

## Area residents find that 'seat belts pay off'

By LISA BRANTLEY  
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Many Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents are finding that wearing their seat belts really does pay off.

Just ask Marshall Jenkins, a 25-year-old doctoral student in the department of counseling psychology. Jenkins is the latest monthly winner of \$500 in the "Seat Belts Pay Off" campaign sponsored by UNC's Highway Safety Research Center.

"My initial reaction was one of pleasant shock," Jenkins said. "It pretty well spaced me out for the day." While he admits to being partially aware of the incentives of the HSRC program, Jenkins said he always wore his seat belt.

He and his wife Sharon, a graduate student in the UNC School of Social

Work, already have plans for the prize money. "We'll probably buy a washing machine and get that big expense over with," he said. "It'll help us because my wife and I are both students."

Jenkins is not alone in his use of seat belts. Marianne Gemming, research assistant for the HSRC, said the center has distributed several thousand prizes to seat belt users. "My guess is that we've given out about 6,000 prizes in all of almost 60 prizes per day," Gemming said.

In addition to the \$500 monthly prize that is drawn randomly from lottery postcards sent in by the previous winners, HSRC gives out smaller prizes daily by stopping cars and presenting gift certificates to those drivers who are wearing their seat belts.

These incentives are part of almost \$30,000 in cash and prizes donated by

local merchants and civic organizations to promote safe driving. Most recently the HSRC van has been distributing \$5 gift certificates for free meals at McDonald's.

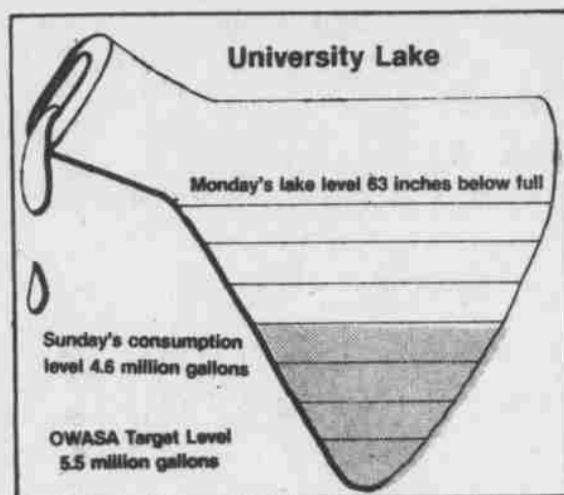
The "Seat Belts Pay Off" program, sponsored jointly by a grant from General Motors Corp. and the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program, will end in mid-October, but a final grand prize lottery drawing will be held Nov. 1 to select a \$1,000 winner. This winner will be presented with a check at an HSRC luncheon the following day.

Gemming said motorists who had been stopped at sites in Chapel Hill and Carrboro since the program's April 15 starting date were cooperative. "They're generally really positive about the program," Gemming said. "There's always the cranky ones, but even the ones who don't win are usually positive."

Gemming said she heard many excuses for not wearing seat belts, the most common being, "I always wear my seat belt. I can't believe that you stopped me this one time when I didn't."

Results of the HSRC's monitoring of 17 area locations during peak traffic periods show that seat belt usage in Chapel Hill and Carrboro is steadily increasing. The area has recorded a usage high of 40 percent, compared to a national average of 13 percent.

"The percentage is calculated by observation of shoulder belts with an added correction factor for the use of lap belts, which can't be seen," she said. The highest rate of seat belt usage previously recorded was a figure of 32 percent in a study conducted in Seattle, Wash., by the National Highway Traffic Safety Commission.



"Water use is running about 5.5 million gallons a day, which is our target level," he said. "But because we have had no rain to speak of for a while, we should continue to do everything we can to conserve."

— SUSAN OAKLEY

## OWASA to provide conservation devices

Where there's a will, there's always a way of conserving water more efficiently, or so the Orange Water and Sewer Authority seems to think.

This week OWASA will distribute various water conservation devices to its customers, said Pat Davis, systems management specialist for OWASA.

These devices, which include low-flow shower heads, faucet aerators, toilet tank displacement devices and leak detection devices, will be given to OWASA

customers free of charge, he said.

"We have no way of forcing people to use them," he said, "but the use of these devices could result in a 5 percent to 10 percent cut in water consumption."

Interested customers should come to the OWASA offices on Jones Ferry Road to pick up the conservation devices, he said.

OWASA will also send its customers mailers in the next day or two to increase awareness about this new plan for water conservation, he said.

## 30 people seek 17 seats in Orange Co.

By TRACY ADAMS  
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The filing deadline for the Nov. 8 municipal elections ended Friday at noon, with 30 people seeking 17 offices.

In the mayoral races, Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif will run unopposed as he seeks his second term.

Jim Porto and Alderman Jim White will seek the mayor's office in Carrboro. Porto is an independent and White has been endorsed by the Association for a Better Carrboro, a conservative political coalition.

Hillsborough Mayor Lucius M. Cheshire Jr. will seek another term. He will be opposed by Frank M. Sheffield, chairman of the Hillsborough Planning Board.

Voters will elect four Chapel Hill Town Council members from a slate of six candidates.

Three incumbents, Joe Straley, R.D. Smith and Jonathan Howes, are seeking re-election. They are being challenged by former council member Bill Thorpe and newcomers Nancy Preston and Katherine Wright.

Carrboro voters will elect three members to the Board of Aldermen. Official candidates are incumbent John Boone, B.

Willis Wilson, Doris Foushee, Bill Koole, Doug Anderson and Zona Norwood. Boone, Anderson and Norwood have been endorsed by the ABC. Foushee is aligned with the liberal Carrboro Community Coalition.

The largest field of candidates are running for election to the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners. Eight candidates are seeking the three seats up for election.

Incumbents Rachel S. Stevens and Allen A. Lloyd are running for re-election. Others seeking the office are Barbara Page, Horace Johnson, Frank Cates Jr., Sam M. Gattis, E. Vic Knight and Myron L. Martin.

Four people will be elected to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board. Incumbent Edith Elliott Wiggins and newcomers Carolyn Horn, Fred Battle, Dorothy Baker and Phyllis Lotchin are seeking the seats.

Carrboro Mayor Robert Drakeford will not seek re-election. Other officials who declined to run again are Steve Rose and Ernie Patterson of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Wallace and Edwin Caldwell Jr., Phyllis Sockwell and Barbara Thornton of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board.

— AMY TANNER

## University celebrates 190th Wednesday

By KATE COOPER  
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UNC will celebrate its 190th birthday Wednesday with speeches, song and celebration.

It's all part of University Day, which includes the canceling of classes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that students and faculty can participate in the University Day festivities.

University Day is the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Old East in 1793. Old East is the nation's first state university building. The University opened its doors to students two years later in 1795.

The first celebration of University Day was held Oct. 12, 1877. It has been a University holiday since then.

At the convocation at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall, four Distinguished Alumnus awards will be given and the University library will honor the acquisition of its three millionth volume.

The Distinguished Alumnus awards will be given to astronaut William Thornton, Civil Rights attorney Julius LeVonne Chambers, State Secretary of Administration Jane Patterson and former University of Chicago librarian Herman Fussler.

Patterson will give the main address during the University Day convocation. The men's and women's Glee Club, the Carolina Choir and the Chamber Singers will perform a two-

choir by Brahms.

Thornton received his undergraduate degree from the University in 1952 and a medical degree in 1963. In August, he became the oldest person to journey into space when he flew on the space shuttle Challenger.

Chambers, a 1962 graduate of the School of Law, was the first black editor of *The North Carolina Law Review* and the first black elected to the Order of the Golden Fleece, a student honorary society.

Patterson, a 1961 graduate, was appointed Secretary of Administration by Gov. Jim Hunt in 1981. She was one of the first students of the International Studies program at UNC and also completed the University's real estate and government executives programs.

Fussler received undergraduate degrees from UNC in 1935 for mathematics and in 1936 for library science. He achieved scholarly prominence as acting dean of the University of Chicago library school, one of the largest and most progressive academic libraries in the country.

University Day will also mark the addition of the three millionth volume to its library. This is the result of 300 rare Estienne books presented by the John Wesley and Anna Hodgkin Hanes Foundation for the Study of the Origin and Development of the Book.

### Schedule of University Day Events

- 10:40 a.m. — Academic procession from the Old Well to Memorial Hall, with faculty and administrators in academic robes and music by the University band.
- 11 a.m. — University Day convocation in Memorial Hall. Followed by a birthday party in the Pit sponsored by the Union.
- 1:30 p.m. — Astronaut William Thornton will speak and show a film in the Morehead Planetarium.

- 3 p.m. — Thornton will speak in Hamilton 100 and return the flag which was carried with him on the Challenger.
- 4 p.m. — Rare book scholar Fred Schreiber will speak on the Estienne books in 209 Manning Hall.
- 9 p.m. — Thornton will speak at the Morehead Planetarium and show a film as part of the 25th anniversary of NASA.

## UNC student arraigned Monday, pleads not guilty

A UNC student was arraigned in Orange County District court Monday on charges of sexual assault, breaking and entering, first-degree burglary and larceny.

Danny Nathan Allison, 22, of 213 Northampton Plaza, pleaded not guilty to five counts of sexual assault, one count of felonious breaking and entering, seven counts of first-degree burglary and three counts of larceny.

A new charge of first-degree burglary was added Monday to the previous charges. Allison also pleaded not guilty to the new charge.

No trial date has been set, said Robert

Mahler, Orange County public defender.

Local police officials said that dating from March 5, assaults on five UNC women occurred in Granville South, Morrison, Hinton James and Craige residence halls and Carolina Apartments. The assaults occurred in the early morning hours and were connected to break-ins and enterings at the residence halls and the apartment complex. A weapon was reportedly used in several of the assaults.

Allison was arrested in connection with a break-in that occurred on Aug. 6 at Foxcroft Apartments. An investigation led police to believe that Allison matched

the description of the alleged assailant that was given by victims in the assault cases.

On Aug. 19, Allison was issued a warrant charging him with breaking and entering into the victim's apartment. Allison was arrested on Aug. 22 and charged with 14 other crimes, including sexual assaults.

Allison, a fifth-year industrial relations, is being held in the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough.

— BETH OWNLEY

## TV

The idea of student television deserves support, said John Dunlop, director of the UNC Center for Public Television. But the committee could save time and money if it televised campus events as they occurred rather than attempting to produce programs. Such "as-it-happens" coverage would probably be more successful in the long run, Dunlop said.

The pilot program has convinced the committee that the magazine format is workable, Wilson said. Once it gets its own equipment, the committee hopes to produce two or three programs per week. But Simp-

son suggested that plan be scaled down to more manageable proportions — about one program a month.

Simpson also said the students' ambition bodes well for the future of STV. Student involvement was the

main appeal of the project, he said. "It's not a bunch of professionals telling the University story," he said. "It's students telling the University story in a medium they're very familiar with — television."

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