



**CANE HEADQUARTERS**—Chris Brown, media director of the Carolina Hurricanes, and Regina Bennett, receptionist, are among the staff who are settled in at the Hurricanes' headquarters in Morrisville. The offices opened June 1.

## Canes setting up shop

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player on the Hurricanes' team. Finding charities to support will not be difficult. The other aspect of Brown's job, promoting the team, has been easier since the move to North Carolina.

"The media have gone out of their way to give us attention and air time," he said.

"People are really eager. Even those who don't know that much about the sport are really interested in it," he said.

He said he was told that the pro hockey team might pose a threat to ACC basketball.

"I don't think that's possible," he said. "We are a total alternative. And we can provide a common ground, for people to root for their team with their neighbor."

Brown works in the public relations department with five other people. In another area of the 20,000-square-foot office, seven people operate the marketing department. Their major job is to approach corporations for sponsorship deals.

Ten people are employed in the ticket offices, in another room, where they sell and process the tickets. There are also two full-time people at the Greensboro Coliseum who are part of this branch of the Hurricanes' operations.

In an off-limits area of the building, the hockey operations are going on. Four people are making the big decisions about which players to sign, what trades to make, and other team-oriented decisions.

Other Hurricanes' employees not centered in the Aerial Center headquarters are the training staff—coaches, trainers, and "equipment guys" who carry each player's approximately 35-pound bag of equipment, from skate sharpeners to shoulder pads, and other equipment including stereo systems for the locker rooms.

Getting from game to game can be "like a circus almost," Brown said. The team gets from place to place on a chartered airplane.

Most of the training staff came down with the team from Hartford, whereas only seven of the office staff were part of the Whalers. The rest of the office staff have been hired locally, and things are going well so far, Brown said.

So far, about 3,000 season tickets have been sold, compared with about 9,000 in Hartford last year (a banner year for ticket sales—the previous year, less than 5,000 were sold). He expects ticket sales here to pick up in the fall. "It's hard to recruit people off the beaches to sign up," he said.

He also realizes that it's tough for a Raleigh resident to drive to Greensboro for a 7:30 game on a Tuesday night when he has to go to work the next morning.

## NCSU intern joins town staff

Mike Koivisto, an intern from N.C. State University, working on his master's of public affairs degree, began working with Morrisville during August.

Koivisto, who also had worked as an intern with the Town of Cary budget office, will help Hodgkins with several tasks on a part-time basis during the school year.

## 'Never Home 4' takes harmony to local schools

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house after hours and on weekends. A friend said I was exhausting myself and that I needed a change, a quieting time. He took me to a barbershop quartet and chorus meeting and that's when I heard those unique overtones. Barbershop harmony is literally 'hear singing,' shading tones up and down from the real pitch.

"I was hooked after one meeting," he said.

He said the group tempers its songs for the high school crowd and one of the favorites is "Under the Boardwalk." "We've had a good response and a lot of interest. Some 15 high schools entered a recent competition," he says.

Barbershop chorus singing has been a blessed event in their lives, Smith feels. "It would be a terrific

loss not to sing and be together with so many fine people. There's so much camaraderie, we visit together, go to dinner together with our wives, and generally enjoy a lot of family involvement. The program has a lot of father-and-son combinations. Besides, it's something you do anywhere—in restaurants, elevators, street corners, men's rooms.

"As for our quartet, we have an excellent blend, voices that are light and dark," Smith notes. "But we still continue to learn from the experts."

He used as an example the barbershop quartet singing school the group attended at Clemson last month to learn more about the profession. There they were coached by four or five knowledgeable figures in the field. They also rehearse weekly at St. Michael's Church in

Raleigh.

The group performs to a wide range of audiences, from senior citizens to XYZ clubs, Golden Agers, even to line dancers. A week or so ago they sang at the Home Builders Show at the Senior Center in Raleigh for all of the Realtors in Wake County. They came out 12th of 25 in an international seniors contest in California, and will enter an international competition for barbershop societies Jan. 24 in Tampa, Fla. Another event will be the Harmony Brigade for quartet singers in the Pinehurst area in January, and on Oct. 11, they'll be at a quartet show with chorus members at a program sponsored by the Lions Club in Gibsonville.

As winners of the Silver Arts Division in the recent Wake County Senior Games, Dick, Bob, Bill, and Archie will head for Athens Drive

High School in Raleigh Oct. 3 when the Senior Games for North Carolina take place. They'll compete against other quartets, and the following evening will take part in both the chorus and quartet contests for the Dixie District in Greenville.

"The Dixie District covers North Carolina, South Carolina, Northern Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama," Smith said. "We're really looking forward to those two days. They'll really be hectic."

After performing at a recent senior citizens event, a few of the elderly ladies came up to them after the program to say how much they enjoyed their singing.

"Are you all married?" one of them asked. Smith says they answered: "No, we just sing together."

## Board okays bid for sewer line extension to Shiloh

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tower that was proposed, and reduces the size of the living area and office area.

Hodgkins will direct the architect to incorporate the scaled-down building into the existing site plan.

About five residents of Greensview Drive in Preston brought proposals for a new name, because the county has required the name to be changed for emergency reasons. A Greensview Drive in Cary is causing the confusion.

The residents will work with Town Planner Leisa Powell to submit a list to the county. The name will then come back before the town board at its next meeting for final approval.

The board approved a 28,000-square-foot flex building to be located on 3.99 acres along Airport Boulevard across from Yellow Freight. The planning board had recommended that mature trees be saved instead of aligning the entrance drive with the drive across

the way. The board voted to line the drives up.

Sauls asked that the town engineer design a plan to drain and pave the parking lot at the Luther Green Center. His motion was approved unanimously.

The board voted to spend \$1,000 for a memorial display for Earl Godwin inside the new police station.

A monument may later be constructed outside the building at additional cost.

The board also voted to present a plaque of the medal of honor Godwin received this month and a picture of Godwin, with Gray, to his mother.

"The awards have been given rightfully so to his wife," Sauls said in support of the motion by Commissioner Phyllis Newnam. "But nobody loves a son like mom does. She has been left out to a certain degree. This is appropriate," he said.

## Classic draws record crowd

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very lovely and professional golfer," she said.

The day was not without a few tense moments, such as when an errant golfball hit an eight-year-old boy behind the ear. He was taken to a local hospital and treated for a concussion but was not seriously hurt.

There were humorous moments, too, like the time Joshua Morrow announced his wayward shot with a squeaky little "Fore!" and raised his shirt to hide his face, or when Kathleen Sullivan stooped over her ball and yelled, "Go IN! Go IN!"

There were also some endearing

moments, like when Dr. Mitch Hardison, volunteer of medical services, and Matthew Welsh, a youngster, thumb wrestled.

Five-year-old Tiara Foster was overheard boasting about her encounter with Charles Barkley, "I got the closest." And Michael Mason, Garner toddler, busily played golf with his Tyco club.

There were proud moments like when Rich Styles of the Adstreet Agency posed with Susan Anton, and victorious moments, like when Rich Styles and the rest of the John Calapari team learned they garnered the third-highest score.

## Revival set at Morrisville Baptist

A tent revival will be held on the grounds of Morrisville First Baptist Church Sept. 3-7.

The Rev. Jeff Smith of Concord will be the guest speaker, and special events are planned each night.

Thursday evening will be dedicated to the town employees, and they have been invited to come out, said the Rev. Myron Yandle, pastor of the church.

Friday night will be family night,

and a special baby dedication service will be held.

Saturday night will be youth night, and Sunday's service will be held in the church, so that baptisms may be performed.

All services will be held at 7 p.m. The church's choir will perform special music during the services.

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