



**BRIEFS**

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

**University Police to Hold Safety Fair in the Pit**

University Police will sponsor a safety fair in the Pit area from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. today.

Police officials will offer information about personal and property safety on campus to students during the event. Students also can register to win prizes, including T-shirts and a personal alarm system. Officers also will be conducting a survey to gather suggestions on how to better serve the community.

**Business Symposium Set For Early November**

The Kenan-Flagler Business School will host the annual undergraduate Business Symposium Nov. 1 and 2.

This year's program, "Moving Forward With Technology" will present information about the information highway to business students.

William F. Baker, president and chief executive officer of New York-based Thirteen/WNET, will deliver the symposium's keynote address.

The symposium is open to undergraduate business majors and minors and graduate students in the master's of accounting program. Interested students can register for the program between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. today through Thursday in the lobby of Carroll Hall. The registration fee is \$10.

**Expert to Give Lecture on Urban Poverty Wednesday**

Nationally renowned scholar William Julius Wilson, Lucy Flower University professor of sociology and public policy, will deliver the first Frank Porter Graham Lecture on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Wilson will speak on "The New Urban Poverty and the Retreat From Public Policy." The speech is free and open to the public.

Wilson will also lead a discussion, "What Future for Affirmative Action?" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the same day in Toy Lounge on the fourth floor of Dey Hall.

**UNC Alumnus Kuralt Honored by Clinton**

President Bill Clinton honored the nation's distinguished authors, performers and artists last week, with Charles Kuralt, CBS News correspondent and UNC alumnus, being honored for his contribution to the nation's cultural life. Kuralt received the 1995 Charles Frankel Prize.

In all, 17 individuals and one organization were recognized by Clinton.

**Blacks in Diaspora Series Continues Thursday**

An associate professor in the UNC School of Medicine will speak Thursday at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center about new treatments for sickle cell anemia.

Dr. Joseph Wiley, professor in the Department of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine, will give the free speech at noon as part of the bi-weekly "Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series."

**Gold to Be Sworn in as UNC Police Chief Today**

Maj. Donald Gold will take the official oath as the new University Police chief in an 11:45 a.m. ceremony today at the Carolina Inn.

Gold has served as the interim police chief for the past four months and was chosen as the permanent chief after a nationwide search.

**Chamber of Commerce to Host Networking Event**

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will host a networking event titled "Business After Hours" at the Village Market & Cafe, located in the Southern Village, on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The function will provide an opportunity for business people to meet and mingle with other business people in Southern Orange County.

All Chamber members and their guests are invited. All employees of Chamber members are also invited.

The evening will offer the opportunity to board a trolley and tour three of the homes on the Parade of Homes route.

If there are any questions, call Joel Harper, the president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce at 967-7075.

**Parents and Students Invited to Planning Team**

The parents and students of the future East Chapel Hill High School are invited to apply to serve on the planning team for the high school. The new high school will open in August 1996.

The team will meet at least two evenings per month for the next six months. The group will formalize the curricular and philosophical principles that will guide the teaching and learning at the new high school.

Interested parents and students should contact Principal David Thaden at 933-1556, ext. 3110 to get an application. The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 11.

**Crowd, Panel Oppose Ballenger Bill**

U.S. Rep. Major Owens, D-N.Y., participated in the work-safety public hearing.

BY GREG KALISS  
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"Stand up for health and safety!" was the closing chant by the 100 gathered at Monday night's open public hearing about the effects of the so-called Ballenger bill, a piece of federal legislation aimed at reducing the power of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The evening's panel members, U.S. Rep. Major Owens, D-N.Y.; N.C. Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham; and N.C. AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer James Andrews, listened intently for the first portion of the meeting held in McGovern Greenberg Hall. More than a dozen speakers took the stand to speak out against the bill.

"The Ballenger bill is a threat to our program," said Charles Jeffrey, director of the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the North Carolina Department of Labor. "It will cripple the OSHA program as we know it."

Some, such as Brenda Enfinger, a Gastonia resident who had one son killed in a work-related accident and another severely injured, offered personal testimony supporting the necessity of work-safety laws.

Brett Dillon, a coal miner from West Virginia who said he had witnessed various safety hazards while on his job, vehem-



Brenda Enfinger of Gastonia tearfully gestures at a picture of her late 18-year-old son Richard, who was killed on the job in a chemical tank accident. Enfinger and others pleaded at a forum on Monday to retain current work-safety laws.

mentally criticized the bill as an example of politicians' and businesses' greed.

"It's a bunch of Republicans that sponsored a bill that turned the clock back 25 years," Dillon said. "It amounts to the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer."

The second portion of the meeting allowed the panel members to speak their minds about the pending legislation.

Owens said the matter of decreasing work-safety enforcement was an impor-

tant issue. "What you're dealing with is a life and death matter," he said. He said there were 56,000 work-related deaths each year in the nation and that 10,000 deaths actually occurred while on the job. Any decrease in OSHA's powers would only increase those numbers, he said.

Owens also said the Republican Congress' passage of a House appropriations bill that cut OSHA funding and the looming Ballenger bill, which takes away the

group's ability to fine businesses and reduces their overall enforcement powers, was a continuation of Republican undercutting of the country's workers.

"It's an ideological war that's being waged by the Republicans against the workers," Owens said. "I call it the 'Death and Injury Act.'"

Luebke recommended increased activism in the upcoming months as a way to stem the bill's passage.

**On a Mission**



UNC's Chris Watson watches in disbelief as "The Blues Brothers" perform their classic routine before the kickoff of the second half of Saturday's UNC-UVa. football game. The UNC band played the theme from the movie as the duo did their dancing act before they were motioned to leave the field.

**College Board Study: Prices Rose By 6 Percent Last Year**

BY KARRI L. ZAREMBA  
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The price of a college education is rising at more than twice the inflation rate, a study by the College Board released last week revealed.

The College Board's "Annual Survey of Colleges, 1995" reported that the price of college tuition rose an average of 6 percent. This year's inflation rate was 2.6 percent.

In addition, the imbalance between grants and loans has shifted in favor of loans offered by the federal government, which account for 56 percent of all aid. This is an increase of 50 percent over the past two years.

These figures could become a grim financial reality for seekers of higher education. Eric Godfrey, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of financial aid at the University of Washington, points to the approval of a House bill which would increase the size of the maximum Pell Grant by \$100 to \$2,440. The total number of available grants would have to be scaled back to accommodate the increase. Godfrey predicts that 250,000 students would be eliminated nationwide from the program as a result of this reduction.

The College Board found that loans

amount to \$26 billion while Pell Grants have leveled off at \$5.7 billion. The increase in money loaned bumps up the amount of money students are required to pay back. This trend may create a chasm between upper and lower classes attending college.

"It appears that there is beginning to be a squeeze on middle-class students," Godfrey said in an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Donald M. Stewart, president of the College Board, said in The Chronicle article, "We should look hard at the growing grant and loan imbalance and ask ourselves how much we can reasonably expect a student to borrow."

However, James C. Walters, director of undergraduate admissions at the UNC, saw the reality of rising tuition rates as a problem bore mostly by private institutions.

"Some private schools are pricing themselves out of the market," Walters said. "State schools are relatively reasonable."

Walters said the high costs of many private schools have required them to change their policies. He said they have had to renounce the "need-blind" selection process, which accepts the best applicants without considering their financial

**Prices of Higher Education**

How UNC compares in price to other public universities.

	95-96 Tuition	Additional Out-of-State
Univ. of Michigan	\$5,476	\$11,524
Univ. of Virginia	\$4,614	\$9,386
N.C. State	\$1,666	\$8,116
<b>UNC-CH</b>	\$1,640	\$8,116
Univ. of Maryland	\$3,794	\$5,944
State Univ. of N.Y. at Albany	\$3,956	\$4,900
Ohio State Univ.	\$3,507	\$4,794
Arizona State Univ.	\$1,950	\$6,028
Univ. of Georgia	\$2,542	\$4,287
Trenton State	4,168	\$2,417

SOURCE: CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCES.

"They (private colleges and universities) need someone to pay the bills for four years," Walters said.

Walters felt public institutions would be affected the least by the rising tuition rates. "That's not a problem at our cost level," he said. "We're the best educational bargain in the U.S."

But a study conducted by the American Council on Education contradicts Walters' opinions. Fred Galloway, a policy analyst with the ACE, said in an article in The Wall Street Journal on July 20 that every \$100 tuition increase causes a 2.2% decline in enrollment among students with annual family incomes under \$30,000.

**Investigators Examine Spate of Campus Fires**

BY MOLLY FELMET  
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Repairs have been completed in a Carmichael Residence Hall room damaged in an Aug. 31 blaze, while investigation continues into a Sept. 22 fire at Old West Residence Hall.

Anne Presnell, assistant director of housing and special programs, said the residents of 425 Carmichael, who relocated after the fire, have returned to room.

An unattended candle sparked the Carmichael blaze and caused over \$30,000 worth of damages to the building, Presnell said. Three fire trucks and several ambulances and police cars were called to the scene. Residents of Carmichael were evacuated from 2 a.m. until 4:15 a.m.

The room's two residents told officials they had left the room briefly to go to a snack machine and found the room in flames when they returned.

"We replaced the overhead storage, cleaned up the heating and air conditioning unit," said Bob Humphreys, superintendent of housing support. "It was mostly cleaning and painting. There was pretty heavy smoke damage."

Presnell would not comment on whether

**Task Force Gathering Food Input**

BY SHARIF DURHAM  
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Student input is the top priority in determining future dining options, said Rutledge Tufts, the director of Auxiliary Services.

Student feedback, which was not a priority during the last review, is a major concern this time around, Tufts said. During the last review, 10 years ago, the recommendations of the students were largely ignored while suggestions from the administration were followed.

"Selection has been driven by the University administration," Tufts said. "The students are the primary customers and should be intrinsically involved."

UNC has been preparing for this review since last year, in anticipation of Marriott Corp.'s contract expiring in July 1996. Officials held focus groups last spring to gauge student opinion on possible changes to food services offered at UNC.

"We're trying to determine what kind of food service is appropriate for this campus for the year 2000," Tufts said. To achieve this goal, the University has hired a food consultant to conduct more focus groups during the next few weeks.

This information will be used to develop a plan detailing how dining service will be provided in the future, Tufts said.

"(We) plan to figure out what type of food service is needed and determine whether that should be provided by a contract, self-operated or a mix," Tufts said.

Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, who is a member of the food advisory task force conducting the review, said the ultimate decision would be left up to the students. "The question is what do the students prefer," Cunningham said.

Cunningham and other members of the advisory task force went to Boston during Fall Break to examine dining programs at other universities.

The task force saw an array of options in its visit to Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University, MIT and Tufts University. "We saw five high-quality food services, each made possible in different ways," Cunningham said. "At all five were far more choices (than at UNC)."

Unfortunately, the choices come at a large cost. "At all five, the cost of the plan was about twice what it is here," he said.

Student Body Co-Secretary Mohan Nathan, who also went to Boston, said he was impressed with the quality of the food. "You could see in the ingredients and the kitchens that the food was better," Nathan said.

The food service advisory task force is planning trips to universities in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., to find other options for UNC to consider.

Until the 1960s, the University provided its own dining services. Marriott Corp. has been an independent contractor for the UNC for the last decade.

**Performance Class Lets Students Act Out Poetry, Prose Writings**

BY EMILY GORMAN  
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Shakespeare said all the world is a stage, and these words are put into practice by a unique literature class at the University.

The introduction to the "Study of Literature Through Performance," taught by Paul Ferguson, enables students to perform works of literature of their choice in front of the class.

The students present performances of poetry and prose fiction. The class includes written assignments and examinations, but focuses on the discovery and exploration of literature through physical performance.

"This is a class about the performance of literature, but where it differs from traditional literature classes is that it asks that, after you analyze a work, then you present

that work in a performance that emphasizes both the intellectual and emotional elements of the poem," said Ferguson, professor of communications studies.

The format of the class is divided into three rounds. The first two rounds deal with contemporary poetry written by North Carolina poets, and the last round includes American short stories. "These are all poets who are either from Carolina or have a connection to the state," Ferguson said. "So the subject of a lot of the poems are places where many of the students have been, so they can relate to it."

Along with the three graded rounds of performance is the final exam, which is also a performance. Grades for each round were based on how the students translate their literary analysis into their performances, Ferguson said.

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JADA HUFFMAN  
UNC Sophomore

"For example, they would read a poem and after analyzing the text, come to a conclusion about the voice of the poem," Ferguson said. "They may decide that the voice is a middle-aged woman who has lost her child and act on that character." Students claim to have gained much

more from the class than the completion of an aesthetic perspective.

"I was hoping that this class would help me become more comfortable with public speaking," said Jada Huffman, a sophomore from Morganton. "I pick a poem that I can relate to so I can learn more about what the author was trying to say and more about myself."

Leslie Dodson, a sophomore from Graham, said she took the class because she wanted a change from traditional literature classes.

"I don't like just reading books," Dodson said. "This class allows you to interpret it to a degree in your own way."

Before performing, students have the option of obtaining suggestions and constructive criticism from graduate students in the Communications 60B Rehearsal

Laboratory. "I love to see people who have absolutely no experience but they have a lot of talent," said Christina Byrum, a first-year graduate student from Winston-Salem who works in the rehearsal lab. "This is a different arena than drama. You're concentrating on literature and not just the performance."

Ferguson said there were a few things he hoped that students would learn about literature from his class.

"Most of all, I hope that they'll learn to love it on both intellectual and emotional levels," Ferguson said. "The second thing is, I hope that they'll discover that performance is a powerful tool, not just a powerful artistic tool, but that it can be a powerful method of analysis and a powerful way of knowing."