



BRIEFS  
Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Pedestrian Dies, No Charges Will Be Filed

Chapel Hill resident Carol Dunn Oakes died at 10:35 p.m. on Monday at UNC Hospitals after being struck by a car on Hillsborough Street. Chapel Hill Police investigators would not press charges against the driver involved, police spokesperson Jane Cousins said Tuesday. Oakes, 60, and her husband, Holly, were crossing Hillsborough Street near their home at 503 North St. at 8:51 p.m. when Oakes was struck by a grey Plymouth sedan driven by Robert William Huber, 24, of 1214 B Hillview Road, according to Cousins. Witnesses said Oakes was unconscious and not breathing when hospital personnel arrived on the scene. Paramedics transported Oakes to UNC Hospitals where she died and hour and a half later of multiple traumatic injuries due to the collision, a UNC Hospital official said. Huber, who was traveling south on Hillsborough Street at the time of the accident, received no injuries and was taken to the police department for questioning. Officials concluded their investigation on Tuesday afternoon with a decision not to press charges against Huber, Cousins said. "After investigation, Huber was found not to be at fault," Cousins said. "He was not found to be speeding or violating any traffic laws."

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Cultural Studies Presents Identity Speaker March 15

The UNC Cultural Studies program and Extimacy magazine will present "Vertigo: A Conference on Autobiography and Identity," Friday, March 15 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Morehead Planetarium Faculty Lounge. Keynote speaker Dick Hebdige, dean of California Institute for the Arts, will give a performance-presentation on identity and schizoanalysis.

The conference will also feature papers, poetry, art and prose works by undergraduates, graduates and faculty from UNC, Duke University and N.C. State University. Panel topics will include body biographies; autobiography, identity and social change; and (mis)taken identities. Registration and attendance are free, and dinner will be provided for advance registrants. For more information, contact the University Program in Cultural Studies at 962-4955 or upcs@email.unc.edu.

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BCC Director to Discuss U.S. Relations with Africa

Dr. Gerald Home, director of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, will discuss "Africa: Should the U.S. Care?" on March 12 at 7 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall. The free talk is part of the Great Decisions lecture series. For more information, call 962-5442.

Kappa Delta Hosts Race To Help Abused Children

Kappa Delta Sorority will host the Shamrock 5K Fun Run on March 16 to raise money for the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Chapel Hill's Sheaffer House. Participants can run, walk or rollerblade in the race. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m. Applications are available in the Pit or from the Kappa Delta House at 219 E. Franklin St. The entry fee is \$10 and includes a free T-shirt. Applications are due by March 1.

Artist to Hold Workshop

L.D. Burris, a local artist and percussionist, will instruct a free interactive workshop highlighting West African dance movements on March 12 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Woolen Gym, Studio A. The workshop is being sponsored by the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. For more information on the workshop, call 962-9001.

Black Experience Program To Be Held on Thursday

The UNC School of Social Work will present the 17th annual Black Experience Workshop on Thursday, March 14 at the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building on Pittsboro Street and Friday, March 15 at the Friday Continuing Education Center. Nationally and internationally known speakers from a variety of fields will share their ideas at the workshop, whose theme is "377 Years Since Jamestown: The Intervening Struggle for Respect."

Registration is \$50 for the general public and only \$20 for students and senior citizens. The fee is waived for students, faculty, staff, current field instructors and adjunct lecturers in the School of Social Work. Late fees will be assessed to those registering after March 1. Participants can also share a meal with the speakers at a Scholars Lunch on March 15 from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. The lunch, which will focus on "Bridging the Gap of Disrespect," is advance registration only and costs \$14.50. For more information or to register for a program, contact Audrey Johnson at 962-6489.

Birth Control Pills for Men Nearing Reality at N.C. State

BY DAWN PRINCE  
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A new form of contraception for men being developed by a scientist at N.C. State University could change the dynamics of family planning by offering new options, said Karen Bley, associate director of Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties. "I think Planned Parenthood would be thrilled when there are any new options," Bley said. "If there was a method... then it would definitely change the dynamics (of family planning) because the only method (for men) right now is the condom." The new method, being developed by Dr. Joseph Hall, takes a chemical approach to blocking the fertility of the male reproductive system. Hall said the chemical approach was likely to have fewer side effects than the endocrine approach, which manipulates levels of hormones in the body. A center at the University of Virginia is tackling a third approach, the immuno-

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logical method, which would create a vaccine for women that blocks sperm. Hall is primarily interested in finding an extremely safe method with few side effects that gives the responsibility of usage to men. He said those three factors made the chemical approach a novel one. However, he's not so sure other men would agree. "Men would probably balk initially," Hall said. "We're a society which has a lot of ties to virility." He said he thought countries like China and India might be more accepting because of problems with overpopulation.

Since the beginning of birth control in the fifties, the burden of usage has fallen on women's shoulders. Bley said the reason typically cited was the greater ease with which a woman's reproduction is controlled. The cyclical pattern and the release of only one egg per month seem more easily mastered than the thousands of sperm produced constantly by the testes. However, there were other factors that have slowed the development of a male contraceptive which have little to do with science, but more with who scientists were, Dr. Hall said. "I think it's because most scientists are men. Although 52 percent of the population are women, only 15 percent of scientists are women," Hall said. "The female reproductive system, as viewed by men, is less complicated. It's part social and part scientific." Although his method has only been tested in rats and is not proven to work in

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Elections Board Tries To Collect Poster Fines

BY MAGGIE SCHLEICH  
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Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Shuart said she has sought advice from Dean of Students Margaret Barrett about placing a freeze on transcripts of candidates who did not pay election fines. However, the Student Code does not call for such a freeze, Shuart said.

"I don't think we would be able to justify such a strong punishment to the people who have to maintain the hold," Shuart said. The Student Code states that candidates have 96 hours to remove campaign posters, and after that, fines are assigned. The candidates then have 96 hours to pay the fines. Fines are \$2.50 per poster. The punishment for failing to pay fines is disqualification of the candidate, as mandated by the Student Code. "If they don't pay, or contact me in any way, and

they won, they're disqualified," Shuart said. Candidates who did not win and fail to pay fines will be disqualified from running in future student government elections. Former student body president candidate Sean Behr was fined \$100. Behr estimated that the average candidate running for student body president, Senior Class president or Carolina Athletic Association president would put up between 800 and 1500 posters. Behr said he put up 1200 posters, and 56 were not taken down. "Between the staff, 1144 posters were removed, and 56 were left," Behr said. "That's a very small percentage."



The Student Code did not allow Elections Board Chairwoman ANNIE SHUART to freeze former candidates' access to transcripts.

When adding the cost of his fines to the \$400 campaign budget allowed by the Elections Board, Behr said his fine was "exorbitant... that's 25 percent of my budget." "We need to re-write the Student Code," he said. "I don't think it meets the needs of the leaders on this campus." Former student body president candidate Lee Conner said the time period to remove posters was too short. The 96-hour policy asks that "people remove in four days what took weeks to put up," he said. Behr said he would probably pay his fines. "I have no strong objections to paying, but no strong obligations to pay," he said. Conner said he had not decided whether or not he would pay the fines.

Faculty Plan Working Spring Break Trips

BY SHELLEY HARPER  
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Lectures in New Zealand, conferences in New York, tours in Atlanta. While many students are heading for warmer temperatures during Spring Break, some faculty will be warming up to a different kind of climate—an intellectual climate.

Marine science Professor Dirk Frankenberg will leave Thursday for a two and a half week trip to Australia and New Zealand. "I have been invited to go along as an expert lecturer," Frankenberg said. "I will talk about geography and oceanography."

Frankenberg will lead all trip discussions and field activities. The trip, set up in conjunction with the General Alumni Association, is designed for college alumni from a variety of professions. Fourteen of the 52 participants are UNC graduates. Frankenberg said two-thirds of the trip

would be spent on a cruise ship, with field excursions to Auckland, Christchurch and Sydney. The group will be examining different land forms, the ocean and the natural history of the land.

Evelyn Huber, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies, will spend part of her spring break in New York at a conference on Latin American issues. "It is a meeting of the joint committee of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies on Latin America," Huber said. "We will be discussing research projects on Latin America and applications for advanced research grants," she said. Huber will return to Chapel Hill for the rest of the break. "I plan to write an article on the present state of newly democratized regimes for a special issue of the Journal of Comparative Politics," she said. Some students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication will join Paul Gardner, assistant dean for Develop-

ment and Alumni Affairs, for a taste of the professional world in Atlanta. "You really get to see the big city and how wonderful our alumni are," Gardner said. Gardner said students would tour Cable News Network and The Atlanta Journal and Constitution. Students will also meet University alumni and watch the Duke game this weekend. Journalism Professor A.R. Elam will join the group in Atlanta, along with visiting professors from Ural State University in Yekaterinburg, Russia. The School of Journalism and Mass Communication also sponsors a trip for students to Washington hosted by Jay Eubank, director of career services. In Washington, students will tour USA Today and the Washington Post. Chancellor Hooker will continue working during Spring Break, according to his staff. Susan Warren, the chancellor's office assistant said, "He is working, no vacation at all."

Racist Comment Mars Law School Display

BY JIM NICKS  
STAFF WRITER

Racial tension flared Thursday at the UNC School of Law when students found the word "racist" scrawled across a bulletin board celebrating Black History Month. The board, sponsored by Women in Law, honored African-American women and their contributions to law. Ellen Smith, the school's director of public information, said she thought the board was defaced the night of Feb. 21. The comments were discovered the next morning. "It's hard to believe that this could happen here at UNC," Smith said. Judith Wegner, dean of the law school, was unavailable for comment Tuesday, but Smith said Wegner immediately had the board restored. In a note to law students Feb. 22, Wegner stated that she was "deeply concerned and heartsick about the occurrence of such conduct within this community."

"On behalf of the entire law school community, I wish to offer a profound apology to members of Women in Law

and students of color in this law school," she stated. The letter also states that the law school is continuing to look for the perpetrators and asks "anyone who has information on these events to contact me." Wegner said that she and the law school's student leaders had discussed strategies for ensuring that the educational atmosphere of the school was not harmed. Smith said the matter was referred to the school's Student Attorney General Michael Wilson on Monday. In a press release Wilson states, "I hope that this act of cowardice will be seen for what it truly is—a small-minded individual or individuals' attempt to degrade others." Wilson said he would investigate the incident and any possible Honor Code violations that could go with it. Law student Kathy Evans, a member of Women in Law, said she thought the racist comment was a response to the school's addressing race and gender. The school has one African-American professor. Wilson urges anyone with information to contact him at 932-3544 or mwilson1@email.unc.edu.

Greek Achievement



Sigma Chi Chapter President Lex Erwin presents McGregor Smyth with the award for most outstanding graduating senior at the Sigma Chi Scholarship Awards reception on Tuesday evening.

UNC's Spring Break Earlier Than Other Schools' Vacations

BY AMANDA DEPEW  
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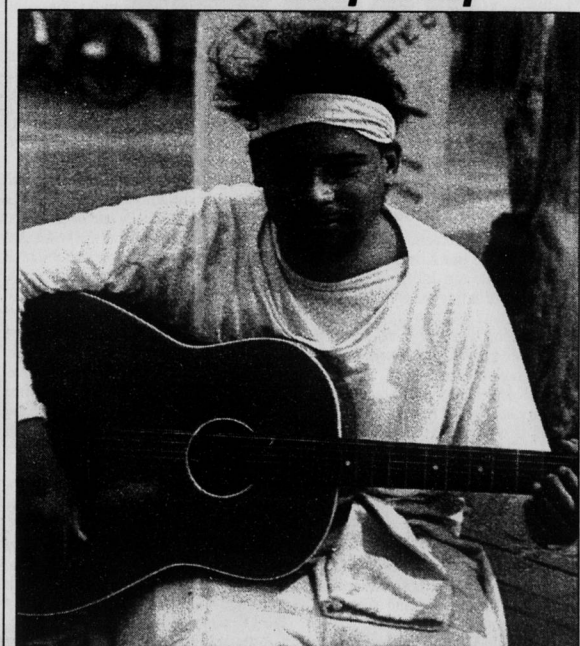
University students ready for vacation this Spring Break might find the beaches and ski slopes less crowded than anticipated, since the University's break is earlier than other universities' this year.

Within the UNC system, about half of the schools have Spring Break during the first week in March, while the others vacation during the second. Each school in the UNC system decided the dates for its Spring Break, said Joni Worthington, communications director for the UNC system.

Other universities have breaks later than UNC. Duke University has Spring Break March 8 through 18. The University of Virginia's break begins March 9. Because the University of Georgia is on a quarter system, its break is late in March.

A University calendar committee, chaired by Registrar David Lanier, meets once or twice a year to schedule the next academic year's calendar. The committee has 12 members, including deans, professors, students and representatives from the athletic department, health affairs, graduate school and summer school. "We have a representative group appointed by Chancellor (Michael) Hooker," said Phylis Rone-Burrell, assistant to the University registrar. The next scheduling meeting will be on March 18 at 10 a.m. in Bynum Hall. The 1996-97 University calendar will be developed at this meeting. There was no set standard for determining the dates of Spring Break, Rone-Burrell said. Last year, break began March 3, and classes resumed March 13. Next year's dates have already been set for March 7 through March 16.

Strummin' Away the Day



Nico, of London, plays guitar Tuesday in the Pit. He is in Chapel Hill visiting friends.

Journalism Students Travel to Cuba Despite Sanctions

BY RENÉE TOY  
STAFF WRITER

Despite President Clinton's call for tighter sanctions against Cuba after the Cuban Air Force shot down two American airplanes, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication's spring break trip to Mexico City and Havana, Cuba was still on, said Richard Cole, dean of the School. Clinton has suspended all charter flights between the United States and Cuba, but the UNC flight into Havana leaves from Mexico City, allowing the UNC students access into the country.

"The trip is on. Nothing President Clinton did rules our trip out," Cole said. "It's an educational and journalistic opportunity for the students and it would be a shame if it had to be canceled." Cole received official permission from the U.S. Department of Treasury to go on the trip early Tuesday. Although permission had been applied for in January, the permission was issued after the planes were shot down in Cuba. The class, which studies mass communication in Mexico and Cuba, includes a Spring Break trip to Mexico City and Havana to study journalism in these countries from a first person perspective. "The trip is an integral part of the course," Cole said. "The students have studied long and hard in preparation for the trip. Seeing how (the press systems) operate in person brings it all together."

Senior Leah Merrey, a journalism and Spanish double major, said the work she was doing for the term paper in the class depended on the Cuba trip, and said she was still looking forward to the trip. "I'm not worried about going," Merrey said. "I think it will be an exciting time to go. According to people who have gone on the trip before, the Cubans have been very receptive to Americans."

Senior Benjamin Ousley, a journalism and international studies major who is also going on the trip, said, "I think the trip will be very safe. Obviously any time you take a trip to a foreign country there are certain risks, but I don't think the risks will be any greater than usual." Cole said that the students would visit the University of Havana and interact with students, professors, politicians and journalists in sessions while they are in Havana. Sessions will run from about 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the students will be free at night to do as they please. "I think we'll be absolutely safe in Cuba, there is no question of that in my mind. I've asked the students to reassure their parents on this point. The Cubans will treat us very nicely," Cole said.

The students will be in Mexico City from Friday until Tuesday, and they will fly from there to Havana where they will remain from March 6 to March 10. The objective of the course is to study the mass communication systems of Latin American countries by comparing the authoritarian press system in Mexico to the communist system in Cuba where the press is controlled by the party in government. The American airplanes that were shot down were chartered by Brothers to the Rescue, a Miami-based exile group. Although the group, which had previously flown over Havana and dropped anti-regime leaflets, has continued to cause tension between Washington and Havana, shooting down the two unarmed airplanes appeared unnecessary and harsh to U.S. government officials. The Cuban government claims the planes were over Cuban airspace, although Washington disagrees, and Cuba said its air controllers warned the pilots that they were entering a danger zone. Clinton said in a statement Monday he had decided to ask Congress to compensate victims' families from \$100 million in frozen Cuban assets and to order additional restrictions on travel in the U.S. by Cuban officials who live in America. He has also imposed further limits on U.S. visits by Cuban officials. Clinton is pursuing another measure that would lead to a tightening of the U.S. embargo imposed against President Fidel Castro's regime in 1962. He vowed to move quickly to reach agreement with Congress on legislation to further punish Cuba. The U.N. Security Council said it "strongly deplors" the shooting down of the two planes, and would begin an international investigation into the incident.