



**BRIEFS**

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

**Food Services Bill Up in Student Congress Tonight**

Tonight's Student Congress meeting will decide whether students will be able to vote on a plan which could increase fees for the renovations of food service facilities.

The vote will be a yes-or-no decision for congress to make on whether to place the issue in the form of a referendum on the Feb. 13 ballot. The proposal, if approved by the student body, could recommend raising student fees to cover the cost of renovations, which could be as extensive as gutting Lenoir Dining Hall and drastically expanding Union Station.

Student Body President Calvin Cunningham said the food service task force would be ready to make a presentation at tonight's meeting and would make sure that the questions of students were answered. Other issues planned for discussion include the appropriation of \$3,000 to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and a resolution to call for constitutional funding for the Yackety Yack. Up for immediate discussion is the establishment of poll sites for the Spring 1996 semester.

**ALE Crackdown Targets Carrboro's Elks Club**

The state Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency raided the Elks Club in Carrboro Sunday. ALE agents seized \$24,000 in cash, \$56,000 in gambling tickets, as well as various illegally possessed alcoholic beverages, District Supervisor John Simmons said. "We alleged the alcoholic beverages were for the purpose of sale," Simmons said.

**Boychuk Bail Hearing Postponed Indefinitely**

A Wake County Superior Court postponed the bail hearing for William Boychuk, the second-year MBA student charged with first-degree murder in the Dec. 31 death of his pregnant wife.

Assistant District Attorney R. Thomas Ford said the state had not decided whether to seek the death penalty in the case.

According to North Carolina state law, bail must be set in cases where the death penalty is not sought. If the state intends to push for the death penalty, then a judge may refuse to set bond. Ford said the state will decide how to prosecute the case within two weeks. Boychuk remains in custody at the Wake County Public Safety Center.

**Asian-American Student Group to Host Conference**

The 1996 Atlantic Coast Asian-American Student Union Conference, which kicks off Asian-American Heritage Week Feb. 9-11 at UNC. The theme for the conference is "Uncovering the Voices of the South."

The conference draws Asian-American students from Southeastern universities to educate them about Asian-American heritage, culture and struggles through workshops and speakers.

The keynote speaker is U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii. She is the only female Asian-American representative in Congress. She will speak Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Registration for the event is \$33. For more information call 914-0081 or 967-8210.

**International Dinner Tonight in Great Hall**

The 16th International Festival, which kicked off Monday, will continue tonight with an international dinner and picture exhibition.

"PANOPTICOM: Images Transcending Borders," is the theme for this year's four-day event. The dinner tonight will begin at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. Guests can sample ethnic dishes in a buffet. The cost is \$5. An international picture contest will follow.

Wednesday, international students will exhibit artifacts from their native countries and answer visitors' questions from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Thursday, international groups from the campus and community will salute their native countries in a program of dance, music and more. The event begins in the Hanes Art Center at 7 p.m.

**Roundtable to Discuss Retirement Planning**

The Orange County Commission for Women will host the Women's Business Owners Roundtable on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. The discussion will be held at the Chapel Hill Senior Center at the Galleria on 400 S. Elliott Road. Financial consultants from Merrill Lynch, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. and Kenie Feiner, Account Executive will be on hand to answer questions and present retirement planning options. For more information call the group at 967-9251, ext. 2250.

**Group Seeks Memorabilia From School Alumni**

Lincoln High School alumni are seeking memorabilia from students and staff who attended Lincoln Junior-Senior High School, Northside Elementary School or Orange County Training School.

An exhibit of photographs, newspapers and other items remaining from these schools will be on display at Lincoln Center. The exhibit will be featured as part of Black History Month. People wishing to donate or loan items to the exhibit should call Kim Hoke at 967-8211, ext. 227.

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**Council Hears Town Budget Concerns**

Residents spoke primarily about affordable housing and transportation issues.

BY ANGELA MOORE  
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Affordable housing and transportation issues proved to be foremost in the minds of many residents who spoke to the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night in a public hearing concerning the town's budget.

Eight people addressed the council with matters related to the subject of affordable housing in Chapel Hill, an issue that has plagued the town lately. The average cost for a new home in the area is above \$100,000.

Two members from the Black Public Workers Association approached the council with affordable housing concerns.

Marion Lyde, a member of the group's steering committee, said, "We are service people of the town of Chapel Hill, but we can't afford to live in Chapel Hill."

Steve England, another BPWA member, said although the worker's concerns with the Public Works Administration did not directly pertain to the town's budget, several of the group's points should be budget concerns, especially issues concerning affordable housing.

"Anyone who works in the town should be able to live in the town without having to work two or three jobs," England said. Both men were met with splatters of applause from the audience.

The director of Orange County Housing Corporation, Donna Dyer, asked the council to allocate funds to her organization, which provides affordable housing for low to middle income families.

"Affordable housing continues to be a

critical issue for the community," Dyer said. Dyer said she is also working with the Meadowmont developer on including affordable housing tracts in the proposed development on N.C. 54.

Pat Connelly, a representative for a group concerned with helping the mentally ill of Orange, Person and Chatham Counties, said the lack of affordable housing in Chapel Hill makes her job of finding housing for the mentally ill harder than it would be in other areas.

"It's difficult finding housing for the severely and persistently mentally ill," she said. "In Chapel Hill, it's doubly difficult." Connelly asked the council for financial aid to enable her group to purchase condominiums to house the mentally ill.

The affordable housing issue was also addressed by representatives from Habitat for Humanity, the Inter-Faith Council Halfway House and the Knolls Development Association, a neighborhood group.

Transportation issues were also addressed by former council member R.B. Smith and Student Body President Calvin Cunningham. Because of cuts in federal funding, expected bus service reductions, fare increases, or an increase in the transportation tax are expected to make up for the lost funds.

Smith advocated increasing the efficiency of the bus system rather than raising fares or taxes. "Rather than increase taxes, let's reduce our operating costs," Smith said. Smith said the town should run smaller buses through neighborhoods in the middle of the day. Smith also said residents needed to be given incentives to ride buses.

Adding ridership is sensitive to cost, so fare increases are not the answer, Cunningham said. "It's important in maintaining the idyllic nature of the town that we have a successful transportation plan."

Additional public hearings on the budget are scheduled for February.

**Granato, Shuart Trade Blame for Site Fiasco**

BY REINO MAKKONEN  
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Student Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Shuart deflected criticism Monday of her late submission of poll sites, citing Student Congress Speaker Roy Granato's failure to process the sites.

Under the current Student Code, poll sites are supposed to be presented to Student Congress at least 18 days before any election. The week-end blizzard of Jan. 6-8 prohibited Shuart from delivering the sites by the Jan. 8 deadline, she said.

"I could have put in an immediate consideration bill, which is just what this is now, for that Wednesday (Jan. 10)," Shuart said. "But I didn't think about that, knowing I wasn't going to be at that meeting."

Shuart said she believed the poll site amendment could have been taken care of earlier, if Granato had sent her bill to

committee when she originally submitted it Jan. 22.

"Normally, what's supposed to happen is that people turn in their bills to the speaker, he types them up, puts one (copy) on the bulletin board, one in his files and he is supposed to put another in the box of the committee chair that the bill is going to," Shuart said. The bill should have been submitted to Student Affairs Committee Chairman Dan Martin. "(Granato) just didn't put it in (Martin's) box, so the committee didn't have it."

Granato said he believed his forgetfulness actually saved the Feb. 13 elections.

"If I had put it in Dan Martin's box (on Jan. 22), it would have passed through committee and went through full Congress," he said. "We could not pass that bill because we would have had to change the Student Government Code first. So by my forgetting, an act of fate, I guess, we get to put the bill up for immediate consideration and change the code before we actually pass the poll sites. It all worked out great."

Granato noted that no congress meeting took place the week of Jan. 22.

An amendment to the Student Government Code, making poll sites due only 14 days prior to University elections, will go before Student Congress tonight, according to Granato.



Elections Board Chairwoman ANNIE SHUART said the Student Congress should have sent her bill through committee.

**UNC Student to Attend D.C. Conference**

The American Committee to Save Bosnia will address obstacles to Bosnian peace.

BY JAY MURRIE  
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A UNC senior will attend a grassroots conference on Bosnia and the Balkans in hopes that she will help to raise awareness of obstacles to the peace process in the former Yugoslav republic.

"I went last year, and I'm mostly interested in learning how to help with humanitarian aid," Catherine Petrusz said.

Petrusz will be attending the conference sponsored by the American Committee to Save Bosnia on Saturday and Sunday in Washington, D.C.

The conference will bring together members of organizations that provide information and critical analysis of the situation in Bosnia, as well as groups concerned with Bosnian reconstruction and humanitarian aid. Steve Walker, the associate director of ACSB, said he hopes the conference will result in a greater understanding of the Bosnian crisis among Americans.

Petrusz is a member of the national organization Students Against Genocide and said she wants to see more student awareness of groups like the SAG, which is currently only active on a handful of campuses nationwide.

"The main agenda they have planned is the coordination of projects relating to Bosnia on campuses around the country," she said. "They put out publications about grassroots organizations in Bosnia, as well as organizing some demonstrations."

"I've spent most of the last two and a half years speaking to people, educating them about Bosnia," Walker said.

Walker, a former state department member who resigned in protest of U.S. policy in Bosnia, said the press was largely responsible for the American public not fully understanding the war in Bosnia.

"When you do a serious job of explaining the Bosnian conflict, it's simpler than the shorthand version journalists use," he said. "This is not a civil war of ancient ethnic hatreds. In reality it's a war of aggression run by Serbia."

Bosnia was not historically a region of ethnic conflicts, Walker said.

"Before the war, the intermarriage rate between ethnic groups was high in Bosnia," Walker said. "You'd see Catholic churches, Eastern Orthodox churches and mosques all on the same street."

Walker said the conflict was caused by former Communist Party boss Slobodan Milosevic, who, towards the end of the last decade, realized communism was on the wane and becoming not viable for an authoritarian state.

"He therefore adopted extreme nationalism, really fascism, and set out in the late 80s to conquer territory, using the Yugoslav

**'Simpsons' Creates Bevy of Fanatic Fans**

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BY FRANK WANG  
STAFF WRITER

Even though they don't have a catchy name like the Trekkers or Deadheads, devoted fans of the television show "The Simpsons" populate the campus in large numbers. For a half-hour, their lives become "the world according to Bart," and those who don't understand their infatuation and have something to say during the show have to wait their turn to be heard.

"I'll miss phone calls from my parents to watch 'The Simpsons,'" said Nick Beard, a junior communication studies major from Atlanta, Ga. "If my mom calls, I'll say, 'Mom, I'll call you in half an hour, I've got to do homework.'"

Beard didn't start watching the show until he got to college. Once he started, he was quickly hooked. Now, he even does a dead-on impression of Nelson, the teen bully who often terrorizes Bart Simpson and the other kids.

"It's clever humor, and one of the best written shows on television, animated or not," he said.

Tracy Strawbridge, a junior communication studies major from Durham, said she enjoyed the show's references to clas-

sics. During past shows of "The Simpsons," it has alluded to such classics as "Citizen Kane" and Edgar Allan Poe's "Tell-Tale Heart." However, it was a reference to a classic film starring Marlon Brando that stood out for Strawbridge.

"The episode that made me realize that the show was on a higher level than base humor was an episode called 'A Streetcar Named Marge,' where Marge took a part in a production of 'A Streetcar Named Desire,' and the show dealt with issues of family," she said.

Strawbridge said she also liked the way the show's opening is different in every episode and how she could identify with the show's main characters — Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie.

"The characters, as extreme as they are, are recognizable," she said. "You recognize people you know."

Mike Peterson, a junior business major from Winston-Salem, said he thought "The Simpsons" provided a forum for the lighter side of serious issues.

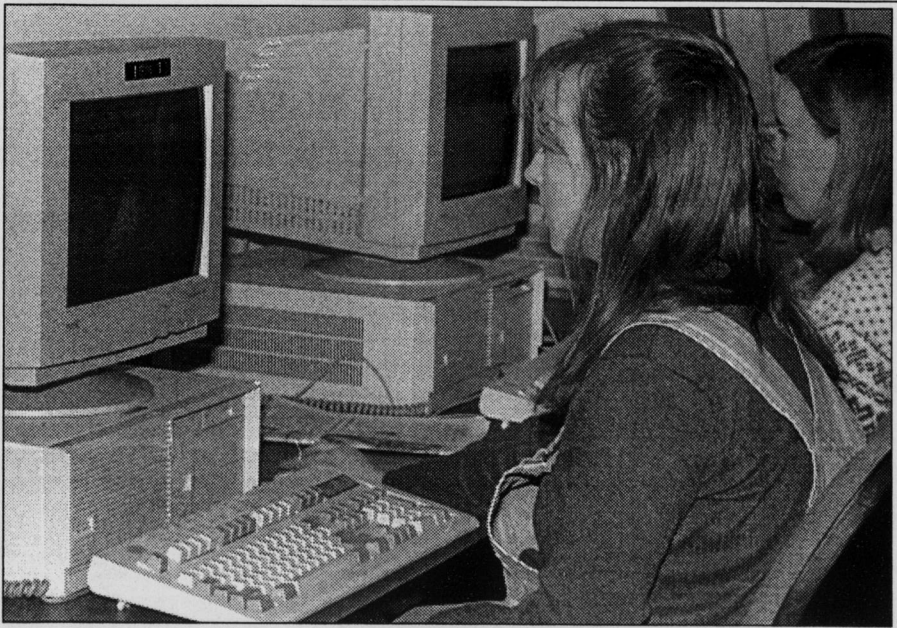
"I find myself laughing at things that you're not usually allowed to laugh at," he

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**And They're Off**



Campaign workers for student body president candidate Lee Conner receive flyers and pins to place around the campus.



Kari Towery, a junior from Greensboro, uses a computer in the new Cobb computer lab. The lab is located in the basement of Cobb Residence Hall and is open until midnight.

**New Computer Lab Brings Technology to North Campus**

BY REINO MAKKONEN  
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A seven-year plan to adequately equip University residence halls with computer labs was completed with the opening of Cobb Residence Hall's facility January 10.

"(Cobb) was the seventh and last part of a seven-year series," said Steve Farrington, associate director for the Office of Information Technology's Instructional Services. "The sites were originally identified by both the (UNC) housing department and OIT."

In addition to Cobb, labs exist in Hinton James, Craige, Morrison, Ehringhaus, Teague and Spencer Residence Halls.

Dispersed throughout campus, these residence hall computer labs were built to make computer service available to all campus residents.

The opening of the Cobb lab eased the demand on the computer facilities located in Davis Library, the Undergraduate Library and Venable Hall, the most common alternatives for North Campus residents, Farrington said.

"The libraries have more resources as

far as books and so forth, but I'd just as soon do my research outside and type my papers at Cobb now," said Christopher Stoen, a sophomore from Warrenton who lives in Stacy dorm (situated next to Cobb and the Circus Room). "It's just much more convenient."

The new lab has 16 computer terminals, 10 IBM and six Macintosh. The lab also has two laser printers.

Predictably, Cobb residents are happy with the new convenience. "It is definitely a lot easier and less crowded than the libraries or Venable," said Morayo Orija, a freshman from Gastonia living on the dorm's second floor. "I've done some Internet work there already."

The Cobb lab is the second computer facility situated in an all-female dormitory (Spencer's lab being the first).

No all-male residence halls are currently equipped with University computer terminals.

The Cobb facility is now open to all students from noon to 12 a.m. Monday through Wednesday; 2 pm to 12 a.m. Thursday; noon to 5 pm Friday and Saturday; and from 2 pm to 12 a.m. Sunday.

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