



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Tickets on Sale for East Franklin Street Party

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, April 3 for the East Franklin Street Block Party to be held April 23. The event is sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity in conjunction with Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Upsilon. The event will raise \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call Bryson Koehler at 968-6759.

Hanes Visiting Artist to Speak Thursday

Hanes Visiting Artist Ghada Amer will discuss her multimedia work at 6 p.m. Thursday in 121 Hanes Art Center. Amer's works will be on display in the Hanes Art Center Glass Gallery weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 4-11. An opening reception will follow the lecture. The exhibit, lecture and reception are free and open to the public.

Ackland Presents Black Artist's Works This Month

The Ackland Art Museum will present a solo exhibition by an up-and-coming African-American artist April 13 through June 16. The exhibition, "Dear Robert, I'll See You at the Crossroads: A Project by Renee Stout," was organized by the University Art Museum at the University of California at Santa Barbara. It features sculptures and two new installations by contemporary artist Renee Stout.

ROTC Student Selected to Receive Scholarship

Navy ROTC midshipman Susan Lang, a junior from Fleetwood, has been selected for the Capt. Winifred O. Collins Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. The \$1,000 scholarship annually goes to a junior woman midshipman. Five winners are chosen from more than 60 universities across the United States. Lang, a radiologic science major, has participated on the Naval ROTC drill team as a squad leader and as a public affairs officer.

Doctoral Students Receive Gordon Fellowships

Three doctoral students have been chosen to receive Gordon graduate fellowships next fall. The fellowships were endowed by Esther L. Gordon of Chapel Hill to honor her husband, the late Ira J. Gordon, former dean of the School of Education and a Kenan Professor who died in 1978. Jane Roberts of Jupiter, Fla., who is studying in the special education track, was chosen for the Ira J. and Esther L. Gordon Doctoral Fellowship valued at \$5,000. Winners of the Ira J. Gordon Graduate Fellowships, worth \$750, were Laurie Selz of Santa Clara, Calif., who is focusing on special education, and Sofia Villenas of Montclair, Calif., who specializes in social foundations.

'Gardens of Atlanta' Tour To Be Held This Week

Garden lovers can delight spring blooms during "The Gardens of Atlanta" tour April 3-5. Highlights will include visits to private gardens, Atlanta's History Center and Botanical Garden, the State Botanical Garden in Athens, and Goodness Grows Nursery in Lexington. The fee is \$450 for the public and \$420 for foundation members. Preregistration is required for all programs. For information, call the Botanical Gardens at 962-0522.

Benefit Auction Will Support Mayan Indians

A Latin American Benefit Auction will be held April 20 at the Church of Reconciliation, located at 110 Elliott Road. The auction will support work created by the Mayan Indians of the Mam tribe in the highlands of Guatemala. The silent auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. The live auction will be held at 8 p.m. Refreshments, music and a slide show will be held during the silent auction. The requested entrance donation to the auction is \$5. For more information, call Joyce Peck at 929-6042.

League of Women Voters Will Hold Public Forum

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro League of Women Voters will sponsor a public forum before the Democratic primaries. The forum will be held on April 30 at Chapel Hill Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend and ask the candidates questions. Candidates for District Court 15B, Orange County Commissioner and State Senate have been invited to attend. For more information on the forum, please call Vicki Boyer at 968-6324. FROM STAFF REPORTS

Coalition Disappointed With Hooker

BY DEANNA WITTMER
STAFF WRITER

In their formal response to Chancellor Michael Hooker's March 27 memo stating that he believed the University could address housekeeping concerns without privatizing the service, members of the Coalition for Economic Justice said they were disappointed Hooker did not more specifically address their requests. In a memo issued Tuesday, the Coalition, composed of students from 11 campus groups, said Hooker's memo was an inadequate statement of his position. "We ask you to take a proactive role and refuse to allow worker benefits and wages to decline because of privatization," the memo states.

The Coalition wants Hooker to promise that changes in housekeeper contracts would not affect workers negatively. They also want Hooker to lobby the N.C. General Assembly to improve worker conditions within the UNC system. "He says he has come out against privatization," said junior Kim Diehl, a Coalition member who co-signed the memo. "We want him to go further. When he speaks out publicly we want it to be to the legislature." Hooker said Tuesday that he could not take any action on the issues until the UNC system completes a study on the possibility of privatizing services, including housekeeping, on the 16 campuses. The UNC system has been studying the issue since the research was mandated last

summer by the N.C. General Assembly. The final study will be released April 15. "The legislature mandated that the (Board of Governors) do a study," Hooker said Tuesday. "There will be nothing to react to until that study comes out." The Coalition wants Hooker to establish a fair representation of faculty, students, staff and housekeepers on the study on privatization the UNC system is conducting. But Hooker has noted that the study on privatization is being conducted by the UNC-system General Administration and not by the individual campuses. The memo states that the Coalition did not want Hooker "to continually divert responsibility to the legislative mandates from Raleigh, thereby taking a reactive role."

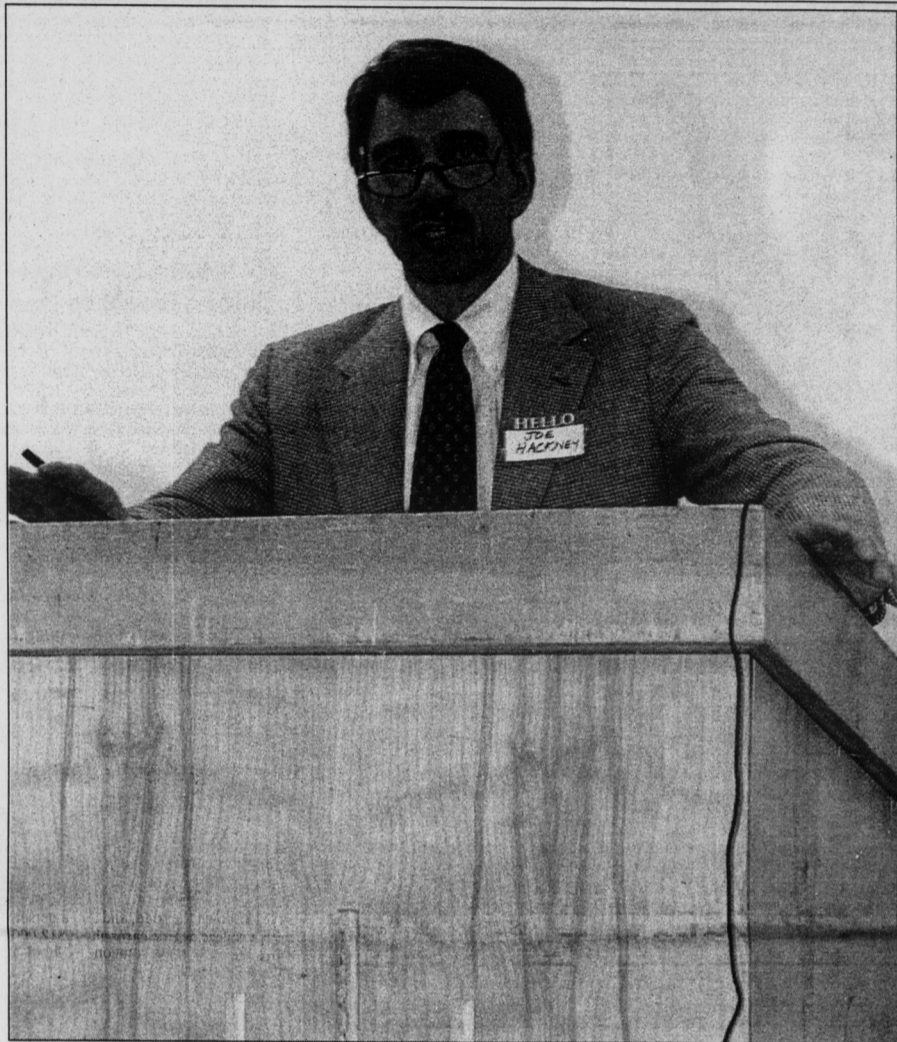
Hooker said that, while he had not received the Coalition's latest memo, Chief of Staff Elson Floyd had met with the group several times and addressed their concerns on his behalf. "We expected Hooker to give a much more specific response," Diehl said. "We expected to be allies with Hooker, but he hasn't fulfilled that." "He isn't considering the housekeepers issue as important as he is saying," Diehl said. The Coalition met with Hooker early in February and he promised a response to their principles within two weeks, Diehl said. The Coalition said Hooker did not respond until March 27, hours after the Coalition began posting flyers asking, "Have You Seen Our Chancellor?"

Legislators Lend an Ear to UNC

Members of the General Assembly met with faculty, staff and students Tuesday.

BY MILENA FISCHER
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Concerns about privatization, tax cuts and downsizing were on the minds of the faculty, staff and students who gathered Tuesday to discuss priority issues with a General Assembly delegation. At a forum for local members of the State Employees Association of North Carolina, area legislators addressed these concerns. N.C. Sens. Fred Hobbs, D-Moore, and Teena Little, R-Moore, were forum panelists along with N.C. Reps. Anne Barnes, D-Orange, and Joe Hackney, D-Orange. Barnes said the public should expect to hear more about tax cuts during the legislative short session beginning this May. "The legislature repealed the intangibles tax and increased the income tax personal exemption, which means, among other tax adjustments, a \$495.7 million cut for the 1996 session," she said. Barnes said the tax cuts and promises about salary increases meant there would be a lot of talk about downsizing — an issue state employees face with increased anxiety. "The chancellor is asking the legislature to come up with an amount equal to that produced by the recent tuition increase to apply to faculty salaries," said Barnes, adding that Chancellor Michael Hooker also supports increasing public school teacher salaries to the national average by the year 2000, an initiative that would cost more than \$1.2 million. "If downsizing is to finance these increases, it may cost jobs," Barnes said. Students and employees at the forum expressed concerns about the trend toward privatization. A report to be released to the legislature April 15 will address privatization across the UNC system. "Privatization is a political catch-word," Barnes said. "There are areas where it is appropriate to contract services. Housekeeping is not among them."



N.C. Rep. Joe Hackney addresses UNC professors, staff and students during a question and answer session Tuesday afternoon in the Union. Hackney said others found privatization appealing because it would save the state money.

All panelists spoke against privatizing housekeeping services but said they didn't know what to expect from the report. "Privatizing will be cheaper, of course," Hackney said. "It's a hard to convince people (employers) that they have to think about the loyalty, value and family of their employees," Barnes said. "It bothers me that we're talking more about tearing down than building up,"

Hobbs said. "But it's all about politics. Tax cuts were a political move." Little said the legislature would need to address the growth of public schools, which are expected to have 22,000 additional students enrolling this year. "The growth is there in all areas. We can see it in the university, too." She said the programs would have to be studied to change or eliminate those that are not "serving the

community." Employees addressed the current Pay Plan and requested that a salary adjustment fund be established to provide raises for underpaid employees. Barnes said the plan would need a lot of money to be funded. "I hope it will be done, but what is a top priority for me may not be for some people from other counties."

Aldermen Consider Ways to Help New Small Businesses

BY AMY CAPPIELLO
STAFF WRITER

The number of jobs available to Carrboro residents may increase in the future thanks to a concept called a business incubator. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen heard a presentation on the incubator and its purpose of creating new jobs at its meeting Tuesday night. John Cinnamea, President of the North Carolina Technology Development Authority Inc. explained the business incubator and its goals for increasing available jobs. "A business incubator is a facility that helps form and graduate small businesses," Cinnamea said. "It can serve as a focal point for entrepreneurial activity and help to create new jobs." Cinnamea said the goal of the incubator was to lower operating costs by combining services and dividing costs among the firms. The incubator included such aspects as flexible space and lease terms and shared services like reception areas, conference rooms, Internet access and fax and copy privileges, Cinnamea said. "An incubator should target young businesses, it should be for limited lease periods of no more than two years and it should charge a fair market rental rate," he said. Cinnamea attended the alderman meeting to request that the NCTDA be allowed to conduct a study to see if Carrboro is a suitable area for a business incubator. "What we're proposing is a feasibility study for a business incubator for Carrboro," Cinnamea said. Cinnamea said it would probably take about eight weeks to conduct the feasibility study, although it could take up to 12. Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said that while she was very interested in creating new jobs, her primary concern laid with providing jobs for people in the lower economic classes. "My goal is not necessarily to start new businesses, but instead to start new businesses that our lower economic class members really need," Gist said. "We need to be sure that any study is driven by the needs of the people at the bottom of the economic ladder."



Alderman JACQUELYN GIST said she wanted the new jobs to target people from all walks of life.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Beer

Jonathan McMurry likes beer and he's not afraid to fight for his right to drink it.

BY TOM ACITELLI
STAFF WRITER



Graduate student Jonathan McMurry has pushed for the repeal of Chapel Hill's open-container law. He says he has a lot of free time to devote to the cause.

On a cold November evening in 1992, Jonathan McMurry gave up on the Democratic Party because of the election of Bill Clinton. He became a disenfranchised moderate, a civil libertarian who placed strong faith in the fundamental liberties of America — the right to free speech, the right to privacy and, of course, the right to drink beer unhindered. The Beer Patriot; The Founder of the Sons of Liberty; The Defender of Beer Drinkers Everywhere. Such are a few of the epithets assigned to UNC graduate student Jonathan McMurry. Whether you love him or hate him, he's made an uncanny impact on the collective consciousness of Chapel Hill. But what do we really know about this modern-day Samuel Adams? McMurry's love affair with the golden nectar first began when he was an undergraduate at UNC. "I guess when I was an undergrad, I did the typical thing of having someone over 21 buy me the case of Old Milwaukee Light," he said. "I grew out of that as I got older. I guess I'm a beer snob now. I like high-quality beer," he said. McMurry, an avid home brewer, puts Samuel Adams' triple bock at the top of his list as far as domestic beers go. However, there is one hitch to enjoying this particular brew.

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