

Disabled Woman Files Discrimination Suit

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A discrimination suit has been filed in federal court in Greensboro against the Orange County Democratic Party and its officers, the Big Barn Convention Center in Hillsborough and the Orange County Board of Elections.

Susan Sexton Melton, a disabled Hillsborough woman who has osteogenesis imperfecta and walks with crutches, is claiming discrimination because an Orange County Democratic Party rally was held at the Big Barn Convention Center.

Melton said the building was not handicapped-accessible, there were no bathrooms to accommodate the handicapped and there were no proper handicapped parking spaces.

In the past month, Orange County School Board member Keith Cook, Chapel Hill Town Council member Richard Franck and Carrboro Alderman Alex Zaffron were served with summonses at different board meetings. All are officers of the party's Executive Committee.

Jan Allen, Randy Brantley, S.A.M. Brooks, Roscoe Reeve and Sharon Worthington, who are executive committee members, were also named in the suit.

Attorney John McCormick, who is representing the party and its executive committee members, said he wanted to have the suit dismissed.

"To pursue an action under the American Disabilities Act, you must allege that you have been deprived of your rights as a way to bring up a lawsuit," McCormick said. "(Melton) has to say with particular-

ity how her constitutional rights were deprived as a result of an action of the Orange County Democratic Party. If in fact she was able to attend the rally, she was not deprived of her rights."

Melton called party headquarters a few days before the event to complain the site was not handicapped accessible. He said the party told her they would arrange help for her.

"There were two messages left on her machine stating that if she needed assistance in attending the rally, there were volunteers who would pick her up and make sure she got there," McCormick said. "She never called back, but she attended the rally so the building was in fact accessible to her."

Melton is seeking unspecified damages and wants the Orange County Democratic

Party to be banned from holding events in non-handicapped-accessible buildings.

Melton said the party wrote a letter to Melton within two days of the rally stating they were not aware the building was not handicapped accessible and that they would not hold functions there again unless the building was adapted. The party said it also would not schedule meetings in non-handicapped-accessible buildings.

A second suit filed by Melton against the Board of Elections is over three polling places, St. John's in Chapel Hill, Palmers Grove Community Center in Hillsborough and the Carrboro Lions Club, she said are inaccessible to the handicapped. Melton requests that the pollsites either be moved or modified.

Melton could not be reached for comment.

U.S. House Passes Bill to Ban Same-Sex Marriages Nationally

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS
The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed Friday, in a 342-67 vote, the Defense of Marriage Act, which would federally outlaw same-sex marriage.

The action was conducted to head off a Hawaii court case that would legalize same-sex marriage by making it recognizable under state law. Conservatives worried that other states would then be required by the Constitution to recognize same-sex marriages performed in Hawaii.

The bill, if passed in the Senate, will not allow married same-sex couples to receive spousal benefits under Medicare, Social Security or any other federal programs.

The Senate has not acted on the measure yet, but President Bill Clinton has said repeatedly that he will sign the measure if it crosses his desk because he does not believe in same-sex marriages.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who is a sponsor of the national bill, said in debate that the Hawaii court case threatened "the very foundation of our society."

"As Rome burned, Nero fiddled," he said. "The flames of hedonism, the flames of narcissism, the flames of self-centered morality are licking at the very foundations of our society, the family unit."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who is one of Congress' three openly gay mem-

bers, said he believed homosexual marriages had no effect on straight marriages and that it was wrong to think they would.

"I find it implausible that two men who decide to commit themselves to each other threaten the marriage of people who live two blocks away," he said.

Some opponents also credited the move to presidential politicking.

"This is nothing more than election year pandering," said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass. "This will prevent or stop nothing, but it does effectively divide people in America, and that's exactly why it's wrong."

A North Carolina bill of the same type passed through the General Assembly during the last session. Under this state law, North Carolina will not recognize same-sex marriages, no matter which other states do recognize them.

The bill amends Chapter 51 of the General Statutes to read, "Marriages, whether created by common law, contracted or performed outside of North Carolina between individuals of the same gender are not valid in North Carolina."

In North Carolina, only Chapel Hill and Carrboro have domestic partner ordinances, which officials said would not be affected by either the state or national laws prohibiting same-sex marriage.

Student Congress Discusses Plan to Examine History of Student Code

STAFF REPORT

Student Congress continued the discussion over how best to standardize the Student Code at their Tuesday night meeting, this time examining the issue of how to research the history of student government.

Speaker Jamie Kilbourne announced that all documents relating to student legislation were being kept in the University's archives, but could not be removed.

"Until we can get a copy of those documents, we cannot even begin to figure out what's in there," Kilbourne said.

But that could be important, because congress members have expressed interest in re-evaluating the code to correct inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the code.

"What we're trying to do is make sure the current document represents what has happened throughout the history of student government," Student Government Advisor Jon Curtis said.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, Student Body President Aaron Nelson announced the Orange County Board of Elections had rejected student government's petition to

have satellite voting sites placed on campus for students' convenience. The elections board claimed they were unable to authorize the sites because there was not sufficient need. Nelson said his office would continue to fight for on-campus pollsites.

"I think students, by the drawing of these precincts, have been systematically disenfranchised," Nelson said.

Nelson also announced the University was considering placing a 24-hour computer lab in Hinton James Residence Hall to serve South Campus students.



ARTS BRIEFS

What's happening in entertainment around the Triangle

Attend It

■ The Ackland Art Museum will present a gallery talk featuring director Jerry Bolas on Wednesday, July 24 at 12:15 p.m. The free event will explore ceramics from the museum's collection. For more information call the art museum at (919) 966-5736.

■ The Brightleaf Music Workshop will be held on Saturday, July 20 at the Reynolds Theater on the campus of Duke University. Call 493-0385 for more information.

■ The Carolina Song and Dance Association will present a contra dance at the Carolina Friends School on Friday, July 19. A newcomers workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. and dancing will begin at 8 p.m. A \$6 donation is requested. For more information call 967-9948.

Hear It

■ The Artomatic Gallery will be spon-

soring a poetry reading on Friday, July 19 at 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 305 E. Chapel Hill St. in Durham. Call (919) 286-7847.

■ The Durham Rangers Old Time String Band will be performing on Sunday, July 21 at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens on the campus of Duke University. Call 684-3698.

■ The Von Freeman Quartet featuring Jodie Christian will be performing at the Carrboro ArtsCenter on Saturday, July 20 at 8 p.m. This concert is the second in the Adventures in Jazz series. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$11 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for ArtsCenter friends. Call 929-ARTS for more information.

See It

■ The Paul Taylor Dance Company will be performing July 18-20 at 8 p.m. in Page Auditorium on the campus of Duke University as part of the American Dance Festival. The performance, featuring Taylor's new work "Offenbach Overtures," will conclude the festival's month long activities. Tickets are \$28, \$21 and \$15. Call 684-4444 for more ticket information.

■ Dick Roberts' new exhibit "Small Forays Into Large" will be exhibited in the Semans Gallery in the Durham Arts Council starting July 18 and running through August 26. The exhibit will feature mixed media works by the artist. Call the gallery at 560-2787 for more information.

BUDGET

FROM PAGE 1

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Katherine Kraft said the refusal to fund insurance was disappointing.

But Student Body President Aaron Nelson said he believed the publicity the issue received this year would be helpful during future budget processes. "Before this year, people didn't know how to feel about it because they didn't know it was an issue," he said. "Now they know."

Graduate students were not totally left out, as the Senate held firm to their original plan to increase tuition remissions by 10 percent. The House again refused funding.

Both budget proposals include salary increases for state employees.

In the future, students should take a more active role in electing and working with legislators to see that they meet the needs of higher education, Kraft said.

Kraft said student government planned voter registration drives during the fall and hoped to institute better working relationships with legislators throughout the year.

Metcalf said the University was waiting and watching to see what happened next. "At this point, the only thing we can do is monitor the budget process," Metcalf said.

He said there was no way of knowing where things would end. "Anything at this point would simply be wild speculation."

Arts & Entertainment Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 18

KODAC HARRISON. The Cave. 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill. 968-9308.

JUPITER COYOTE. Cat's Cradle. 300 E. Main St., Carrboro. 967-9053.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

APO

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APO's lost and found office occupies a mechanical room in which some of several telecommunication panels are located. The panels were planned several years ago to be used for fiber optic hookups, said Scott Hudson, assistant director of operations.

Therefore, the Union has no choice but to relegate the room if those from telecommunications are willing to work with the Union for that space, Hudson said.

Kwok said the fraternity presently occupies three rooms. Room 30 is the lost and found office that also contains files.

The room next door serves as a meeting room for APO. The room across the hall serves as storage for lost and found items.

Kwok said he was frustrated because he felt his organization contributed so much more to the University and therefore needed that space to function.

DOXY'S KITCHEN with NEW BROWN HAT. Cat's Cradle. 300 E. Main St., Carrboro. 967-9053.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

WESTON with LIFETIME and SCARIES. Lizard and Snake Cafe. 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill. 929-2828.

PURPLE SCHOOLBUS. Cat's Cradle. 300 E. Main St., Carrboro. 967-9053.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

TODD JONES with THING. The Cave. 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill. 968-9308.

JUNE OF 44 with CAPSIZE 7. Cat's Cradle. 300 E. Main St., Carrboro. 967-9053.

MONDAY, JULY 22

STUART HOYLE. The Cave. 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill. 968-9308.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

CURIOUS DIGIT with G-13 and TROUBADOR SQUAT STRING TRIO. Lizard and Snake Cafe. 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill. 929-2828.

CLAIRE HOLLEY. The Cave. 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill. 968-9308.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

BUCK-O-NINE. Lizard and Snake Cafe. 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill. 929-2828.

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- 26 FR WXYC '70s DANCE
- 27 SA BURNING SPEAR** (\$13/\$15 DAY OF SHOW)

AUGUST

- 9 FR ATHENAELUM, JUMP L'L CHILDREN
- 10 SA TRIANGLE BLUES SOCIETY ANNUAL TALENT SHOWCASE

**Advance ticket sales at SchoolKids in Chapel Hill & Raleigh and Pioneer's in Durham. For credit card orders call 967-9053. Shows usually start around 10pm. Shows are for ages 18 & up unless noted.

CAROLINA Union Summer Schedule

All the Carolina Union Summer Programs are open to currently registered UNC Students & their guests. Admission to films is free with UNC-ID, Union Privilege Card or conference identification. Programs indicated as open to the public require no identification. All programs are limited in space availability.

Moonlight Bowling II Thursday, July 18
7:00-9:00 PM • Union Underground (lower level of Carolina Union)
Bring your friends and enjoy an evening of free bowling, free soft drinks and snacks, and half price pool in the Union Underground. Shoe rentals are free and there will be opportunities throughout the evening to win bowling passes for future bowling!

Jumanji Monday, July 22
8:00 PM and 10:00 PM • Union Auditorium
A frenetic pace enlivens this fantasy thriller about a child's game which draws its players into a labyrinth of jungles and exotic creatures. Robin Williams stars as one of the captured children who returns after twenty-six years to try to end the game that he began. (104 minutes)

Selected Hilarity Thursday, July 25
8:00 PM • Union Cabaret
The comedy of Selected Hilarity is a great way to spend an evening. Selected Hilarity is a local improvisational group which got its start at UNC. Be prepared for lots of laughs and a sore belly after seeing these guys perform. Admission is free and open to the public.

Braveheart Monday, July 29 & Tuesday, July 30
7:00 PM • Union Auditorium
Mel Gibson heads an army of brave and determined men fighting for freedom in this epic story of a thirteenth century Scottish patriot battling to reclaim his country from the rule of the English monarchy. Academy Award winning director Ridley Scott delivers a Best Picture adventure that you will not want to miss. (178 minutes)

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