

Campus and City

UNC to honor December graduates

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The University will recognize December students with a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Dec. 10 in the Smith Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.

The ceremony will honor both graduate and undergraduate students who filed to graduate in December, said Kathleen Benzaquin, associate dean of students. About 1,300 students filed to graduate at the end of the fall semester, and about 900 will actually graduate, she said.

Richard Richardson, a professor in the political science department, will address the graduates. "I plan to make comments about the class and to link it to the University's upcoming bicentennial," he said.

The recognition ceremony will occur one day before the bicentennial of the University's charter, Richardson said.

Students who graduate in December will receive their diplomas by mail, Benzaquin said.

Chancellor Paul Hardin; Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs; Senior Class President Bobby Ferris; and Graduate and Professional Student Federation representative Audrey Vanden Heuval will also speak at the ceremony.

Thomas Lambeth, president of the General Alumni Association, will welcome the graduates as new alumni.

The deadline for graduating students who wish to accept their invitations is today. Students who wish to attend

may call Benzaquin.

This ceremony is not a formal commencement, Benzaquin said. December graduates are invited to attend formal commencement ceremonies on May 13, 1990.

The recognition ceremony will occur before the exams period this year to alleviate confusion about commencement ceremonies, Benzaquin said. "It can be confusing to people because they often think it's a formal cap and gown ceremony, and it's not that at all."

Susan Levendosky, a senior from Silver Spring, Md., said she thought it was important to recognize December graduates. "Just because they're graduating at a different time of year does not mean they should be any less recognized."

Richardson said many December graduates here unable to attend the spring commencement ceremonies because of their jobs. "It (the ceremony) is an opportunity for the University to stop and recognize them just like we do for the regular graduates."

City Police Roundup

Sunday, Dec. 3

Police observed an N.C. State University student from Greensboro run a stoplight at the intersection of East Franklin Street and Estes Drive. The subject then made a wide right turn and crossed the center line. When the subject was stopped, the officer gave him a breathalyzer test. The man was arrested for DWI.

Police were called to Kingswood Apartments after a male driving a red Firebird knocked on the door of one of the apartments and asked for directions to any parties in the area. Officers searched the area but could find neither the vehicle nor the suspect.

Police responded to a call at the Granville East Cafeteria at University Square when a broken window was found near the loading dock. Officers found a beer can lying near the window and speculate that the can was thrown at the window. The building did not appear to have been entered. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Police were called to Christopher Road when a resident heard what he thought was a woman screaming. Officers searched the area but found nothing unusual.

The manager of Fowler's Food Market reported a male entered the store and proceeded to take a pack of ribeye steaks and leave the store. A description was given of the individual, and an arrest was made. The steaks were returned to the market.

Police responded to a call at Fraternity Court when someone reported that fireworks were being set off in the area. When officers arrived they could find no suspects or evidence of fireworks.

While on routine patrol officers found that a rear window had been broken out of The Lampe Shoppe located at 412 W. Franklin St. The owner was notified and found that several lamps had been broken and one lamp stolen. Damage for both the stolen and broken lamps was estimated at \$550.

Officers were called to a home in the Riggsbee Mobile Home Park when a bird was discovered in the residence. An officer opened the outside door of the mobile home, and the bird flew outside. The bird was reported to have sustained no injuries.

Saturday, Dec. 2

A Carrboro resident reported that someone broke the right front passenger window on her car and took several items from the vehicle. The car was parked in a parking lot on West Rosemary Street and damage was estimated at \$200.

Police were called to a residence at Forsythia Court when a woman refused to leave upon request of the owner. When officers arrived the woman was asked to leave once again. She refused and was arrested for trespassing.

Officers responded to a call from McDonald's on West Franklin Street when a man was found to be sleeping in the restaurant and could not be awakened. When officers arrived the man had awakened and left the establishment. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the subject.

Police responded to Chase Park Apartments when a resident reported a disturbance in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers found two subjects apparently arguing over their juvenile daughter. Officers were able to calm the subjects and the daughter left with her mother.

A police officer patrolling Franklin Street observed a man urinating on the sidewalk in front of Player's Bar. The man was arrested for littering and taken into custody. He was later released on a \$50 bond.

Police were called to an East Franklin Street residence when the occupant heard strange noises in his home. The home and surrounding area were checked but nothing was found.

Police found a pane of glass in the wall of a bus stop shot out on Coleridge Road near 104 Melville Loop. Damage to the stop was estimated at \$300.

Friday, Dec. 1

Police were called to Goinans Avenue with a report of an intoxicated person. When police arrived, the perpetrator had assaulted two residents in the area. The intoxicated man was arrested for assault and taken into custody.

Police investigated a report of an explosion in the area of Laurel Hill Circle. Officers could find no evidence of an explosion and found that all transformers in the area seemed to be in working order.

Police were called to University Mall when a man was attempting to sell a fur coat near the mall. Officers identified the man and found that the coat was not stolen, and no further action was taken.

— compiled by Steven Adams

University selected to host Junior Olympics

By CATHY APGAR
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UNC has been selected as the site of the 1991 Junior Olympic Games, which are scheduled for the week of July 23-29.

The University was chosen by a 42-15 vote at a meeting of the Track Athletic Congress (TAC) Wednesday in Washington. Delegates at the TAC National Convention selected the University by secret ballot after listening to 30-minute oral presentations from both UNC and the University of Florida, the other finalist in the bid to host the games.

"The University of Florida had the meet two years ago and put on a good show, so everyone remembered it," said UNC track coach Dennis Craddock.

Blueprints of how the meet would be set up were presented to the committee because the Fetzer Field track facility was under renovation when the selection committee visited the campus in October, Craddock said.

From his coaching experience at the University of Virginia, which has a well-designed track and field complex, Craddock said he learned what features are essential to hosting large events such as the Junior Olympics.

After the renovations, which are expected to be completed this summer, the track will have extra-wide turns and extra room for field events, Craddock said.

Hosting the meet is a great way to get athletes who are interested in coming to school at UNC because they are ex-

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— Gene Mayhall, Omni Europa Hotel

posed to the University and have a chance to see what type of facilities are available, he said.

The selection is great publicity for the University and Craddock, who has been trying to increase the prestige of UNC as a facility with the capacity to host major track and field competitions.

The Junior Olympics, which is open to boys and girls ages 10-18, usually serves as a big first competition for athletes who eventually participate in the NCAA events, and the Olympics, Craddock said.

The event is expected to bring between 5,000 and 7,000 participants, plus their families and coaches, to Chapel Hill and the surrounding area, Craddock said.

Because parents plan their vacation around the five-to-six-day event, the TAC considers what types of leisure activities are available when choosing the site, he said. The University of Florida had Walt Disney World to offer, but North Carolina had the beaches, mountains and Carowinds, which played a role in the selection.

The event should bring in about \$3 million in revenue to the local area, he

said.

The event, which is comparable to the Olympic Festival, is a big support to the business community, said Todd Zapolski, head of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

The event is a great opportunity for the Triangle, said Patti Tripodi, who is on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

UNC is becoming recognized for hosting sports events because of the facilities available, she said. "The draw revenues would be fantastic for us, and the facilities are all here."

According to Gene Mayhall, director of sales and marketing at Omni Europa Hotel, "Hosting the event will be a boost for our economy and UNC's reputation in track and field events."

The Chapel Hill-Durham area could conceivably host four major track and field events, he said. In addition to the Junior Olympics, the NCAA finals for track and field will be hosted in Chapel Hill in May and the National Race Walking Championship will be here in August 1990. The fourth event would be the pre-Olympic trials for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, if the bid is successful, Mayhall said.

Ceremony marks town council transitions

By JOHANNA HENDERSON
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Newly-elected council members Joyce Brown and Alan Rimer joined the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night as retiring members David Pasquini and David Godschalk bid their farewells.

In a brief but heart-warming ceremony, Chief District Court Judge Patricia Hunt administered the oaths of office to Mayor-elect Jonathan Howes and council members-elect Brown, Rimer, Julie Andresen and Art Werner.

Howes presented a symbolic key to the city to Pasquini and Godschalk. "This doesn't open a single door," he said.

Pasquini said, "I'd like to recognize what a talented group of people we have working for the town."

He said he felt regret when Godschalk

announced he was not seeking re-election. Pasquini mentioned Godschalk's pet project of skateboard ramps and the hours spent in public hearings. "For this I thank David."

He presented Godschalk with a skateboard which had the words "Heat Zone" printed on it.

Godschalk thanked Pasquini and said, "He and I are probably going to go skateboarding on Monday nights."

Godschalk spoke of the accomplishments of the council during the past four years including the new comprehensive plan, a joint planning program with Orange County, a series of Greenways and a new library in the works. "I found the list was really quite long and impressive."

Werner said the council would have difficulty filling the 12 years of combined experience of Pasquini and

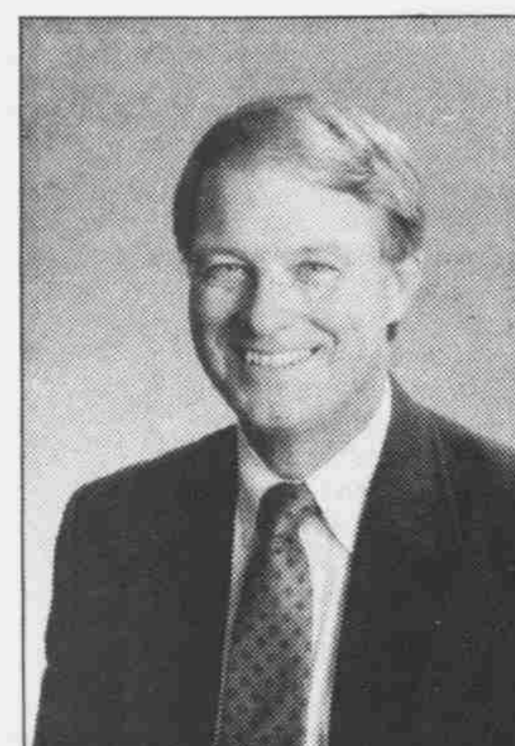
Godschalk.

Council member James Wallace said he wished more than two council seats were available so he could serve with all those he has enjoyed working with. "You are presented with several things, and you can only have two, and I say, 'Well, I want them all.'"

Calling council member Nancy Preston "tireless," Wallace nominated her for mayor pro tem and called for her acceptance by acclamation. She was elected unanimously.

"I hope that the strength of the old council will be the strength of the new," Andresen said, citing the council's ability to concentrate on the substance of issues and discuss them sensibly.

Wallace said the council had the greatest concentration of talent found anywhere in Orange County. "There is no reason that we should fail."



Alan Rimer



Joyce Brown

Price announces possible cuts in Medicare

By KIMBERLEY MAXWELL
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In a speech Monday afternoon in Beard Hall, U.S. Rep. David Price, D-Orange, said Congress was considering decreasing payments to private doctors for Medicare patients in an effort to limit health care costs.

The budget for Medicare, health care for the disabled and people 65 years and older increases 14 percent yearly, Price said. Within 25 years, Medicare will cost more than the defense and Social Security budgets combined.

Price said this increase affected the Congress' ability to control the federal deficit and set up new domestic programs.

"We have struggled for two years to come up with \$2 billion worth of savings (in Medicare)."

As a result, Price said Congress was considering cuts in Plan B in Medicare, which deals with private physicians. Congress has already made cuts in Plan A, which deals with hospitals.

Doctors' expenses increase about eightfold a year, Price said. He said one reason was because more people live longer because of better technology.

But Price said this increase was covered only by the government, which resulted in a deficit increase.

Congress is also considering equalizing the amount of money paid to physicians for services performed under this plan, Price said. Doctors who specialize in fields such as radiology generally receive more money from the government.

Price said Congress did not deter-

mine how much money the federal government would save with the plan, but the action would affect cost control in the future by making it easier to implement later cuts.

The cuts in Plan B of Medicare would not affect the quality of health care patients receive, Price said.

Price also said there were three other health care problems Congress must handle this session.

Price said there was a shortage of nurses across the nation, and the fact that admissions to nursing schools had decreased 23 percent since 1983 had added to the problem.

Better pay for nurses will help attract more people to the profession, Price said. Improving working conditions and the professional status of nurses would also help.

Price said Medicare coverage for long-term health care would be harder to deal with because there is no way to predict its cost, which totals about \$60 billion. More people may be willing to undergo long-term care if it is covered by Medicare, he said.

Price said 16 percent of the population did not have health coverage. More than two-thirds of that number have jobs but cannot afford health insurance, he said.

These issues will affect politicians at all levels, Price said.

Price said legislators were more reluctant to deal with health care issues since Medicare's catastrophic tax was repealed this fall. The catastrophic tax created an additional premium for serious health problems.



Rep. David Price, D-Orange, addresses pharmacy students Monday afternoon in Beard Hall

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