



BRIEVES

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Pit Day to Feature Student Government Organizations

The Intracampus Communications Committee of student government will sponsor Pit Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Pit. Student government-sponsored organizations will distribute information about their groups.

Wednesday Forum Will Cover Chechnya Rebellion

The Joint Duke/UNC-CH Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies will present a free public forum titled "The Crisis in Chechnya" at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Assembly Room of Wilson Library.

The forum will feature talks by five UNC faculty members. A question-and-answer session will follow the talks.

Documentary Will Feature University Math Fellow

Freda Porter-Locklear, a postdoctoral fellow in the math department, will be featured in a PBS documentary, "Breakthrough: People of Color in American Science," scheduled to air next fall.

The goal of "Breakthrough" is to highlight people of color who are doing work in math and computer science and to inspire minorities to enter fields of science.

UNC Surgeon Receives Honorary Fellowship

Dr. George F. Sheldon, a distinguished professor of surgery and chairman of surgery at the UNC School of Medicine, has been chosen to receive an honorary fellowship by the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sheldon was chosen for his contributions to the fields of trauma and surgical nutrition. Sheldon is also the president of the American Surgical Association, and he has served as surgery chairman at UNC since 1984.

Muscular Dystrophy Ambassador Named

The Muscular Dystrophy Association recently announced Ryan Draper as the N.C. Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. As the state's goodwill ambassador, Draper will make public appearances to encourage volunteers in the association's year-round educational and fund-raising campaigns.

Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Draper and was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of 2. MDA is working to defeat neuromuscular disease through worldwide research, comprehensive program and community services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

Author to Read From, Sign Books at Local Bookstore

Tim McLaurin, author of "Cured by Fire," will read from his book at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at McIntyre's Fine Books and Bookends in Fearington Village on U.S. 15-501. McLaurin's latest novel focuses on the issues of race, poverty, religion and human aid in the deep South. "Cured by Fire" deals with the lives of two men, focusing on a series of perfectly captured moments.

McLaurin will be available for questions and book signing following the reading. The event will be free and open to the general public. For more information and a complete schedule, call 542-3030.

New Technology Improves Brain Tumor Treatment

UNC Hospitals is the first in the state to acquire a new computer and software program designed to improve the treatment of patients with brain tumors.

Dr. Bradford B. Walters, associate professor of surgery at the School of Medicine, said the new system would help patients be treated more quickly. The new software will be used for stereotactic radiosurgery, a nonsurgical, noninvasive method of treating brain tumors and other lesions.

New Seminars Offered From Adventures in Ideas

The Spring 1995 Adventures in Ideas series will offer eight new seminars as well as repeats of a couple of popular highly requested programs.

Faculty members from UNC and from Duke and N.C. State universities will lead most sessions, which are presented by the Program in Humanities and Human Values of the College of Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the General Alumni Association.

Space remains in eight of 10 seminars, and costs range from \$65 to \$75.

Local Agency Wins Award For Gun Buyback Ads

FGI Integrated Marketing, 206 W. Franklin St., has won four awards from the Printing Industry of the Carolinas for its advertising work. In the small, nonprocess category, a poster FGI designed for the nonprofit Chapel Hill gun buyback program, "Buy Back the Hill," took Best of Category.

The formal presentation of the awards will take place at the annual PICA banquet in Greensboro this month.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bolin Creek Trail Extension Planned

BY GRETCHEN HOFFMAN
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Chapel Hill residents will be able to run and bike longer distances on woodland trails by late January 1998 if plans approved by the Town Council on Monday night proceed as scheduled. The council furthered steps on Phase II of the Bolin Creek Greenway, which includes the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path.

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously approved a special use permit for the extension of the trail, which would run along Bolin Creek from Elizabeth Street to the Estes Drive Community Center. The first phase of the path, which runs between Airport Road and Elizabeth Street, was formally opened to the public June 7.

However, residents of the Village Green Condominiums, near which a part of the

trail runs, said at an Oct. 18 public hearing that they were concerned the pathway would compromise the security and privacy of the area. The council postponed action about the request for the special use permit Nov. 4 and asked for more information regarding the landscaping and fencing of the path near the condominiums. The council found that there was no evidence that the security of the area would be affected, according to a memorandum from Town Manager Cal Horton.

The revised plan includes landscaping around the development to help screen the area from the greenway. The revisions met the concerns of the residents, Mayor Ken Brown said at Monday's council meeting. The plan was passed unanimously.

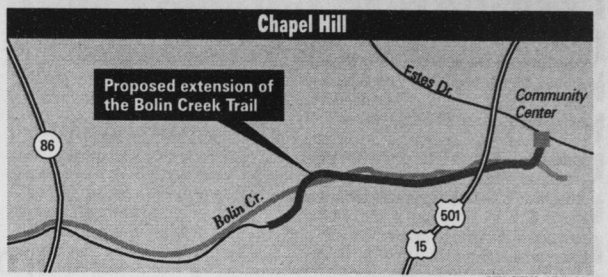
The council also unanimously authorized the development of construction documents, the application for all neces-

sary permits, the search for construction bids and the purchase of easements across the private properties affected by the trail.

"We would require certain easements involving small pieces of property," Horton said. Although much of the trail would be built on town-owned property, some temporary and permanent easements on private property would be needed to complete the path.

The town plans to pay \$2,521 for easements on four properties along the trail. The council is still in negotiations concerning a fifth area, owned by the Village Green Homeowners' Association.

The council offered the association \$7,188 for 2.14 acres of permanent greenway and drainage easements, based on the appraised prices of nearby easements, but the offer was refused. The council planned to "use the procedures avail-



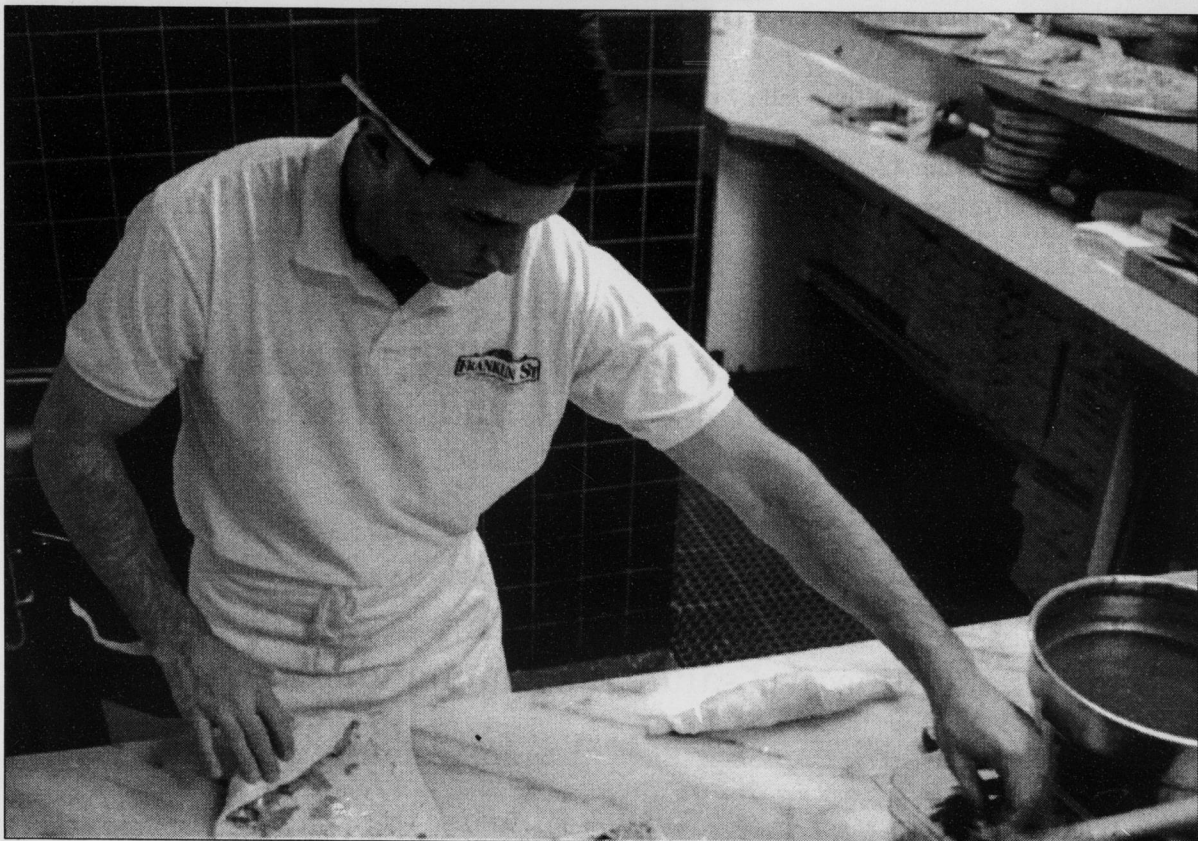
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able under the law" to acquire the easements, which would involve the filing of a condemnation suit, Horton said. He said the final compensation for the property would be determined by a judge.

Funds for the purchase of the easements

would come from the 1989 Parks and Open Space bonds. The council expects a grant from the state totalling \$240,000, according to the memorandum from Horton. The estimate for the construction of the second phase of the plan is \$565,000.

Time to Make the Pizza



Craig Samuels of Franklin Street Pizza and Pasta makes hot pizza pockets for cold customers Monday night. Samuels opened the restaurant in July 1993.

PLAY TEACHES SPANISH THROUGH PERFORMANCE

BY EVA LINDEMANN
STAFF WRITER

Learning a foreign language can be difficult, but some people will soon have an inside track on an effective and fun way to go through the language learning process.

Lisa Weckerle, a graduate student in communication studies, said the best way to learn a foreign language is to perform it.

If what she believes holds true, the proof will come in late February when she stages her production of "Los Cazadores Invisibles," or "The Invisible Hunters," as a bilingual play in Spanish and English.

"The play will be directed in English, but the actors will never see a copy of the script in English," Weckerle said. "The point of this learning method is to teach the vocabulary performatively."

The technique that Weckerle refers to is

one that is commonly used in performance studies. Weckerle, a teacher of performance literature, said that by using all of the faculties of the body when performing a foreign language, the 11 cast members would gain a greater sense of what it was like to speak Spanish in a real-life situation.

"Throughout the directing process, the words will be performed rather than translated," she said. "This motivates the student to take active participation in speaking the language."

Weckerle also said this technique worked for all ages as well as all levels of language ability. "During the auditions, I had people try out who were fluent Spanish speakers, non-Spanish speakers and those in the middle range of Spanish-speaking ability," she said.

Tasha Heeler, a junior non-Spanish speaker, was one of the lucky ones cast for

a part. She had found out about the auditions through a friend and wasn't quite sure what to expect. "When I got there, I was asked to read a script in Spanish," Heeler said. "I had never read Spanish before in my life."

"It was such a crazy experience, and I was really excited by Lisa's method of constant movement interchanged with Spanish words. This is a good way to start into a language, since I have no feeling for Spanish at all. This method allows us to test out the language without fear."

Weckerle, who is completing this project for her master's thesis, will require the performers to keep a journal of their progress throughout the five-week rehearsal period. She will also interview the students at the beginning, middle and end of the production process in order to keep up with their performance development. The

thesis will then consist of an analysis of the interviews and the journal entries.

"I really enjoy keeping a journal," said Jennifer Simmons, a sophomore nursing student. "It helps me to understand what I'm getting out of this production, and it helps me with my progress."

Simmons had decided to audition because of her desire to perform and her love of the language. "As a nursing student, I am required to take a limited number of language courses. Unfortunately, I have finished my Spanish requirements. Now with this play I can have fun, perform and continue to practice my Spanish."

The play being performed is an old Nicaraguan legend about the Miskita Indians of Nicaragua.

Showings of the play will be held at 8 p.m. from Feb. 23 to Feb. 25 in 111 Murphey. Admission is free.

Power Through Reading Discusses DuBois' Work

BY JAY STONE
STAFF WRITER

Television hasn't stopped everyone from reading outside of class.

Power Through Reading, a reading program sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., held its first meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. Monday in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

Last night's group of 15 students met to discuss various books that will be read throughout the semester.

Ellis Carson, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, led the group discussion. He said the purpose of the meetings was to familiarize people with important African Americans in history.

"The point is to encourage reading outside of class among minorities, mainly African Americans. We read three novels each semester and meet every other Monday to discuss them."

Power Through Reading began meeting during fall semester.

"The discussions originated from a social studies club in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.," Carson said.

"This semester, it is based on the AFAM 65 course, 'Contemporary Topics in Black America.'"

Monday's discussion centered on W.E.B. DuBois and his autobiography, "Dusk of Dawn."

The book deals with DuBois and his views on racism as he grew up, Carson said.

Group members discussed various viewpoints DuBois brought up in his book and

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reflected on how DuBois segregated himself from whites throughout his childhood and during his college years at Harvard University.

They raised questions of whether DuBois' segregation of himself was a self-inflicted punishment or a necessity.

Other books that will be read and discussed by Power Through Reading this semester are the "Autobiography of Malcolm X" by Alex Haley and "With Head and Heart" by Howard Thurman.

All of these books are autobiographies and deal with the trials of the African American in a white society.

Carson said he chose the books that would be discussed with the help of other members of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Latarsha Chambers, who regularly attends the Power Through Reading group, said the meetings were enjoyable and helped provide an outlet for discussion.

"Sometimes we work with a scholar who leads the discussion," Chambers said. "Other times, the meetings are more informal. I really enjoy it."

Power Through Reading meets at 7 p.m. every other Monday in the BCC.

Aldermen Support Proposal for Open Space

But Local Builders Claim the Board's Mandate Would Add To Existing Housing Problems

BY MEGAN HANLEY
STAFF WRITER

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is proposing a plan that would require developers to leave at least half their tracts as open space, but builders claim the board's mandate would add to the area's existing lack of affordable housing.

The aldermen will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. today at Carrboro Town Hall to allow the public a chance to respond to the proposed land preservation requirement.

"The proposal was made in an effort to preserve land in Carrboro, to protect natural resources and to preserve the flavor of the town," said Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

"It's aimed at saving the feeling of having room around you as you go about your daily life as well as preserving wildlife habitats and other natural areas," Gist said. "It's for the feeling of being able to move, not driving and seeing miles and miles of cookie-cutter houses."

The plan is meeting opposition from some developers who say the requirement is too extreme. Some developers say that affordable housing is needed in Carrboro and that this proposal will only worsen the matter.

"On the one hand they want open space, and on the other hand they keep saying, 'affordable housing, affordable housing,'" said Jim Paliouras of Paliouras Enterprises, a local development firm. "There are some

areas where you have to have four dwellings to the acre because not everyone can afford to buy a large lot. We keep pushing more and more land restrictions, and the end result is that we don't have any affordable housing."

Alderman Mike Nelson said he thought the affordable housing issue was a "red herring."

"The developers aren't providing affordable housing now," Nelson said. "If they're concerned about affordable housing, they ought to do something about it now rather than building all of the multimillion dollar homes that are popping up in Carrboro now."

"The board's proposal should ultimately reduce costs to developers," Nelson said. With the same number of houses being built but on smaller pieces of land, there would be fewer sidewalks and water lines and less laying of roads and land clearing that builders would have to finance. "They ought to be saving money, and I hope that these savings will be passed on to the homebuyers," he said.

Several members of the board agreed that the issue needed to be addressed immediately, although the proposal itself might have some flaws.

"I see it as fairly urgent that we address this very quickly," Gist said. "Now, there is constant development activity going on, and unless we act quickly to preserve our natural space and environment, they're

gone. And once they're gone, they're gone."

Chapel Hill does not have a specific regulation regarding the amount of land required to remain as open space, but there are regulations concerning the preservation of land by leaving some parts of property undeveloped, said Robin Lackey, Carrboro Town Planning Board chairman.

"I think the (proposed Carrboro) open space proposal is necessary and important," Lackey said. "I think it has some things that I would do differently, but I think it's an issue that needs to be addressed as what you need to preserve rather than how much."

Much of the debate is centered on whether or not the percentage of land to be reserved for open space is a viable and practical amount.

"Fifty percent is the optimum number," Gist said. "I'm not sure if that's what we'll end up looking at, but if you look at areas with 26 percent it seems very tight. By the time you look at stream buffers, steep slopes and other things used as open space, it amounts to nothing."

The public hearing will allow the board to receive information from citizens and developers and then to accept advice from an advisory board. "It should be two weeks to a month before a decision is made," Gist said.

"I think that the public and private industry must really understand this thing before we go to approve it," Alderman Hank Anderson said. "We need to educate the community about this."

Anderson said that a decision was far off and that it was necessary to take time and deal with this issue slowly.

"I like the goal — preservation — but the numerical percentage may not be the way to go."

Edwards Case Is Appealed

Petition for Judicial Review Of SPC's Decision Goes to Orange Superior Court

BY ADAM GUSMAN
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The University filed an appeal in the Keith Edwards case Friday in Orange County Superior Court.

Edwards, a University Police officer, originally sued UNC for discrimination in 1987.

Friday's appeal petitions the court for judicial review of the decision made Dec. 22 by the State Personnel Commission in favor of Edwards.

If the petition for judicial review is granted by the court, Tom Ziko, associate attorney general for the education section, said Monday that he would enter a separate request for a specific court date that would be convenient for both parties.

The appeal came just before the end of the 30-day period during which the University had the right to appeal the SPC's decision.

Ziko said the University would not know which judge would hear the case until a specific date had been set for the hearing.

The SPC's Dec. 22 decision upheld Orange Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle's July ruling that Keith Edwards be given a retroactive promotion to sergeant, payment adjusted to reflect the promotion and legal fees.

The University originally appealed the judge's ruling in favor of Edwards but then withdrew its appeal several days before the SPC was to rule on the case.

Edwards' attorney, Al McSurely, said Jan. 9 that he had written four letters to the SPC asking for a ruling but that there had been no reply.

McSurely filed a petition Dec. 16 asking the Superior Court to force some action from the SPC. Shortly after the seven members of the SPC had been served notice of the petition, they issued a ruling in Edwards' favor.

The parties have also disagreed over how much back pay the University owes Edwards. The University claims her promotion would not have carried with it a pay raise.

Edwards' case began in 1987 when she claimed that the University had discriminated against her as a black woman when they passed her over for a promotion to sergeant.



Carrboro Alderman JACQUELYN GIST said restricting development would protect natural resources.