

Speaker seeks more open Student Congress

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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In light of last February's student body elections returns, chances are most UNC students can't name their Student Congress representative or describe what those representatives do. Speaker of Student Congress Jamie Kilbourne wants to change that.

To that end, Kilbourne said he planned on making congress more accessible and more interesting to students this year.

Kilbourne said one of the main focuses of this year's congress would be the

celebration of the Student Constitution's 50th anniversary.

"The idea is to raise awareness of Student Congress and student government and the long history of student self-governance here at the University," he said. "Each week, we are going to take steps in that direction, informing more students about Student Congress and what we do."

Kilbourne said he was enlisting speakers to come before congress during the course of the year. Douglas Hunt, a former speaker of the student legislature and an author of the original student constitu-

tion, has committed to speak at the Sept. 11 congress meeting, Kilbourne said.

Kilbourne also said he wanted Student Body President Aaron Nelson to present a "State of the Student Body" report to congress this fall and that he hoped to have Chancellor Michael Hooker present a "State of the University" report as well.

"The second thing that would be important would be for us to increase awareness of the Student Television broadcast (of congress meetings)," Kilbourne said. "Right now, we have gavel-to-gavel coverage."

But the broadcast is not available to all students because STV is only carried by Cablevision of Chapel Hill. On-campus residents and students who live in Carrboro cannot view congress meetings.

Kilbourne said he wanted to set up on-campus viewing rooms where students could come to watch the meetings and said he hoped to see the meetings carried on the Carrboro cable system, Cablevision Industries.

He also said he wanted to institute real-time internet broadcasts of the meetings for hearing-impaired students.

Homeless families given better housing options

BY TOM CONRADT
STAFF WRITER

A new housing project will help ease the growing number of homeless families with children seeking shelter in Orange County.

Project Homestead is a group of three residences capable of supporting up to 15 homeless families for 3 to 12 months at a time.

"I first heard about it through the Inter-Faith Council. I liked the idea and myself and others began working on it," said Ida Friday, advisory committee co-chairwoman. The group of residences, called Homestead, will be located adjacent to Duke Power Co. on Airport Road.

Friday said the area for the houses was chosen with younger residents in mind. "The residences are right on the way to school near bus routes and there are areas for children to play in a safe environment," she said.

In addition, Homestead is near the Southern Human Services Department, which provides medical care to needy families. Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon said, "I know the location near (Southern Human Services) is important because it allows families access to medical and mental health facilities."

The UNC Department of Psychiatry will be assisting in counseling, Friday said.

Sponsors of the project said medical services, child care services and transpor-

tation services will also be available to the residents.

The Orange County Inter-Faith Council will operate two of the three five-family homes. The Orange-Durham Coalition for Battered Women will manage the other.

The IFC Community House on the corner of Rosemary and Columbia Streets provides food, shelter and counseling for Chapel Hill's homeless families.

"Currently, anyone that is homeless and free of drugs can stay at the Community House," Friday said.

Raney Norwood, senior manager of the IFC Community House said more space was needed to meet the community's needs adequately.

"Right now we have three floors. One male and one female, and then the first floor is a kind of lobby area," Norwood said. "Project Homestead will help us out by expanding our resources."

Planners said they hoped the Homestead Project would take some of the burden off the IFC Community House and give homeless families better options.

"It will be a communal housing project with the families sharing kitchen and living room facilities but having their own sleeping quarters," Friday said.

The total cost for the project will be about \$1.1 million, Friday said. More than one-half has been committed by government agencies. The IFC must contribute one-third of the total costs.

BCC to offer variety of programs this semester

■ A conference will focus on civil rights since the 1896 Plessy vs. Ferguson case.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Several programs at the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center were revamped this summer to appeal to the entire University community, BCC publicist Ty Johnson said.

"The quality and variety of programs we have scheduled for this year provide many avenues to learn about African-American culture," Johnson said. "I think we have something for everyone."

New programs such as Underground Expressions, a visit by Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C., and a conference on the Plessy vs. Ferguson Supreme Court decision are designed to appeal to a wide audience.

The conference will highlight civil rights since the 1896 court decision that legalized separate but equal public facilities. Julius Chambers, chancellor of N.C. Central University, and former U.S. Senator Terry Sanford will speak.

Four area universities will honor John Hope Franklin, a Duke University professor, as Historian of the Century.

"We're extremely proud of being involved," Johnson said.

Underground Expressions, scheduled for Sept. 26 and Nov. 7, will allow com-

munity residents to perform poetry and prose at an open mike in a coffeehouse atmosphere.

Some of the black cultural center's most popular programs have also been improved for this semester, Johnson said. Around the Circle, a talk show about issues relevant to the black community, will no longer have Tyson King-Meadows, a political science graduate student, as its sole host.

"Instead of having one moderator throughout the year, we're going to have guest moderators," Johnson said.

Students who attend the Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series should be challenged by the lecturing professors, Johnson said.

"We have gotten a great response from

professors around campus," she said.

While the BCC has popular programming, it is known for its fund-raising efforts to build a freestanding building. This semester's efforts to raise the final \$3 million will include continuing T-shirt sales from last semester and an open house Sept. 12.

Johnson said she encouraged students to get more involved in the fund-raising effort and the development of programs at the center.

"A lot of the programs were started by students, and we want to continue in that vein," she said.

Professor Jan Boxill's Sept. 4 lecture on her experience commentating basketball at the Summer Olympics will be the first program of the semester.

Program opens world to science students

STAFF REPORT

Science students are "shortchanging" themselves if they don't learn about other cultures and countries, a UNC chemistry professor said.

"Science is very much an international activity, whether you're doing research or you're in private industry," said Tomas Baer, a Kenan professor in the Department of Chemistry. "We communicate on an international basis."

In an effort to introduce students to the international world of science, Baer helped initiate the TransAtlantic Science

Student Exchange Program, a self-sustaining effort to facilitate the exchange of undergraduate science students between European and American universities.

UNC and the University of Strathclyde in Scotland serve as the lead institutions for TASSEP. There are a total of 15 U.S. universities involved in the program, including the University of Virginia and Duke University. Seventeen European universities are also participating, including schools in England, Dublin, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Finland, France, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Switzerland,

Austria and Italy.

TASSEP was initiated in fall 1993 with the aid of a two-year, \$45,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"The initial funds were mainly used to establish the protocol for getting the program started," Baer said. "Now it's running on its own."

Baer said 12 UNC students have participated in TASSEP in the past three years. Although the program is open to all science majors, only chemistry and biology majors have gone abroad so far, he said. For each student from UNC that goes abroad, the University accepts an exchange student from one of the participating European universities, Baer said.

TASSEP will have an interest table set up at the Sept. 4 Study Abroad Fair. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Great Hall.

"We basically are having all our programs set up tables," said David Neiditz, a representative of the Study Abroad office.

Neiditz said current exchange students would be at the meeting to talk to students interested in studying abroad.

Campus Calendar

awarded.

7:30 p.m. — UNC Pre-Vet Club will hold its organizational meeting in Union 218. All are welcome. Call Jen at 932-3897 for more information.

8 p.m. — UNC Crew Club will hold a general interest meeting in Fetzer 109. No experience is required.

Items of Interest

Carolina's oldest coed a capella group, Carolina Tar Heel Voices, will be holding auditions for basses Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 9-11 p.m. Sign up for an audition time at the Union Desk. Location is also available at the Union Desk.

UNITAS Multicultural Living and Learning Program, located on the 5th floor of Carmichael Residence Hall, is accepting applications for this semester.

One can be picked up at the Union desk, Carmichael area desk or outside 528 Carmichael. The deadline is Aug. 28. For more information call 914-1338.

The Carolina Union Activities Board Film Committee will present Massimo Troisi in "Il Postino," Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission will be \$2.

Anthropology at UNC will hold its first meeting of the year, Thursday, Aug. 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call 732-9754 for more information about the location.

Carolina S.A.F.E. (Safety, Awareness, First Aid & Emergency Care) is looking for energetic individuals to train as American Red Cross certified CPR and First Aid Instructors. For details, call 962-CPR1 or visit our booth this week in the Pit.

Mandatory Freshmen Honor Code Presentations run until Tuesday, Sept. 24 in Hamilton 100.

Come on your appointed day. Makeup is on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 7-8 p.m.

Kallistil, the UNC Student Pagan Organization meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Student Union. All are invited.

An informative session on the evening degree program for adult women called MEREDITH AFTER 5 will be held Tuesday,

Sept. 17 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kresge B. Park Center on the Meredith campus.

For further information call Madra Britz, 829-2366.

Meredith College invites women who are interested in pursuing a Master of Business Administration to attend a free informational session on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Room 214 in the Harris Building on the Meredith campus.

For further information call the John E. Weems Graduate School at Meredith at 829-8423.

The MBA Information Session focuses on specifics about becoming a graduate student at Meredith College.

No registration fee is required to attend one of the sessions.

The Second Sunday Readings opens its fifth season Sept. 8 with readings and talks by poet Gerald Barrax of N.C. State University and fiction writer Lee Zacharias of UNC-Greensboro. The free, public program begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Wilson Library assembly room. The series is sponsored by the library's North Carolina Collection, the North Carolina Society and the creative writing program in the department of English at UNC-Chapel Hill. Michael McFee, lecturer in the creative writing program, is series organizer and moderator.

Barrax has published three books of poetry. A longtime professor of English at NCSU, he is editor of "Obsidian II: Black Literature in Review."

Zacharias is author of several collections of short stories and a professor of English at UNC-Greensboro.

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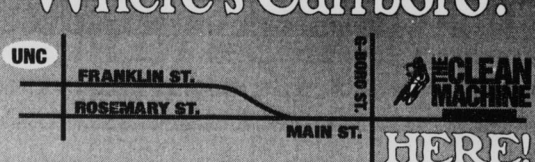
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