



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

UNC Activist Nominated For ASG President Post

John Dervin, a senior from Winston-Salem, was nominated Friday to be president of the Association of Student Governments. The election will take place April 12. Only one other student is running for the post.

"I would like to think I am the most experienced person running for the job," Dervin, who has served on ASG for two years and who today serves as the vice president for student affairs.

The ASG is made up of four delegates from each university in the UNC system. The president serves non-voting members of the Board of Governors and represents the ASG to any external body.

"There are a number of issues I want to deal with to develop the Association of Student Governments into a real cohesive group and hopefully into a force in higher education in North Carolina.

"It is only through the process unifying students that we can stand together for higher education," Dervin said.

Student Stores Offers New Hair Care Products

Two UNC sophomores went into Student Stores one day in search of something they knew they would not find. When they left the store, they had changed the inventory list and made their presence known to store managers.

Mavis Gragg, from Black Mountain, and India Williams, from Raleigh, found there were no hair products which "catered to the needs of black hair," said Williams, so they located a manager. The manager allowed the women to help order from a list of available products. The women also made a list of products not offered.

They ordered a perm, gel, shampoo, conditioner and oil moisturizer, all designed for black hair, Williams said.

Three weeks ago, UNC Student Stores made those hair products available on its shelves.

"We're here to serve the needs of the campus," said Tim Moore, a Student Stores supplier and store manager. "We brought the products in due to consumer request."

Moore said Student Stores carried products designed for black hair a few years ago, but discontinued them because there was not much demand.

Williams said she thought the products did not sell well in the past because they were outdated. She said the list of products they selected from had items mostly from the 1970s and 1980s. The pair said they thought they ordered products that would be more up-to-date.

"We understand that getting off campus is hard for some students," said Moore. "If students feel a product is in need, we'll try to get it on the shelf." He said he expected the products would sell better as the spring semester progressed.

Native-American Activist To Speak March 28

Ward Churchill, a leading Native-American activist, will speak March 28 at 7 p.m. and will discuss "White Studies: The Intellectual Imperialism of U.S. Education."

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is presented by the Curriculum in American Studies and will be held in 101 Greenlaw Hall.

Churchill is a professor of American Indian studies at the Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America at the University of Colorado and is a founding member of the American Indian Movement.

Faculty Members Receive Awards for Teaching

Donald Jicha, professor of chemistry, and Arrel Toews, research professor of biochemistry, have won the Johnston Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards.

Toews and Jicha will receive \$5,000 each and will be honored with other teaching award winners at a dinner in April. Chancellor Michael Hooker will host the dinner.

Jicha has received the Tanner Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching in 1966 and in 1990. Toews' students praised his ability to present challenging material in an interesting way.

'NYPD Blue' Star to Give 17th Reed Sarratt Lecture

Sharon Lawrence, two-time Emmy-nominated actress and cast member of the television series "NYPD Blue," will give the 17th Reed Sarratt Lecture March 24. Lawrence is a UNC graduate. The talk, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The lecture will be held in Memorial Hall at 7:15 p.m.

Carrboro Farmers' Market To Open This Weekend

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will begin its 18th season at a new location Saturday, March 23 at the Town Commons at 301 W. Main St. The market will feature goods from 100 farmers including berries, vegetables, bedding plants, melons and baked goods. The market will be held from 7 a.m. until noon every Saturday. For more information call Betsy Hitt at 376-3237 or Patrick Mulkey at 942-3814.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Few Comment About Development

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
STAFF WRITER

Although the Chapel Hill Town Council held a public hearing Monday night to discuss the University owned Horace Williams and Mason Farm tracts, only four residents — none of whom said they represented the University — showed up to voice their opinions.

The debate over the development of the 970-acre, University owned Horace Williams tract was the focus of the public hearing. As a result of different ideas for development, Mayor Rosemary Waldorf and Chancellor Michael Hooker previously

agreed to delay the development of the land until a consensus could be reached between the University and town.

A special council committee, consisting of council members Julie Andresen, Joyce Brown and Richard Franck, explained the town's priorities in considering zoning and development of the tracts.

Brown said one goal of the committee was to preserve environmentally sensitive lands during development. The committee's goals include minimizing the use of automobiles and maximizing alternate transit methods to provide for less traffic in the area, Brown said.

Franck also discussed the special council committee's goals regarding transportation along the tracts. He said roadway connections developed by the planning panel should only be allowed if the roads were narrow. Franck proposed that high levels of mass transit be made available and that flexible parking limits based on traffic levels be implemented.

Andresen discussed scale and density limits. "We need to specify maximum and minimum requirements for building heights and scale (the buildings) to old campus buildings," she said.

Waldorf said no one had seen the report made by the three council members until Monday's meeting. "We're just getting it

out there because it is there," she said.

Diane Bloom, planning board member, said she wanted to urge the council to tell the University that the Horace Williams Airport, adjacent to the development tracts, needed to stop growing. "Almost everybody, including pilots, has admitted that Horace Williams is not a good location for an airport," she said.

The council referred comments made by residents, as well as council members, to the manager for a follow-up report April 2. Comments will also be referred to the University planning panel and its consultants, Johnson, Johnson, and Roy Inc., at a meeting Thursday.

University Crime Wave Continues

■ A UNC student was the victim of an on-campus attack Sunday evening.

BY REINO MAKKONEN
STAFF WRITER

An eight-day crime wave has caused University police and students to question whether violent crime is increasing on campus.

Since Spring Break, UNC police have fielded reports of a carjacking, an attempted sexual assault and a possible armed robbery on campus.

"I'd have to say that, yes, this semester has had more violent crimes (than last semester)," said Angela Carmon, University Police crime prevention officer.

In the most recent assault on campus, two unidentified males attacked a UNC student from behind Sunday evening while he was walking toward South Road between the Wilson and Undergraduate libraries, according to University Police reports.

The assailants then pressed a rounded object against the student's back and proceeded to rob him of \$20 and a computer disk, according to police reports.

The student stated that he was not sure whether the rounded object used by the assailants Sunday evening was in fact some sort of weapon.

Carmon said Monday that University Police could not technically classify the incident as an armed robbery.

"According to the information that we've got from the victim, we don't know if the males were actually armed or not," she said.

"All we've really got is that he thinks that it was two white males wearing dark clothing."

University Police currently have no suspects in the case, Carmon said.

Carmon was quick to add, however, that the recent violent crimes have garnered more publicity because they were perpetrated by strangers rather than acquaintances.

"We usually get a lot of fights breaking out between people who know each other, but people don't notice them as much as when a stranger commits an assault against a student," she said.

University Police have recovered the car stolen in the March 11 carjacking outside of Teague Residence Hall.

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Broken Engagements



The cube in the Pit on which student groups post activities and information lies in pieces Sunday. Students passing by the wreckage seemed unfazed.

Panel: Decision Created New Debate

■ Ron Roesenberger himself debated the effects of his Supreme Court case.

BY JAIME KOWEY
STAFF WRITER

A Supreme Court decision issued last summer has left the legal community questioning the limitations on the government's role in religion, panelists at a law school discussion of Rosenberger vs. The University of Virginia Board of Visitors said Monday.

Five panelists, including Ron Rosenberger himself, voiced their dissenting views about freedom, equality and religion at the forum, which was sponsored by the Christian Legal Society.

Rosenberger was the UVA. student who successfully claimed that the university's decision not to fund a Christian magazine was discriminatory. Other panelists were W.W. Finlator, a retired Baptist pastor; Arthur Lowey, a professor at the law school; Colleen Pinyan, a lawyer at the Rutherford Institute; and John Mashburn, chief legislative director for U.S. Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

"I am delighted by the impact this case has had," Rosenberger said. He said the case meant freedom of speech for everyone. "I believe in free speech, and I believe in religion."

Rosenberger proposed a voucher program to improve the way most universities allocate student fees. Rosenberger said that under the voucher program, students would pay their normal student fee for group funding and would be given five or six vouchers to give to the groups they chose to support. "That way we avoid forcing people to pay for opinions they don't agree with," Rosenberger said.

Finlator disagreed with Rosenberger and what his case has meant for religion. "I hope this decision of this court is going to suffer a reversal," Finlator said. "Otherwise I see red flags ahead."

Finlator said he believed the founding fathers purposely made no mention of the church in the Constitution. "In this document, religion is a no-no," Finlator said. "It is secular, and I love it, as a Baptist preacher."

"The First Amendment says what it means and means what it says," Finlator said. "I believe it should be taken literally." Most of the panelists, however, said they believed the First Amendment required

interpretation.

Pinyan said she and the Rutherford Institute favored adopting a Religious Equality Amendment or some other federal legislation so the government could treat religious speech from a truly neutral stance.

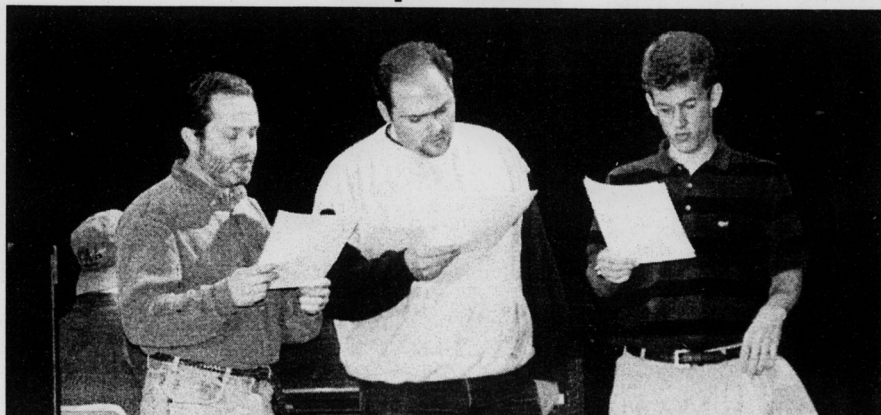
Pinyan discussed specific cases of religion in schools in which she said children were deprived of their free religious speech. One child in kindergarten was not allowed to show a video of herself singing in church at show and tell while her classmate was permitted to bring a video of herself practicing Jewish customs.

"Our concern is what kind of message does this send children," Pinyan said. "It sends a message religion is bad. It's something you can't talk about in public."

Lowey began his speech: "I can say I disagree with everybody." However, Lowey said he agreed that banning the video conveyed a negative message and that the student voucher was a good idea. He said it was all right to ban funding for religious groups because it protected non-believers as well as believers of other religions.

Mashburn said a double standard existed for the religious community. "Everyone is entitled to free speech, but Christians a little less than all others."

Jumpin' Jubilee



Participants of the Dixie Jubilators sing Monday evening in the Union Film Auditorium. "Crossroads," a musical featuring the dynamic Dixie Jubilators, opens Thursday.

Di-Phi Forum Addresses Legalization of Prostitution

BY RICK CONNER
STAFF WRITER

While many campus organizations meet to discuss philanthropy or fund raising, one UNC group met for a unique discussion — the legalization of prostitution. That was the topic of debate at the Monday meeting of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies.

Stacey Largent, a sophomore English major from Chapel Hill, said legalizing prostitution would allow prostitutes to seek health benefits, allow for taxation of their income, improve their working conditions and keep minors out of the business. It would also allow the government to regulate the profession, she said. "We can't get rid of (prostitution), but we can regulate it if we make it legal," Largent said.

Devon Schumacher, a freshman biology major from Fairborn, Ohio, also argued for legalized prostitution, citing the Bill of Rights' guarantee for freedom of expression. Schumacher also addressed the question of what is considered moral.

"The problem lies not in prostitution, but an unwillingness to practice safe sex," Schumacher said.

Arguing against legalization was Challe Woosley, a junior biology major from Pfafftown. Woosley said prostitutes would always be associated with something negative, a label that would follow them around for life if they were legally registered.

Carrie Meigs, a first-year law student from Wilmington, agreed with Woosley and added that the prostitute's employers, often called "pimps," tended to exploit prostitutes to make a profit for themselves. "Pimps are, by nature, abusers," Meigs said. "The women become financially de-

pendent on the pimps and, in effect, become indentured servants."

Thomas Sima, a senior Russian major from Hendersonville, called prostitution the world's oldest profession, and said laws prohibiting it were based on Christian ideals. "Prostitution is a victimless crime, and anyone who chooses to participate does so of their own free will," Sima said.

While most participants in the debate agreed that prostitution was morally wrong, some raised questions about whether or not morality could be legislated. Kathryn Howell, a junior comparative literature major from Charlotte, cited the Ninth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which allows for states to make laws based on morality, such as abortion laws. She said, "We can't decide what is morally legal, but we can decide what is legally moral."

Supporters Ready for Recall

■ The Friends of Alex Zaffron are gearing up for the March 26 recall election.

BY TODD DARLING
STAFF WRITER

With the recall election of Carrboro Alderman Alex Zaffron only seven days away, his supporters are coming out in full force to show loyalty to their candidate in the recall election.

The Friends of Alex Zaffron, organized by chairwoman Shirley Marshall, has been putting up posters and sending out flyers to encourage residents to vote in the March 26 recall.

The "support campaign" formed in February in response to calls and letters supporting Zaffron, Marshall said. Zaffron asked her to head the committee after the calls and letters from the community increased.

"We feel that all people that want to help are friends of Alex Zaffron," Marshall said Monday. "We hope through the mailing people will be reminded to vote."

Marshall said her group planned to campaign at the poll sites on election day.

In January, about 20 residents began petitioning for Zaffron's recall in response to his November 1995 conviction of driving while intoxicated.

Zaffron said he was pleased with the level of involvement on his behalf.

"They, (the group) has taken a strong interest in the election, and I'm pleased to see the effort occurring," Zaffron said.

Carrboro resident Sheryl Baker, who began the original recall petition, said her group did not have any plans for election day.

"It's not up to us to persuade the people to vote a certain way," said Baker, who is planning to move out of the area.

Originally falling short of the required 871 signatures needed to certify the petition, Baker and her group collected additional signatures.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said she thought citizen participation in the effort was important. She emphasized that it was necessary for Carrboro residents to respond to the issue.

"The people are responding to a controversial issue in which a large number of citizens are taking part. The citizens own the town, and this is part of their ownership," Gist said.

Bobbie Strickland, elections supervisor at the Orange County Board of Elections, said the recall would follow normal municipal election procedures, rules and regulations.

She estimated the cost of the election to be around \$5,000 for the printing of ballots, paying of precinct officials and other expenses.

The Board of Elections will announce official results two days later.

The election should not interfere with town business, Zaffron said. The regularly scheduled alderman meeting will still take place at his request.

Zaffron said he was not apprehensive about the election and he would continue to do his job. "We'll just see what happens," he said.

Recall Election for Carrboro Alderman Alex Zaffron
Tues., March 26

Debate Over Internet Clouds Freedom of Information Day

Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Regulations threatening the ability of Internet users to post information deemed offensive dampened the spirit of Freedom of Information Day.

The increase in Internet use nationally has caused legislators to threaten what computer users can put in their private e-mail messages and on their personal web pages. Despite the move to censor postings on the Internet, some at UNC feel that the ability to express ideas contrary to popular opinion is one of the best things about it.

"There is a constant free-flow of ideas," said Debahsis Aikat, a journalism professor who teaches a class in electronic information sources. "It allows you the freedom of information and, at the same time, it provokes you into making a decision."

However, UNC has not escaped the national movement to censor Internet activity. Last fall, a "racist" e-mail message listing "The top ten reasons ALL BLACKS SHOULD GO BACK TO AFRICA!" prompted officials at the Office of Information Technology to track down a 13-year-old who broke into a former University student's e-mail account and posted the message to several news groups. OIT officials decided to let the child's parents deal with the matter rather than press charges.

Though the University's policies already regulate information posted to public news groups, new legislation could require the University and other Internet service providers to regulate the content of personal e-mail messages and web pages.

Provisions in the Communications Decency Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Feb. 8, stated that those

who posted materials considered "offensive by contemporary community standards" could be fined \$250,000 and sentenced to as many as two years in prison.

Aikat said there was a way to restrict access to offensive web pages on the Internet, but that it was impossible to keep users of the Web from putting offensive material on web pages.

"You can have a kind of censorship where you can only get to certain pages," he said. "Parents can set their Web browser to control access to those pages."

Aikat said the government could attempt to keep web page owners from posting pornography or derogatory material, but Web users could access the information from a computer in a foreign country or from a computer server in the U.S. that establishes a "mirror site" to offensive material from another computer.

"You can have a geographical ban, but people can dial up Japan and get to the page (with offensive material)," he said.

The University can apply its policies about printed indecent material to offensive materials posted on the Internet, said Anne Parker, deputy to the associate provost for information technology.

"The fact that it's an electronic medium doesn't make a difference," she said.

Andres Echevarria, a sophomore who has created web pages for friends, student groups and the Department of Housing, said he thought some Internet content should be monitored. "There are some things I've seen that shouldn't be there; that kids shouldn't have access to," he said.

However, Echevarria said he thought the Communications Decency Act went too far in limiting Web user's rights. "You explore territory, and all of a sudden, somebody comes and takes it away from you."