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Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

On Third Try, Delcor Acquires National Gypsum

National Gypsum Co. agreed Tuesday to be acquired by the North Carolina investment firm Delcor Inc., for \$1.2 billion in cash.

Delcor, a subsidiary of Golden Eagle Industries Inc., will buy the Charlotte-based wallboard producer in a cash merger valued at \$54 per share, National Gypsum said in a release.

Delcor is an investment firm that owns 19 percent of National Gypsum and is controlled by its ex-chairman, C.D. Spangler Jr., one of North Carolina's wealthiest residents and president of the University of North Carolina system.

Spangler, who is also chairman of Golden Eagle Industries, Delcor's parent company, was removed by a special directors' committee as the non-executive chairman of National Gypsum.

Delcor's successful bid comes on its third try for the company. However, the agreement permits National Gypsum to solicit other offers through June 30.

"The transaction represents an excellent opportunity for the company's shareholders to realize the value of their stock while preserving the company's ability to identify and obtain the benefit of any superior transactions that may be available," said Steve Humphrey, chairman and chief executive officer of National Gypsum.

Memorial Service for Student in Arboretum Sat.

A memorial service for Katie Power, who would have graduated this past weekend, will be held Saturday, May 20 in the Coker Arboretum. The rain site is Gerard Hall. May 20 is Power's birthday, and last year she celebrated it in the same spot of the Arboretum. Power was a double major in journalism and English. She committed suicide on April 19, only weeks before finishing school.

Susan Reantjes, a close friend, said that holding Power's memorial service at the same site as her previous year's birthday party would be appropriate.

"I know she would want a celebration more than a mourning thing," Reantjes said.

Power's friends will set up a collection to purchase a bench which they hope will be put in the arboretum to honor Power. Reantjes said that anyone interested in making contributions to the memorial or to defray the costs of cremation should call Reantjes at 929-0640.

Serial Killer Trucker to Face Trial in Orange Co.

An Orange County grand jury indicted suspected serial killer Sean Patrick Goble on Monday. Goble confessed to strangling 34-year-old Sherry Mansur of Clearwater, Fla. at the intersection of Interstates 85 and 40, near Hillsborough. Mansur's body was found in Guilford County in February. Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said he did not know when the trial would be held.

Professor's House Safe

Professor and Mrs. Richard Wolfenden's home at 1307 Mason Farm Rd. is now seemingly safe from being overtaken after having been threatened by university expansion. A press release from the University, Tuesday, stated plans are moving ahead for the building of the Rizzo Executive Education Conference Center, a part of the Kenan-Flagler Business School. The Education Center will now be built on the Baity property, just off Mason Farm Road.

According to the press release, this site is compatible with the design plans for construction. A final decision for this site will be made in a few months.

First Domestic Partners Register in Chapel Hill

Mark E. Beasley and David W. Thomas, both 29, have become the first couple to register under Chapel Hill's new law allowing unmarried heterosexual and gay couples to register their partnership. The couple registered their partnership three days after the Town Council passed the law. Chapel Hill is the second North Carolina town to grant such recognition. Carrboro was the first.

Bus Fares to Rise

At a budget work session on May 1, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted to raise bus fares to 75 cents, a 15 cent increase from the current price. The reason for the fare increase is to help offset other losses in the budget. This decision, which three council members voted against, is only tentative. Until June 5, when the council is scheduled to adopt a budget for the 1996 fiscal year, council members can change their minds on the issue. Other ways the council discussed to increase the town budget's money were to raise the cost of university parking permits and to allow advertisements to appear on the sides of buses.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

SACS: UNC Must Shape Up TA's, Ram's Club

BY THANASSIS CAMBANIS EDITOR

After visiting the campus last week, the committee that decides whether or not to reaccredit the University told officials to strengthen standards for teaching assistants and to reign in the Ram's Club.

The visit came as the culmination in UNC's two-year reaccreditation process from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The committee issued four recommendations that carry the force of law: If UNC officials do not begin to comply with the recommendations by October, SACS will not reaccredit the University.

In a preliminary report read Friday morning, the SACS team said that UNC must exert stronger financial control over the Educational Foundation, also known as the Ram's Club, establish and publish guidelines and standards for TAs, clarify the criteria used to award merit pay increases to faculty members and establish oral communication and computer training standards for UNC students.

None of the recommendations came as a surprise to English professor Darryl Gless, who over the last year headed up the self-study report that highlighted areas needing improvement.

"To get only four recommendations is unusual," Gless said. UNC's self-study

committee came up with 17 recommendations and 73 suggestions, all of which are already being dealt with by the University, he said.

Once the visiting committee writes a draft of its report, it will give the university a chance to respond over the summer.

A final draft of the report will go to SACS sometime in the fall, and by December, SACS will evaluate how well the University is complying with the recommendations.

"We're going to act on all of the suggestions," Gless said.

James Pewitt, professor emeritus from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a member of the visiting reaccreditation

committee, said the Educational Foundation had too much autonomy in the control over its funds.

The Educational Foundation is a private organization with about \$58 million in assets that raises money for athletic scholarships and athletic department construction. This year, the foundation gave scholarships worth \$4 million, according to a UNC media guide. "Should there be a disagreement between University plans and Educational Foundation plans, the University should ensure that the chancellor's office has institutional control over the booster club," Pewitt said.

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SACS Recommendations in a Nutshell

- The visiting reaccreditation committee mandated that UNC:
  - Establish University-wide standards for teaching assistants
  - Create guidelines for granting merit pay increases to faculty
  - Make sure each UNC graduate is computer literate and has "oral communications" skills
  - Exert stronger control over the finances of the Educational Foundation, also known as the Ram's Club



SBP Calvin Cunningham grilled Gov. Hunt about the revised budget proposal at a meeting of student leaders in Raleigh May 10. The biggest point of contention for the students was the proposed tuition increase for out-of-state students.

Budget Switcheroo Reverses UNC Cuts

BY WILL SAFER UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Gov. Jim Hunt announced a proposal to budget an additional \$35 million for North Carolina's public universities at a press conference Thursday in Raleigh.

Hunt was joined by University of North Carolina System President C.D. Spangler in making the announcement, which came as a welcome signal to university officials and students.

"President Spangler and I stand here today united in our belief in the university system, and united in our belief that strong universities make a strong economy and a strong state," Hunt said.

Hunt and Spangler had been at odds over the governor's original proposal in early February that sought to cut more than \$26 million from the system's budget.

"As I told a group of UNC chancellors, faculty and student leaders this week, our proposed budget... was not designed to harm the university system," Hunt said of his first proposal. But the cuts recently presented by the N.C. House of Representatives went much too deep, he said.

Spangler said he agreed with Hunt, and that the new proposal would do much to strengthen the university system.

"I am hopeful that the General Assembly will welcome these ideas, as I do, and vote to support them," he said.

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Gov. Hunt Meets With Student Representatives To Gather Input on Needs

BY WILL SAFER UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student leaders from each of the University of North Carolina's 16 campuses trekked to Raleigh last Wednesday to meet with Governor Jim Hunt at his invitation to discuss plans for increasing the amount of money proposed for the state university system's budget.

Student Body President Calvin Cunningham was among those who attended. He said he was encouraged by what the governor had to say.

"He sat down and told us what he planned to do with the surplus revenue and then asked us what we would like to see done with it," Cunningham said.

Amy Swan, Cunningham's vice president, said she was impressed with the governor and the other student leaders present.

"Hunt was very genuine about wanting student input," she said. "None of us were there for the posh meeting, you know, for the chance to meet the governor. It was a serious meeting," she

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Buckheads Under Investigation

BY JOANNA HOWELL STAFF WRITER

A Franklin Street bar is closed while officials investigate the death of a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill freshman who fell 30 feet while climbing on the outside of a campus building during the early morning hours of April 27.

Jamie McGee, 18, of Wilmington, had a 0.19 blood alcohol level when she fell to her death just one day after classes had ended for the spring semester. Her blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit for operating a vehicle.

The accident occurred around 4:45 a.m. while she was climbing on the outside of Phillips Hall Annex. According to the report of witness 23-year-old English Blaine McClure, of Raleigh, said he turned away for a moment and didn't see the actual fall, but heard her impact the ground. She landed on the back of her head and was "in a pool of blood" when medical personnel first saw her.

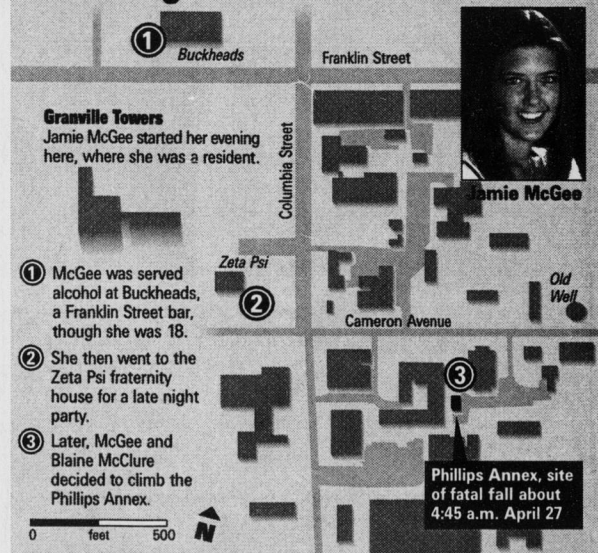
She was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at UNC Hospitals.

Buckheads, owned in part by McClure, is where McGee was drinking earlier in the evening even though she was below the legal drinking age. For this reason the bar is closed while Chapel Hill Police and Alcohol Law Enforcement officers investigate the incident.

After leaving Buckheads, McGee, who was a resident of Granville Towers East and a sister at the Pi Beta Phi sorority, went to the Zeta Psi fraternity house in the "little

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Retracing McGee's Final Hours



SOURCE: UNIVERSITY POLICE

Freshman McGee's Life Full of Promise Before Tragic Accident

BY JOANNA HOWELL STAFF WRITER

In nearly every newspaper story since her tragic death April 27, Jamie McGee has been described as a wonderful young woman, delightful and full of promise and potential.

McGee was a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and only one day after the end of spring term classes, she fell to her death while climbing on the outside of Phillips Hall Annex.

Though alcohol has been cited as one of the reasons for the fall, drinking and risk-taking did not characterize McGee's life until that fateful morning.

Though McGee's name has been in the news mostly because of that incident, her life was full of other notable achievements and positive moments.

"The best thing I know to say about Jamie is she loved everyone with her smile," said her father, Kenneth J. McGee.

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Residents Ask Council to Slow Meadowmont Plans

BY WENDY GOODMAN CITY EDITOR

The Chapel Hill Town Council heard pleas from town residents to slow down the Meadowmont development and to consider public interest rather than developer's at a public hearing Monday night.

"The perception that is being created is that everything is so mixed up because the council is not representing the interests of the town, but those of the developer," said Bill Davis, a member of Alliance of Neighbors.

In a marathon five-hour hearing, town residents criticized the proposed Meadowmont Development, which would create a new housing community at the N.C. 54 East entrance way to Chapel Hill.

The proposed Meadowmont Development would cover 435 mixed-use acres in Orange and Durham Counties. The proposal includes 1,298 residential dwellings, 802,600 square feet of non-residential use and 110 acres of open-space area.

After hearing the arguments of many Chapel Hill residents, the Town Council decided they needed additional work sessions on the Meadowmont project. They also said they needed to hear reports from the different town boards before a final decision is made.

"We should go slowly on this matter because we need to hear from the public," said council member Joyce Brown. "The public deserves a chance to comment."

The council agreed that the May 22 meeting would be a work session to amend the Comprehensive Plan and to refer it to different town boards. The Comprehensive Plan regulates all development within the town's limits.

The council could then decide to hold



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additional public hearings. "Let's just take it one step at a time," Jim Protzman said.

Residents voiced their opinions on three agenda items related to Meadowmont; an amended Comprehensive Plan for the town of Chapel Hill, re-zoning the areas around the town's east entrance way along N.C. 54 and continued public discussion of the development.

Residents echoed each other's concerns throughout the night that the Town Council was moving too fast especially in regard to the Comprehensive Plan.

Some critics of Meadowmont said a change in the Comprehensive Plan was not in the public's best interest, but would give developers free reign over the area.

Residents also said the council was ignoring their opinions and was not taking the town's limits.

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Carolina Review To Fight Funding Denial

BY WILL SAFER UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The publisher of The Carolina Review, a conservative student publication, said this weekend that he planned to fight a Student Supreme Court decision that denied funding to the magazine.

On the steps of the South Building, the Student Supreme Court announced Friday that Student Congress classifies The Carolina Review as a politically partisan organization and subsequent denial of their funding would stand.

The court also decided that other student group's budgets would not be frozen, a possibility that caused apprehension among many student leaders.

Charlton Allen, publisher of The Carolina Review, said he anticipated the court's decision, and that he and The Carolina Review's legal counsel were ready to go on to the next step in the appeal process for funding.

"The goal of the people involved was to kill The Carolina Review, and they have been totally unsuccessful," he said.

The court's decision was read by Associate Justice Gene Davis, a second-year law student at the University.

The court's decision said: "The Student Congress acted within its authority and within the laws set forth in the Student Constitution and the Student Government Code."

Allen and Review editor-in-chief Bryson Koehler filed their case against former congress Speaker Monica Cloud, former Student Body President George Battle, current Student Congress Speaker Roy Granato, current SBP Calvin Cunningham and former Student Attorney General George Oliver.

Neither Cloud nor Battle attended any of the pretrial or trial hearings while the court was hearing the case. Granato said he was "appalled" that neither one decided to attend the hearings.

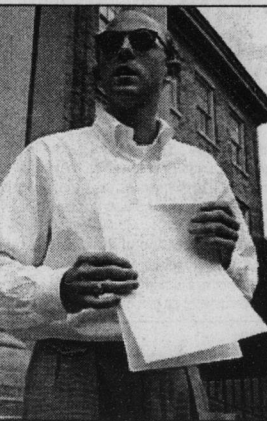
But Allen said he wasn't surprised that the two didn't come to argue their side of the case.

"They (Cloud and Battle) probably view this as ancient history," he said.

Cunningham and Granato were named as defendants only because they are the current student government leaders.

Granato said his main concern was for other clubs and organizations' budgets. "I'm relieved with the decision. Now I won't have to redo the entire budget for next year," he said. If the budget had been frozen he would have had to organize a new budget review process for the fall.

"I think by losing this case, this is ex-



DTH/ERIK PEREL GENE DAVIS, associate justice of the student Supreme Court, renders the decision in the matter of funding for the Carolina Review.

actly what Charlton wanted," he added. Allen has said that if The Carolina Review's case does not find support within the University he would take it to federal court.

Before that happens, the next steps for The Carolina Review are appeals to the Chancellor's office, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors.

Allen said it was important to exhaust all opportunities for internal appeals. That way The Carolina Review's case would be at its strongest before going to federal court.

Edith Wiggins, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, whose office would deal first with the matter, was unavailable for comment.

"I hope we can have that done before December is out," Allen said. "If they (the Chancellor's office, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors) don't act on it then we'll turn around and file in federal court."

"In the meantime, the Review will continue to publish. It will just be in a smaller format and less frequent," he said.

"We receive funding from individuals, Carolina alumni and parents of students. But it's very expensive to generate those funds because we spend about half of them just on the effort," he said.

"We're going to be working on fund raising during the summer," he added.

Cunningham said Monday that The

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