



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Senior Student Dies in
January After Long Illness

Reginald L. Perry, a longtime student at UNC, died on either Jan. 25 or 26. Perry, who lived in Durham, was 29 years old.

According to a press release issued by Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, Perry had been ill for some time prior to his death.

Perry was a graduate of Vance High School in Henderson in June 1985 and first enrolled in the University in the fall of that year.

He was listed as a senior pursuing his undergraduate degree at the time of his death.

Blacks in the Diaspora
Series Runs Feb. 8-15

The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will host three luncheon lectures Feb. 8-15 as part of the Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series.

The free, public programs run from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the BCC.

On Feb. 8 Eugene Eaves of N.C. Central University will discuss "Rene Maran: Black Influences on French Colonial Policy."

William Darity, Kenan professor of economics at UNC, will discuss "The Social Psychological Effects of Unemployment" on Feb. 14.

The series will conclude Feb. 15 with Dr. Eric Schopler, professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine, discussing "Dealing with Autism: Multicultural Cooperation."

ACLU President to Speak
Feb. 19 in Memorial Hall

Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, will discuss "Free Speech, Women's Rights and Pornography" on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The speech is free and open to the public. The speech is sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board Critical Issues Committee.

Strossen is the youngest person and the first woman to serve as president of the organization.

Strossen is a professor of constitutional law at New York Law School and, in 1986, was among the first three women to receive the U.S. Jaycee's Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award.

She was the first U.S. woman to win the Jaycees International Outstanding Young Persons Award. In 1991 and 1994, the National Law Journal included her in its special triennial sections, "Profiles in Power: The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

Pediatrics Professor Helps
Victims of January Floods

Karen Metzger of UNC's School of Medicine spent last week in Harrisburg, Pa., helping the victims of the flooding.

Metzger is an assistant professor of pediatrics specializing in the newborn, and she is a Red Cross disaster relief volunteer.

She went to Pennsylvania after extensive training and helped staff a temporary Red Cross headquarters. The facility was set up to help the victims of the floods that hit the eight mid-Atlantic states beginning Jan. 19.

Metzger got involved because the nursing corps of the Red Cross had declined, and, in 1993, the organization sent out a special call for new volunteers.

Community to Celebrate
Black History Month

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Community is sponsoring a series of events to honor the contributions and achievements of blacks. The events are in celebration of Black History Month and are entitled "Recognizing a Valuable Past: Springboard to the Future."

The kick-off event will be held Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Center Gymnasium. Hughes Suffren, assistant coordinator of African-American Student Affairs at N. C. State University, will give an address about black history.

There will also be a historical exhibit on display at Lincoln Center beginning Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. The exhibit will focus on Lincoln Junior/Senior High School, Northside Elementary School and Orange County Training School. The exhibit and a slide show which begins at 7 p.m. will honor the activities of former Chapel Hill-Carrboro students.

Local Business Honored
By Job Services

United Parcel Service of Chapel Hill garnered the honor of the 1995 Job Service Employer Award.

The award recognizes UPS's positive contribution to the local economy, as well as working closely with the Job Service Office.

UPS was presented with the award Wednesday, Jan. 24. UPS is one of 93 employers who received the award, which is given by the Employment Security Commission.

UPS was judged on its participation in local activities and its ability to create new jobs, expand existing businesses and use the Employment Security Commission services.

This is the second time Chapel Hill UPS has been presented with the award.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Economists Hot, Cold About Forbes' Flat Tax

BY GRAHAM BRINK
STAFF WRITER

How many attempts at recording your favorite show on the VCR does it take before you give up in disgust? Complicated instructions are annoying and ultimately discourage participation.

Starting into the dark recesses of your tax documents — incomprehensible 1040 forms piled high — the VCR looks like child's play. Motivated only by the Internal Revenue Service's looming presence, you slog on.

Multimillionaire Steve Forbes' presidential campaign hangs on one idea: simplify income tax. Just calculate your earnings, multiply by a fraction and send a check.

Riding this concept, Forbes recently vaulted into second place in the GOP race. President Bill Clinton, the only candidate not supporting some form of a flat tax system, is sure to attack it during the campaign.

Forbes' stump speech is void of applause lines except for his mantra on the current tax system: "Scrap it, kill it, burn it, bury it and drive a stake through its heart to make sure that it's dead."

His plan would cut the number of deductions and credits that make up the tax code. He would apply a 17 percent tax to income from salaries, wages and pensions. The only deductions would be an estimated \$13,000 standard deduction and a \$5,400 deduction for dependents.

Deductions for mortgage interest, charitable donations or state and local taxes would be eliminated. Despite criticism for his unrelenting stance on deductions, Forbes won't budge. "Once you allow one deduction, everyone clamors for others," he has said.

"Flat tax" is really a misnomer. It eliminates the current five-tier system, but replaces it with two tiers: zero tax on a family of four's first \$36,000, and 17 percent on everything more. The Treasury Department estimates that 21 percent would raise the same revenue as the current income tax.

Forbes' plan shields investment income from any tax. He reasons that the increase in disposable income would stimulate the economy to record gains. The increased revenue would replace any disparity in the taxes collected. The economic boom would help solve America's economic and social problems, according to Forbes.

Is the flat tax an economic elixir and a social panacea?

The flat tax, as proposed by the Republican candidates, is disingenuous and almost misleading, said UNC economics professor Michael Salemi.

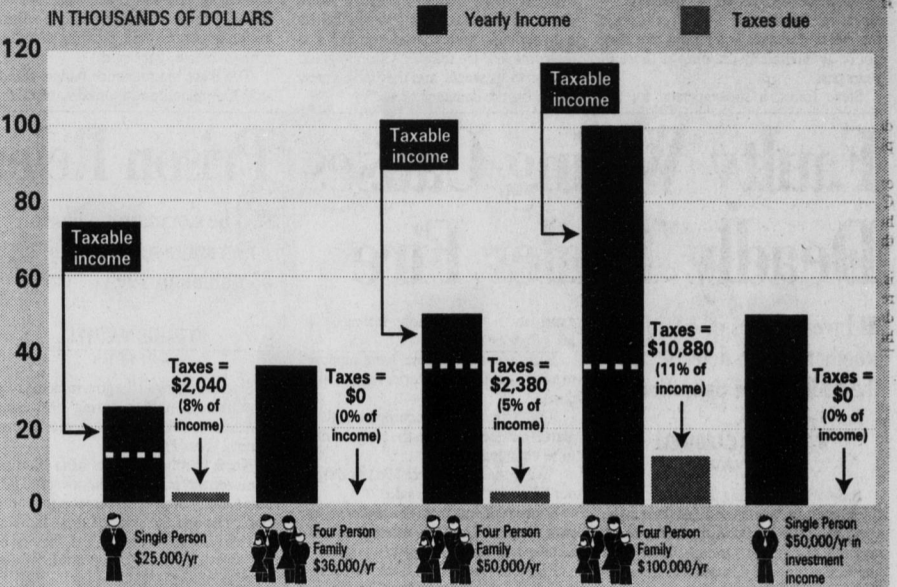
The alleged simplicity of the proposal bothers Salemi. "Simplicity is awfully appealing. But every program has complications and loopholes."

Forbes' flat tax system only addresses the idea of stimulated growth in abstract ways, Salemi said. "There's no quantitative reasoning behind the predicted record growth rate."

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How Steve Forbes' Proposed Flat Tax Would Work

Steve Forbes' proposed flat tax plan has garnered him a plethora of media attention. Under his plan, taxes would vary according to income and number of people in a family. The proposed plan would allow \$13,000 in yearly income per adult in a family and \$5,000 per child to go untaxed. Seventeen cents for each dollar beyond the flat income allowed would be taxed. Under this plan, only non-investment income is subject to be taxed.



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND STEVE FORBES' PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

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Towns, UNC Discuss Future of Tract

BY AMY CAPPIELLO
STAFF WRITER

A development firm which is directing the long-range expansion of the University held an informal public work session Wednesday night at the Friday Center.

Johnson, Johnson and Roy, the firm contracted by UNC to develop the Horace Williams and Mason Farm land tracts, discussed faculty housing, transportation, infrastructure and plan flexibility with local community leaders.

The purpose of the session was to address the questions of Carrboro and Chapel Hill advisory panels and residents, said Bruce Runberg, UNC association vice chancellor for facilities management.

The University has contracted JJR to develop a long-range plan for the Mason Farm and Horace Williams tracts, which lie to the southeast and north of UNC's main campus.

The Horace Williams tract will most likely house all major University expansions.

Discussion of the proposed University Village, a faculty and employee housing development, led the evening's discussion. University Village, located within the tract, is a project known as a mixed-use area. The area will combine faculty housing, research centers, office buildings and commercial buildings.

"What we want to do is make the area self-sufficient," said Jim Christman, one of the main representatives of JJR. "The area would have its heaviest concentrations within a five-minute walk. The majority of the density would be at the core."

The representatives, however, could not give a clear view as to the organization of University Village.

"It all depends," Christman said. "We don't know what the demand will be for people to live in the central core as opposed to being more independent."

Another issue facing the panels is the proposed mode of transportation to and from the tract. JJR is currently researching which transportation mode will be most effective, Transportation Consultant

George Alexious said. Panelists asked how JJR planned to modify the infrastructure on the land tracts.

"We're not assuming the need for any road improvements outside of the tract," said Alexious.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said he was concerned about getting roads built quickly within the development.

"What we need to do is build as much infrastructure as possible at once so that all the mess is caused for a minimum amount of time," Capowski said.

Christman said he believed the infrastructure needed to be built piece by piece. "Of course, we always need to anticipate," he said. "However, we won't build the whole system at once."

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said not knowing the exact outcome of the construction plans concerned her.

"The reason for planning is so we can control it over time," she said. "It seems to me that the value for this effort is if it has value for the coming decade."

Many Safety Programs
Already in ProgressBY NATALIE NEIMAN
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Candidates for student body president should contact University Police before promising increased campus safety because many of their ideas are already under way, said Crime Prevention Officer Angela Carmon.

"I truly wish these candidates would get in contact with me before they make these promises," she said. "If anyone of these folks would talk to the Campus Safety Committee, they would know that we do have student representatives on that committee."

In their platforms, student body pres-

ident candidates Lee Conner, Aaron Nelson and Michael Farmer said they wanted to increase or improve the lighting on campus.

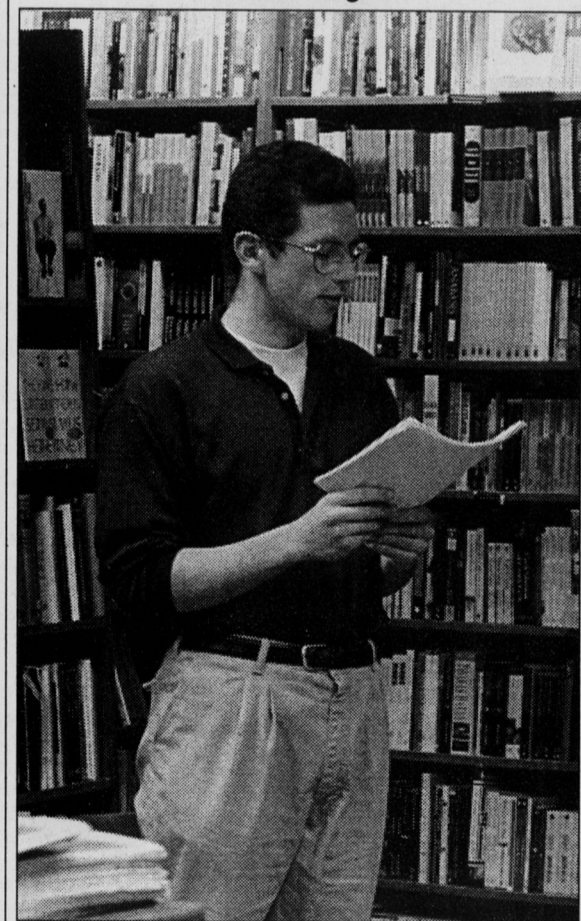
According to Carmon, campus safety officials have already addressed the issue. "We're already doing that," she said. "We went through and did lighting surveys of the campus. We're working with increasing the lighting now."

Farmer said he wanted to expand on information gathered during the lighting surveys. "We want to use the suggestions from the lighting tour to take to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and get those lights installed," he said.

Lights need to be installed behind Morrison Residence Hall and by the Al-

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Youth Angst



Joe Hensley reads his original writing at the Youth Angst Society meeting in the Bull's Head Bookshop on Wednesday.

Meeting in the Bull's Head Bookshop on Wednesday.

Numerous Residents Seek Gun Permits

BY RICHARD RAY
STAFF WRITER

The first legally concealed handguns will hit the streets of Chapel Hill by early March. On Dec. 1, North Carolina enacted legislation permitting gun owners to apply for concealed handgun permits. The application process takes 90 days, meaning the first permits will be issued at the end of this month.

Crime Prevention Officer for Orange County Archie Daniel said the application process has two steps.

Applicants first fill out a county application. After a background check, they must fill out an extensive state application requiring a 90-day waiting period for approval.

"State law says anyone in North Carolina can come to their county sheriff's department and apply for state approval to carry a concealed handgun," Daniel said. "They pay a \$90 fee and get fingerprinted,

then they have to wait 90 days to get a permit from the state."

Daniel said handgun owners must attend a training session before they can get a permit. He said state-approved instructors teach the sessions.

The first Orange County application was completed Dec. 2. Since then, 268 people have applied in the county. Daniel said 150 of these have finished the application process and are waiting to hear from the state.

The state requires a 90-day waiting period for an extensive background check of all applicants. He said virtually any past felony will prevent a person from being approved.

Terrie Gale, police attorney for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said even those owners obtaining permits to carry concealed handguns must adhere to several restrictions.

Concealed weapons are prohibited on school grounds, town property, state-main-

tained property and federal property.

"If you carry a weapon onto school grounds, whether you have a permit or not makes no difference," she said.

Owners also cannot take concealed weapons into banks, assemblies with admission fees, places where alcohol is sold and consumed and businesses posting notices against concealed weapons.

"There is also zero tolerance for alcohol," Gale said. "You may not carry a concealed weapon or have any alcohol in your body. And if approached by a law enforcement officer, you are required to tell the officer immediately that you are carrying a concealed firearm."

To purchase a handgun in Orange County requires a purchase permit. This permit is issued by the sheriff's department at a fee of \$5 and requires about 10 days to process. Daniel said 87 or 88 people have received purchase permits this year, and this number has increased since the new legislation.

Hopefuls Strive to Stay Within Spending Limits

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
STAFF WRITER

After the first few days in February, the campaign posters adorning campus classrooms seem more numerous than the stars dotting the winter sky.

But, unlike the heavenly bodies, the campaign posters do have a finite limit. The posters are the major costs of running a campaign and since 1972, student government has limited the amount of money which can be spent on any campus campaign.

Student body president and Carolina Athletic Association presidential candidates cannot spend over \$400, while candi-

dates for Residence Housing Association president, Graduate and Professional Students Federation president, and senior class officers are restricted to \$250. Candidates running for congressional seats in districts with one seat can spend no more than \$40; candidates in districts with two seats are limited to \$60, and those in districts with three seats may spend no more than \$80.

Spending limits may seem better-suited for governors' races and federal elections; but former Student Body President Richard Epps, 1972-73, requested spending limits after he was elected.

At the time, he said UNC was the only school in the UNC system that had "professional spending campaigns." In October 1972, the Student Legislature put the first spending limits on the books, limiting candidates for any campus office to spend-

ing no more than \$200. Twenty five years ago, those limits were as controversial, but today candidates say they adjust their campaigns accordingly.

Annie Stuart, Elections Board Chairwoman, said in past elections most candidates had come close to the limits. "Somebody always gets close," she said. "People have told me that candidates go over the limit. I have looked at past financial statements, and unless they (candidates) are lying, they usually don't go over."

Student body president hopeful Lee Conner said the limits were not a major restriction on the campaign. However, he said he would like to print more posters addressing the issues and explaining his platform.

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Employee Forum Addresses, Questions UNC Winter Weather Policy

BY JIM NICKS
STAFF WRITER

Students are not the only ones with the recent winter storm on their minds. When the Employee Forum met on Wednesday, it was the main order of business.

Chief of Staff Elson Floyd responded to criticism leveled against the way the University handled and distributed closing information about the storm which hit in early January.

"The fact of the matter is no matter what

we do, there will be some confusion," he said. Floyd suggested that all employees re-read the University's adverse weather policy again.

Floyd also discussed two ways the Chancellor's office was considering to publicize information in the future about adverse weather conditions. The first proposed system, which has already encountered technical problems, would be to have a phone service set up, Floyd said. The service could be included on the telephonic registration system Caroline, he said.

The other suggestion Floyd made was setting up a code system to deal with adverse weather. The status of the University and whether it was open would be defined by three codes, Floyd said.

The University would report these codes to the media, which would broadcast under which code the University was operating, Floyd said. He suggested that all employees could receive memos on the codes and that students could be taught this information during orientation.

After Chairwoman Ann Hamner's re-

port, the meeting moved to the topic of inclement weather.

The first subject dealt with adopting resolutions within the forum to publicly thank the employees who kept the University operating during the most recent bout with winter weather. The forum decided that in order to include everyone who helped, it would adopt a blanket resolution thanking all staff members who came to work and helped out during the storm.

The forum then debated a petition created by a group of employees which called

for action against a rule forcing staff members to make up any time missed when the University canceled classes Jan. 12. The group sponsoring the petition asked the forum to submit it to Chancellor Michael Hooker and proper state government authorities.

As of Wednesday, the petition had not been circulated, Hamner said.

The forum eventually decided to forward the petition to Delegate Helen Iverson and the public affairs committee before deciding on future action.