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UNC's Gold to Head Up Police Force

■ Interim University Police Chief Donald Gold brings 13 years of law enforcement experience to the office.

BY JAY MOYE
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Maj. Donald Gold, a long-time University Police official who has acted as interim director of public safety since late June, was appointed permanent director Wednesday.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Carolyn Elfland told campus public safety personnel of the appointment, which will

take effect on Monday. Gold became interim director when former chief Alana Ennis resigned to take a position at Duke University.

"I'm glad the hard part is behind me," Gold said. "I'm very thankful I've been given this opportunity here."

The search attracted 55 applicants from all over the United States, and a detailed selection process narrowed the prospects.

Each candidate wrote a special events plan, and the five finalists were interviewed by 15 police chiefs and other professionals. They rated the candidates during the two-day assessment on qualities such as work and experience.

The search was narrowed down to Gold and William Gilsdorf, Dorothea Dix Hos-

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pital police chief, before Elfland made the final decision.

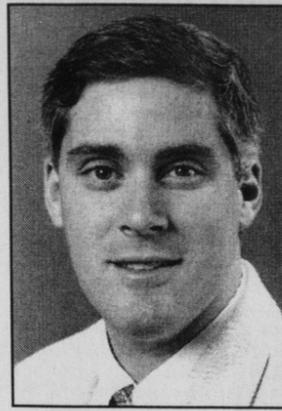
"Don was the top choice of virtually all of the campus interview groups," Elfland said. "After the written special events part of the application process, Don emerged as

the leading candidate and consistently stayed on top until the end."

Gold has spent 12 years on the University police force. Since August 1992, he has served as operations manager, where he was responsible for the general management and oversight of all employees assigned to the operations division.

Gold also coordinated special event coverage for the University and joint events with the town of Chapel Hill. This ability to collaborate with his staff and accomplish goals was a quality that helped make his job as interim director successful, Elfland said.

"Don's staff has been developing its See CHIEF, Page 2



DONALD GOLD will officially take over next Monday.

Skaters Petition Council

BY DAVID SIMONEAUX
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Chapel Hill High School students came to Wednesday night's Town Council meeting with their hats turned backwards and skateboards in hand to voice their opinion on a possible skateboard park to be built within the Chapel Hill school system.

And as soon as they came, they were dismissed quickly.

About 15 high school students showed up for Wednesday night's meeting to talk about a possible agreement for a skate park.

A pack of disgruntled parents came with them. Both parties waited in anticipation of a decision concerning the park, but they were out of luck.

An agreement would have to be reached with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system for an actual site for the skateboard park, before any council decision could be made.

Mayor Ken Broun said it was his understanding that the school board was not going to recommend a skating site, so the topic was dropped.

"At this point, there is nothing to vote on," Broun said.

Only after further investigation with the town staff, the Chapel Hill School Board, and the Parks and Recreation Committee Board, would continued discussion on the topic be allowed.

The wooded area at Culbreth Middle School was rumored as an actual site, but this was not brought up by the council.

Chapel Hill High school freshman Pat McKinley said afterwards: "If they aren't going to do it at all, it should be legal to skateboard anywhere. Besides, there are so many football fields and basketball courts."

Many teens head to the University campus to skate illegally because of the brick pavement and sidewalks.

"I really thought they would give definite plans on this," Chapel Hill High senior Zac Barker said.

"I thought it (the meeting) was pretty weak."

"It really would be nice if we had a place to skate," said Joe Deueaugh-Geiss, a Chapel Hill High school sophomore.

In a separate discussion, the council decided unanimously to refer a change in the definition of the word "family" in the development ordinance, to Town Manager Cal Horton.

The change in the ordinance would include domestic partners under the definition of "family."

AT THE TOP Of The News

Serbs, Muslims Agree To Co-Govern Bosnia

NEW YORK — Bosnia's factions have agreed on a formula for sharing power once the war ends, but major hurdles remain — there's still no cease-fire, and they disagree on the role of the central government.

"There is no guarantee of success, but today's agreement moves us closer to the ultimate goal of a genuine peace," President Clinton said in announcing the results of Tuesday's meeting in New York.

The accord by the foreign ministers of Bosnia, Croatia and Serb-dominated Yugoslavia builds on a breakthrough achieved in Geneva on Sept. 8. That agreement kept Bosnia's external borders intact while dividing the state internally between the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb republic.

The power-sharing formula is enormously complex. Presidential decisions would be taken by majority vote, but if one-third of the group disagrees and declares it to be "destructive of a vital interest" it would be referred to that entity's parliament. If two-thirds of the members of that entity's parliament voted against the action, it would not take effect.

Battlefields in Bosnia were generally quiet today, and the media was optimistic. "Bosnia Closer to Peace," trumpeted the front-page headline of the *Oslobodjenje* daily in Sarajevo.

The theme was echoed by the government-controlled media in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where Serbian President Milosevic has switched to supporting peace from war as he seeks the end of punishing U.N. sanctions. "Agreement to End the War" said the main headline in *Vecernje Novosti*, Serbia's largest daily.

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U.S. Government In Need Of Operating Budget

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration and congressional leaders agreed Wednesday to a deal that would temporarily keep the government functioning despite ongoing disputes over spending, top lawmakers said.

With neither party ready to risk being blamed for a federal shutdown, the two sides shook hands on a pact that would let agencies operate for six weeks beyond Sunday, the first day of fiscal 1996.

Congress is likely to have completed no more than four of the 13 annual spending bills by then — some of which President Clinton may veto — and without a stopgap measure, many federal workers would have to be sent home.

Reflecting on a difficult week of closed-door bargaining that included last-minute problems this afternoon, House Appropriations Committee Chair Bob Livingston, R-La., cautiously said he believed an agreement had been concluded that Clinton would sign. The House was expected to vote on the measure today, followed sometime later by the Senate.

The two sides had agreed days ago that during the stopgap bill's duration — through Nov. 13 — overall spending would be held below 1995 levels. But they had disagreed over how individual programs would be treated — a key dispute considering the dozens of programs congressional Republicans want to eliminate and the administration wants to protect.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 70s.
FRIDAY: Partly cloudy; high 70s.

Carrboro Candidates Answer Public Concerns

BY JENNIFER ZAHREN
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Carrboro Board of Aldermen and mayoral candidates were questioned Wednesday night at Town Hall on some major issues facing the town in the upcoming elections.

The Orange/Chatham Sierra Club, the Orange County Greens and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP hosted the issues forum, which focused on issues of social justice, ecology and quality of life.

The Orange County Greens asked the first questions, which concerned improvements in the area of solid waste management.

"As a home owner, I have made many trips to the landfill and, against regulation, carted away truckloads of items not belonging there. I would like to see an expansion of pick-up programs for items that are too good to be thrown away," 12-year board veteran Hilliard Caldwell said.

Board of Aldermen candidate David Collins said specific action should be taken in the near future to ensure that latex paint products and other forms of liquid waste do not seep into the town's water supply.

"I am wholeheartedly in support of our recycling system," he said. "We need to keep it easy to use and focus on expanding our services, as well as making significant increases in community education on recycling."

Candidates were asked by the NAACP where they stood on affirmative action.

"I thoroughly support affirmative action. I always have, and I always will, at least until we reach a point in our culture where we can surpass our prejudices," mayoral candidate Michael Nelson said.

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"It has had a highly positive impact on society."

With the exception of mayoral candidate Charles Riggsbee, all municipal office candidates present agreed that affirmative action was a good and necessary component of the community. Riggsbee said affirmative action can be carried too far, and "in some cases it is not necessarily the best, most American thing to do."

"Our country was founded on some ways on principles against the concept of affirmative action," Riggsbee said. "I'm not going to say I'm for or against it. I really don't think in our local government that it is an issue."

The Sierra Club turned the candidates' focus to the issue of federal fiscal cuts to mass transit and future changes incurred due to the loss of the subsidy.

"We are going to have to renew our commitment to mass transit and maybe accept additional financial commitments to keep it if funds are cut back," said Alex Zaffron, Board of Aldermen candidate. "The town must work more heavily with the state, as well as cooperating with other cities faced with the same dilemma. We must speak out with one voice and make it loud and clear. We cannot backslide."

Riggsbee said the town would have only two options in the face of increased federal cutbacks, either to increase fares or make the current system more efficient.

Candidates were questioned on various other issues during the night and allowed to answer audience questions.

Politics and the Press: Panel Addresses Capital Coverage

■ Legislators and journalists debate the role of the capital press corps coverage.

BY ANDREW PARK
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The power of the media took center stage Wednesday in a panel discussion of the capital press corps, the reporters who cover the N.C. General Assembly.

Legislators and journalists participated in the event in Gerrard Hall as part of the ongoing Johnston Scholars Issues Forum on "Media & the Mind." Their topic was the relationship between the General Assembly and the press.

Depending on whom you believe, the capital press corps operates as either a pack of wolves, dwelling on conflict and controversy, or as an educator, serving the public with high standards and purpose.

One legislator agreed with the latter. "I think that the newspapers do a good job of printing newsworthy news," said N.C. Rep. Willis Brown, D-Harnett.

As it turns out, the reporters themselves are most willing to criticize their coverage of the General Assembly. "There is nothing so incoercive as covering the legislature," said Jack Betts, from the Charlotte Observer's Raleigh bureau. With a few exceptions, the journalists are white males who have been in Raleigh for years, he said.

Betts was joined on the panel by Rob Christensen, capital correspondent for the *News & Observer*, and N.C. Sen. Beverly Perdue, D-Craven. Several of Perdue's colleagues from the General Assembly attended the discussion. Jane Brown, professor of journalism and mass communication and chairwoman of the UNC Faculty Council, moderated the panel.

Christensen compared covering the legislature to watching great movies. "The



Professor Chuck Stone, moderator at Wednesday night's forum, jokes with the director of the Johnston awards program, Eleanor Morris.

General Assembly is a big show, a spectacular," he said. "The press loves issues which have 'High Noon' conflict, 'sex, lies and videotape' scandal, and Marx brothers stupidity," he said. These issues get the most attention and other topics often suffer, Christensen said.

To make matters worse, coverage is biased in favor of the powerful, the eloquent and the lawyers, he said. "Only 20 members of the General Assembly get quoted on a regular basis," he said. "The

powerless have a hard time getting the media's ink."

The result is that important public policy issues are often ignored by the press, Perdue said. She is sorry not to have seen statewide coverage of legislation that reformed health care and child support laws this year. "The things that make this state better should be told," she said.

Betts agreed that some topics had been

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Synchronized Drumming



Chris Cockerham, a member of the Marching Tar Heels' drumline, practices Wednesday in McCorkle Place for Saturday's football game.

Stone and Snow Question: Sound Bites or Substance?

BY ERIC FLACK
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A nationally-syndicated columnist and a UNC professor debated political campaign coverage at Wednesday night's Johnston Scholars Issues Forum titled, "Sound Bites Over Substance: Selling Political Policy During A Campaign."

David Price, a former U.S. representative and a professor at Duke University, moderated the debate between Tony Snow, a columnist for *The Detroit News* and *USA Today*, and Chuck Stone, the Walter Spearman professor of journalism and mass communication.

Snow amused the audience of 100 people by mixing jokes with his views on the media's coverage of the president and members of Congress. He defended the media's coverage of Washington politics, noting that longer sound bites are unnecessary.

"There is a common notion that media coverage stinks because we don't have meaty, 45 second sound bites," Snow said. "The reason we don't is because they are boring and don't say anything."

Snow went on to say that the media does not control what the public sees; rather politicians choose what is broadcast. "A sitting president has enormous power over what the press will and will not cover," Snow said. "The president can drive the nightly news."

Stone admitted the press has faults, but said the true blame for the sound bites that dominate the nightly news



USA Today columnist TONY SNOW

falls on the shoulders of the electorate. "We are not perfect," Stone said. "We are responsible to our people. And if the electorate were more responsible or responsive, sound bites would not carry the day."

In the question-and-answer session, Stone said if the sound bite trend of journalism is going to change, there must be a political revolution by the public.

"People need to cleanse the system," Stone said. "People have to rise up and say that we are tired of this now, and it needs to change. What I'm really calling for is an electoral revolt of the people."

When a subject becomes totally obsolete, we make it a required course.

Peter Drucker