

# CHHS Adds Physics, Piano Courses

More Classes at Local High School Should Not Cost More Money, Officials Say

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Come the spring, Chapel Hill High School students will have the opportunity to enroll in some brand-new classes for the '95-'96 school year. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education voted Feb. 2 in favor of adding the six proposed classes. The new courses that will be added to the schedule are Biology II, AP Physics Mechanics C, AP Math Topics, Beginning Band, Chamber Singers and Piano Lab.

CHHS Principal Charles Pattenon said the Student Governance Committee had approved of the new courses before they went before the school board. The SGC is made up of Pattenon, a member of the cafeteria and custodial staff, students, faculty members, and parents.

School board Chairman Ken Touw said the expansion of the high school's curriculum would benefit a wide variety of students. "These classes are meant to provide additional choices for students. Some are

for those students who are exceeding requirements, and some are for those who are struggling," Touw said.

School board member Judy Ortiz said she believed the goal of the new classes was to meet the growing needs of all students. With the addition of the Beginning Band class, even students with no prior experience will be able to learn to play an instrument.

"Before, if a student hadn't started playing an instrument by middle school, the facilities weren't available for them to begin at the high school," Ortiz said.

The high school has been trying to boost its band program, and this course will give it a good foundation, said Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools spokeswoman Kim Hoke.

For students who want to learn more than just the basics, some upper-level courses will be offered that explore subjects in more detail than the more general, required classes, Hoke said.

"With the new AP courses, students will study subjects at a higher level and in more depth," she said. "These classes will allow technical and creative investigation of specific topics and issues beyond that of the required courses."

She said school district administrators

hoped the AP classes would reduce the growing number of high school students who had to go to the University in order to take higher-level classes.

Pattenon said a class like Biology II would appeal to those students who were interested in learning more about the topic but did not want to make the commitment required of an AP course. "For all these classes, we're sure there is a significant amount of student interest. The selection process was extremely thorough; a lot of ideas never leave the drawing board," he said.

Hoke said the new classes would have no significant financial impact because the rapidly increasing student body would have required the school to hire additional teachers for next year even if new classes had not been added.

As for actual class costs, Ortiz said the piano lab course would require the most funds of any new course. "The piano lab will involve a lot of equipment, but we'll probably start small," she said. "We have grant money that will be used for initial costs, and we will be applying for more (grant money)."

Pattenon said the most impressive aspect of the new classes was the wide variety of students they would appeal to.

# Hinton James Arrived 200 Years Ago

Sunday Marks Anniversary Of Arrival in Chapel Hill Of University's First Student

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Hinton James Residence Hall is home to about 1,000 students, but it is named after a student who comprised the whole student body himself.

This Sunday marks the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Hinton James, UNC's first student.

James arrived on campus Feb. 12, 1795 at the age of 18. According to legend, he walked 170 miles on foot from Wilmington to attend UNC. There is also speculation that he might have traveled by a horse that he sold before he arrived in Chapel Hill.

Robert Anthony, curator of the North Carolina Collection, said James was a distinguished individual because of his accomplishments.

"He obviously was a good student at the University," he said. "I would say he was studious and ambitious."

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Anthony said James became popular among the faculty after his arrival since the University had been open for a month and still had no students. He continued to be the only student for two weeks.

Anthony said James also excelled in the fields of English and science. He wrote many prize-winning essays. James earned an engineering degree July 4, 1798 and was one of seven men in the first graduating class.

After James graduated, he worked on navigation projects to improve N.C. rivers. Later on he was elected to the state legislature.

William Snider, retired editor of The

Greensboro News and Record, said James was an important figure in UNC's history. "He was the first student when the University opened its doors," he said. "He had a significant career and went on to work on Cape Fear river projects. I think the fact that he's walked all those miles is interesting."

Snider said there was not much written about James as a person, and his character as an individual is unknown.

"We really don't know what kind of a person he was," he said. "But there's no doubt that he was the first student."

"For two weeks he was the first-honor man of his class," wrote University historian Kemp Plummer Battle. "The faculty records show that he performed his duties faithfully and with ability. For several years the students were required to read original compositions on Saturdays, and those deemed especially meritorious were posted in a record book. The name of Hinton James occurs often on this Role of Honor."

The residence hall was named in his honor when it was completed in 1967.

James was born September 20, 1776 in what is now Pender County. He died Aug. 22, 1847 and is buried 13 miles south of Wallace.

# Squeaky Wheels Can't Stop Jiffy Lube

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Despite objections from several business owners on West Franklin Street, the Chapel Hill Planning Board approved plans Tuesday night to build a Jiffy Lube at the corner of West Franklin Street and Merritt Mill Road.

Some merchants in the area had expressed concern about having a chain auto repair store at the main western entrance to Chapel Hill.

"I think a lot of people were opposed to — God forbid — a garage on Franklin Street," said Al Townsend, owner of Al's Garage on Merritt Mill Road near the proposed business site.

Representatives from Hakan/Corley & Associates, who will be constructing the new project, presented site plans for the proposed Jiffy Lube to the board at the meeting.

New construction usually goes before the Town Council to be approved, but since the two buildings are going to occupy less than 20,000 square feet, the plans were reviewed by the Planning Board.

Mike Hammersley, project engineer with Hakan/Corley, said the plans for the new business would work well with existing businesses.

"(Tuesday) night we presented architectural evaluations of how we plan to build," Hammersley said. "Both Jiffy Lube and Hakan/Corley are planning a building that will fit in with other stores on Franklin Street and complement that area of Chapel Hill."

The planners have even considered what building materials will fit in to make the store as similar to its surroundings as possible.

Hammersley said developers were planning to use bricks and to borrow stylistic elements from other stores in the area.

"We want to keep this store from looking like just another 'off-the-shelf' Jiffy Lube. I think Jiffy Lube accomplished this with the store on Fordham Boulevard, and this one should be very similar."

"It looks like a tasteful building," Townsend said.

The new Jiffy Lube is just one of a pair of buildings scheduled to be constructed at 601 W. Franklin St. next to Franklin Auto.

Another building that will be unaffiliated with the Jiffy Lube will also be on the land.

The Jiffy Lube building will occupy approximately 2,200 square feet. The additional retail shop will be 1,500 square feet.

The area near the Carrboro-Chapel Hill border is already home to several other automotive establishments, including Al's Garage, Franklin Auto and Passport Imports.

"Any good business that's going to kind of spill up things is fine," said Kelly Moore, a partner at Franklin Auto. "Whatever Chapel Hill wants them to do, they've got the money to do it."

The new buildings will be occupying some of the space Franklin Auto had used to display its cars. Moore said he wished the new construction wasn't costing him display space.

Townsend said he had no concerns with the location of the new business although both his garage and the Jiffy Lube would be offering some of the same services.

He said, "I don't think anyone will say they can do a better job than us, but cost is also a factor, and speed."

## INN

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and 1997 as well."

The Carolina Inn closed Nov. 20 for a \$13.5 million renovation. Its managers sensed a great need for this extensive project because lately there had been numerous complaints about the condition of the guest rooms, the plumbing, the wiring, and the unpredictable heating and air-conditioning, said Margaret Skinner, director of sales and marketing for the Carolina Inn.

The Inn was built in 1924 and was given to the University in 1935 by alumnus John Sprunt Hill.

The Inn has undergone many changes since its opening.

A new cafeteria and 42 bedrooms were added to the Inn several years after its presentation to the University. The next addition occurred in the late 1960s, when 45 new bedrooms, another ballroom and a cafeteria were added.

The original cafeteria was remodeled into a lobby, and the entrance to the Inn was moved from Cameron Avenue to the current entrance on Pittsboro Street.

Many people choose to stay at the Carolina Inn because of its location close to the UNC campus.

Frequently, all rooms are booked on weekends of football games, especially Parents' Weekend and Homecoming weekend.

## CONGRESS

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campus groups organized around the issue of sexual preference?

■ Should student government investigate finding a method by which students could allocate their own student fees, which might replace the current budget process used by student government?

■ Should members of the Undergraduate Honor Court or the attorney general's

## FRATERNITY

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Overhearing the service was Tony Shanks, who chartered the original Chi Alpha Omega at East Carolina University in 1987. "Tony came up to us later and asked if we would be interested in starting a Christian fraternity at Carolina," Hedrick said. "I told him we were very interested."

Four months later, the group of nine original members assembled under Shanks' direction as alumni adviser to form the second chapter of the fraternity in the coun-

## OJ

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"Life" and "The Saturday Evening Post."

The 208 page book, which arrived in stores during the week of Jan. 27, addresses O.J.'s life with his wife, Nicole,

staff be permitted by law to serve simultaneously on the executive branch Cabinet?

■ Should the minimum \$100 Carolina Dining Services requirement for all on-campus students be eliminated?

Congress also tabled a bill to donate \$2,500 to the Black Student Movement, which would have given the funds to the Chancellor's Committee on the Martin Luther King Celebration to pay for Alvin Poussaint, the keynote speaker for the celebration.

They participated in formal rush this semester and gave out six bids.

"It was weird being on the other end of things and being responsible for managing a new organization, but the guys really drew close together," said pledge trainer Randy Greene, a senior from Greensboro.

Greene said the founders saw a need to unify members of campus groups such as Interservice Christian Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ and Heels to Heaven. He said, "The purpose of Chi Alpha Omega is to build a brotherhood of Christian guys."

and also contains photographs of his family. The book is selling for \$17.95 and is available on cassette for \$19.95. According to the publisher, Little, Brown & Co., the book is in its second printing. The initial printing was 500,000 copies, but an additional 100,000 copies were recently printed.

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