules if I give them a sheet to get signatures," he said.

For some candidates, having individuals who are both enjoyable to work with and who set an example is an important part of putting together a staff.

"I look for people who really believe in the campaign," said student body president candidate Lily West.

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IFC shelter secures stop in Carrboro

Century Center to play host to men's home for 1 week

BY ERIN GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted Wednesday to make the Carrboro Century Center a temporary home for the Inter-Faith Council's men's homeless shelter this spring.

"I have a soft spot for the shelter because I was involved in starting it when I was in grad school in the '80s," said Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, who presented the idea to the board.

The IFC operates the shelter from its Chapel Hill location on Rosemary Street, but renovations on that building will start this spring. IFC Executive Director Chris Moran said this date could be as early as April 1 or as late as May.

Gist approached Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and staff at the center to get their input before bringing the idea to the board.

"I think it is only fitting that we carry some of the burden," Gist said. "It is a community center, and the (shelter's clients) are a part of the community, too."

Town residents will be trained to volunteer at the community center. Gist said she is glad the town can get involved.

While the shelter is closed, several local congregations will provide temporary housing.

The United Church of Chapel Hill, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, University United Methodist Church, University Presbyterian Church and Chapel of the Cross all have agreed to help.

The congregations are looking at available space and determining how arrangements will work out. The Century Center will host the shelter for one week. Most congregations will take two weeks each.

Several other congregations also are discussing the possibility of housing the shelter.

The IFC will provide one paid worker, training for volunteers, bedding and transportation for the guests. Congregations housing the shelter will provide their own volunteers.

Each location will serve a meal at breakfast and another in the evening. They will be responsible for storing bed mats, providing restrooms and giving support to those staying the night.

A location schedule will be developed when the timetable for the Rosemary Street renovations is finalized. "I am so happy (the shelter) is being brought into the churches and community centers," Gist said. "Members of the congregations and town residents will be volunteering. That personal interaction puts a face on homelessness for the people."

Moran said more locations are needed. He said he hopes to commission at least 13 groups in the area.

"We have mentioned it to many congregations," he said. "We will ask more aggressively when the time gets closer."

A question-and-answer sheet also is in developmental stages, and Moran said he hopes it will address congregations' questions and concerns about housing the shelter. He said the IFC is developing a list of contacts and will continue conversations about specifics as time goes on.

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

Council to study N.J. law reflects same-sex concerns

1-on-1 meetings

Citizens group wants to limit talks

BY DAN SCHWIND
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After some debate at Thursday's planning session, the Chapel Hill Town Council agreed to consider a petition presented by a neighborhood advocacy group to regulate lobbying efforts in town.

The petition, presented at Monday's council meeting by the Coalition of Neighbors Near Campus, is aimed specifically at a University policy that encourages one-on-one meetings between UNC officials and council members.

It now will be considered by a four-member committee comprising Cam Hill, Dorothy Verkerk, Edith Wiggins and Sally Greene, who will serve as chairwoman. They will try to determine the necessity of possible regulations as well as their potential impact on lobbying in Chapel Hill.

"This is a very targeted petition,"

Verkerk said. "I just want (citizens) to know the repercussions of this petition."

Some council members said regulations have many potential benefits, including reports about activities by lobbyists and their contact with council members.

"I think it accomplishes as much disclosure as possible," said council member Bill Strom. "Obviously there's something gained by additional disclosure. ... I think it serves the public interest."

Hill also pointed out that registering lobbyists would not be a burden on town government. "The registration of lobbyists is a very simple, easy process," he said.

But Wiggins said she was concerned that the disclosure process would spill over from town-gown relations.

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BY AMY THOMSON
STAFF WRITER

New Jersey's decision to enact the Domestic Partnership Act on Monday puts the number of states that make some legal concession to same-sex couples at five.

Despite the conflict surrounding the issue, many groups say one thing is clear: America's view of same-sex marriages is changing.

Peter Wolson, psychoanalyst and former president of the Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies, said that for most people, marriage means a heterosexual union and a religious commitment.

But as the United States has become more accepting of homosexuals, same-sex couples are looking for more permanent and committed relationships.

"Increasingly, (homosexuals) are looking for something more enduring as opposed to these kind of clandestine liaisons ... that have to be undercover and hidden," Wolson said.

The Domestic Partnership Act, signed into New Jersey law Monday, has met little mainstream resistance, said Micah Rasmussen, press secretary for Gov. James

McGreevey. The law passed in the state's Senate by a vote of 31-9. The General Assembly passed it by only one vote.

Robin Lovin, theology professor at Southern Methodist University, said the gradual acceptance of homosexual relationships is caused by changing family and marriage dynamics.

"In the '50s we had kind of a 'Leave it to Beaver' image of what a family should be," he said. Now, he said, the traditional family is not dominant.

Phil Burress, chairman of Equal Rights Not Special Rights — an organization opposed to giving homosexuals the right to marry — said he believes Americans never will support same-sex marriages or tolerate having the homosexual lifestyle forced on them.

"Marriage as we know it now is the foundation of our culture, and to experiment with same-sex marriages defies logic," he said. "A child needs a mother and a father."

And most states agree. Thirty-seven have passed "defense of marriage acts" that define marriage in heterosexual terms.

"Homosexuals are trying to piggyback on the civil rights move-

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PETER WOLSON, PSYCHOANALYST

ment," Burress said. "Being a homosexual is about what you do, not who you are. ... You cannot be a minority based on who you choose to have sex with."

But Wolson said Americans' viewpoints are changing. Despite setbacks, the treatment of homosexual relationships has become more accepting and incorporated into the fabric of the nation's culture, he said.

Although homosexuals have met much resistance when dealing with the government, they have made more progress in the private and corporate sectors, Lovin said.

He added that it's easier for employers to be accepting of homosexuality when they deal with it on a personal, direct basis than it

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