



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Tickets for Alice Walker appearance on sale today

Tickets for Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker's Oct. 29 appearance at Memorial Hall will go on sale today in the Union Ticket Office beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets will be sold exclusively to UNC students, faculty and staff until Oct. 7, when they will be made available to the general public.

Prices are \$12 for faculty and staff and \$5 for students. The UNC ONE Card is required to purchase tickets.

Faculty inducted into arts and sciences academy

Maurice Brookhart, William R. Kenan Jr. professor of chemistry; Gerhard Weinberg, William R. Kenan Jr. professor of history; and Robert Ivey, visiting professor in the Department of Anthropology, will be among the 159 inductees to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Oct. 3 in Cambridge, Mass.

The Academy was founded in 1780. For more than two centuries, the Academy has brought together America's leading figures from universities, government, business and the creative arts to exchange ideas and promote knowledge for the public interest.

Betts' novel honored by library association

The Southeastern Library Association chose Doris Betts' "Souls Raised from the Dead" as their 1996 fiction award winner.

Betts will accept the award at the association's annual meeting Oct. 24 in Lexington, Ky.

"Souls from the Dead," released in 1994, tells the story of a Southern family trying to deal with the slow death of their beloved 13-year-old daughter.

University Women's Club Fall Tea set for Oct. 6

The University Women's Club will host its annual Fall Tea at the Quail Hill home of Chancellor Michael Hooker and his wife, Carmen, Oct. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendees should park their cars at UNC General Administration; a shuttle bus will be running to the Hooker's home.

Chemistry professor tapped for national award

Richard Buck, professor of chemistry, will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award for the Sensor Division of the Electrochemical Society Inc. on Oct. 8 at a ceremony in San Antonio, Texas.

The award carries a \$500 stipend. Buck will receive the award for his research to help foster a better understanding of ion sensors.

In work funded by the Whitaker Foundation, Buck focused on sensors aimed at cutting costs by making blood analysis a process patients can do themselves.

Buck is also working on a sensor that will help pregnant women test for a bacteria that would cause a premature birth.

Newman Artists Series host 'galaxy of concerts'

The fourth annual William S. Newman Artists series will open Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall featuring a performance by internationally recognized soprano Phyllis Bryn-Julson's program "Schumann to Ives and Then Some," accompanied by Michael Zenge in the Department of Music.

The series continues through March 23.

Season tickets for the general public are \$70, with a \$10 discount for senior citizens. Student season tickets are \$30. Individual tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Women's Center to host computer introduction

The Women's Center will sponsor a second 3-part computer introduction class. The classes will be held on Saturdays from Oct. 5-19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Word processing, DOS and Windows will be covered as well as an introduction to formatting and importing texts. For more information, contact the center at 968-4610

Department to sponsor horseback riding outing

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor horseback riding in Umstead State Park on Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants should meet at the Chapel Hill Community Center on South Estes Road. The ride will last for about one hour.

The fee is \$21 for residents and \$24 for nonresidents.

The deadline to register is Oct. 8. For more information, call the department at 968-2784, schedule of readings the store will offer, call 542-3030.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Six seats filled in Student Congress election

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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Six of the eight vacant Student Congress seats were tentatively decided in Tuesday's special election, but an ambiguity in the Student Code leaves at least one of those seats in question.

About 200 students turned out to vote, slightly more than Elections Board Chairwoman Angie Dicks expected.

"Turnout was very good, considering it was a special election," Dicks said.

Dicks attributed the high turnout to good campaigning on the part of candidates, publicity and "voter enthusiasm."

But Dicks said results were tentative. Winners have until today at 5 p.m. to turn in financial statements for their campaigns or they will be disqualified.

Election results were unveiled about 11 p.m. Tuesday, but questions arose almost immediately

over whether the winner in district 15, Brad Morrison, should take his seat.

District 15, which is composed of Ehringhaus and Hinton James Residence Halls, is usually represented by three seats in Student Congress. One of those seats, however, was vacated at the beginning of the academic year.

Morrison won the election with 53 votes, a plurality but not a majority, since two other candidates, Shonta Goward and Joel Sawyer, received a significant percentage of the votes in that district.

But the Student Code states that all elections are to be won by a majority, except those in districts with multiple seats, which should be won by plurality. The question is whether Morrison, who was competing for a single open seat, should have won by a plurality or a majority.

"We realize there is ambiguity in the code," Dicks said. "That's why we're working to correct and revise the code."

No formal protest has been filed to the results. Dicks said the results must be approved at a meeting of the Elections Board, to be held Thursday at 5 p.m., before candidates may protest.

If the elections board does hold a runoff election in district 15, it will be next Tuesday.

Speaker of Student Congress Jamie Kilbourne said he looked forward to welcoming new members at next week's meeting.

"It'll be nice to have a full congress," he said. "Since we moved into our chambers in Peabody Hall, I'm not sure if we've ever had a full congress."

Kilbourne said he hoped to have a brief training session for new members before they began serving their one-year terms. He also planned a reception to introduce new and old congress members.

Two seats, one in district 2 and another in district 7, remain open. No votes were cast in the elections for those two districts.

And the winners are...

Students voted Tuesday on elections for eight vacant Student Congress seats. The winners - three graduate students and three undergraduates - will take their seats at the Oct. 9 meeting. Results are tentative.

District	Winner
2	no votes cast
3	Charles Varris
7	no votes cast
8	Tonya Shard
9	Charles Toulson
15	Brad Morrison
18	Will Jennings
19	Jennifer Sanders Shannon Heard

DTH/MARK WEISSMAN

MAKING A PASS



DTH/MISTI MCDANIEL

Chancellor Michael Hooker and Coach Mack Brown present the game ball from UNC's Sept. 7 football game against Syracuse to Gov. Jim Hunt (middle) on Tuesday afternoon at the governor's mansion. Brown said the team decided to dedicate the ball to the victims of Hurricane Fran after beating the Orangemen 27-10. The ball was inscribed with the game's score and date and the message "To the citizens of N.C. for their courage during the Hurricane Fran crisis."

Mental illness program seeks to help college students

■ Counselors at Recovery Inc., say students are affected by peer deaths.

BY AMANDA GREENE
STAFF WRITER

Recovery, Inc., a program available in Chapel Hill and around the world, can help students who have anxiety caused by anything from extreme stress from last week's exams to mental trauma from the death of a close friend.

Recovery is a 30-year-old, nonprofit organization which was begun by a Chicago neuropsychologist on the principle that humans can help themselves by using simple techniques to overcome stress, said Rose Van Sickle, president of Recovery in Raleigh.

"We try to reach people before they start to repress their feelings and make their individual problem worse in the future," Van Sickle said.

"We normally don't focus on the situation that caused the person's anxiety,

but rather we operate on the member's symptoms, whether they be sleep loss or everyday fear."

With Mental Illness Awareness Week beginning Sunday, Recovery wanted students to know that if they need help coping with either stress or a personal trauma, they have a safe, confidential place to go to talk and get the help they need, said Cheryl Schirillo, head of Recovery community outreach for local universities.

"With the recent violent deaths of two Wake Forest students and the Phi Gam fraternity deaths at Chapel Hill, Recovery felt that students should know that they have an outlet for their feelings," Schirillo said. "Students coping with personal deaths sometimes feel like death is a very real thing that could happen to them."

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Recovery university outreach head

sion or feelings of being out of control."

The local Chapel Hill chapter of Recovery, Inc., meets at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday at the Friend Meeting House on Raleigh Road, Schirillo said.

"Most students are able to heal themselves after a death, but I think students who can't feel more comfortable going outside the university for more long-term help, and we offer a little more privacy and support," Schirillo said.

John Dervin, UNC student and friend of recent graduate Brad King, who died in a violent car crash during the summer, said of his friend: "I respected him a lot,

and when I learned of his death, it was a shock. Brad's death affected me to the point that I could not go to his funeral. Now, his death reminds me of how precious life is."

Juanita Donaldson, the group leader for Recovery in Chapel Hill, said they could also help students work out the extreme stress associated with school.

"We help people who have suffered from panic attacks or depression to better cope with everyday life," Donaldson said.

John, a student at N.C. State University who asked that his last name not be used, had similar experiences and went to Recovery for help.

John said: "I had a panic disorder five years ago because of moving and being married for the first time. I had panic attacks to the point where I couldn't do basic everyday tasks because of being afraid. I went to Recovery, and there they helped me to be able to function again through recognizing my tendency as a student to be a perfectionist and letting me see that I had a real problem."

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Carolina Vote Project starts UNC voter registration drive

BY KERRY OSSI
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The Carolina Vote Project began a voter registration drive Tuesday in an effort to get UNC students to take part in November's elections.

The Carolina Vote Project, a coalition of student groups, in conjunction with several other campus organizations has been registering voters on campus since August, but the drive will be a more aggressive effort to register students before the Oct. 11 deadline. The drive is scheduled to last through Thursday.

The group set up registration tables in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at Chase Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Junior Natalie Batten from Winston-

Salem helped register people in the Pit as a volunteer for student government.

"We want to get as many people as possible registered before the deadline," she said.

"All students, even out-of-state students, should vote in Orange County because these officials make the laws that affect the school and the students."

Erik Ose, director of North Carolina Participatory Democracy Project, said a person only needed to be a resident of a district for 30 days in order to vote in that district.

"Anybody at school at Carolina can vote here in Orange County," he said. "It's easier than getting an absentee ballot sent to you by your local county board of elections."

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DTH/LINDSAY CAGE

Carolina Vote Project has planned a three-day blitz of campus areas, including Tuesday's siting at Chase Hall, in order to register students to vote. The deadline to register to vote in November elections is Oct. 11.

EEOC sues shop for firing

■ The suit claims the Hillsborough store violated an employee's civil rights.

BY SARA GRIFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a sexual discrimination lawsuit Monday on behalf of a pregnant woman against the owner of a Subway Sandwich Shop in Hillsborough.

The lawsuit claims that Subway violated Melissa L. Blalock's civil rights for firing her after it was discovered she was pregnant.

The Civil Rights Acts 1991 states that pregnant women must be treated in the same manner as other people.

According to Blalock, she filed an application at the Hillsborough store and was told to report to work on July 10, 1995.

"I thought that meant I was hired," she said.

After arriving at the store, Blalock said she received a shirt from an employee and was told to begin cutting bread.

The owner was not there at the time, but when he returned she was given an apron to wear while working, she said. As Blalock stepped from behind the counter to put on the apron, she said the owner noticed she was pregnant.

At that point she was told she could not work there, Blalock said.

A press release from the attorney representing Subway, Doug McClanahan with Jordan Law Offices in Raleigh, stated that Blalock had never been officially hired by Subway.

The release also stated that the purpose of the July 10 meeting was for an interview, not for Blalock to report for her first day of work.

According to the press release, the owner believed that the job requirements could be harmful for Blalock and her unborn child. The press release stated the job requirements include lifting large packages, sweeping and spending long hours standing, could create health problems for Blalock and her unborn child.

Blalock said the job requirements had been previously explained to her and included "making sandwiches and running the counter."

The lawsuit seeks appropriate back pay with interest as well as compensatory and punitive damages "and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects... including but not limited to reinstatement."