



BRIEFS
Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

BCC Series to Begin With Discussion of Pope Ad

The Black Cultural Center's Cross-Cultural Community Institute Workshop series begins at 7 p.m. today with a discussion of a newspaper advertisement protesting plans for a new BCC. The meeting will be held in the current BCC, which is located in the Student Union.

The ad, placed by former Board of Trustees member John Pope, encourages students and alumni to protest the new free-standing Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, which was approved by the BOT this summer, on the grounds that it would promote separatism. The ad ran in the Sunday issue of the Chapel Hill News.

"John Pope's ad is reflecting ignorance about what a black culture center is," said Margo Crawford, BCC director. "To have a specific program is not separatist."

The discussion, the first in a series of six weekly meetings, is designed to break down racial barriers, Crawford said.

"We will talk dialogue about the ad itself—what it is doing for the community, what it is doing in terms of separating the races."

Griffith, Jordan, Kuralt Help to Pitch University

New public service announcements featuring Andy Griffith, Charles Kuralt and Deloris Jordan — mother of the famed Michael Jordan — began airing on television stations this month to commemorate UNC's Bicentennial.

Griffith is featured in 13 of the 15 spots, which will air during the eight-month Bicentennial Observation. One announcement includes an excerpt from "The Andy Griffith Show" where Opie discusses with Griffith his plan to attend UNC.

Steven Tepper, executive director of the Bicentennial Observance, said he was delighted with the way the announcements turned out.

"The point of the campaign is to salute the people of North Carolina and to recognize the people who support UNC," he said.

Tepper said Griffith, one of UNC's most famed alumni, was the perfect person to help reach the people of North Carolina.

Four of the announcements, including those by Deloris Jordan and Kuralt, were sent to national television stations for broadcast during nationally televised UNC athletic events.

Decision-Making Class Offered in Medical School

UNC's School of Medicine is offering a new class this semester that focuses on improving the decision-making skills of future doctors.

Dr. Robert McNutt, assistant professor of medicine, developed the course to help students utilize various problem-solving techniques not often taught in medical schools.

"The main focus is a way to teach them to make medical decisions by going through a system of steps," McNutt said.

The course stresses the medical problem-solving technique instead of focusing on the problem itself, he said.

McNutt said doctors who possessed problem-solving skills improved patient care and cut health care costs.

The course includes about six hours of instruction a week and is open to third-year medical school students.

Medical Researchers Win National Attention

Researchers at UNC's School of Medicine recently gained national attention for their success in correcting a defect in genetic material from patients with thalassemia, an inherited illness that prevents normal production of hemoglobin.

Hemoglobin is the oxygen-carrying substance that gives blood its red color. The illness, prevalent in people of Mediterranean, Middle-Eastern and Southeast-Asian descent, results in severe anemia, organ complications and premature death.

Dr. Zbigniew Dominski, research associate, and Dr. Ryszard Kole, associate professor of pharmacology, are the authors of the report and members of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dominski said he was pleased with the study, conducted in laboratory glassware, because of the many benefits that came from the research.

"In the long run I am pleased because it opens up chances for basic research," he said.

Campus Y to Vacate Second Floor

BY JIFFER BOURGUIGNON
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The Campus Y will vacate the second floor of its building as soon as renovations are completed in the basement, Campus Y Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said Tuesday.

The Campus Y was ordered to leave the upper level in late June because of a statement by the N.C. Department of Insurance condemning the two upper floors.

The statement, originally issued in 1949 by J. Mark Boone Jr., says, "This Department condemns the use of all floors of this building above the first for any use, except

storage, until proper and approved means of escape have been provided."

The second and third floors don't have fire escapes, and the winding wooden staircase leading to the upper floors would make it difficult for people to leave the second floor quickly, Hatcher-Wilson said. Identifying this concern as its main focus, the letter of condemnation states, "Should fire, from any source, involve the one winding wooden stairway, all persons above the first floor would have no way of escape, save jumping."

Hatcher-Wilson said the letter somehow was misplaced and forgotten until it resurfaced again in 1989 when the University started plans to renovate the building.

"It was hoped that a re-examination of the building would render it usable," she said. "Apparently this was not the case because the order to move off the second floor was reiterated."

Students have asked about the possibility of putting in fire escapes, she said. "I'm assuming that this is not possible because the order to vacate still came down."

Michelle LeGrand, co-president of the Campus Y, said she was not pleased with the forced relocation but said it wouldn't distract the organization from its purpose.

"The vision, mission and mandate of the Campus Y will continue to guide us in

our commitments to those affected by social injustices and those who will open their ear toward pluralism, regardless of the administration's intent upon condemning our current building," she said.

The second floor currently contains several offices that serve as headquarters for Campus Y student organizations, including the Big Buddy program, Youth United and Project Literacy.

Renovation is being done on the basement, which will eventually house the offices. "The second floor will be padlocked, as the third floor is presently, following the relocation of the activities' offices," Hatcher-Wilson said.

Hospital School Keeps Patients From Falling Behind

BY KRISTEN LANEY
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Children who visit UNC Hospitals as in- or out-patients no longer will get behind in their schoolwork thanks to the Hospital School.

The seventh floor of the hospital is home to the Hospital School, which is run as part of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City school system.

Dolores Paylor, the school's principal, said that although the school's enrollment varied day-to-day, lately the school had averaged about 37 to 50 students daily.

"The Hospital School is important so there's not a lapse in the child's education," Paylor said.

The length of a student's enrollment lasts about as long as the hospital stay. The school employs a principal, a secretary and 10 teachers who teach kindergarten through 12th grade at the school.

"The teachers are classified by the medical areas they cover, not the grade levels that they teach," she said.

Most of the teachers have special-education certification, with specialties ranging from pediatrics and psychiatrics to cancer, burn, and transplant patients, Paylor said.

Although other hospitals have schools, UNC Hospitals' school is one of the largest. The Duke Medical Center and the hospitals in Winston-Salem and Charlotte also have schools.

Kim Hoke, Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools spokeswoman, said, "The school is therapeutic because it restores some normalcy in (the children's) lives."

Paylor said the high enrollment this year had caused the need for a new classroom, which is in the process of being added to the two existing classrooms.

"Those patients who are able to go to the classroom go, but many are served in their rooms, bedside," she said.

Plans are being developed for a new Children's Hospital, and the Hospital School definitely will be a part of it, Paylor



Dolores Paylor is the principal of the Hospital School, which serves school children while they are patients at UNC Hospitals. The school, which grew from a volunteer tutorial program, has been open for 25 years.

said. The school, which started as a volunteer-tutorial program, has served hospital patients for 25 years. "The school operates year-round because children are admitted throughout the year, but we operate with less staff in the summer," Paylor said.

The school always has contact with the student's home-based school so that re-entry into the typical school setting goes more smoothly.

Major Geer, who has taught at the school for 25 years, said teaching patients was rewarding for students and teachers. "By our having the school here in the hospital, we keep them up with their grades so when they go back they're not going to have to catch up as much."

Geer said he liked teaching at the Hospital School because it was an opportunity to work with students on a one-to-one

basis, and the students' progress was easy to measure. "The children don't look to you as a member of the medical staff, they look to you as both a friend and teacher."

Paylor said the school helped children focus on the positive to help them overcome obstacles. "The children have to develop survival skills, and even though they have an illness, they still have to adapt and live in this world."

UNC Freshman's Prize-Winning T-shirt Design Targets Violence

BY KARA SIMMONS
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Michael Farmer's T-shirt design is more than just a fashion statement.

The design features an animated bullet with a Band-Aid over its mouth and the phrase "Silence Violence."

Farmer, a freshman from Durham, was one of 6,000 students to submit entries to a contest that contributed money to high-school art departments nationwide.

"The message behind the design is really that there should be a halt to petty

violence," he said. "There's a time and a place for violence, but over foolish things, it's just not necessary."

Farmer's T-shirt design was selected as one of 44 to be sold in department stores nationwide. "I'm hoping that people read (the shirt) and give it some thought," he said. "Maybe if someone just takes the time to read it, they'll get the message."

Dave DeTone, president of Design For Education, the New York-based company that sponsors the contest, said Farmer's design was a strong piece.

"It was done well," DeTone said. "He's

just as good as any designer I could've hired."

So far, Farmer's design has earned him \$200 in licensing fees, but it's possible his winnings won't stop there. "If my design sells the most T-shirts, then I can win a \$5,000 scholarship," he said.

Response to Farmer's design and his message have been extremely positive so far, he said.

"Mostly people congratulate me on my success. Especially in church."

DeTone said his company started the contest in order to support high-school art

departments across the country.

"Our purpose is to save the art departments because programs nationwide are suffering due to budget cuts," he said. "Art teaches kids how to be creative and inquisitive. It's a vital part of any curriculum. Art is sort of like a quiet sport."

He said the contest was unique because it allowed students to raise money for themselves and their schools using their own imaginations.

"We have high-school students around the country create designs," he said. "Then the kids vote on them and select the ones

that best represent their schools. We then take the winning designs and turn them into T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats.

"Kids can be self-expressive and at the same time they can raise money for the schools and themselves."

DeTone said students submitted various T-shirt designs that were unique in their messages.

"There was a broad spectrum of design," he said. "Michael Farmer's design was a popular one though. Violence is something kids seem to be very concerned about."

Phoenix to Publish Despite Defunding

BY JUDY ROYAL
STAFF WRITER

Despite Student Congress' refusal to fund the Phoenix, the newsmagazine is determined to continue publication even if only on a sporadic basis, University alumnus and former Phoenix staff member David Madison said Tuesday.

The first issue of the publication should be out in the next three weeks. Funds will come from private donations and advertising revenue, he said.

Student Congress rejected a request from the Phoenix for funding at its first meeting of the year last Wednesday.

"Through the stubborn will of the Phoenix staff, we will not be deterred by the self-serving actions of Student Congress," said Madison.

Madison said the Phoenix planned to publish one issue in hopes of showing Student Congress that the magazine was "a responsible publication that is able to

produce ad revenue and handle finances responsibly.

"The problem Student Congress has with us is our history, and we're trying to overcome that," he said.

"I think it's unfortunate that Student Congress has been put in the position where they're nervous about giving us funds."

"Last year's Student Congress didn't have a good name, and we didn't hold that against them," he said. "Everyone should start with a clean slate."

Madison will use his personal computer to create the first issue. If publication continues, successive issues could be produced with a staff member's computer or student government's Scapegoat system. Student Congress voted to sell the system last Wednesday, but members said the system probably still would be available to student publications.

However, Madison said finding a system to produce the Phoenix was the least of the publication's problems.

"Our main problem is financing. A lot of the first issue is people making sacrifices to get it out," he said.

"The first issue will demonstrate that we are worthy of Student Congress funds," Madison said.

At a Sept. 8 meeting Student Congress considered an amendment to the funding bill that would have created a Phoenix board of directors to monitor the magazine's finances. After congress was unable to agree on how to form the board, the amendment was dropped.

Madison said the Phoenix would welcome the measure only if "(Student Congress) can come up with a sound plan with a board of directors that won't interfere with the editorial content of the Phoenix."

Madison said the board should serve solely as a director of finances. "Even if we don't get the funding, the Phoenix will not roll over and die," said Madison. "We'll be funded issue to issue, week by week if we have to."

Date Set for Special Election To Fill Vacant Congress Seats

BY KIRK ROYAL
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The resignation of two Student Congress representatives will send some students back to the voting booth early next month.

The Elections Board has scheduled a special election to fill two vacancies in Student Congress, board Chairwoman Melinda Manning said Tuesday.

Residents of District 22 and students in the business school will vote on Tuesday, Oct. 5, to replace representatives Derek Shadid and Rick Lane, election officials said Tuesday. The board will open a poll site in front of the Student Union from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Congress Speaker Wendy Sarratt said Shadid resigned his post on Aug. 29 and Lane resigned Tuesday.

"There are usually several people who resign from congress after the summer," Sarratt said. "There was a good turnout for the first meeting, so there are no problems with quorum."

District 22 includes the off-campus area to the north and west of the intersection of Franklin and Columbia Streets, Manning said. Some of the major apartment complexes included in the election are Bolinwood, Estes Park, University Gardens and Highland Hills, she said.

Ruth Campbell, the remaining representative for District 22, encouraged her constituents to participate in the election.

She said the turnout in the last election was very poor.

"In the last election, each of the two winners — Derek Shadid and myself —

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