



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

CAROLINA S.A.F.E. to hold interest meeting

CAROLINA Safety, Awareness, First Aid and Emergency Care will hold its first general interest meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in Union 208.

CAROLINA S.A.F.E. is a student-run service organization that strives to enhance the general emergency response level of the University community by increasing accessibility of CPR and first aid training programs offered by the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The organization is currently looking for energetic individuals to train to become certified instructors, student leaders to set up CPR and first aid courses with their organizations, CPR and first aid course participants, and students interested in an executive role with CAROLINA S.A.F.E.

Ackland Art Museum honors volunteer service

The Ackland Art Museum has awarded its most prestigious volunteer honor to Kirsten Mullen of Durham and Sandra Page of Chapel Hill.

Mullen and Page received the museum's Rani Gallagher Award. The award recognizes extraordinary volunteer service and is given only when superlative service demands it.

Mullen, a writer and historian, has been instrumental in building a more culturally diverse corps of volunteer gallery teachers, or docents. She was one of the first blacks to join the Ackland docents, and has encouraged and recruited other people of color to follow suit.

Page has led a team to design a specialized teacher workshop on art and language development for kindergarten through second grade, and she has served as the primary school liaison and lead gallery teacher for three multiple-visit classes from Seawell Elementary School.

The Gallagher Award is named for its first recipient, who was honored in 1993 for extraordinary contributions as a docent and special events volunteer. Gallagher lives in Chapel Hill and continues to serve on the Ackland Guild board of directors and the museum's visiting committee.

Water Tower Lot to be temporarily closed

A portion of the Water Tower Lot (N7 Zone) will be temporarily closed so the Orange Water and Sewer Authority can dismantle the water tower in that parking area. Motorists who normally park in the lot will be notified of alternative parking during the project. Construction is scheduled for Sept. 1 through Sept. 8.

For more information on the project itself, call OWASA at 968-4421.

Center to offer conflict resolution workshops

The Dispute Settlement Center of Carrboro will offer a conflict resolution skills training on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the center located at 302 Weaver St.

The workshop will give participants a chance to learn how to use conflict as a creative opportunity, ways to defuse anger, problem solving skills, relaxation techniques and effective communication skills.

There is a fee for the workshop, and participants must pre-register by calling 929-8800.

Chapel Hill library seeks English language tutors

The Orange County Public Library is seeking volunteers to staff their English as a Second Language program. Tutors do not need to be bilingual. The library will offer free training to those who wish to tutor on Saturday Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or receiving training, call the ESL Coordinator at 644-3011, ext. 2533.

Center sponsors support group for victims

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is hosting two support groups. The first group will aid female survivors of incest and child sexual abuse.

This group will meet for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 22. The second group will be for both male and female survivors of adult rape or sexual assault. The group will meet on Monday evenings from Sept. 24 to Dec. 3.

Both support groups are free and confidential. They will be led by trained facilitators. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Rochelle at the Rape Crisis Center at 968-4647.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CAA alters ticket distribution policy

BY JIM NICKS STAFF WRITER

Die-hard Tar Heel fans will no longer have to pitch camp outside the Smith Center for basketball tickets, said Seth Nore, president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

Nore said an advisory board formed last spring helped him make the decision to change the way basketball tickets were distributed. Under the new system, students cannot camp out the night prior to ticket distribution to get better seats.

Nore said students who show up before noon on the day of distribution will

just be wasting their time. "With the new system, we feel that ticket distribution will be fairer and safer to all students who wish to attend games," he said.

At noon, CAA and Smith Center officials will distribute numbers to all students in line. Students have until 2 p.m. to get a number. CAA will draw a number randomly from the total numbers given out and will begin distributing tickets from that number up. "For example, if you have number 499, and we draw number 500 as the first number, you will be the last person to get a ticket," Nore said.

Nore said the tickets would be distributed in the order of best seats to worst.

Nore said the change was made for three reasons. "Our first and primary reason was that we did not want students missing class so that they could get tickets to a basketball game," Nore said.

Nore said there were also concerns about the students' safety when camping out and about the fairest way to get tickets to students.

"If you've got 2,000 people in an overnight camping situation, something is bound to happen," Nore said.

Nore also said some students, such as working students or students with fami-

lies, did not have the time to camp out for a basketball game. Nore said in previous years these students were at a disadvantage in ticket distribution and this method was the only way to be fair to all students.

Nore said the majority of students seemed to like the new policy, but many still have doubts about the new method. "It takes all the fun out of something that was cool," said Donald Fleischman, a sophomore from High Point.

J.B. Baker, a sophomore from Raleigh, said students were losing something with the new distribution method.

"It destroys the tradition of camping," Baker said. "It serves no purpose."

OWASA to raze old, build new water tower

BY MEEGAN P. SMITH STAFF WRITER

After 71 years of service to the town of Chapel Hill, one of the most trusted figures of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority is being retired.

The Wilson Court Water Tower has stood at the corner of Cameron Avenue and Old Hillsborough Road through the Great Depression, major wars and men walking on the moon. It's also aided fire fighters in fighting blazes at Hector's restaurant in 1991, the Intimate Bookshop in 1992 and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house on May 12.

But despite its service to campus residences and commercial buildings, OWASA Superintendent Doug Terry said the tower "has lived beyond its usefulness."

OWASA announced plans to close the water tower at its current site and construct a larger facility in the Hilltop area near McCauley Street. Destruction of the tank will begin on Sept. 3. The replacement tank will open in 1997.

The decision to tear down the tank was made when the company learned that damage to the old water tank could not be repaired and the growing needs of the community justified a new plant.

After the tank was struck by lightning nearly 10 years ago, water began to leak from it. Various structural problems

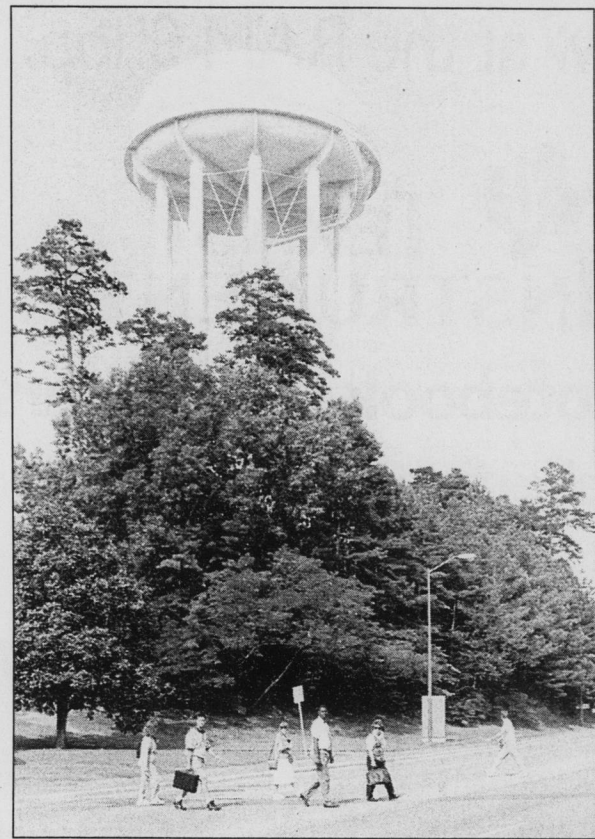
caused by the lightning, along with aging, caused damage that alerted OWASA to the need for a new plant.

OWASA officials continue to prepare plans for the replacement tank. Linda Faulkner-Vaughn, director of Customer and Community Affairs for OWASA, said 17 acres of land had been purchased behind the power plant near Carrboro. She said the company was in the process of getting final approval from the community and will appear before the Chapel Hill Town Council Appearance Commission in the near future.

In compliance with town requirements, all property owners within 1,000 feet of the new storage tank have been notified and town meetings have been scheduled in efforts to alert the community and seek approval from the Commission.

On Aug. 21 the first neighborhood meeting for property owners was held, and the largest concern among those in attendance was the color of the tank. Faulkner-Vaughn said OWASA "wanted them to be involved in this" and the preferred color was a dark, grey-blue base gradually getting lighter as the building got taller. The council will make the final decision on the color of the tank.

Although the new storage tank will not be completed until 1997, town citizens are guaranteed the same water service throughout the change.



The 71-year-old Wilson Court Water Tower, now suffering from leaks and structural damage, will be demolished Sept. 3.

Officials say rabies cases escalating at epidemic rate

BY JEFF YOUNG STAFF WRITER

A rabies epizootic, the animal kingdom's answer to an epidemic, has hit North Carolina.

Lee Hunter, the North Carolina Public Health veterinarian, said rabies has struck various wild animals in increasing numbers in the last three years.

This year an east coast rabies outbreak which had been migrating south from Maine and north from Florida finally reached North Carolina borders, he said.

Another outbreak, predominantly among skunks in the northwest corner of the state, further contributed to this season's number of rabies cases and the number of counties reporting cases. Both of these eclipsed 1995 totals.

The North Carolina Office of Environmental Health reported 466 cases of rabies in 1995. This year 532 cases were reported through Aug. 23, compared with 327 for the same period in 1995.

The raccoon is most often responsible for transmitting rabies in this area. The migrating strain of rabies is more apt to

appear in raccoons than other wild animals, but it can infect virtually any warm blooded animal, said Ben Weigler, a veterinarian at N.C. State University.

"Squirrels and other rodents almost never transmit rabies due to their small size and early demise," Weigler said.

Rabies can be transmitted to humans through contact with a rabid animal. As the number of infected wild animals increases, so does the potential for human and domestic animal transmission.

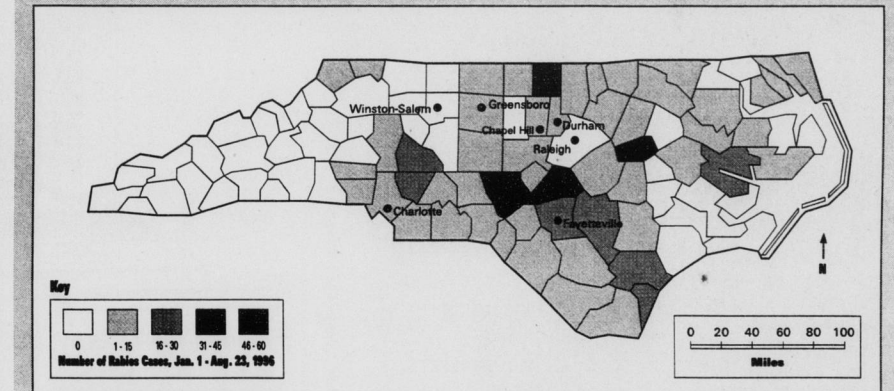
Humans infected with rabies might not show symptoms for a varying amount of time. This fact makes immediate treatment of any bite from a possibly infected animal absolutely essential, Weigler said.

"All rabies strains are virulent when introduced to a human host," Weigler said. "In cases where humans are infected and do not receive treatment, death is imminent."

The last reported rabies death in North Carolina was in 1953. "Public awareness and more stringent rabies vaccine laws have kept the number of domestic animal cases, thus the number of human cases, minimal," Hunter said.

Where the rabid things are

North Carolina is experiencing a rabies epizootic, an animal epidemic. The counties are shaded according to how many rabies cases have been reported there this year.



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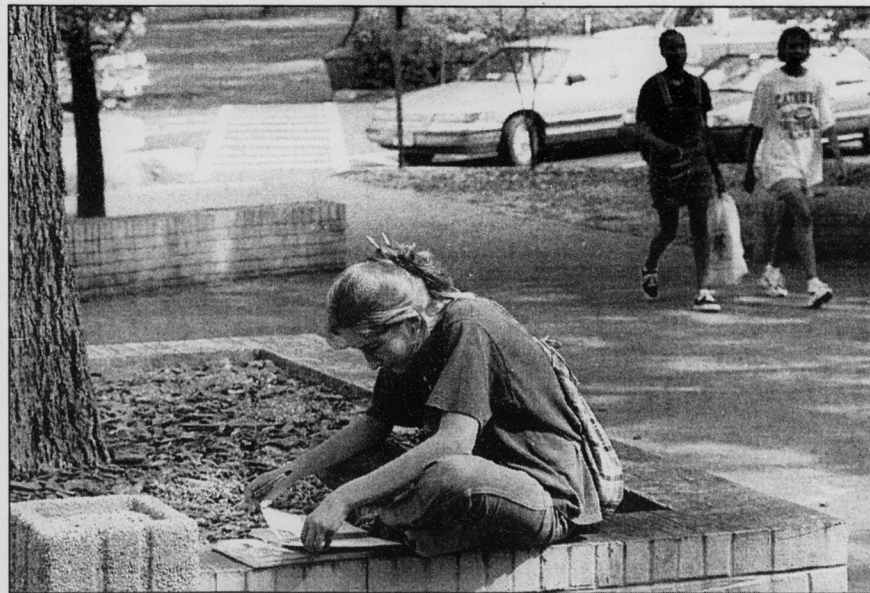
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John Sauls, Orange County Animal Control officer, reported only two cases of rabies, both in raccoons, so far in 1996. "Knowing what to do to avoid contact with an infected animal, and the steps to take in case of exposure are the most important thing," Sauls said. He offered

- steps to protect you and your pet:
- Avoid all wild animals and strays, even cute kittens
- Maintain your pet's rabies certification; the tag will not suffice
- Keep your pets secured at night when raccoons are active

- Feed pets indoors
- Be sure to secure any outdoor trash
- If you are exposed to rabies through a bite or scratch from a strange animal, wash the wound with warm water, confine the animal, call your doctor and contact your local animal control officer.

A PEACEFUL PLACE



Alison Carpenter, a freshman from Charlotte, studies away the day under a tree next to the Campus Y. Many students take advantage of the University's lush quads in order to study.

Former professor slapped with fine for travel scam

James Williams was charged with obtaining property by false pretense.

STAFF REPORT

Following his forced resignation last year, the State Bureau of Investigation charged former Professor James Williams with felony charges of obtaining property by false pretense.

Under state law the University was forced to notify the SBI about Williams' activity because it involved the misuse of state property.

In a plea bargain, Williams agreed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor, obtaining property under the pretense of doing work. Williams was ordered in District Court to pay UNC restitution, pay a \$50 fine and pay court costs.

The charges against Williams came after he requested a travel advance from UNC for \$127.44 for a two-night hotel stay in Charleston, S.C., where he attended a conference at the College of

Charleston. Williams was accompanied on the trip by Ako Shimada, a former UNC student who is now his wife.

However, the college paid for Williams' hotel bill because he was participating as a panelist at the conference.

The University should have been charged only for Williams' transportation and food charges. Previously, Williams had maintained that UNC was using a clerical error in travel expense report as an excuse to get rid of him and end an embarrassing scandal.

Williams was forced to resign by Chancellor Michael Hooker after it was revealed that he had had sexual relations with students, in many cases in his office in the Department of English.

The University also reprimanded Williams for paying Shimada \$2,400 from an institutional trust fund. Williams was directing the fund that was dispersed on the authority of the English department.

University policy forbids amorous relationships between professors and students when the instructor can exercise any kind of authority over the student.

Caucus to aim for diversity

The Women's Caucus wants more students to help plan the Women's Center.

BY MARVA HINTON ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Deciding how to select a diverse group of students to serve as representatives on the Advisory Board on Women's Issues dominated the first fall meeting of the Women's Caucus.

Ginger Norwood, a senior member of the Coalition for Economic Justice, said having a diverse group of students on the Board would improve the proposed women's center.

"If the process isn't inclusive, the center won't be," Norwood said.

The Advisory Board on Women's Issues was created last semester at the recommendation of the Chancellor's Task Force on Women. The first task of the board will be to create the proposed women's center.

Members of the caucus are working on drafting an application for students interested in serving on the Board.

The Women's Caucus, which was formed last semester, is an informal group of women concerned about the proposed women's center.

At their first two meetings, held during the spring semester, caucus members said they were concerned by the lack of diversity in their group.

Marion Traub-Werner, a sophomore and co-chairwoman of the Women's Issues Network, said informing a diverse group of students about the activities of the caucus was important.

"We had two caucus meetings in the spring, and the only people who really know now are active feminists on campus," Traub-Werner said. "Is this really what we want? How do we reach out to a broader audience?"

tyrell haberkom, a WIN member and a women's studies major, said another purpose of the meeting was for the group to get an update on what the Board did

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