



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Roysters Give \$500,000 To Graduate Program

The University has received a \$500,000 gift for its new flagship program of scholarships for doctoral students...

The society is intended to be the graduate-level equivalent in prestige and quality of the Morehead Awards for undergraduates.

The donors, Thomas S. Royster Jr. and Caroline H. Royster, also created the society's original endowment in 1994 with a \$1 million gift...

Fellows will receive a \$15,000 annual stipend allowing them to focus full time on research and presenting results at a national or international academic meeting.

"We thought if they could finish their work in a shorter time — really concentrate on it — it would help the University and help the state of North Carolina," Thomas Royster said.

The inaugural fellows are: Arthur S. Alderson, Jo Elisabeth "Lisa" Aldred, Eric J. Engstrom, Anne M. Fry, Tori M. Hoehler, Marla R. Miller, David J. Nordlander, Beverly Rockhill and Katherine W. Stovel.

Engstrom, Fry, Hoehler, Rockhill and Stovel were designated as Caroline H. and Thomas S. Royster Jr. Fellows.

UNC Dentistry Professor Receives Teaching Award

Gene A. Holland, professor of prosthodontics in the School of Dentistry, has won the Richard F. Hunt Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

The annual award, the most prestigious given by the school, recognizes a faculty member's command of his or her subject matter, interest in students as individuals and ability to demonstrate a broad perspective about other aspects of dentistry and related knowledge.

A committee of students and administrators select the recipient based on nominations from all four doctor of dental surgery classes.

Holland is a 1968 graduate of the School.

Morehead Planetarium To Offer 'PreStar Special'

The Morehead Planetarium is offering its "PreStar Special" for young stargazers. Four- and five-year olds who are home based are welcome to attend the series of entertaining activity, organizers said.

The program begins with a brief session in the Star Theater and moves to the planetarium classroom for a series of hands-on activities in different centers. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Registration for each session is \$5 per child. Parents are admitted free. The fee for planetarium members is \$4. Enrollment is limited to 12 children. Advance registration is required.

Chapel Hill High School Gets New Football Coach

Ronald W. Pendergraft, Jr. was hired by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education to serve as the head football coach for Chapel Hill High School.

Pendergraft was the head football coach at E.A. Laney High School in Wilmington before assuming the position at CHHS. He was the 1995 Coach of the Year for the Midwestern Conference. His football team was also in the state playoffs that year.

Pendergraft received his bachelor of science degree in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University, where he played football, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in counseling at ECU.

Carrboro Recreation and Parks To Sponsor Camp

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will hold Kinderventures this summer for children aged 3 to 5. The programs integrate crafts, games and adventure.

Children will participate in activities designed to enhance fine motorskills, communication skills and cooperation. All activities will be held outdoors.

Camp is held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Wilson Park Shelter in Carrboro. The cost is \$60. There are four sessions to choose from: June 17-21, June 24-28, July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9. For more information, call 968-7703.

Wildlife Resource Award To Go to Game Hunters

Nominations are currently accepted for the N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission's Dr. William H. McCall Small Game Award. Nominations of individuals, clubs or organizations are acceptable.

Awards are made annually to citizens with outstanding achievements in small game catches across the state. Nominations will be accepted from July 1 through Sept. 1. Winners will be honored at the January 1997 Commission meeting in Raleigh. The awards are in honor of Dr. William H. McCall of Asheville, a former member of the Commission who is a lifetime small game advocate and a member of the National Field Trial Hall of Fame.

STAFF REPORTS

Former Personnel Director Dies, Leaving Legacy of Helping Others

Jack H. Gunnells served in the University's personnel department for two decades.

BY JEANNE FUGATE, EDITOR

Jack H. Gunnells, 68, died Saturday after leaving quite a mark on University policy. "The essence of his contribution to the University was to provide that kind of a compass in the way that people should be treated," said local attorney Al McSurely...

Internal Investigation Reveals University Police Used 'Proper Conduct' at Party

Duke students filed an official complaint after a March 30 Great Hall party.

BY MARVA HINTON, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

An internal investigation by University Police revealed that officers used "proper conduct" in handling the crowd outside a March 30 Great Hall party.

from 1970 to 1990, when he retired. Gunnells originally came to Chapel Hill after the Cafeteria Workers Strike in 1970. Gunnells set up the University's first grievance procedure and put together what some saw as "one of the best personnel departments in the state." Under Gunnells' direction, the department improved employee relations and started training policies.

Gunnells was particularly interested in helping Chapel Hill's black community by implementing training programs.

"During that period in the '70s, Mr. Gunnells not only established some very important personnel programs that standardized and helped people know what to expect, but he also made diligent efforts to help black people better themselves,"

McSurely said. Gunnells also strongly advocated affirmative action policies.

Gunnells received his master's degree in business administration from the University. He served as a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Europe for four years. Heavily involved in the community, Gunnells was a lifetime member of the General Alumni Association, board member of the Rotary Club, retiree chairman of District 25 State Employees Association of N.C. and was a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Gunnells' funeral was held Wednesday at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Dot Gunnells, former coach of the Women's Golf Team. Memorials may be made to the UNC Golf Team.

to use pepper spray in a follow-up report, a violation of department policy.

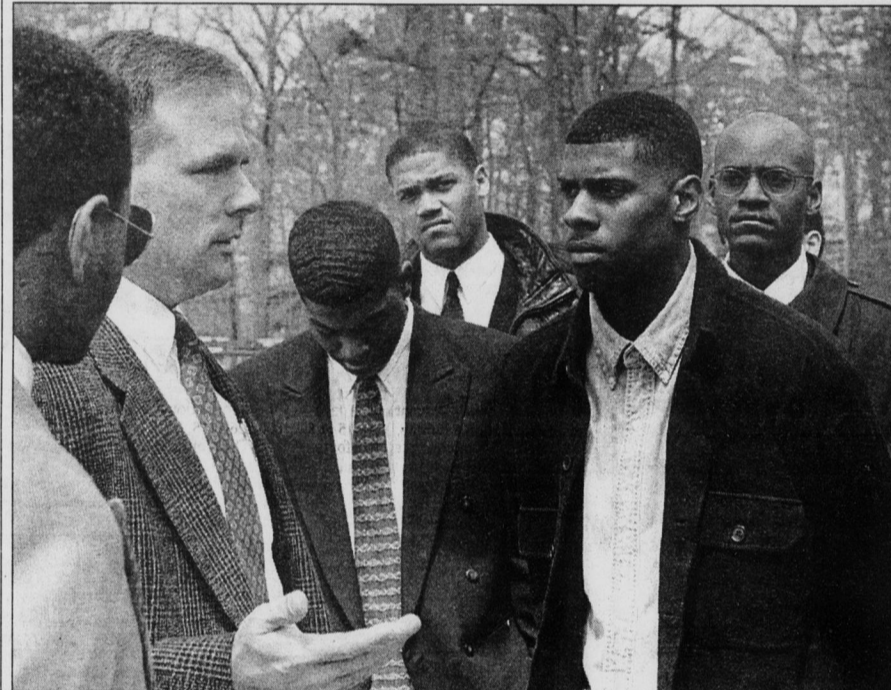
University Police Chief Don Gold said the violation was a mistake.

"Appropriate action will be taken for this mistake," Gold said in a press release.

However, Gold said police used pepper spray to control rowdy crowds.

Gold said the investigation of this incident did not differ from other investigations, except that it was more highly publicized.

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Several Duke students drove to Chapel Hill to meet with University Police Chief Don Gold in April to request an investigation into the way a crowd of students, unable to get into a March 30 Great Hall party, was treated by police.

New Subcommittees To Study Fire Safety in Greek Chapter Houses

BY MARVA HINTON, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The Office of Greek Affairs and the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs are working together to form advisory subcommittees on topics related to fire safety in fraternity and sorority houses.



Director of Greek Affairs RON BINDER will hear the subcommittees' findings in the fall.

The following subcommittees will be open to faculty, staff and students: education, compartmentalization, detection and warning, protection and fund raising, enforcement and interior finish.

Since their inception June 5, the committees have been working at different paces.

Herbert Cooper, chairman of the education subcommittee, said he hoped his committee would be completely formed by the end of the week.

Cooper said he thought his committee

should be proactive.

"Our basic role is going to be to try to set up educational programs," Cooper said. "We're going to have to get videos and educational pamphlets. We need to put information together that people will read and learn from."

Bettie Ann Everett, chairwoman of the enforcement subcommittee, said she thought the fraternities and sororities should be more accountable to the University.

"We need more University involvement even though those houses are on private property," Everett said. "Living in a fraternity house is like being on free parking in Monopoly."

Ron Hyatt, chairman of the detection and warning committee, said his committee was in the information gathering stage.

"We're obtaining correct and current information that we can provide to the fire marshal," Hyatt said. "We're in the process of setting up a meeting with the fire marshal."

The other committees are working to involve the University community and to gather information.

Each committee will make final recommendations to the overall committee August 11.

Fire Safety, Sprinkler Talk Heats Up Greek Community

BY AMY CAPPIELLO, CITY EDITOR

University officials and Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones joined with leaders from fraternities and sororities June 5 to discuss ways to prevent future tragedies like the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire.

The incoming Chairman of the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs Randy Cox said the meeting was not designed to be a lecture about alcohol or a place to tell stories.

"We are working on fire safety and life safety solutions," he said. "We want to focus on the solutions, what they are."

Cox said while the group could discuss options and methods all night, none of the proposals would be viable without student support.

"If the students aren't on board with us, we're wasting our time," Cox said. "I think, however, that they will be very cooperative."

Jones said he thought everyone would cooperate, but he especially wished to see changes occur after what he saw May 12.

"Until you've had to tell a family that their only youngster has died, or go into a fire scene to assess the damage or place a youngster in a body bag, you are not in a position to talk about life loss," Jones said.

Jones said the factors that combined to create the Phi Gamma fire were common to many fraternities and should be taken into consideration to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy so many had recently endured.

"The fire started in the basement in the

Southeast corner, under a bar built of pine wood and in a pile of Class A combustibles," he said. "The area around there was pine-paneled, which fed the fire rapidly. The one common staircase acted like a chimney to carry smoke and the flames straight up to the top floors."

Cox said discussing issues such as removing interior finishings that fuel fires, compartmentalizing fires with automatic fire doors and separation of floors could help prevent another tragedy.

Jones said sprinkler installation in all fraternities and sororities could prevent a repeat of the tragedy.

"From a life safety standpoint, fraternity and sorority houses represent the greatest potential for life hazard," Jones said. "For long term protection of life and property, sprinkler systems are the only answer."

Jones said out of two sprinkler system types available to the Greek houses, a 13R was most common for residences.

"It's smaller and not quite as intense as the (commercial) system," he said. "It may also be possible to run the pipes off the domestic water supply and save money."

For maximum fire safety, Jones recommended that fraternities and sororities install automatic fire sprinkler systems and alarm systems, enclose all staircases to prevent a "chimney effect" and place a lockbox on the outside wall of the house with keys to the house and a list of all the current residents.

Participants plan on meeting next month to try to enact the proposals outlined.

Aldermen Park Meineke Mufflers on Main Street

BY ANDREW HOLTON, STAFF WRITER

Despite citizen concern about town integration and parking alternatives, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved Tuesday night a Conditional Use Permit allowing the nationwide automobile service chain Meineke Mufflers to open on 407 Main Street in Carrboro.

Randy Silver, the prospective Meineke owner, appeared before the Board and said he was prepared to do anything the Board asked.

"I have fallen in love with the Carrboro community," Silver said. "I will go out of my way to meet everyone's needs."

Despite Silver's willingness to cooperate with officials, questions lingered about parking around the proposed sight.

Carrboro Zoning Administrator Keith Lankford reported the findings of the staff application review. He said the proposed five-bay repair shop would have 12 parking spaces and 4,050 square feet of vehicle storage space.

Town activists disagreed on the parking need that the proposed business would create.

In their recommendation to the Board, the Staff recommended "that the applicant make every effort to seek additional satellite parking and obtain this parking if and when it becomes available."

Some citizen activists felt the business would have a parking overflow problem and add to the current Main Street parking shortage.

Barry Blanchette, manager of Nice Price Books, said he was worried about the proposed business's parking impact.

"We are systematizing a kind of traffic hazard," Blanchette said. "It seems to me that we are going to have a problem. Something more needs to be done. The problem is going to get no better barring a drastic

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Abstinence Not Necessarily the Only Policy in Area School System

BY EMILY ADCOCK, STAFF WRITER

Residents showed up June 6 at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education meeting to express their views about sexual education in the classroom.

The School Board sponsored the hearing due to a state law that allows school systems to teach about contraceptives only if they complete a three part process, one of which involves a public meeting about the materials to be used.

At the hearing, residents could speak about the revised Family Curriculum Policy, including lessons on abstinence and on contraception.

Many supported the policy at the meeting, but they expressed a need for a more complete program that did not place too much emphasis on abstinence.

Some parents said the policy virtually excludes other options.

"(The program) has a certain moral lean," said parent Solomon Gibson III.

According to the proposed revised policy, "Family Living Education offered in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools shall emphasize the benefits of abstinence from sexual activity until marriage. Family Living Education shall (also) include information on contraceptives, abortion and adoption, including where to obtain such services."

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Vandal Destroys Legendary Davie Poplar III

The tree will be replaced in the fall when the weather is better for planting.

BY MARVA HINTON, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

An Office of Information and Technology employee discovered Davie Poplar III stripped of its bark Friday morning.

Todd Lewis, a computer programmer, called the University Police when he discovered the damage on his way to work in Wilson Library. "At first I thought that it had been trimmed, and then I saw the branches were left on the ground," Lewis said. "I thought that was suspicious, and then I noticed the bark missing."

Davie Poplar III was planted October 12, 1993 in commemoration of the University's bicentennial celebration. The tree is planted near its predecessors, the Davie Poplar and Davie Poplar Jr., in McCorkle Place of the Upper Quad.

Beverly McJunkin, an administration representative for the University Grounds Division, confirmed that the tree had been vandalized. "Someone literally stripped all the bark and the limbs off," McJunkin said. "We had to remove it."

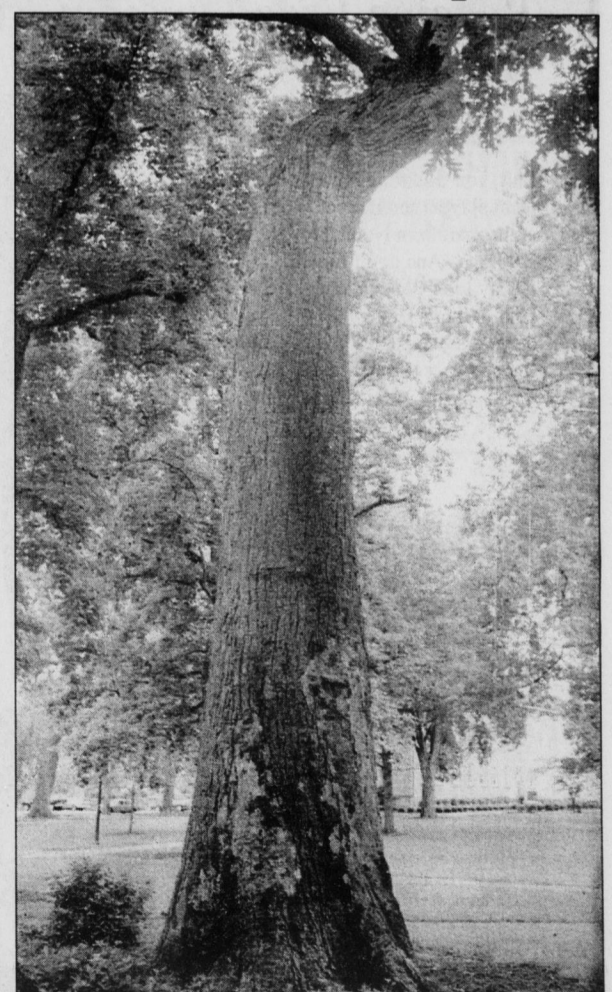
McJunkin said a new tree will be planted in the fall when the conditions are more favorable to planting.

A representative from the University Police said the department was not working on the case. "A report wasn't done," he said. "There's been no investigation."

Lewis said he did not think the police could do more. "I don't see anything that practical that can be done," Lewis said. "It's kind of disappointing though."

Davie Poplar III had become a landmark with his brethren, Davie Poplar Jr. was planted March 16, 1918 by the Class of 1918. Davie Poplar has stood since the early years of the University. Legend has it that the University will stand as long as the Davie Poplar stands. The University has helped the legendary tree to stand by placing cable inside the tree to support it.

Kirk Pollard, the forester who cares for the trees, could not be reached for comment.



The original Davie Poplar still stands in McCorkle Place next to Davie Poplar Jr. Davie Poplar III will no longer be able to stand next to his predecessors.