

CAMPUS AND CITY

CITY BRIEFS

Town parking amnesty to begin Saturday

Chapel Hill's parking ticket amnesty program will begin Saturday.

The program will give residents a chance to pay outstanding parking violations with 50 percent off any late fees that have compounded.

Individuals must fill out an amnesty request card to receive information on the status of their parking violations. Violators must send the cards to the town of Chapel Hill by March 1.

The town then will send violators instructions on how to pay the debt.

Violators must pay outstanding fines by March 15. The town then will intensify its collection efforts and will file civil claims or refer cases to a collections and processing agency.

To be eligible for the program, an individual must have received a parking citation from the town of Chapel Hill prior to Jan. 1, 1992.

Individuals may not receive amnesty for moving violations, warrants of arrest, bench warrants or other non-parking tickets.

Amnesty request cards may be picked up at Chapel Hill Town Hall, police headquarters, the transportation department, Chapel Hill parking services offices, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Hargraves Center or the Community Center.

Violators also can call the town at (919) 932-2912 and request that cards be mailed to them.

For additional information about the program, contact Eric Luther at Chapel Hill Parking Services at (919) 968-2835.

Chronicle Holocaust ad focus of local debate

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the N.C. Civil Liberties Union will hold a moderated panel debate titled "The Campus Press, Free Speech and the Damnable Lie: The (Duke) Chronicle and the Ad Denying the Holocaust" on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The debate will be held at 7:30 p.m. at The Community Church of Chapel Hill, located at 106 Purefoy Road.

The panel will address such questions as: Does the first amendment protect ads promoting inflammatory and degrading interpretations of history? Who is to decide what is historically truthful? How do these issues relate to other issues of campus free speech?

Members of the panel will include moderator Ferrel Guiffory, a columnist for The News and Observer; Margo Crawford, director of the University black cultural center; Rabbi Frank Fischer of the Hillel Foundation; Ann Heimberger, editor of The Chronicle; Professor David Lange of Duke Law School; Professor Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism and mass communication at the University; Kim Thornton, editor of The Echo at N.C. Central University; and Jennifer Wing, editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

Individuals seeking more information may call Walter Bennett at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chapter of the Civil Liberties Union at 962-4107.

Dance to aid speech and hearing projects

The Meridian Sertoma Club will sponsor a Valentine's Day Benefit Dance at the Omni Europa Hotel Friday.

The Embers will play live music for the dance.

The dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight, and proceeds will be donated to area speech and hearing projects.

Tickets for the dance are \$16 and may be bought at Vaughn Independent Pharmacy on Weaver Street in Carrboro or by calling 1-800-487-3767.

Federation to discuss interfaith relationships

The Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation and Community Council will present a series of workshops discussing interfaith relationships.

The six workshops, titled "One Couple - Two Faiths" will be held at Hillel House, 210 W. Cameron Ave. The workshops will begin February 27 and will meet from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Couples interested in the workshops should contact Brenda Ginsberg at the Jewish Community Service at 929-6717.

Council might ask feds to alter cable laws

The Chapel Hill Town Council may pass a resolution tonight asking the U.S. Congress to give local governments more control of cable service in their areas.

Council members will vote on a resolution that would urge Congress to change the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984.

According to a memo from Town Manager Cal Horton, the act allowed the cable industry to become monopolized and cable operators to increase rates and reduce services nationwide.

The National League of Cities has adopted policies that support restoring regulatory authority to local governments and increasing competition among cable companies, the memo states.

Congress denies STV referendum spot

By Shannon Crowover
Staff Writer

Student Congress voted down a bill Wednesday that would have created a referendum to increase student activities fees by 85 cents for Student Television.

Geoff Newman, STV business manager, said STV needed the money to buy new equipment.

"The majority of the equipment we use is old and is always breaking down," Newman said. "The shows are not getting out on time."

But congress members said they had tried to be conservative and had not approved any referendums for the student ballot that requested an activities fees increase.

Rep. Kelly Karras, Dist. 14, said: "Nobody had anything against STV. It was just a message that congress doesn't want any fee increases."

Rep. Scott Maxwell, Dist. 15, said students often were uninformed about referendums and could not make a wise choice. More than one-third of students do not have the option of receiving STV, because they do not have cable television, he said.

"Congress needs to protect the uninformed," he said. "Something like this can't be explained in two or three sentences on the ballot."

Maxwell also said STV had not fulfilled their promise to student government to raise \$8,000 this year. He said they had raised \$300.

"(STV) shouldn't come to the stu-

dents looking for a handout," Maxwell said.

But Darryl Grissom, congress member and sponsor of the STV bill, said the conservative trend in congress was taking power away from students.

Students should be able to decide what to do about their activities fees, he said.

Bryan Tucker, assistant producer of STV's "Off the Cuff," said he was disappointed by congress's decision but could understand members' reasons. He said STV provided a greater benefit than congress believed, because it gave students experience in producing television programs.

"We haven't heard the student voice," Tucker said. "If congress would have allowed it to be on the referendum,

students could have told us what they thought."

The timing of STV's request also contributed to its failure, some congress members said.

Rep. Ron Swift, Dist. 7, said, "Several members of congress felt that if (STV) really needed this money, they should have come earlier."

Rep. Kevin Hunter, Dist. 14, said most referendums were taken care of before Winter Break. Congress did not have time to debate comprehensively the bill and place it on the ballot in time for the Feb. 11 election, he said.

"It was brought up at a very poor time," Hunter said. "The meeting was rushed and everybody wanted to go to the bars and go to the (Duke-Carolina) game."

Newman said although STV would not receive money from activities fees, they would be able to maintain the four to five shows on their schedule.

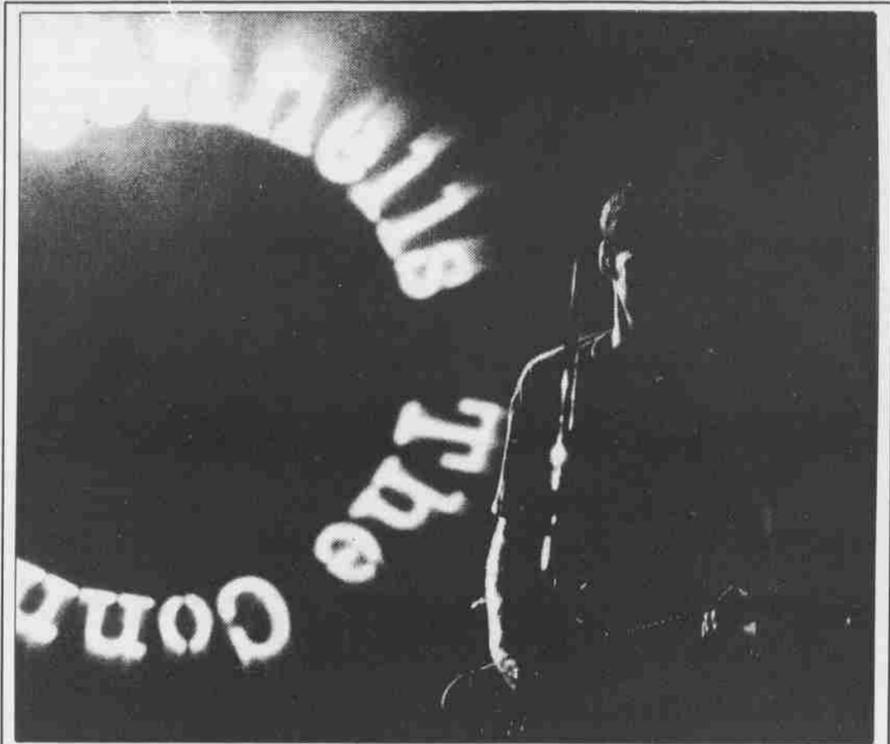
But the quality of STV programs will not be as professional as they could be, he said.

"With better equipment, you can have better shows," Newman said. "And better shows lead to bigger audiences."

Newman said STV was organizing a fund-raising campaign that would begin next semester.

STV crew members will be willing to film campus or town events for a fee, he said.

"We are going to try to generate some of our own money, so we can try for the referendum again next year," Newman said.



Playing in the dark

Bassist David Connell of the Connells performs Friday night at Memorial Hall as the band's logo shines behind him. Adoring fans of the Raleigh-based group danced to a mix of old favorites and new songs and coaxed two encores from the group.

Residents circulate petition protesting wellness floor site

By Valerie Holbert
Staff Writer

After being notified last week that the second floor of Ehringhaus Residence Hall would be reserved for a "Living Well" program next year, residents have circulated a petition hoping to find a way to keep their second-floor rooms.

The goal of the petition is not to eliminate the wellness program, but to have it implemented over a two- to three-year period, said Tom Sander, second-floor president. Residents who want to stay would remain and live with wellness program participants, he said.

But Kris Brockmann, Ehringhaus area director, said such an alternative would not work, because the wellness program must be a community. "It is total immersion," she said.

Brockmann said she understood that students were upset. But it is hard to talk with students about the program, when they don't really know what wellness is, she said.

"It's not just jogging every day," she said. "It's balance and being whole."

The program would provide a structured setting offering residents an environment that would promote and extend opportunities for better health and well-being, Brockmann said.

Sander said most residents did not oppose the program itself, but they were angry that their community was being disrupted.

"We're not against the program," he said. "They want to keep the wellness community together, and we want to keep our community together."

Many residents said they believed officials should have given them more notice, since the program would have such an effect on their community.

Belinda Whitaker, a second-floor resident, said: "We had no say whatsoever. It would have been better if we had been able to vote on this and talked about it more."

Shajuana McMillan, also a second-floor resident, said moving to another floor or dorm would mean having to leave behind a place in which she had lived for two years. "I feel like this is my

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Area schools emphasize multiculturalism all year

By Christy Hardee
Staff Writer

February has been designated African-American History Month in Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools, but local educators are striving to emphasize the importance of multicultural education throughout the year.

"We have been tackling the problem of integrating multicultural programs into the yearlong curriculum for the past three years," Chapel Hill High School teacher Burmandeane George said.

George said several teachers spent the summer developing a multicultural curriculum for system schools.

Programs with a multicultural emphasis have been designed for all grade levels, George said. Chapel Hill High School's English department has integrated more works by black authors into its curriculum, and black history is being taught in the school for the first time this year, she said.

"We are trying, but there are still more things we can do," George said.

"We are not going to just bury our heads in the sand."

Carrboro Elementary School principal Randy Marshall said multiculturalism had become a systemwide theme. "We have integrated a lot of black history and multiculturalism into the regular curriculum."

Carrboro Elementary staff members will participate in a workshop this month called "Valuing Diversity Within the Classroom," he said. The program is designed to help the staff understand cultural boundaries students bring to the classroom.

Kindergarten students will study Kwanzaa, the Chinese New Year, Indian celebrations and Native American celebrations, Marshall said, adding that teachers presented this unit for the past couple of years.

Charley Stewart, principal of Grey Culbreth Middle School, said each middle-school grade focused on a different aspect of multiculturalism. The seventh-grade curriculum focuses on issues such as stereotyping and prejudice.

Carrboro Elementary assistant principal Settle Womble said: "We try to get away from putting our focus on the month of February. That was important for a while to make people aware of the African-American culture and contributions, but now there is enough information that we try to incorporate it throughout the year."

Seventh-grade teacher Susan Armstrong said rather than having one big program for African-American History Month this year, Grey Culbreth teachers teamed up to conduct programs for each grade.

"The seventh grade team is going to read African-American literature, po-

etry and short stories," Armstrong said. Students also will learn about historically significant black people.

School board vice chairwoman Ruth Royster said African-American History Month was not new to the school system.

"We do this every year," Royster said. "It keeps fresh in our minds that this is an issue in our schools."

George said Chapel Hill High School's theme for African-American History Month was "Celebrate the Spirit."

"This means we will celebrate the spirit of unity, brotherhood and peace that unites all humankind," George said.

Carrboro company searching for cable pirates

By Wendy Perrell
Staff Writer

Cablevision Industries (CVI) will launch an investigation this month to crack down on Carrboro cable pirates, but violators have a three-month amnesty period to turn themselves in.

Kim Elderkin, a site manager for CVI, said the company would give unauthorized cable users a chance to come forward and pay for the service they have been using.

"Right now we're just notifying customers about the audit and giving people a chance to come forward," she said.

CVI also will begin an educational campaign this month to inform cable users and abusers about the upcoming investigation of illegal cable use.

Elderkin said cable stealing includes illegally tapping into cable boxes and

using service that was supposed to be disconnected but was not.

If a person moves into a new residence and uses cable that was connected by the previous tenant, that person is a cable thief, she said.

"There's no such thing as free cable," Elderkin said. "They're (illegal users) not paying for it, but our subscribers are having to pick up the costs."

As many as four CVI inspectors will visit cable users to determine whether they are receiving the services they are supposed to have, Elderkin said.

Violators turning themselves in will not be prosecuted during February, March or April, she said.

Under N.C. law, illegal cable users can be fined \$500 or sentenced to 30 days in jail, Elderkin said. Violators will be prosecuted if caught after the three-month amnesty period, she said.

Several assemblies are planned throughout the month at Chapel Hill High.

WTVD's Miriam Thomas will speak about "Keeping the Dream Alive" Feb. 18. A group from Raleigh's Enloe High School will perform the play "Dark Testament" Feb. 21, and Beverly Jones, head of the history department at N.C. Central University, will conduct an educational forum examining reasons for observing black history month Feb. 24.

Carrboro Elementary will display an art exhibit by Charles Lilly in its media center Feb. 10-14. Lilly's art depicts black Americans who have made outstanding contributions to society.

Conservatives

fiscal conservatism. "Most congress members have a good opinion of what their constituents feel or stand on things."

In past years congress members paid more attention to special-interest groups than to their constituents, Moore said. "I think students have a strong voice this year."

Clark agreed congress was more conservative this year. "We've really worked with each other, and that's helped to create a conservative persona," he said.

Many groups are aware that congress is more conservative this year, and these groups expect to have their budgets cut, he said.

Some congress members said they didn't want to eliminate funding for any of the more than 30 groups requesting fees. But they plan to streamline budgets if the groups can't prove that they need all requested money.

Moore said it was important during budget hearings that congress not distribute all the money allotted for student groups because many organizations

would ask congress for funds during the year.

A group of representatives set up the Student Fees Task Force this year in an attempt to scrutinize the way groups spend fees. Members made reports about the groups and presented them to congress so representatives would be better informed about the groups requesting money.

The task force's chairman, Scott Maxwell, agreed that congress was fiscally conservative this year.

"Congress is financially conservative in the sense that we are watching the money that is being handed out more carefully," Maxwell said.

Past congresses funded groups without looking into their budgets to make sure the money was spent responsibly, he said.

"This year congress is checking to see how student groups used the amount of money appropriated last year before giving out any more," Maxwell said.

Rep. Andrew Cohen, a finance committee member, said some groups in the past had asked for much more money

than congress could give them because they had anticipated cuts in their requests.

The task force was set up to prevent overly large requests, he said.

Other groups, aware that congress will scrutinize their requests carefully, come with a detailed budget, he said.

"CGLA (Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association) has been virtually impeccable," Cohen said. "There is no fat, and so nothing was taken away."

Rep. Michael Kolb, Dist. 1, said he agreed that CGLA had been careful not to ask for too much in past years, but listed it among the controversial groups that raised debate during previous hearings.

The Black Student Movement, Phoenix and Yackety Yack are other groups that have raised debate, he said.

BSM asked for a large amount of money last year but received only a fraction of its request. The group got more funds than many other groups but still complained, Kolb said. "Many congress members took that to be a slap in the face."

GPSF hopeful Harrell targets grad concerns about fees, insurance

By J. Michael Bradley
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Harrell

Tracey Harrell, candidate for Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, wants to work for wider GPSF recognition and increased graduate student involvement.

"I really want to make (the federation) a strong graduate student organization," Harrell said.

Harrell, a second-year law student from Tarboro, said she would work to make GPSF more recognized "among administrators, students and the public."

GPSF is a graduate student-run organization designed to address concerns and ensure fair treatment of graduate students.

Harrell said another goal was to make sure that a higher percentage of student fees would come back to graduate students. Only 15 percent of graduate student fees now come back to



graduate departments, she said.

She also wants to increase involvement in the federation. She hopes to make graduate students more active in Student Congress by gaining more graduate congress seats, she said.

The federation should concentrate more on graduate student activities, she said.

Harrell said she believed concentration on pertinent graduate student issues would increase GPSF involvement. These include insurance policies for medical students, Odum Village's fate and fees, Harrell said.

Service as a GPSF senator representing the law school motivated Harrell to run for president, she said. Each graduate department is represented by a GPSF senator.

"I saw an opportunity to work for all graduate students, as opposed to as a senator, you mainly look out for the interests in your department," Harrell said.