

City and State

Contest to aid recycling efforts

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Staff Writer

Can-crushers will compete at noon Wednesday to become champion aluminum stompers in a contest sponsored by Tar Heel Aluminum Recycling Project (TARP).

Six different teams, each with their own hefty bag full of aluminum cans, will try to be the first to crush and return to the trash bags their 10 to 15 pounds of cans.

The three teams who finish first and the team with the best name will receive prizes. Classic Food Services of Durham donated 10 cases of Coke for the winners.

The contest will help increase recycling awareness on campus, said Jon Heidersheit, TARP president.

"It's a very loud demonstration in the Pit that will get a lot of attention," he said. "It gets people's attention."

Paul Giragos, event coordinator and TARP publicity chairman, added, "The basic goal of the contest is to get people's attention so that we can say something to them about recycling."

Heidersheit said TARP has been on campus for three years but did not get off the ground until last year, Heidersheit said. TARP is a subcommittee of the Campus Y organization Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Giragos said informing students about recycling was important because recycling aluminum prevented depletion of natural aluminum. Recycling cans also uses less energy than making new ones, so less pollution is produced, he said.

Another advantage of recycling is land-fill reduction, Giragos said. "In some way (a land fill) will affect people in a negative way."

Heidersheit said TARP had placed 34 recycling bins in various residence halls and buildings on campus. Students who adopt the bins through TARP are responsible for emptying them.

But the organization is having prob-

lems finding a place to buy bins. In the past, TARP bought bins from Liggett-Meyer, a cigarette company. Other recycling groups have started using Liggett-Meyer bins, so TARP is looking for other sources, Heidersheit said.

More bins will be put on campus when the organization finds a new company that sells bins. "If we had 50, we'd put them out," he said.

The group has collected 600 pounds of aluminum this academic year, Heidersheit said. "We're doing really well this year."

Giragos said TARP was also beginning to recycle other products, such as paper.

Academic Accolades

From staff reports

The American Heart Association awarded grants and fellowships for cardiovascular-related research to 10 researchers at UNC.

Award winners from UNC include Ralph Baric, parasitology; Christos Chatziantoniou, medicine; Frank Church, cardiology; Thomas Fischer, medicine; Mitchell Friedman, medicine; Carl Gottschalk, medicine; David Millhorn, physiology; Andrew Morris, pharmacology; Leslie Parise, pharmacology; and Robert Rosenberg, pharmacology.

The American Heart Association and the N.C. Affiliate are spending \$1,478,533 on cardiovascular research in North Carolina. About \$445,770 was contributed to UNC research for 1989-90.

Five UNC Faculty members have been named Bowman and Gordon Gray Professors.

William Barney, professor of history; Peter Kaufman, associate professor of religious studies; Richard King, professor of psychology; Theodore Leinbaugh, associate professor of English; and Michael Zenge, professor of music, were named to the professorships.

Barney is a specialist in 19th century U.S. political and social history with an emphasis on the South and the Civil War. He earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

Kaufman joined the UNC faculty in 1978. Kaufman is former director

of undergraduate studies in the Department of Religious Studies at UNC. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut and earned a divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago.

King, a specialist in biological psychology and brain-behavior relationships, came to UNC in 1958. He is the former associate director of the Neurobiology Program for Training.

Leinbaugh, a specialist in Old and Middle English, joined the UNC faculty in 1980 after earning his doctorate from Harvard University. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Leinbaugh received his bachelor's degree from Yale University and master's degrees from Harvard and Oxford universities.

Zenge, a pianist, has appeared as a soloist and accompanist throughout the United States, Germany and Austria. He received his bachelor's degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and master's degree from the University of Illinois.

Selection for the professorships is based on nominations by UNC department and curriculum chairmen.

Shawn Akkerman and John Wakeford, both of Raleigh, have been awarded the first Howard Q. and Mescal Ferguson Doctor of Pharmacy Scholarships at the School of Pharmacy.

The scholarship supports the pursuit of a doctor of pharmacy degree at the School of Pharmacy.

Officials praise success of trolleys

By TIM BENNETT
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The number of people riding the new Chapel Hill trolleys in its first month of operation has excited town officials, but reviews from merchants are mixed.

"It (the trolley) has exceeded all of my expectations," said Bob Godding, director of transportation in Chapel Hill.

There was an average of 40 passengers per hour through the month of September with Thursday and Friday as the busiest days. Having more than 30 passengers is considered very good for a regular bus route in Chapel Hill where bus ridership is already strong, said Debbie Dibbert, co-director of the Downtown Commission.

The trolleys, which each cost \$150,000, were purchased to bring more

people into the downtown area and generate excitement that would attract customers for merchants, Dibbert said. Because the trolley only runs from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the most obvious impact should be on the restaurants downtown, she said, and the impact on the retailers is not as obvious.

The trolley runs from downtown on Rosemary and Franklin streets and Columbia and Pittsboro streets to North Carolina Memorial Hospital. The hospital helped pay for the trolley, and Dibbert said hospital employees were expected to be among the most frequent riders.

People from the hospital said the trolley made it easier for them to go downtown for lunch, said Cheryl Rip-

perton, who works at Sadlack's Heroes and Deli. "I've also seen a lot more parents come in with their kids."

Henry Schliff, owner of Papagayo Mexican Restaurant, said the trolley had helped his business. "I think it (the trolley) is really nice because a lot of our customers are hospital employees."

But some establishments have not experienced much change in business. Michael Erickson, manager of Huggin's Hardware, said his store was one of those businesses.

"Being on Franklin Street, most of our business comes from people who are walking," he said. "It has not really done much for our business."

Paul Wiester, manager of Hector's restaurant, said the trolley had also made little impact on his business. "We've

gotten a few customers from the other side of town who said they rode the trolley in."

Town officials do not expect the number of riders to decrease significantly when the weather becomes colder. The trolley has Plexiglas windows that can be installed to protect passenger when the temperature drops.

"I expect the ridership to level off but not drop dramatically," Dibbert said. "North Carolina winters are not very severe."

The Downtown Commission would like to extend the operation hours for the trolleys but that would require more money from private donations, said Dibbert. For every additional half-hour of service, \$7,000 to \$30,000 are added to its annual operating costs.

Task force delays creation of AIDS patients' boarding house

By JEFF MOYER
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Orange County AIDS Task Force chairman Dan Reimer has announced the cancellation of a proposed boarding house for AIDS patients at 110 Taylor St. and a scheduled Oct. 10 meeting with neighborhood residents.

"After talking with the AIDS house in Durham, we have decided not to establish a house on Taylor St. for AIDS patients," Reimer said. "We can not operate without being an incorporated body."

The AIDS home in Durham, known as the AIDS Community Residential Association (ACRA), has operated successfully for two years but is still actively seeking licensing, said Susan Wilson, chairman of the Orange County AIDS Task Force housing subcommittee. ACRA has a board of directors and generally is more organized than the task force.

Because of the need for state licensing of the AIDS home as a family care facility, many things were overlooked by the task force, Wilson said.

"This was not an optimal home for the project," Wilson said. "There were only three bedrooms, and the house would have required a lot more work before it could have reached the standards such as handicap access and fire

codes."

The task force, in association with community church volunteers, also met logistical problems such as utilities, routine maintenance and other practical matters.

"Neither the task force nor the concerned individuals are incorporated and the utility company will not connect a house just to any individual," Reimer said. "Volunteers can change from time to time and there is no way to guarantee their commitment."

After talking with groups such as ACRA, it is clear that the absence of the incorporation of interested parties or a landlord willing to take responsibility poses a problem that can not be overcome quickly, Reimer explained. "It takes at least six to 12 months to become incorporated."

Unless another alternative presents itself, at least six months will pass before the task force seriously can consider setting up another house, he said. "Neither organization is far enough along with its development to undertake all the responsibilities necessary for such a project to be successful."

Although a majority of Taylor Street residents were opposed to the house, the decision to discontinue the plan was independent of these matters, Reimer said. "Even if the neighbors welcomed

the idea with open arms, there would have still been the problem of who was going to take care of utilities and similar problems."

The community expressed many of its concerns in a September task force meeting. One of the main concerns was the presence of transients in the neighborhood.

"Our main objection is not with the condition of the people, even though it is to a certain extent, but that these are homeless people that no one is taking responsibility for," said a Taylor Street spokesman who wished not to be identified.

The cancellation of the house and meeting was a surprise to the residents who read about it in the newspapers.

"I was disappointed by the way it was announced to the neighborhood," the spokesman said. "This was another example of the task force's lack of cooperation with the community and unwillingness to communicate."

Before the announcement of the cancellation of the project, some concerned residents with extra rental space in their homes offered use of the space to the task force, Wilson said. "Even with all the bad publicity of this, there are still some concerned citizens in Chapel Hill."

Bakker trial fails to affect campus

By JULIE GAMMILL
Staff Writer

Televangelist and former PTL minister Jim Bakker will find little support from national and local religious groups.

Bakker, found guilty Thursday of 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy in U.S. District Court in Charlotte, defrauded followers of his PTL ministry of \$3.7 million to support his luxurious lifestyle, according to the jury.

Campus religious group leaders and members disagreed on the sincerity of Bakker's ministry, but none thought the scandal made a significant impact on Christianity at UNC.

"I definitely think that he (Bakker) was sincere," said Darren Phillips, director of Maranatha Campus Minis-

tries. "The PTL ministry came from a love for people. It just got out of hand with the money."

Bakker's crime was "wrongdoing but not with evil motives," Phillips said. The scandal and trial have not affected Maranatha at UNC, he said.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) has grown 10 percent a year in the two years since Bakker resigned from PTL, said Brian Wallace, one of four IVCF campus ministers.

Because televangelists mix religion and money, they come across as hypocritical and turn people off from Christianity, said IVCF member Andy Dunkerton, a senior from Baltimore. "Sometimes people use that as an excuse to not deal with God."

"I'm in absolutely no position to make a judgement whether he was sincere," said Wallace, who had never seen Bakker's PTL show.

The Bakker scandal has not hurt Campus Christian Fellowship's recruitment on campus, said Ed Russ, a junior from Bath.

Adding that he personally thought Bakker used religion to make money, Russ said he only watched Bakker's PTL show "when there was nothing else on" and never for religious purposes.

Meanwhile, the Revs. Jerry Falwell and Jimmy Swaggart, also televangelists, appear to have distanced themselves from Bakker during his trial.

"While I am personally sorry for Mr. Bakker, his family and the thousands who have been hurt by the PTL saga, I am pleased that this dark chapter of religious history has concluded," Falwell said in a printed statement.

Swaggart was leading a crusade and was unavailable for comment, said Norma Shaw, his spokeswoman. She said Swaggart had not commented during the trial and would probably not release an opinion statement on the verdict.

The Assemblies of God, who "defrocked" Bakker after the revelation of his sexual encounter with Jessica Hahn, also will not release an opinion on Bakker's verdict, Dick Champion, editor of the Assemblies' Pentecostal Evangel magazine, said.

It would be inappropriate for the Assemblies to comment on the case because they no longer have any ties with Bakker, Champion said from the Assemblies' national headquarters in Springfield, Mo.

Richard Yao, founder of Fundamentalists Anonymous, was pleased with the verdict and will demand the strongest possible sentence, said Ian Biederman, an intern with the organization.

A legal task force for Fundamentalists Anonymous, representing more than 300 former PTL Lifetime Partners in PTL bankruptcy proceedings, is trying to secure priority status for the claims in bankruptcy court, Biederman said. Priority status will give the disgruntled former followers a better chance of receiving refunds of money used to purchase \$1,000 partnerships at PTL, he said.

Town Meetings

• Tuesday, Oct. 10

Chapel Hill Town Council

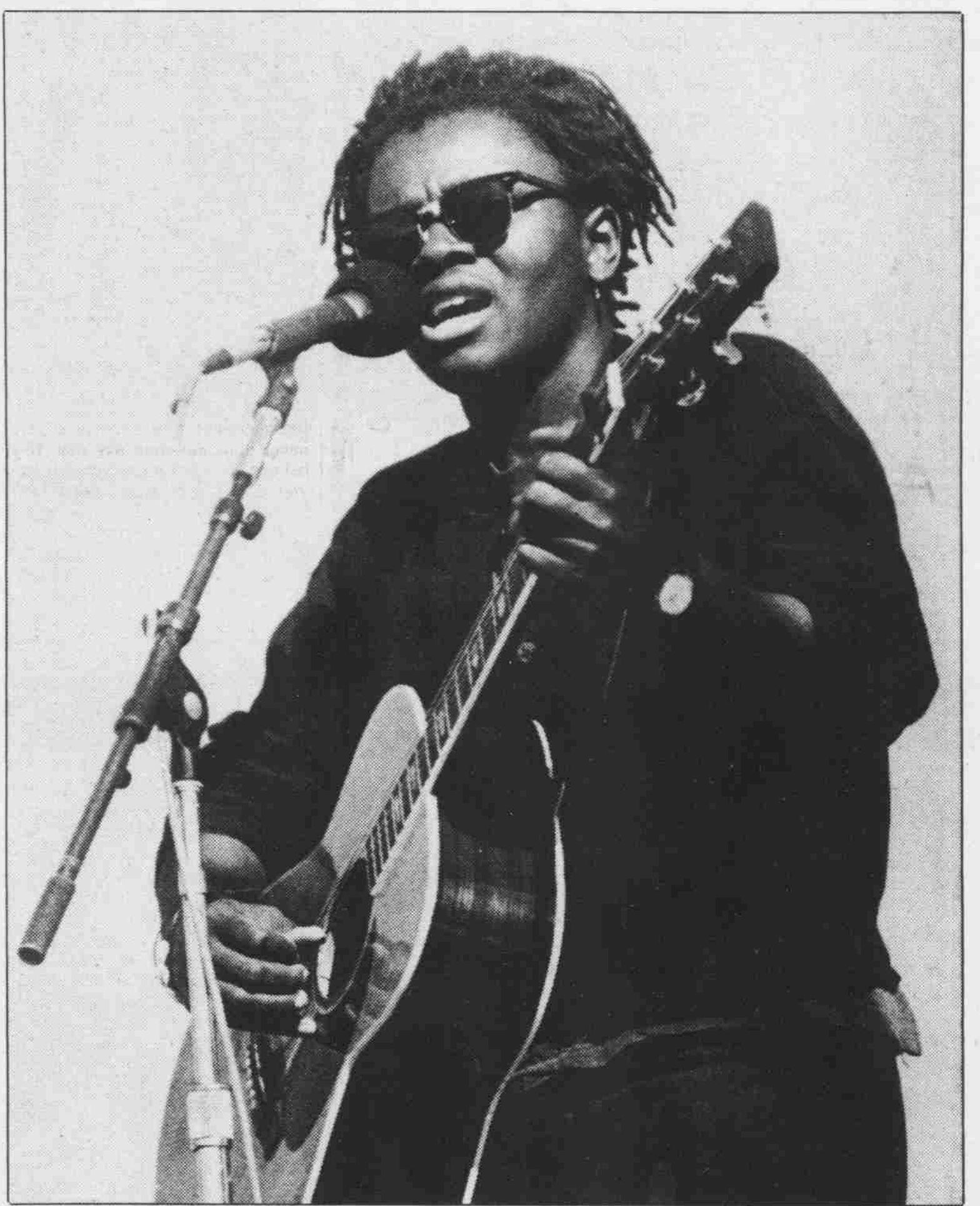
7:30 p.m. Municipal Building, 306 N. Columbia St.

Included on the agenda: Consideration of Conner Drive parking restrictions and reduction of the speed limit on Airport Road to 35 mph from Estes Drive north to the town limits. A status report on the Tandler Homeownership Program and nominations for the New Hope Corridor Greenway Advisory Board.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen

7:30 p.m. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Included on the agenda: Resolution establishing a student liaison to the Board of Aldermen, Planning Board recommendations on affordable housing, and a presentation of the Audit Report for fiscal year 1988-89.



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Strumming for a cause

Folk singer Tracy Chapman performs Saturday afternoon in front of the Capitol building in Wash-

ington to protest the lack of housing and the number of homeless in the United States.

Lack of information angers Martin

By KYLE YORK SPENCER
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Gov. Jim Martin chastised the state superintendent of public instruction in a Sept. 22 letter for not informing him of North Carolina's low rating on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Superintendent Bob Etheridge received a letter from the governor last

week expressing disappointment that Martin had not been personally notified that North Carolina ranked lowest in the nation in SAT scores. The letter was released at a Board of Education meeting held at the Outer Banks last week.

The governor did not learn of the low scores until he read about them in the newspapers Sept. 13.

He was annoyed that the superintendent did not inform him in advance that "the issue was coming up," said Tim Pittman, the governor's press secretary.

The superintendent responded to Martin with his own Sept. 27 letter apologizing for the lack of communication.

Although Martin and Etheridge have

differing party backgrounds, the governor does not want to make education a party issue, Pittman said.

"The governor would like to think that this is not a partisan issue," Pittman said. "He would like to keep the theme of education free of politicking."

Earlier this year the governor addressed the education problem by supporting some national educational programs and proposing some of his own, Pittman said. These programs included a career ladder which supported better pay for better teachers and a one percent sales tax increase to fund an improvement in public schools. The superintendent never voiced an opinion on these plans, Pittman said.

Etheridge has appointed a task force to assess the state SAT problem before major changes in state programs are made, Copeland said.

As of this year, sophomores at N.C. public schools will be allowed to take the PSAT, a preliminary SAT, free of charge. Also, SAT scores will now be released individually by school instead of by school system in order to focus on schools with particularly low scores.

Voter Registration

Today is the last day to register to vote in the November 7 elections. Orange County residents may register at the following locations:

- Orange County Board of Elections Office, 144 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Carboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St., Carrboro, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Chapel Hill Public Library, 523 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, during library hours.
- The Orange County Public Library, 200 W. Tyron St., Hillsborough, during library hours.