

# Amateur radio course offered

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Staff Writer

If you've always dreamed of having your voice heard across the airwaves, you can train to be an amateur radio operator to assist local emergency relief officials and communicate with other "hams" all over the world.

Local residents and students who are interested in radio communication can register for a course that begins March 3 to obtain an amateur radio operator's license.

The Orange County Radio Amateurs will sponsor the course, which costs \$30. Orange County Radio Amateurs is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Orange County American Red Cross chapter.

Amateur radio operators, or hams, primarily communicate with fire and police departments, warn relief workers of severe weather conditions and assist stranded boy scout troops.

Bob Lackwood, a spokesman for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, said amateur radio operators served an important function.

"Ham radio operators provide radio service backup for the Orange County American Red Cross and for the Orange County emergency management system," Lackwood said.

During the Sept. 20 Intimate Bookshop fire, six to eight amateur radio operators assisted with emergency relief communication, he said.

"They provided lines of communications for us, as there was a lot of com-

munication traffic due to the other fires in town," Lackwood said.

Ham radio operators helped police and fire departments when the tornado hit Hillsborough in November and when Hurricane Andrew struck parts of Florida in September.

Amateur radio operator Terry Bubar said, "In a local emergency situation, 911 can only have so many frequencies they can handle."

Sonny Austin, an amateur radio operator, said ham radio operators worked closely with the American Red Cross.

"During the tornado (in Hillsborough), we dealt mostly with the Red Cross who set up shelter in one place," Austin said. "Then they would fly off to help people and would communicate back and forth between the shelter and emergency site through us."

Lackwood said the Red Cross trained amateur radio operators to assist them in emergency situations.

Lackwood said ham operators also helped the Red Cross when electrical power went out because ham radio operated on batteries.

Austin said the Orange County chapter of radio amateurs, which has grown to 80 members since December 1991, was the fastest growing chapter in the state.

Some North Carolina counties do not have radio amateurs clubs, but there are hams everywhere, Austin said.

Bubar said members ranged from teen-aged boy scouts to full-time working professionals.

"Our youngest ham operator is 7

years old," Bubar said.

There are amateur radio operators all over the world, he added.

"This is a universal hobby," Bubar said. "There are over 1 million hams in the country and approximately 6 million hams in Japan alone."

It does not cost anything to be a radio operator, Bubar said.

"Although the radio operators don't need to own their own equipment, most members do, and that's when it can be costly," Bubar said.

Some radio operators buy elaborate equipment and spend a lot of money, while others built their own radios, he said.

Austin said many ham radio operators used their licenses to communicate with people all over the world.

Amateur radio has existed since the early 1900s, Austin said.

The radio amateurs club meets once a month at Orange County's 911 headquarters to discuss administrative business. The club also can communicate with one another across the airwaves.

The radio amateurs club offers two courses during the year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

The course fee includes course material and membership in the radio amateurs club. A testing session is included in the course, which covers material necessary to qualify for a license.

Classes will meet Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the South Orange Rescue Squad, located at 202 Roberson St. in Carrboro. For more information, contact Terry Bubar at 933-9352.



"Girls," by Dion Johnson, age 13

## 'Shooting Back' photography exhibit showcases talents, plight of homeless

By Jennifer Brett  
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The most impressive thing about the latest exhibition at Ackland Art Museum isn't the art itself—it's the artists.

"Shooting Back: Photography By and About the Homeless," a display that is part of the senior class "Arts Week '93" will run through April 4. The show documents urban poverty in and around Washington, D.C., through children's eyes.

Literally. Hanging beside photographs of slums, alleys and homeless shelters are bylines like Arthur Taylor, age 10, and Daniel Hall, age 9. In 1987, professional photographer Jim Hubbard, along with several other photographers, began giving poor children the chance to document the world around them. Placing expensive cameras into tiny hands,

the photographers allowed the young victims of poverty a chance to "shoot back" at a world that seemed so unfair.

"I was a juvenile delinquent in Detroit until I was 21," Hubbard said Monday. "Then I got a job as a copy boy at the Detroit News, and a photographer came up to me one day and asked if I wanted to try. It changed my whole life."

The exhibit, which has traveled throughout America and abroad, offers a fresh look at a social reality, Hubbard said.

"The media has an investment in making the poor look pathetic," he said. "Then this show comes along and shows that these people are just as important as the richest people in America."

Although Hubbard said at a Monday press conference that the show highlighted the strength of family in the worst of times, many of the photos

convey a feeling of loneliness and isolation.

"Washington Monument," taken by Taylor, is a view of the nation's pristine white monolith as seen from miles away, behind a beat-up van and through the unfriendly fingers of a barbed-wire fence.

The brutal honesty of the children attacks subtly through their art. "Playing by the Tracks," by 9-year-old Chris Heflin, shows a small black boy skipping along the ties of a steely railroad track. "The best part of the shelter is the train track," reads an accompanying statement.

In another of Heflin's photographs, "Kid in Room," his timid voice once again seems to reverberate from the picture of a boy lying alone in a small, crowded room. "I like better living in a house than in a shelter. At Carpenter's Shelter (Alexandria, Va.), there was only one room, and the whole family lived in it—my brother and my other brother, my sister and my dad and my mom."

A stream of happiness enters a few of the photographs, such as "The Party," in which a small boy holds a balloon in front of an onlooking clown. Yet the boy, who is pictured in a shelter, doesn't surrender a smile, as if he knows that his balloon will soon deflate, and the clown will go, leaving only the unfriendly walls of the shelter.

Some of the most poignant photographs are of young boys holding guns. They seem protective of the cold metal weapons, wielding them as if they were the key to the future. Sadly, for some this might be true, as the crime rate in Washington, D.C., ranks among the top in the nation.

Today, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Ackland will host a reception for students only. Hubbard, who left for Chicago after the Monday press conference, won't be there to answer questions. But the photographs speak for themselves.

## Army's race relations still model for many

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Ala. — For all of its problems, the military is held up by many as being at the national vanguard when it comes to racial tolerance and equal opportunity.

One watcher says, "race relations, in general, are better in the military than any other institution in society."

"There's more black achievement and interracial cooperation than on most college campuses or in any city," said

Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist.

But while current focus is on the treatment of gays and women in the military, there is agreement that divisive racial issues continue to endure.

"To some degree, the macho culture crosses racial lines, but there is an edge of hostility," said Moskos, who is white and served in the Army in the 1950s. "Blacks often feel slighted in promotions, and whites feel blacks benefit

from special treatment."

The military officially was desegregated by executive order of President Harry S. Truman in 1948, but Moskos said there was a lag of several years before the Army got in line.

Racial strife in the late 1960s and early 1970s — much of it discontent among black soldiers concerning discrimination in promotions and military justice — led to creation of the equal opportunity system.

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recall be prompt," Capowski said. "Promptness is the most important issue."

"Town government goes on 12 months a year. Some of the most important things we do are over the summer, when the students are gone," he added.

But Chilton said students should not be punished for leaving Chapel Hill during the summer.

"It's essential that many of us leave the community over the summer in order to make enough money to be able afford to go to school here during the fall and spring," Chilton said.

Mayor Ken Brown said he would support Chilton's proposal.

"When you have a significant amount of your electorate out of town, the democratic process cannot work as it should," Brown said.

Council members proposed amending the town's charter to include a recall provision after council member Joe Herzenberg refused to resign in the wake of his conviction for willful failure to file state taxes.

The council passed a motion urging Herzenberg to resign, but Herzenberg refused to step down.

## Recall

elected with less than 10 percent," Ose said. "Elections should be held when the electorate is in town."

Ose said students needed to take an active role to prevent their interests from being ignored.

But Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said he thought student concerns were not the most pressing issue facing the council, adding that he would not support a provision restricting the time when recall elections could be held.

"There is another factor which I think is more important, and that is that the

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### Campus Calendar

**TUESDAY**  
11 a.m. Senior class will offer finger painting in the Pit until 1 p.m.  
12:15 p.m. The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and the Black Student Movement will sponsor a program titled "Lenoir Food Workers Strike" in the BCC.  
2 p.m. Senior class will sponsor a student preview of an exhibit titled "Shooting Back: Photography By and About the Homeless" at the Ackland Art Museum.  
5 p.m. Lab! Theatre will present Franz Kafka's "Metamorphosis" in Graham Memorial.  
6:30 p.m. Marine Action Committee will discuss the Whaling Conference in the Campus Y.  
Sigma Theta Alpha, collegiate HOSA, will meet for a tour in the lobby of the hospital.  
Alpha Phi Alpha will sponsor a program titled "African Americans in the Military" in the BCC.  
Order of the Bell Tower will have a meeting for old and new members in 211 Union.  
7 p.m. AED will have their initiation dinner at the Holiday Inn.  
Great Decisions will welcome Dr. Stanley Foster of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to speak on "The Survival of the African Child" in 100 Hamilton.  
Resident Assistant-Housing department will sponsor a student discussion on "The Browning of America: Problems Between America's Minority Groups" with student leaders in the ninth floor lounge of Morrison.  
8 p.m. UNC Young Democrats will welcome Billie Cox, Orange County Democratic Party chairwoman, to speak in 206 Union.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**  
Carolina Athletic Association has 1993-94 CAA director applications available outside the CAA office in Suite A of the Union.

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