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City BRIEFS

Agendas

Chapel Hill Town Council

The Chapel Hill Town Council will meet in the Chapel Hill Town Hall Monday at 7:30 p.m. The session will be broadcast over Carolina Cable Channel 13. The agenda includes a Sister City status report, discussion of rural buffer proposals, a special use permit for the proposed UNC tennis facility and a report on minority- and female-owned business participation. Authorizing the use of surplus Fiscal Year 1989 CIAP funds, a landscaping agreement with the N.C. Department of Transportation and a zoning enforcement report will also be presented at the meeting.

Carboro Board of Alderman

The Carboro Board of Aldermen will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. The meeting will be televised on Alert Cable Channel 11 and Carolina Cable Channel 13. The agenda includes a public hearing on land-use ordinance text amendment requiring an oath of office be administered to members of the Board of Adjustment and Appearance Commission. In other matters the board will discuss the feasibility of closing Laurel Avenue and a bid award for an industrial tractor with a backhoe and front-end loader.

The Chapel Hill-Carboro Board of Education, Orange County Board of Commissioners and Chatham County Board of Commissioners do not have regularly scheduled meetings this week.

City Briefs

U.S. government offices, including post offices, will be closed today for Columbus Day. All offices are scheduled to reopen Tuesday at regular hours.

The Dispute Settlement Center of Orange County was chosen to mediate the problem-solving processes of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Coalition on Alcohol and Drug Problems.

The center will mediate situations in which public and private sectors must surmount complex barriers to produce resolutions. It was selected after a national competition to facilitate the year-long process.

The Chapel Hill Public Library will hold its 20th-anniversary book sale of 20,000 books. The sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library, will be held in the Chapel Hill Community Center on Estes Drive from Oct. 7 to Oct. 9.

The sale began Oct. 7, and featured an auction and special sale 5-7 p.m.

The Orange County Women's Center is providing a support group for women recently separated or trying to deal with the issue of a separation.

The group will meet Monday nights at 7:30 from Oct. 1 through Nov. 5 in the Women's Center at 210 Henderson St. The fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call Leah Morgan or Mary Linker at 968-4610 for more information.

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate its 126th anniversary Oct. 13 and 14. The celebration will begin Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Hargraves Community Center with a banquet.

On Oct. 14 Sonya Stone, UNC faculty member in the Afro-American studies department, will speak at the anniversary worship service.

Orange United Methodist Church is preparing for its 20th annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 13. The event will feature arts and crafts displays and baked goods available for sale.

The Carboro Police Department and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center will sponsor a joint presentation and discussion on self-protection from sexual assault.

The presentation is the second collaborative presentation between the two groups. The first presentation was given in July. The presentation will be held in the Carboro Town Hall board room from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gertrude Elion, a Chapel Hill resident, was honored by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association for innovative contributions to medical research.

Elion received one of three 1990 Discoverers Awards at a ceremony held Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Elion shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine with George Hitchings in 1988.

The American Cancer Society, Orange County unit, will sponsor "Freshstart," a quit-smoking program Oct. 9 and 11 at 87 S. Elliott Road at 7:30 p.m.

"I Can Cope," a patient education program of the American Cancer Society about living with cancer, will be held in the conference room at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Attorney Victoria O'Rourke and clinical social worker Mary Jackson will lead a discussion on "Identifying Resources and Support Systems: Legal, Psychosocial and Economic." Call the Orange County unit of the American Cancer Society at 942-1953 for further information.



DTH/Ed Moorhouse

A passer-by at Sunday's FestiFall admires a dress designed by 'Witherspoon'

Chapel Hill fall street celebration attracts variety of booths, people

By NANCY JOHNSON

Thousands of area residents enjoyed music, food and vendors of all sorts at the 19th annual FestiFall, held Sunday on West Franklin Street.

Between 18,000 and 20,000 people attended the festival sponsored by the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, said Director Mike Loveman.

"We thought it would be big, and it's as big as we thought," he said.

From tie-dyes to voter registration to Afghan food, patrons had many things to choose from with 200 booths lining the west end of Franklin Street.

"We try to get a real good balance of groups," Loveman said.

The festival was held at the west end of Franklin Street this year to give businesses at that end of Chapel Hill a chance at more business, said Sue Anderson, a vendor at the festival.

However, many vendors said they felt sales at this year's FestiFall were

not as good as in previous years. Fall Break and an economic decline were mentioned as causes for the drop-off in business.

"Today is sort of slow compared to previous festivals, and business has been that way this year," said Burly Page, a Chapel Hill resident selling traditional West African clothing. "I think it can be contributed to the economic downturn we are experiencing."

Others, like Anderson, sought a less complicated answer.

"The sales are not as good as in the spring, but I think the quality of the items is very good," Anderson said. "I think there are fewer students here because of Fall Break."

The quality of the crafts was better this year because vendors sent in slides of their work and were selected to set up booths at the festival, Anderson said.

Olivia Sellars, who came from Columbia, S.C., to sell her handmade goods, agreed that business was slow. "I think the people like my things, but

they are just not buying them," she said.

Although sales were down, participants seemed to enjoy the festivities.

"I think it's great," said Monica Stein, a sophomore from New Jersey who returned a few hours early from Fall Break so she would not miss the festival. "There are so many things to do here."

Stein said she found several things to buy.

A chili cook-off sponsored by WCHL to benefit the United Way burned the mouths of anyone brave enough to taste the eight different kinds of chili in the contest. After trying as many as possible, tasters gave gold stars to their favorites, and the winners received trophies for their efforts.

A gospel choir, bluegrass music, jazz music and dancing provided entertainment at FestiFall, which lasted 1-6 p.m.

Recovery programs help substance abusers

By ERIK ROGERS

Sue, a 35-year-old woman, found herself at the mercy of alcohol and drugs.

"When I OD'ed (overdosed on heroine) that last time, I knew I was dying and that I needed help," she said.

Help came in 1985 when "Sue" arrived at Halfway House, one of Freedom House's two branches. Freedom House, along with the United Way, offers a program for those trying to kick the habit of substance abuse.

The center serves anyone between the ages of 16 and 60, said Michael Norton-Dennis, executive director of Freedom House. Lately there have been more female clients than male, but the number of drug clients to alcohol clients is about equal.

In addition to Halfway House, designed specifically for women, Freedom House, located at 1477 Airport Road, offers eight detoxification units, five for men and three for women. Both the detoxification units and the Halfway House shelter substance abusers, with the main difference between the two being the time factor involved.

"We encourage our clients to stay in the Detox unit for 72 hours, but we like to keep those staying in the Halfway

House anywhere from four to six months," Norton-Dennis said.

Sue stayed in Halfway House for eight months. But kicking the habit was not easy for her because she had been taking drugs and excessively drinking since she was 20 years old.

"On the average, I would drink anything on a daily basis. You name it... I'd drink it." She said some days she would drink two gallons of alcohol, one of the drinks being rum and Coke.

"Most of my paycheck would go to drugs, or I would steal the money to get them," she said.

But Freedom House helped her overcome her problems. "Freedom House was totally different from my perspective of it," she said. "It broadened my horizons because I saw people from all walks of life there... black, white, rich and poor."

The program required Sue to get a full-time job — one of the first steps to her developing some self-esteem.

"I needed to feel good about myself again, and one of the ways to do that was to have some responsibility," she said.

The program also stresses that patients follow some basic guidelines.

"The patients must be home by 10:30 on week nights and 11:00 on weekends,"

Norton-Dennis said. At the discretion of the director, patients are later allowed passes to go home if they desire, he added.

Halfway House proved successful for Sue, thanks to one-on-one counseling. Successful recoveries are common at the center, Norton-Dennis said. He added that he could not release exact figures because of confidentiality laws.

Astonished by the influx of women coming to the center, Norton-Dennis said, "The increase in female population coming to Freedom House is a phenomenon. We'd like to think they're coming because they feel Freedom House is a safe and caring place for them to come."

Twelve women currently stay in the Halfway House and eight people live in the Detox units. This is a light time of the year, but it gets busy around Christmas, New Year's Day and the time when taxes are due because those are the stressful times of the year, Norton-Dennis said.

Whether there is a flood of drug abusers moving into Halfway House or alcoholics staying in the Detox units, contributions are always appreciated.

Norton-Dennis said, "Battling the checkbook from day to day is difficult. Any donations are gratefully accepted."

Commission investigates Carolina Power & Light's conduct in radiation exposure case

From Associated Press reports

WILMINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is investigating whether a worker at a Brunswick nuclear plant was exposed to dangerous amounts of radiation.

Larry Dew, 38, accidentally pulled a probe directly out of the Brunswick reactor core three months ago. The incident triggered an investigation by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which slapped a \$62,500 fine on the plant's owner, Carolina Power & Light Co.

CP&L says that none of the three workers who received unplanned amounts of radiation in the incident were exposed to more radiation than the limits set by CP&L or the NRC.

But Dew worries he has been over-exposed. Ever since the accident, Dew said, his left hand — which received the brunt of the radiation — aches, and he suffers sharp pains in his wrist and thumb.

And he is not the only one who is concerned. The NRC is investigating a key detail in CP&L's calculation of Dew's radiation exposure, said commission spokesman Ken Clark, a detail that directly affects his exposure results.

In addition to Dew's health worries, last month CP&L informed the contractor that employed him at the nuclear plant that Dew's services were no longer needed. The contractor, CDI Corp., fired Dew.

Dew's lawyer, Ralph Pennington,

filed a complaint on his behalf last week with the U.S. Department of Labor, charging "wrongful termination" and asking the government to investigate the complaint under the federal "whistleblower" statute.

According to an initial report issued by the NRC in August, the incident occurred July 5 when Dew, a technician working for the contractor at CP&L, was working with two employees in Unit 1 — one of two reactor units at the plant — to calibrate a device that measures the power level inside a reactor's core.

The device — called a Traversing Incore Probe, or TIP — measures the flow of neutron particles within the reactor's core. The core is the part of a

Guide's publication set following minor scheduling delays

By TIM BURROWS

Freshmen and sophomores puzzling over what classes to take spring semester may find help Oct. 22 from "The Indispensable Guide to Classes."

Sales of the guide will begin that day in the Pit, with a price tag of about \$2.25.

Although the guide originally was scheduled for distribution at the beginning of the year, the guide's editors decided to change the date for a several reasons.

Brandon Poe, production editor of the guide, said a significant reason for the delay was to synchronize the distribution of the guide with spring pre-registration, the first time students could use the guide.

Tracy Lawson, the guide's editor-in-chief, said the main cause of the delay was a lack of student input during the summer session. Quality concerns postponed publication until the guide's producers could gather more student contributions.

Poe said, however, that because the guide never had an official publication date, it was not actually delayed.

The guide is the brainchild of Student Body President Bill Hildebolt, who originally proposed the idea of an information directory for classes during his campaign for president.

"There really isn't a good source of information about professors and classes on campus right now," Hildebolt said.

Lawson said because the target audience of the guide was mainly freshman and sophomores, the content of the guide was very broad and covered most

of the University's introductory-level courses.

Upperclassmen generally know what classes they must take and have friends who can advise them on what classes are preferred, she said.

The guide will be 80 pages long and will include reviews of 84 of the most frequently taken classes as well as overviews of 18 or 19 departments with special highlights on 11 of the most popular professors.

Poe said the guide would provide concise class descriptions, which would include required course materials, class activities, recommended instructors and helpful hints.

Poe and Lawson said the guide would give an optimistic outlook on the classes it describes.

Because students writers volunteered their contributions, the reviews they received were overwhelmingly friendly toward the classes and professors, Poe said.

Lawson said, "We're not out to bash professors or classes... our goal is that people will take it as a positive aid."

3,000 copies of the guide will be printed. The \$2.25 cost is intended to defray all publication costs because the producers of the guide are not subsidized in any way, she said.

The guide is not intended to raise any profits, she said. The price has been set as low as possible while still ensuring the guide will pay for itself.

Lawson said she expected the guide to sell out, but no definite plans had been made for any future printings of the guide. Both yearly and semester plans are being considered.

SEAC delegates attend second environmental national conference

By LAURA WILLIAMS

Fifty UNC students joined about 3,000 student environmental activists from around the country this weekend to address environmental concerns for the Catalyst Conference held in Illinois.

The theme of the conference was corporate responsibility and the environment. This was the second conference sponsored by the national organization of Student Environmental Action Coalition, which is based in Chapel Hill.

The first conference sponsored by national SEAC was the Threshold Conference held in Chapel Hill last year. About 1,700 students from college campuses across the country visited UNC for three days to hear speakers.

The Catalyst Conference, held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, included speakers such as Robert Redford, Ralph Nader and Cesar Chavez, who organized the grape boycott by Chicano workers in California.

Other speakers included Helen Caldicott, a peace activist; Richard Grossman, who spoke at UNC last year during Human Rights Week; and John O'Conner, leader of the National Toxics campaign.

Saturday night, musicians Billy Bragg, the Bodeans and Casselberry DuPre performed at the conference.

Lisa Abbott, co-chairwoman of the UNC chapter of SEAC, said she was excited about the response from SEAC members about the conference.

"It's a great opportunity to get involved and catch the fever," she said. "It was a matter of pride to send a lot of

people from UNC."

Students attending the conference lived in tents at fair grounds near the University.

Abbott said it was important for students to see that other college students were concerned about the environment.

Jennifer Wright, a student at the University of Illinois who helped organize the conference, said she hoped Catalyst would help kick off a student environmental movement across the country.

The catch phrase for the conference was "The '90s are going to make the '60s look like the '50s," she said.

Wright said the '80s was a time of little student involvement. But students at the conference are hoping for a turnaround in awareness, she said.

Jennifer Schoen, a student from Brandeis University, said the conference brought the network of SEAC-influenced groups together to create a unified effort to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Erik Ose, a member of the UNC chapter of SEAC who attended the conference, said more students were pre-registered to attend the Catalyst conference than Threshold.

The conference is a time for student groups to share ideas and strategies for raising awareness, he said. The groups discussed social action problems such as how to coordinate recycling programs on various campuses and how to get universities to buy recycled paper.

"Such an important part of the weekend is learning from each other and from the speakers," he said.

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president, said SEANC members had protested the chancellor's plans to exempt SPA employees because they felt the State Personnel Act met their needs.

"The University would have to set up a brand new, untested plan of some

kind," she said. "Our belief is that the act has been tested over the many years and changed.

"Although it may not be perfect, it's good. It provides protection the employees value."

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