



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

UNC Minority Students To Present Research

UNC's Minority Undergraduate Research Assistants Program will hold its annual academic conference Saturday to display the summer research of minority students.

The conference, entitled "Beyond the Horizon: The Success and Survival of Minorities in the Academy," will feature presentations from minority rising seniors across the country.

The students have taken part in UNC's ten-week Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience Program, which exposes students interested in pursuing graduate work to the research methods and trends involved in their field.

The conference's focus is the recruitment and retention of minority undergraduate students to social science doctoral programs. National figures have shown a decline in the number of minority students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees.

Admission to the conference is free and open to the public, but lunch requires advance registration. Members of the general public interested in attending the conference should contact conference coordinator Tomeiko Ashford at (919) 962-0249.

Murphy Re-Appointed as Summer School Dean

The Board of Governors last week re-appointed Dean of Summer School James Murphy to the position for a period not to exceed five years.

The period of Murphy's re-appointment would begin July 1, 1997.

Murphy, a professor in the Department of Economics, has served as dean since 1988. Before taking the position, he served as Director of Summer Session and Chairman of the economics department. Murphy has taught at UNC since 1964.

Morehead Planetarium To Present Laser Shows

Morehead Planetarium will present a series of laser shows with musical accompaniment thru September 1.

The shows, created by Audio Visual Imagining Inc., one of the nation's oldest laser entertainment companies, include "The Beatles," "Pink Floyd's 'Dark Side of the Moon,'" "Nine Inch Nails," "Laser Metallica," "Stone Temple Pilots," "Lollapalooza" and "Laser Flashback," featuring music by The Doors, Jimi Hendrix and The Grateful Dead.

Tickets are \$4.50 for children 12 and under and \$6.50 for the general public. The performance will be held in the planetarium's outside Star Theater.

For more information on times and dates, call (919) 549-6863 or Tar Heel Talk at (919) 549-6711, code 8041.

WCPE Dedicates Day of Music to Town, Officials

WCPE radio is dedicating a 24-hour stretch of classical music to Chapel Hill, Mayor Rosemary Waldorf and the members of the Town Council.

The July 18 "thank you" stems from the community support over a Federal Communications Commission decision that would have forced WCPE to cut the power of its signal if it raised its antenna.

Last summer, the FCC told WCPE if the station moved its broadcast antenna to the top of its 1200 foot tower, it would have to reduce the strength of its signal to Chapel Hill by 35 percent.

Since the move to the top of the tower was initiated by WCPE to improve reception in the area, the station was frustrated by the FCC ruling.

However, the Chapel Hill Town Council and town residents intervened by passing a resolution backing WCPE and gaining FCC petition signatures.

"WCPE is very grateful that the people of Chapel Hill and their representatives have responded so strongly in our behalf to help us solve their reception problems once and for all," said WCPE General Manager Deborah Proctor. "We are pleased and proud to dedicate our classical music to them on July 18."

OWASA to Begin Water Line Replacement

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority is replacing an old six-inch water line along Markham and Tadley Drives.

About 35 homes will be affected over the next three months as the asbestos and cement lines underneath the streets are replaced with eight-inch ductile iron pipe. Traffic will be slowed by work on parts of the roadway, but residents will be able to drive back and forth from their homes.

Work will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and is expected to end in early September.

Annual State Beekeepers Meeting to Be Held

The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association summer meeting will be held July 18-20 at the Ramada Inn in Burlington, N.C.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Hachiro Shimizu of the USDA Beltsville Bee Research Laboratory, Troy Fore of the American Beekeeping Federation and Vice President of Burt Bees Roxanne Quinby.

For more information, call Dr. John Ambrose at (919) 515-1660.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BY JOHN SWEENEY
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The United States Student Association will be holding its 49th annual conference on campus next week, bringing 250 student leaders from across the country to decide how best to advocate students' concerns over the next year.

The organization had not held their conference in the South in some time, a fact which played into the organization's decision to come to UNC, USSA President Jeannette Galanis said.

"Based on the work (Student Body Presi-

dent Aaron Nelson and Association of Student Governments President John Dervin) have done in the past year with the housekeepers and other issues, and based on the fact that (the conference) hadn't been in the South in 20 years, it was overwhelmingly decided that we should come here," Galanis said.

Galanis said the USSA was the oldest and largest student organization in the country and the only organization that served as a voice for students in Washington, D.C. The USSA represents the interests of more than three million students in more than 150 schools nationwide.

Galanis said much of the conference would be taken up by plenary sessions, in which delegates from the group's member schools would discuss and vote on changes to the USSA constitution. "It's kind of like a constitutional convention," Galanis said.

The delegates will also discuss tactics the group should use to lobby for students.

Galanis said the USSA had been involved in lobbying for financial aid legislation in the past, a trend that would continue as the U.S. Congress again decides this year how much to spend on federal financial aid for higher education.

Galanis said Gene Sperling, President

Bill Clinton's senior domestic economic policy advisor, would speak at the convention about financial aid legislation. Affirmative action, which has come under fire, would be another important topic, she said.

Galanis said she thought holding the conference at UNC held a special meaning, since the first 10 USSA presidents came from the University. "It's really exciting for us to come back here," she said.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said he was excited as well. "It's just amazing to have these people on this campus," Nelson said. "The excitement and energy they bring to issues is really great to see."

UNC will have seven voting delegates at the conference, all of whom were chosen by Nelson for their leadership. UNC's delegates include Nelson; Reyna Walters, assistant chief of staff; Ivy Farguheson, a former executive branch senior advisor; congress member Michael Holland, Dist. 6; Campus Y Co-Chairwoman Joanne Wardell; Corye Barbour, a member of the Chancellor's Task Force on Women; and one as-yet-unnamed delegate from the Black Student Movement.

Students interested in participating should contact the executive branch. The conference is free and open to the public.

Historic Building on West Franklin Street Slated for Demolition Within Next Year

University Baptist Church received a permit to demolish the McDade house.

BY TOM CONRADT
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for a 155-year-old historic building on West Franklin Street. The Historic District Commission met July 11 to review a certificate of appropriateness to demolish the building.

The McDade House, the last remaining house on the west end of Franklin Street, is slated for demolition in one year. The yellow building across from Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream is standing in the way of the University Baptist Church's expansion plans.

"The church wants to add an extension to its current building and the McDade House is in the way," Preservation Society member Mary Arthur Stoudmire said.

The church filed for a certificate of appropriateness. Obtaining the certificate is a necessary procedure for University Baptist to be granted permission to demolish the McDade House because of the house's historical significance.

The Historic Commission, the government office that rules on all of Chapel Hill's historic buildings, granted the certificate with a one-year delay.

"It was understood that during the year the Historic District Commission, the Preservation Society and any other interested groups would try to save the house," said Beverly Kawalec, a representative for the town of Chapel Hill.



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The McDade House on West Franklin Street might face demolition in one year. Protestors of the demolition are attempting to raise funds to move the 155-year-old house. Costs are estimated to be more than \$80,000.

University Baptist is also interested in saving the building, Kawalec said.

The McDade house has been at the center of a conflict between the Preservation Society and University Baptist since 1994.

"We've tried for two years to move the house over to Carboro, behind the African Methodist Episcopal church," Stoudmire said. "But the main problem is money. We have had seven offers to move the house, and the least-expensive estimate was \$80,000."

Three different families have lived in the house since its completion in the mid-

19th century. It was one of the first and only all-brick houses built in town. Currently it is in use by several local businesses and the Chapel Hill Welcome Center.

"Saving the building won't necessarily involve renovating it because it is in use now," Kawalec said.

The Historic Commission and the Preservation Society are entertaining several ideas to save the house. They welcome any ideas or groups that would like to offer their services.

Reverend Simpson from the University Baptist Church refused to comment on the filing of the certificate.

New Vice Chancellor Candidates Part of Old Applicant Pool

BY RENÉE TOY
STAFF WRITER

Although it had been unclear who recommended the three latest candidates for the vice chancellor of student affairs post, University administrators said this week that the vice chancellor search committee recommended the candidates in conjunction with a search firm.

After more than two years of sorting through applicants, the search committee is supposed to meet with the candidates when they are interviewed in Chapel Hill this month.

Chief of Staff Elson Floyd, the member of the chancellor's office most closely associated with the search, said, "The search committee and the search firm recommended these three candidates to be interviewed."

The University hired the search firm, Heidrick & Struggles, last summer when Chancellor Michael Hooker took office.

The four candidates recommended by the search committee in April were part of a group of approximately seven candidates that had been considered, Floyd said. Those four candidates were not selected for a variety of reasons including salary disagreements and a disagreement over whether the University could find employment for one candidate's spouse.

"There was a look at the original group

of approximately seven candidates that the search committee had considered in April, and there was an opportunity to bring in the other three because we were unsuccessful with the four in April," Floyd said.

John Edgerly, a member of the search committee, said the search firm went back to the original pool of candidates and recommended three of them.

"To my knowledge there was no new list," Edgerly said. "The names (of interviewees) that I've been given are the names the search firm gave."

When asked why the search committee had not formally come together to recommend the three new candidates Floyd said, "We are trying to move responsibly as well as expeditiously to fill the position. I have been under huge pressure by student organizations to identify an appropriate candidate for the vice chancellor of student affairs."

Floyd said he has tried to continue to involve the search committee in identifying candidates.

Edith Wiggins has served as interim vice chancellor for student affairs since former Vice Chancellor Don Boulton's departure in 1994.

The search has taken an unusually long period of time because the committee was forced to start over in the middle of the

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Local Churches Work With Sheriff's Department to Step Up Security

BY TOM CONRADT
STAFF WRITER

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall once said, "The most segregated time in America is on Sunday morning."

Local leaders in the black community have grown increasingly aware of this quotation due to the recent rash of church fires in the South, especially as they move closer to home.

There have been efforts to step up security in black churches in Orange County. Recently the Orange County Sheriff's Department began working more closely with members of black churches to increase

safety on their property. "I'm very pleased with the efforts law enforcement has made to prevent any such fires from occurring in our community," said Carboro Alderman Hilliard Caldwell. "They always have kept on top of things, especially in the more rural areas of Orange County."

Sheriff's deputies have warned churches in the outskirts of Orange County to be aware of any suspicious activity and to report it immediately.

"Although there haven't been any churches hit, it's always better to take a preventative approach," Caldwell said.

Leaders in the black community said they were appalled at the frequency of the

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Black Cultural Center director

worship, particularly in the large numbers that are occurring," Caldwell said.

The local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has already responded to the burnings.

"We had a meeting in Charlotte last week and it was one of the main topics of discussion," said Fred Battle, a representative of the NAACP. "Basically I feel that the more publicity some of these burnings have received, the more frequently they occur."

Battle said he considered the church not only important as a place of worship but as central to the civil rights cause.

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. worked

very closely with black churches to spread the word on the civil rights movement," he said. "The church is an institution closely associated with the heritage of that campaign." King was a reverend himself, and used the strong black ties to the church to help mobilize support.

Black leaders on campus also had strong feelings about the church fires.

Gerald Horne, director of the Black Cultural Center, said, "In trying to determine who is responsible for the burnings, we should not only look at those in white sheets, but those in the black robes and blue suits in Washington, D.C. whose words have created an environment conducive to this kind of behavior."

University, Fraternities Improving Fraternity Court Safety

Three new lights in Fraternity Court should make the area safer.

BY SHENG LEE
STAFF WRITER

A management agreement between the University and four fraternity houses has led to the installation of three new lights in the Fraternity Court parking area.

The high-pressure sodium lights were installed July 8 in the lot, which is off Columbia Street, at a cost of \$2,585.

John Laetz, UNC electrical distribution superintendent, said he thought the lights provided several advantages for passersby.

"Increased lighting tends to deter people with bad intentions from (harming) other people," Laetz said. "It also involves a sense of perception because if people feel safer then there's an air of security," Laetz said.

Pi Beta Phi sorority member Ashley Rice, a former Granville Towers resident who frequently traversed the Fraternity Court parking lot, said she thought the recent modification made the area more secure.

"I definitely think it's a good idea because that parking lot was very unsafe for those who were out late at night," Rice said.

"I remember when a (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) fraternity member was hit over



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Fraternity Court is undergoing many renovations, including new lights, concrete trash cans and a red-brick sidewalk.

the head with a brick in the dark lot," Rice said.

Ron Binder, director of the Office of Greek Affairs, said he asked the University to install the lights before their scheduled date after two crimes occurred in the Fraternity Court area.

"We had agreed to do that as part of the management agreement, but due to the recent break-in and a suspicious fire in two houses, we decided to speed up the project," Binder said.

The five-year management contract, which was signed last fall, stated that in return for collected parking fees from fraternity members, the University would

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maintain the parking lot, Binder said. Of the five Fraternity Court houses — Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha,

Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon — Sigma Nu was the only house that did not sign the agreement.

Sigma Nu did not sign the agreement because they have their own parking lot, Binder said.

The lighting project was one of three major parking area improvements.

The University also improved the area by resurfacing the lot and installing seven concrete trash cans.

Binder said the next project would be a sidewalk.

"We are going to construct a red-brick sidewalk around the parking perimeter so it matches the rest of the UNC campus."

Chemical Spill At UNC Plant Posed No Threat

STAFF REPORT

A chemical spill at the University cogeneration facility Sunday night apparently did not pose any serious threat to the environment, University officials said.

The 600-gallon sulfuric acid spill was discovered during a routine plant inspection and reported to University Police at approximately 9:30 p.m. The University's Health and Safety Office, the Chapel Hill Fire Department and Orange County's hazardous materials team responded.

Dr. Rich Miller, environmental manager in the University's Health and Safety Office, said the spill was caused by a tiny hole in one of the plant's pipes.

A Greensboro firm, Four Seasons Industrial Services, took over the cleanup efforts, using soda ash to neutralize the soil that came into contact with the chemicals. Officials expected the company to complete the cleanup by Wednesday night.

The spill was apparently contained on University property. Miller said workers monitored the spill throughout Sunday night and Monday morning to make sure none of the chemicals entered surface water.

In fact, the amount of acid which leaked from the pipe may have been a function of the harmlessness of the spill, Miller said.

"No one noticed it because it was so innocuous," Miller said.

Miller said the acid was contained in a concrete retaining area and absorbed by nearby dirt and gravel. Rain on Monday did not affect the cleanup efforts, he said.

Miller said another reason the spill did not cause problems was the quick response of the cogeneration facility workers.

"The nice thing about it is the moment

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