

Journalism Professor to Receive Freedom Forum Award

Conference Tests News Technology

Newsroom Advances Will Undergo a Trial Run in Chapel Hill Next Week

BY DAN DEFRANCO
STAFF WRITER

The latest in newsroom technology will be put to use for the first time by designers, editors and photographers from all over the world at next week's sixth annual Electronic Times Conference.

The weeklong conference, sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association, will begin Friday at the Omni Europa Hotel.

Richard Beckman, education chairman of the conference and a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said the conference gave professionals a chance to try out the most recent newsroom advances.

"The major purpose of the conference is for us to test equipment in real newsroom situations from a wide range of assignments."

A staff of 30 members, including nine UNC students, will start the three-day process of building an "electronic newsroom of the future" to be on display in the ballroom of the hotel, Beckman said.

Approximately 120 designers, editors and photographers from around the world will have access to the latest digital technologies at this futuristic newsroom Sunday.

"Groups of vendors will attend this conference and bring their newest gear for people to experiment with," Beckman said.

Digital transmission of information, digital cameras and the latest versions of software are some of the new technologies that will be presented at the conference, he said.

The designers, photographers and editors will be split up into groups where they will have separate assignments.

The news each group produces using the new technologies will be featured in a 32-page newspaper printed by the Durham Herald-Sun, Beckman said.

The Herald-Sun's donation of a printing press and a favorable showing by UNC students at a previous conference made Chapel Hill a good location for this year's conference.

"One of the reasons we are able to have the conference in Chapel Hill is due to the use of a good quality printing press that was donated by the Durham Herald-Sun," Beckman said.

Two years ago, the workshop was held in Williamsburg, Va., where three UNC students attended and worked with the latest technological advances in the newsroom. Beckman said the students made an outstanding impression at the conference and definitely contributed toward the selection of this year's conference location.

"These students were said to have done an excellent job, and the staff was impressed with their work," Beckman said.

He also said the amount of student interest in the area was an advantage to having the conference in Chapel Hill.

"The staff prefers to have the conference near universities," he said. "The ability to have students attend these conferences is an added bonus."

In addition to its educational value, Beckman said the Electronic Times Conference was also meant to be a source of the newest media technology.

"Moving towards digital technology is a slow process, though, but The (Raleigh) News & Observer is starting to replace darkrooms with computers."

BY SUZANNA STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman Professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will receive the prestigious Free Spirit Award from the Freedom Forum on Thursday.

Based in Arlington, Va., the Freedom Forum is an international foundation that declares itself to be "dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people."

The Free Spirit Award, the Freedom Forum's highest honor, will be given to 10 U.S. residents who "exemplify free expression, unselfish service and adventure," said Allen Neuhauser, chairman of the Freedom Forum, in a press release.

"They represent the heart and soul of the USA," he said. "Without them, our social fabric wouldn't be nearly as colorful or durable as it is." This year's award gives \$10,000 for each of the winners. In past years, a single recipient was chosen and

would receive \$100,000.

Along with Stone, this year's recipients include law enforcement officers, educators, other journalists, a community activist, the chief of the Cherokee Nation and a lone clarinet player/circumnavigator.

Tricia Peterson, spokeswoman for the Freedom Forum, said the awards represented more diversity than in the past.

"It's unusual to have 10 people from such diverse backgrounds," she said.

According to Peterson, the candidates for the award are first nominated for the honor, and then the Freedom Forum Free Spirit Award Selection Committee chooses winners they believe "embody the principles of free press, free speech and free spirit."

Stone's colleagues heralded him as a worthy recipient of the award.

"If anyone is a free spirit, Chuck Stone is," said Richard Cole, dean of the journalism school. "He has been a free spirit all his life."

Cole said Stone's course on censorship especially embodied Stone's enormous belief in free expression and free speech.

"(Stone) is an evangelist for the things he holds dear — the inner-worth of the individual, free expression, for standing up for what you believe in," Cole said.

Arati Korwar, a doctoral student in the journalism school who took the censorship course, said Stone was an effective professor.

"He had a way of discussing First Amendment issues and censorship issues that made the topic appealing to undergraduates," Korwar said. "He is very engaging as a professor. He's a very kind and helpful person — to everyone, whether he knows them or not."

Korwar, who worked in the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center in Nashville for two summers, said she valued Stone's ability as an educator to relate to students as well as his wealth of personal experiences working with such important

political leaders as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

Charles Overby, president of the Freedom Forum, also said Stone was well-qualified to win the award.

"Chuck Stone is an incredible human being. His spirit lights up every room he walks into. He's a terrific teacher and a terrific journalist. He embodies everything that the Freedom Forum stands for," Overby said.

According to the release, Freedom-fighters previously honored with this prestigious award include former U.S. Supreme Court Justices William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall, both of whom are regarded as pioneers in expanding the protection of free speech.

Stone said he was honored to have been selected as an award winner.

"I am honored to be in that kind of company," Stone said. "I am ennobled by being associated with them."

Stone said that on the walls of his office

he had — among photos of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Chavez — a personal letter from Marshall commending him for a column Stone had written.

Stone said he had elected to give \$1,000 of his award money to each of three institutions around the world: UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Saratov State University in Russia and Asmara University in Eritrea. Stone said he spent last July in Eritrea setting up a journalism department within the university there.

Stone said he had not even realized he was being considered or even nominated for the Free Spirit Award until he returned home from Eritrea and found the congratulatory letter.

Stone said he perceived the award as an honor to be credited to the University.

"The most important thing is that this is a felicitous reflection on the University of North Carolina," he said. "It exemplifies the kind of job we're doing here."

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m. UNC Basketball Tickets for the Blue/White, Croatia and Athletes-in-Action games will be distributed. Please bring your student ID and athletic pass. Call the CAA hotline at 962-4CAA for more information.

11 a.m. Enjoy lunch in the Sukkah! N.C. Hillel invites you to meet your friends in our Sukkah for your lunch break until 1 p.m. Shake the lulav and etrog! Call 942-4057 with any questions.

2 p.m. Job Hunt 104: Expanding your job search workshop for seniors and graduate students will be held in 210 Hanes Hall. Sponsored by University Career Services.

3:30 p.m. Study Abroad Information Session on Mexico will be held in 12 Caldwell Hall. Returning students will be available to answer questions. Check it out!

4 p.m. Careers in Computer Science Panel will be held in 210 Hanes Hall. Sponsored by University Career Services.

Undergraduate Sociology Club will meet in Union 212.

Intern While Studying Abroad in London, Paris, Bonn, Brussels, Argentina or Madrid. Come to the information session in 12 Caldwell Hall. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime.

5:30 p.m. Black Student Movement will meet in Upendo Lounge (top floor of Chase Dining Hall).

Holy Trinity Campus Ministry invites students to join in worship with dinner following.

Asian Students Association will meet in Union 208-209, featuring a special presentation on "Who Killed Vincent Chen."

6 p.m. UNC American Chemical Society Students Affiliation will hold another general interest meeting for all chemistry majors and other interested students in 224 Venable.

Spanish House will have Tertulia, its weekly conversational dinner at Caffe Trio on Franklin Street.

Gender Tacks: Journal of Gender Issues will meet in the second-floor Union lounge.

CIGNA Corporation will hold a presentation open to all interested students in the North Parlor at the Carolina Inn. Sponsored by University Career Services.

African Students Association will meet in Union 210.

7 p.m. UNC Sailing Club will meet in 304 Woolen Gym. All are welcome.

SEAC will meet in Union 208 to discuss plans for Lenoir Action.

Job Hunt 101: Orientation Workshop on how to use the UCS office for seniors and graduate students will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.

UNC Roller Rangers will play their second hockey game in the bottom lot outside of Craigie parking deck. Beginners are welcome.

7:30 p.m. Kallisti, the UNC student pagan organization, will meet in room 308 of the Alumni Building (not Alumni Center).

Carolina Review, UNC's Conservative Voice, will hold an interest meeting in 202 Dey Hall.

All interested students are encouraged to join

Carolina's fastest growing publication. There is a role for everyone. Call 968-6759 for more information.

"Do Black Women Hate Black Men?" program will be held in the Black Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served.

8 p.m. State Relations Committee. Refreshments will be served.

Job Hunt 102: Resume Writing Workshop for seniors and graduate students will be held in 210 Hanes Hall. Sponsored by University Career Services.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity will hold its rush social in Union 209.

8:30 p.m. POWER will meet in Union 208.

THURSDAY

3 p.m. Hinton James Residence Hall Government will sponsor a blood drive in the first-floor lounge of Hinton James.

5 p.m. Ms. Black and Gold (sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.) interest meeting will be held for all interested ladies in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

5:30 p.m. It's a Mitzvah! Join Hillel's Mitzvah Corps at UNC Hospitals to visit the children. Call 942-4057 to reserve a space.

Vietnamese Students Association will meet in Union 205.

6:45 p.m. Project Literacy — Adult Basic Education will have a training session for all interested students in Union 226.

7 p.m. "Sexism and Sexual Harassment, Making Connections" talk by Judith Scott will be held in 101 Bingham (across from the Undergraduate Library).

Does the thought of free falling through the air excite you? Come to the Outing Club meeting in 109 Fetzer to find out more.

Association of International Students will meet in 108 Bingham. This is a great chance to learn about other countries and cultures and to meet a lot of fascinating people! All international and American students are welcome.

Black Student Movement's Freshman Class Committee will meet in the Black Cultural Center.

Club Track and Field will hold an interest meeting in 106 Fetzer.

7:30 p.m. "Power Struggles in Black Male/Female Relationships" (sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.) will be held in Carmichael Ballroom.

Professor Michael Dyson and Mrs. Maracía Dyson will facilitate.

Chimera, UNC's Science Fiction/Fantasy/Gaming club, will hold an introductory meeting in Dey 208. All are welcome.

Spanish House will have Charlemos, its weekly discussion program in the second floor lounge of Carmichael.

All are invited.

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will meet in room 308 of the Alumni Building (not Alumni Center).

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Local Church Hosts New Age Photographer

BY TODD CRAWFORD
STAFF WRITER

Photographer and lecturer Mark Tucker will give a multi-media performance Thursday at the Unity Center of Peace.

Tucker's program has been seen in venues ranging from the Smithsonian Institute to the United Nations. Combining projected images of nature and people with "popular and well-known" music, Tucker tries to communicate that "we are all connected to each other," said Helen Spielman, music director for the Unity Center of Peace.

Tucker believed his message was important enough to leave his job 10 years ago. He and his twin brother realized that their hobby, photography, was actually

their calling. Since the two established their company, Awakening Heart Productions, more than 300,000 people worldwide have seen Tucker's presentations, according to the Unity Center of Peace.

The Rev. Stephen Colladay, minister of the Unity Center of Peace, said he was excited about the fact that the upcoming show was an updated version of Tucker's presentation.

"It's out of this world ... very moving and uplifting," he said. "It captures you in a multi-sensory way. It is hard to describe (the show) into words."

Metaphysical authors and teachers, including Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Ram Dass and Og Mandino, have acclaimed the program. Mandino called it, "one of the most uplifting experiences I have had in my

entire life."

People should leave the presentation feeling, "a sense of well-being and a sense of joy ... with a renewed awareness of beauty in nature and humankind, a lovingness and appreciation for life," Spielman said.

The Unity Center of Peace, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Chapel Hill this fall, is "an informal progressive new thought church with a very positive approach to celebrating life and divinity," Spielman said.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Unity Center of Peace is located at 5322 N.C. Highway 86, Chapel Hill. The show is open to the general public. Although there is no set fee to attend, Unity Center of Peace requests donations.

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GEORGE BATTLE
Student Body President

Conner and Armstrong both said they were offended that although Jordan's memos concerned them, copies had never been sent directly to them.

"I sent a copy of my memo to him in a forthright, open manner," Conner said. "I don't appreciate him going behind my back."

Battle said Jordan's latest attempts to stop the bill were simply the use of parliamentary tricks. "All memos, all rhetoric and all maneuvering are futile," Battle said. "The bill is law — I signed the bill into law Thursday. The only voice that I will heed at this time is the voice of the Student Supreme Court."

The next step for Jordan and other opponents would be to take Battle and co-sponsor of the bill, Monica Cloud, to the Student Supreme Court where they would have to prove quorum. Rep. Jonathan Justice, Dist. 21, said he was ready to defend the bill all the way to the Student Supreme Court.

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gram, an organization to get guns off the streets. Its goal was to reduce the amount of violence by reducing the number of guns in Chapel Hill.

"The important issue is that there should not be any weapons on school campuses — not elementary, high school or university," Woodall said.

The accident prompted Chi Psi to join forces with the group and assist in fund-raising events.

"It was great for us to give something back to the town, and it was also important to us since we had a personal involvement," said Craig Snyder, the current president of Chi Psi.

Donald Beeson, Chi Psi's alumni adviser, believes the program was a good way for the fraternity members to work through some of the frustrations they had because of the shooting.

"It is definitely a terrible tragedy for the families involved and the man who owned the gun," Beeson said. "Obviously it is something he will never get over. However, I am sure the undergraduates at the fraternity are relieved it is settled."

CONGRESS

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Jordan's other memo cited Robert's Rules as they applied to the motion to reconsider the bill. Congress members have taken sides on whether quorum was present when the motion to reconsider the bill was made.

A majority of congress members must be present for quorum. Student Congress has no legal authority without it.

Student Congress Parliamentarian Lee Conner sent a memo Monday stating that contrary to what Jordan had said, the bill had been legally signed.

"I would assert that the bill was not on the floor of congress because of a lack of quorum when the vote was taken on the Motion to Reconsider," Conner's memo states.

Conner said Jordan's response was an attempt to undermine the parliamentarian's position. The parliamentarian's duty is to specialize in knowing Robert's Rules and parliamentary procedure.

"He is trying to chip away at any authority the position has," Conner said. "I'm not going to kill any more trees to send another memo."

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