

Rashkis endorses consolidation

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The president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce endorsed consolidation of the two towns into one municipality Wednesday, citing improved benefits for local businesses.

"The business community would benefit from the consolidation," Chamber president Mel Rashkis said. "If the towns were together, we could have a much more balanced business life."

Rashkis was part of a three-speaker panel discussing Chapel Hill-Carrboro consolidation at a meeting of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Chamber member Roger Messer discussed the historical implications of a merger between the two towns. Jake Wicker, of the UNC Institute of Government, outlined the legal aspects of a town merger.

According to the pattern set by previous city mergers, consolidation would cause little change in taxes and financing.

"There's very little difference in the property taxes of the two towns," Wicker said. "The taxes of the consolidated town would probably vary little from the present."

However, federal community-development funding would change. The consolidated town would receive funds for only one project, as opposed to the separate funds each town currently receives.

Due to the town's historical differences, some had feared a merger of the communities would not work. Since Carrboro's recent historical preservation effort, though, the towns could merge more comfortably, Messer said.

"There are no radical differences in the towns," Messer said. In North Carolina, municipalities can be merged in two different ways, Wicker said. The state General Assembly could pass a bill merging the towns, but a more common mode of consolidation is for the towns involved to establish a charter commission to study the merger, he said. In this case, a public referendum may be called but such a move is optional.

'Straits' concert

Dire Straits, one of the rock scene's most recent innovative additions will appear Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Greensboro Coliseum as a part of the WQDR Last Decade of the '70s concert series.

Ian Gomm will open the 8 p.m. show. Dire Straits is a four man British group with roots in rhythm and blues and mid-60s rock 'n' roll.

Mark Knopfler and his brother David play rhythm guitars, John Illsey is on bass guitar and Pick Withers is on drums.

The group's first album, *Dire Straits*, sold more than a million copies in the United States and about three and a quarter million copies worldwide.

Warner Brothers recently released the group's second album, *Communicate*.

Reserved seats are \$7 and \$8 and are available at the Raleigh Civic Center and the coliseum box office.

—JACI HUGHES



Dire Straits

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in at the box outside the DTH offices in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

ACTIVITIES TODAY

The Muslim Students Association will have its regular weekly meeting for June's from 1-2 p.m. in 217 Carolina Union. All members and interested people are urged to attend.

Yoter registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at both the Chapel Hill Municipal Building and the Carrboro Town Hall. Persons must bring something with their address, such as a driver's license, check or bill.

People interested in being on a committee to discuss U.S.-Cuban relations should meet Jerry O'Brien at 11 a.m. in the Pine Room.

Shabbat services at Hill: A night service will be held at 7 p.m. followed by guest speaker Professor David Halperin at 8 p.m. at 210 W. Cameron Ave.

The Carolina Gay Association will sponsor a dance and social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Newman Center. Everyone is welcome.

The East Asian Studies picnic will be held at 4 p.m. in Umstead Park. There will be food, drinks and volleyball for anyone interested or involved in East Asian Studies. Donations of \$1.50 are requested.

Wahongyo o hannya koi: Let's talk in Japanese. Anybody is welcome. Don't you want to join us and enjoy Japanese whether you can speak fluently or not? Join us from 12-1 p.m. every Friday in 206 Carolina Union.

New Life Ministries present Jim Sheppard in concert at 8 p.m. in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Student tickets are \$3.50 in advance. For tickets or information, call 942-2546.

There will be a NCSL workshop at 11 a.m. Saturday in 204 Carolina Union. There will be a yard sale for C.H.A.N.G.E. beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the University Methodist Church. Furniture, draperies, lamps, kitchenware, appliances and more will be for sale. Rain date: 2 p.m. Sunday at the Community Church on Purfoy Road.

There will be an Outing Club meeting with a bike clinic following at 7 p.m. Monday in the Carolina Union. Don't forget to bring your bike.

Hill invites you to a bluegrass and beer fest at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hill House, 210 W. Cameron Ave. Come hear the bluegrass group "Home Grown" and help us drink up our kegs. Admission is \$1 for affiliates and \$2 for non-affiliates. Saturday services will be held at 10 a.m. followed by Talmud study at 11 a.m. at the Hill House.

An international dinner sponsored by AIS and the Düsseldorf Exchange will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Great Hall, Carolina Union. Exotic foods will be prepared by area restaurants and international students. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance only from the RHA office from 2-5 p.m. on weekdays. There will also be live entertainment.

Community Information Day will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at University Mall. Representatives from more than 70 area agencies, organizations and clubs will be on hand to explain their services and activities and to answer questions.

North Carolina Student Legislature will hold a workshop at 11 a.m. Saturday in 204 Carolina Union. People interested in state government and NCSL are invited to come. For more information, contact Mark Hewett at 928-1018.

St. John's MCC will worship at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Community United Church of Christ, Dixie Trail and Wade Ave., Raleigh. St. John's is a Christian congregation of the University Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches with a ministry especially of, by and for gay and lesbian people. All are welcome. For more information, call 928-8843 or 967-9626.

A covered dish dinner for all Pre-Med/Pre-Dental students interested in AED will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the recreation room of Morrison Dorm. Drinks, plates, napkins, etc. will be provided.

A benefit concert for C.H.A.N.G.E. will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Community Church on the corner of Purfoy and Mason Farm Road. Come hear Hot Possum, Indigo, Eye Revue and Brother Yusuf and friends. BYOB. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the door and will be available at Schoolkid's Records and the Station.

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The University Counseling Center will be open from 8-9 p.m. every Monday evening in addition to its regular 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday hours. Make appointments for educational career or personal/social counseling by calling 933-2175. Come browse in the library.

The Carolina Gay Association is having its first program meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 213 Carolina Union. There will be a facilitated discussion on background and perspectives of the National March on Washington for Lesbian-Gay Rights, coming up on Oct. 14. Join us to learn and share views on the march.

There will be a speech anxiety workshop designed for those who find public speaking an uncomfortable experience from 7:30 p.m. starting Monday. Leader David McNeil will focus on anxiety reduction and self building. If interested, call 933-2175.

Walter Trobisch, an internationally known author and counselor, will be speaking on *The Meaning of Intercourse* at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Memorial Hall. The event is sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. A booktable will be provided.

ABS policy commission will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday in T-2 New Carroll Hall.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The NCSL Newsletter is available at the Carolina Union desk. Come pick it up today.

You can make a difference. *Upward Bound*, a program sponsored jointly by the federal government and the University, is looking for volunteers to tutor underprivileged high school students. Sessions are held in Peabody Hall and area high schools, and subjects covered include English, math, foreign languages and science. If you are interested, please call 933-1281 or 933-1282 during afternoons, or contact Allen Johnson at 933-7214 during evenings.

National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship recipients may pick up their checks at the Student Aid Office, third floor Pettigrew Hall on Friday. Students must show their class registration schedule to obtain funds.

Full informal rush will be held from Sept. 16 through the 27th sign up in the Pantheonic Office, Suite A, Carolina Union until Sunday.

Concert Advisory Committee applications and information are now available at the Carolina Union information desk. This committee participates in evaluating major concert opportunities on campus and is open to all students. If interested, fill out an application by Friday. Screening and interviewing will take place next Monday through Wednesday.

Give the gift of life. Donate your pints at the Red Cross Bloodmobile Friday anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Great Hall, Carolina Union.

Crafts topic of weekend talks

Antique lovers have a busy weekend ahead as the Chapel Hill Historic Preservation Society opens its fifth annual antiques show and sale at the Carolina Inn and the Wesley Foundation.

In addition to the show, a series of lectures on traditional crafts will be held. Lectures scheduled for Friday are

stenciling at 10 a.m. and basketry at 2 p.m. Quilting will be the subject of Saturday's program at 10 a.m. All lectures will be at the Wesley Foundation.

The show can be seen from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$2 for the general public and \$1 for students and children.

Wednesday hearing set

A public hearing to review the \$20 student health fee increase will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Morehead Planetarium faculty lounge, UNC Board of Trustees Secretary Virginia Dunlap said Thursday.

Reports will be heard from the University administration, which set the increase, and Student Government, which opposes it. Any other persons wishing to appear before the committee are invited to attend the hearing.

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