

# Alumni return to classroom in seniors college

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Students pursuing a degree from the University are not the only ones involved in receiving an education. The Carolina College for Seniors, a program sponsored by the General Alumni Association, offers in-depth courses on various subjects to the community.

While the classes are open to the public, they are geared especially for alumni and friends age 55 and older.

The Enrichment Program of the GAA, the Orange County Department on Aging and a volunteer committee collaborate to plan the courses each semester. The program has been running since the

spring of 1995.

Larry LaRusso, program assistant for the GAA, has been involved in planning the courses. He said this program is part of a larger effort of the Enrichment Program to involve the Chapel Hill community, especially alumni, in the life of the University.

"I think it's a great way to promote diversity on campus and to get senior citizens on campus to learn about a topic they like," LaRusso said.

Each semester, the planning committee identifies topics that would be interesting for senior citizens and coordinates a series of lectures to cover those topics. Past classes have included topics such as North Carolina folklore, the courts and

judicial system and Western North Carolina mountains.

The classes meet approximately once a week for four to six weeks in the George Watts Hill Alumni building. Each week a different person lectures on the given topic. Most lecturers are University professors or community members who specialize in the given topic.

David Whisnant, professor of English, volunteered as a lecturer for the 1996 spring semester. He said the program offered a rare educational opportunity for the community.

"I enjoyed doing it and thought it was a very worthwhile program," Whisnant said. "I would be glad to do it all over again."

This semester's course offerings include "Ackland Afternoons," an in-depth exploration of the Ackland Art Museum; and "Computers, Technology and the Internet."

Richard Calhoun, a retiree and Chapel Hill resident, is enrolled in the computer course this fall. He had an interest in technology and applauded the University for sponsoring community courses.

"I think it's nice to have courses for alumni and senior citizens; these things do pay off for the University," he said.

CCS is a volunteer program that receives no funding. The fee is strictly to cover the cost of materials.

For more information on CCS, contact Larry LaRusso at 962-7054.

# Aldermen hear residents' concerns over roads plan

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Carrboro residents got a chance to respond to proposed changes in the existing road development plan at Tuesday's Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting.

There were many opposing opinions regarding the Thoroughfare Plan, which attracted members of the community who would be affected by some of the proposed changes.

The aldermen said the plan needed amending in order to establish a system of roads that would effectively channel the increasing flow of traffic through Carrboro.

"When we started out in this search (for a resolution to decrease the traffic problems), I could have sworn it started out as reducing traffic on Stratford (Drive) and Stratford alone," said Alderman Hank Anderson.

Kenneth Withrow, the transportation planner, showed the aldermen where several of the proposed roads would be built.

However, many members of the community were more concerned with saving land and preserving the small-town aspect of their community. Residents also made references to the Hogan Farm, which several of the proposed roads would run through.

"The connector between Homestead (Road) and Old (Highway) 86 shouldn't split the Hogan Farm," Linda Roberts said.

Members of the Hogan family also spoke about their dissatisfaction with the plan. They made reference to the goals of

the Small Area Planning Group, which was created as an advisory committee for the Board of Aldermen and is responsible for the future development of a tract of land north of Carrboro.

"As a member of the Small Area Planning Group, I understand the need for planning, but I think we need to connect the town and not rely on larger roads," Rob Hogan said.

Many community members alluded to the fact that the proposed resolutions were using projections as to what the traffic will be in the future. But residents made suggestions as to what could be done now to solve the problem of having their streets turned into major thoroughfares.

"I would hope that we wouldn't jump at using an internal connection to save someone 40 seconds," said Mike Hughes, a civil engineer responsible for designing some of the subdivisions the proposed road connectors would go through. "I would hope that we wouldn't encumber the Hogan lands with these projections."

Some residents offered alternative suggestions to deal with traffic congestion. "The people living on Stratford Drive and Calvander need some relief, but with a few more traffic signs and policies these problems will be solved," said Jim Bateson, a member of the Traffic Planning Board.

Curtis McLoughlin commented on the indecision about the proposals.

"I feel like we're being had again in a process that was supposed to be a mutual discussion—we don't really know where we're headed."

# Committee reviews fire safety recommendations

■ Five Greek houses should have sprinkler systems installed by December.

BY CHERRIECE WRIGHT  
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The Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs and presidents of fraternities and sororities that have houses met Tuesday to review recommendations made by the committee's Fire Safety Task Force.

The recommendations included requiring houses to install lock boxes containing keys to the house and a list of all the people inside; sprinkler systems within the next five years; and smoke, fire and

heat detectors that ring in either the Chapel Hill Fire Department or University Police.

This summer, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law stating that the town of Chapel Hill could force fraternities and sororities to install sprinkler systems. "It's the best way to prevent fires," said Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones.

Fraternity members were supposed to discuss the legislation with the Chapel Hill Town Council earlier this month, but the meeting was pushed back to Oct. 17.

Tampering with fire equipment would be a violation of the Honor Code.

Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder said five Greek houses might have systems installed by December. "Delta Zeta

is installing a system," he said. "Both Beta Theta Pi and Zeta Psi are in the progress of getting a system, Kappa Kappa Gamma has had one for a year and Alpha Delta Pi had a system installed this summer."

Other recommendations included having fire inspection reports sent to Greek Affairs, who will send them to the chapters' advisers; the use of fire retardant or latex paint; and showing a fire safety videotape annually.

"We are in the process of putting together a fire safety video in conjunction with the police and fire departments and the University," Committee Chairman Randy Cox said.

The recommendations will be voted on next Wednesday.

The General Assembly also approved a \$1 million loan fund this summer that will go to help houses install fire safety equipment, but some committee members were worried that might not be enough.

The average cost of installing a system runs anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

"We're trying to get the legislature to give us more money," Cox said.

"It all depends on the size of the house," Binder said. The fund is a revolving loan with no interest.

Recommendations were planned by the committee last summer after the tragic Phi Gamma Delta fire.

"We don't want this to be forgotten," Cox said. "We don't ever want a (Phi Gamma Delta) again."

## HOUSE

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word of mouth.

"I had a couple friends who had done it and it sounded like a good thing to do," he said.

Vernon said he had various responsibilities, including checking families in and out, answering the phone and making posters for upcoming events.

"I just do whatever needs to be done around the house," he said.

Vernon said he considered the time he spent volunteering at the house important. "It really is an enjoyable activity," he said. "The families really appreciate you being there and doing all you can for them."

He also said he thought the house provided a much-needed service.

"It allows parents to be near their kids when they're sick," he said. "It's a great organization."

Jennifer Leitch, a junior from New London, also volunteers at the house. She works a three-hour shift one or two days a week. "I can leave sports and exams behind and help other people," she said. "It's a great experience."

Families staying at the house must live outside a 50-mile radius of Chapel Hill, West said. They are referred to the house by a doctor or social worker who is familiar with their case. West said families from all counties, several states and even some foreign countries had stayed at the Chapel Hill house.

## Campus Calendar

### Wednesday

12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. - The UNC Zen Group will hold a meditation instruction and meditation session in Union 210.

3:35 p.m. - The University Counseling Center in Nash Hall will conduct a minority student support group to discuss the experiences and concerns that arise from being a member of a minority group at UNC in Nash Hall.

3:30 p.m. - University Career Services will conduct "Using the Internet in Your Job Search," for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes Hall. UCS will also hold "Keeping Your Career Options Open," for underclassmen in 209 Hanes Hall.

4 p.m. - The UNC Study Abroad office will hold an information session on internship pro-

grams in Europe in Union 226.

5 p.m. - The Orientation Office continues Orientation Leader recruitment. Attend the interest meeting in Chase II, Upendo Lounge. Applications will only be available at the interest sessions!

6 p.m. - The Wesley Foundation will have a dinner (\$3) and program entitled, "Which tater are you?"

6 p.m. - The Arts Department will present a short film, "Hamlet: Out of the ASshes" and a talk by Tom O'Conner, executive director of the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Project, in the Hanes Center Auditorium.

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - The Catalyst will hold a meeting in the second floor Union lobby. All are welcome.

7 p.m. - The UNC Coalition Against Geno-

cide and the University Center for International Studies will present the film series, "At the Movies," which highlights foreign films on ethnic conflict, in 209 B Manning Hall.

7 p.m. - Joanne Noris, associate director of Public Schools and director of the teaching fellows program will host a discussion on the upcoming election and its impact on education. For more information call 914-5782.

7 p.m. - Sue Coe, an internationally famous artist, will be speaking in the Hanes Art Center Auditorium. Her exhibit "Dead Meat" is on display in the Glass Gallery until Oct. 10.

7 p.m. - The Dillon School/DCYH Committee of the Campus Y will be holding its first meeting in the Campus Y basement. All are welcome.

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Anyone who wants to practice Japanese conversation skills is invited

to come by 210 Dey Hall where the UNC Japan Club will be holding a Japanese conversation table.

7:30 p.m. - Anyone interested in volunteering for the Harvey Gantt campaign please stop by 212 Saunders for a general interest meeting.

### For the Record

In the Sept. 23 article "Student voters prepare to cast ballots in November," the quotation "Generally, you have to be out of the county or in the hospital to get an absentee ballot," should have been attributed to Pat Sanes.

The DTH regrets the error.

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