

# United Way drive surpasses goal

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By \$133, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro United Way surpassed its goal of \$514,000 in its ambitious 1986 fund-raising campaign, which ended at 5 p.m. Thursday.

"We were thrilled to find that we raised more than our goal this year," campaign director Tom Hughes said in a WCHL-FM radio interview Thursday.

"The citizens who helped contribute deserve a big thank you from the United Way.

"We go into the campaign with supreme confidence, get a little nervous mid-way through, and find out that, son-of-a-gun, we did meet our goal," Hughes said later in an interview.

This is the 37th year the United Way has collected money for the needy in the Chapel Hill area, and Co-executive Director Betty Hutton said she was proud of the support

the United Way has received over the last decade.

"We've met our goal for the last ten years, and yes, we are going to meet our goal again," Hutton said a few days prior to the end of the campaign.

Hutton said businesses in Chapel Hill met 76 percent of their goal; professionals, a little more than 70 percent; public officials, 76 percent; and retired residents, 91 percent.

Together, these sectors have raised more than \$296,000.

Sigma Nu Fraternity raised \$3,000 selling T-shirts for the campaign, she said.

Hughes said major contributions came from IBM, Burrows-Wellcome, and Research Triangle Park, which topped its goal of \$118,000 by raising \$124,000.

The United Way must share its earnings with other organizations in order to operate, Hutton said. Under

state law, the United Way must work in coordination with a nonprofit organization when collecting money.

Part of the contributions, therefore, will go to the National Health Agency, the United Negro College Fund and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund under the guidance of the State Employee Combined Campaign.

The Campaign allows state employees to give to charity through payroll deductions.

Benefit activities for the United Way campaign have included a chili cook-off sponsored by WCHL-FM radio at Festifall on Oct. 5; "Coffee Day", in which 22 local restaurants agreed to give money from a day's coffee sales to the United Way on Oct. 10; and a Halloween party, also sponsored by WCHL-FM, where area businesses asked employees to don costumes and parade around the Ephesus Church Road and N.C. 15-501 Holiday Inn collecting money.

The original deadline for pledge contributions was extended from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, but Hutton said the delay was not unusual for the United Way.

It is extended nearly every year due to late donations and time spent counting money, she said.

United Way proceeds will go to 13 state and 19 local agencies. Local agencies include Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross, the Dispute Settlement Center, the Interface Council for Social Services, the Orange-Durham Coalition for Battered Women, the Women's Health Counseling Services, and Day Care Service Associations.

The United Way also sponsors the Mental Health Association, the Orange-Person-Chatham Alcohol Residential Treatment Facilities, the Student Health Action Committee, Volunteers for Youth, the YMCA, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

# Offenders confront victims at center

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The Orange County Dispute Settlement Center has started a program designed to allow victims and young, small-crime offenders to settle their conflicts out of court and to confront each other on a one-to-one basis.

The Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), one of 40 similar programs nationwide, is the brainchild of Claire Millar, director of the two Dispute Settlement centers in Carrboro and Hillsborough.

Millar said she came up with the idea after she herself was victimized when she first moved to Chapel Hill.

Area high school students stole two of her cars and drove them into Eastwood Lake, she said. The incident made her see a need for a forum where victims could tell the offenders how they felt.

VORP handles only cases involving first offenders under 16 years old.

"The program will handle only non-violent cases, in the physical sense," Millar said. "Burglary is violent, but it's not physical."

She invited representatives of a national organization to town last year to determine the suitability of Orange County for such a program.

Representatives from the National Victim Reconciliation Resource Center talked to lawyers, police officers, schools, and judges and found that this type of program would work well in Orange County, she said.

Millar said she had no idea how many cases the program would handle, but noted that the Greens-

boro program handled 50 cases last year.

District attorneys and juvenile court judges who come across situations that they feel would be better handled out of the courtroom refer cases to VORP, Millar said.

"These officials seem to be very excited about the new program and what it hopes to do," she said.

The other victim-offender programs have received very positive feedback, she said, adding that she is optimistic about the influence VORP will have.

"It has so much impact on an offender to have to face the person they victimized," Millar said. "It also helps the victims learn from their negative experiences and get something positive out of it."

"Both parties are given the opportunity to have input into what they feel should be done about the conflict, including restitution," she said.

She said there was a case she heard of that was handled by another agency where the amount of stolen property totaled \$1,000 and the restitution was only \$50.

The Dispute Settlement Center is a United Way agency that settles disputes including landlord problems, business deals and divorces. It is located at 302 Weaver St. in Carrboro and 118 Churchton St. in Hillsborough. The majority of the staff is made up of 45 volunteers from varied backgrounds such as lawyers, social workers and students.

Ten volunteers will be trained in January to deal with victim-offender mediation.

# New checking account caters to students

By ROBERT KEEFFE  
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First Union National Bank has opened up a new no-minimum checking account, designed specifically for college students, senior citizens and others who write less than 10 checks per month.

According to Diane Austin, customer service specialist with the bank's University Mall branch, customers using the new account can

write up to 10 checks per month for a \$3 service charge. For each additional check, the customer would be charged a small fee.

First Union will also keep returned checks for no-minimum account customers.

"This way, if a customer ever needs a copy of a check for proof of payment, we would have it on file for them," Austin said.

Because students are not typically good record keepers, the check safekeeping would be beneficial to them as well, she said.

Austin said that the University Mall branch has only opened about four or five no-minimum accounts since the program began on Nov. 1, but she expects the account will be in demand once more students learn about it.

In the past, the account most

popular with students was First Union's Advantage Account, according to Austin. This account offers free checking to customers who keep a \$300 minimum in a First Union savings account.

Austin said that while some area banks offer accounts specifically designed for students, she wasn't aware of any other that had a no-minimum account.

# Groups discuss issues at candlelight vigil

By MITRA LOTFI  
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The issues of divestment and minority affairs attracted about 65 people to a candlelight vigil at the Franklin Street post office Thursday night.

The UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group and the Rainbow Coalition, a group concerned with minority student affairs, co-sponsored the vigil.

Despite the bitter cold, supporters met to discuss their concerns about UNC's investments in companies doing business in South Africa and about problems facing minority students in the Carrboro-Chapel Hill

public schools.

Yonni Chapman, a Rainbow Coalition representative, cited the low scores of the school district's first-graders as a signal that stronger measures should be taken to support their education.

"It strikes me as not surprising, but very unfortunate, that the University doesn't put more of its funds into support of education in this community than it does into South Africa," he said.

Chapman said a committee had been established by black leaders in the community to provide positive role models for local high school minority students.

"Right now, there are about 25 of these mentors who work with the students both academically and socially," he said.

The other major concern of the group was the upcoming UNC Board of Endowment meeting Nov. 20.

"People are very frustrated that, given the fact that 70 percent of the student body, the Student Congress, and other leaders support divestment, they (the Board members) still haven't divested," said Robert Reid-Pharr, chairman of the AASG.

"We want to show them that they've made wrong decisions," he said.

The Board voted April 25 not to

withdraw financial investments from South Africa.

Another campus issue, which most students don't think about, concerns the problems facing food service workers, AASG member Mary Leary said.

Workers are only paid minimum wage and have lost many benefits, such as accumulated sick pay, since the Marriott Corp. took over ARA's contract this summer, Leary said.

"They worked Labor Day, which they've never done before, and they may have to work on Christmas Day, too," he said.

This is the first time that these two groups have co-sponsored an event.

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# Squid's: a taste of the sea

By ROBBY WILDERMANN  
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Squid's, a new seafood restaurant, will be opening soon on the N.C. 15-501 bypass.

Greg Orbeck, partial owner of the new business, said that he expects Squid's to be open by the end of the month.

Squid's will have a 30-seat oyster bar, which will serve oysters and clams both on the half-shell and sauteed. Mixed drinks, beer and wine will also be available.

In addition to the oyster bar, Squid's will have a 100-seat restaurant area. Orbeck said items on the menu will cost between \$4 and \$12, and the average 2-person meal will cost somewhere around \$20. While the menu will be mostly seafood, other items such as pasta or chicken will be available for those who don't want seafood.

Squid's will also open a fresh seafood market in the same building.

Squid's is located on the former site of Sonny's Barbecue. Orbeck said that while the Sonny's Barbecue chain has been doing well in other places in the Southeast, their format just wasn't what Chapel Hill residents wanted. He expects that Squid's coastal-style of preparing food should be far more popular.

All four partners of the new restaurant have lived in the Chapel Hill area for many years, said Orbeck. Mickey Ewell, the principal owner of Squid's, also owns Spanky's restaurant on Franklin Street.

Orbeck said he expects hours for the new restaurant to be 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch, and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner. The oyster bar will be open from 11:30 a.m. to closing, and the seafood market will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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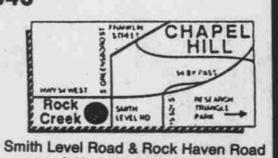
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