



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Two graduate students die in unrelated incidents

Two graduate students — both close to receiving their respective degrees — died this weekend in unrelated incidents. Vijay Bhagavan, a teaching assistant in the Department of Economics, died Monday morning at his parents' home in Massachusetts of a massive coronary, said Ann Durham, graduate student secretary in the economics department. Durham said Bhagavan had just completed the requirements for his master's degree and she said he would be awarded the degree posthumously at December graduation ceremonies.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in 211 Gardner Hall.

Geography graduate student Randi Horner Wynn, a mother of three, was killed sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning at her home in Pittsboro. Authorities have taken Wynn's husband, Charles Winfred Wynn, into custody in connection with the crime.

Barbara Taylor, assistant to the chairman of the Department of Geography, said Randi Wynn had only her doctoral dissertation left to complete her degree. "We're very shocked," Taylor said. "We're very upset to lose someone this great because she was such a great person."

Though both students had taught classes during previous semesters, they were not teaching this semester.

CUAB to sponsor lecture by Native American elder

Doris Leader Charge, an elder in the Lakota tribe, will speak about her life experiences in "A Native American Experience, Education and Forced Acculturation" at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Great Hall.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It will be followed by a 10 minute Native American Drum Session.

Leader Charge was born and raised on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. She has been an instructor for the past 22 years at the Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Leader Charge taught the Lakota language to actors and actresses in the film "Dances with Wolves" during the spring of 1989. She has also assisted television crews with the making of "Son of the Morning Star" and "Return to Lonesome Dove."

UNC music department produces 1st concert CD

UNC's Department of Music produced its first CD, *Hark the Sound!*, which features more than 500 University student musicians.

Music groups such as the Marching Tar Heels, Symphonic Band, UNC Jazz Band, UNC Symphony Orchestra, Carolina Choir, Chamber Singers, Men's and Women's Glee Clubs and the Percussion Ensemble are featured on the CD.

The CD will be sold at concerts and in Chapel Hill-area stores. Proceeds will help fund future recordings.

The recording has a range of tracks from classical, jazz and University favorites such as "Here Comes Carolina" and "Tar Heels on Hand." James Ketch, a professor in the music department and jazz band director, said the disc is being sent to high school band directors as a public service and to promote the music department.

The CD was funded by grants from the Arts and Sciences Foundation Board of Directors and the John T. Lupton Opportunities Fund. It sells for \$15.90. For more information call 962-3720.

BCC to sponsor lecture, 'Around the Circle' talk

The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center is sponsoring two discussions today on issues relevant to the black community.

The first is a weekly lunch discussion entitled "Around the Circle." The forum will meet at noon and features Tomeiko Ashford, a first year doctoral candidate in the Department of English. He will lead a discussion on "Holding the Academy Accountable."

The second event is a lecture by Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism and mass communication.

He will discuss "The Politics of Limited Options for African-Americans in 1996: Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan and Colin Powell." This discussion will be held at 1 p.m. in the BCC. Both events are free.

Area church to host comedic music concert

The Unity Center for Peace Church on Seawell School Road will hold a concert of funny music Saturday at 8 p.m.

The concert is produced by Helen Spielman and features musicians Sydney Barber, Victor and Terry Anne Denny, David Heid, Kari Thomas Kovick, Greg McCallum and Randa McNamara.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted for the Unity Grand Piano Fund.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students could get free shuttle to airport for holidays

Out of State Students Association leaders are organizing the shuttle.

BY MERRITT DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Leaders of the Out of State Students Association hope to have plans finalized for a shuttle service to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport on major holidays by the end of the week.

Students will hopefully be able to use P2P Xpress shuttle vans on the days the residence halls close and reopen during Thanksgiving Break, OSSA Co-chair-

woman Betsy Mand said.

Currently, students must use services such as the Triangle Transit Authority — which many think is inconvenient — and the airport shuttle service, which costs \$20 round trip. Some students complain that the TTA buses do not run often enough.

While the airport shuttle is more convenient the cost is often prohibitive for students, Mand said.

Mand said a free, University-run shuttle would have obvious advantages over those services.

"There is a necessity for it and it is a service to students," she said.

Mand said none of the details were set in stone, but she said she hoped plans

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Freshman

would be completed by the end of the week.

The proposed shuttle would run from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. every hour and a half. Only 21 students would be able to ride at one time, so there would be a sign-up

sheet the week before Thanksgiving Break. During the week of final exams, the shuttle would run Wednesday through Saturday.

Students would be given a ticket to ride to the airport, but a return trip would require only a UNC ONE Card. On the way back, three shuttles would run until 6 p.m., and then one would run until midnight.

The shuttle service would pick up and drop off students in Union Circle and also drop off at a location on South Campus.

"I think it is a convenient way because you know it is operating and students have access to it," said Jessica Lambert, a freshman from Pittsburgh, Pa.

She said the shuttle service was a good idea and she would use it to travel home for the holidays.

Vince Barton, a senior from Albany, N.Y., said he thought some of his fellow students would definitely have a use for the shuttle.

"I would have used it my freshman year, but now I just drive home," Barton said.

The OSSA is organizing the event because most of the students who fly during holidays are out-of-state students, she said.

The program will be funded by different sources that are unconfirmed at this time, but Mand said the program would not cost students anything.

Raleigh art museum hosts Tibetan monks

Buddhist monks exiled from Tibet conducted a healing ceremony Monday.

BY CHRIS BARGE
STAFF WRITER

Buddhist monks from the Sera Je monastery in India spent two hours Monday night chanting, dancing, drumming and playing native brass horns at the North Carolina Museum of Art. The sold-out healing ceremony was one event among many performed during their stay in Raleigh this week.

During their stay in the Triangle, several of the monks have participated in the meticulous assembly of an ornate sand mandala, a colorful circular diagram used in Buddhism for meditation and prayer.

"The mandala is a blue print for the heavenly palace of a Buddha," said Joseph Covington, special events director at the NCMA.

The monks will destroy their symbol Thursday morning in a dismantling ceremony before moving to the next stop on their tour of North America.

Ani la Tseyang, a nun from the Sera Je Monastery, explained the religious and philosophical significance of the healing ceremony.

"Tonight's healing ceremony is focused on the healing methods of the eight medicine Buddhas," she said while the monks worked behind her.

Don Brown, facilitator for the event, said the monks' tour had three purposes.

"The first purpose is to share Tibetan Buddhist culture with the world," he said. "The second purpose is to raise awareness of the political oppression taking place in Tibet."

Brown said more than 2 million people have died or physically suffered as a result of the Chinese government's oppression.

The monks' third purpose was to raise money for the Sera Je Monastery in South India. The monastery serves as a refuge for almost 3,000 exiled Tibetans, all of whom live below what most Westerners consider the poverty line.

During intermission, the same monks who had brought many of the audience members into deep meditations with their throbbing chants only moments before, stood behind the concessions table, selling T-shirts and "Free Tibet" bumper stickers.

Most of the attendees milled about the concession area during this time, engaging in conversation with each other and the monks. One man, however, stood



Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Sera Je monastery in India perform a healing ceremony Monday at the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh.

dazed in front of one of the younger monks for several moments before asking him if the monks sold incense. Upon the monk's negative reply, the mesmerized Westerner graciously thanked him and shuffled away, bowing deeply.

The Tibetan monks concluded their chant- and dance-filled ceremony with a dedication to the sick and dying. As they chanted in English, the audience was encouraged to follow along.

"May all beings everywhere, plagued by sufferings of body and mind, obtain an

ocean of happiness and joy by virtue of my merits" was one verse of the chant.

Because of their belief in the impermanence of all things, the deconsecration ceremony will invite the Buddha and mandala to leave and go home. The monks will deposit the sand in an urn and toss it into a nearby pond.

After the show, Tseyang related the sand mandala to the Healing Ceremony. "(The mandala) is a religious healing artwork," she said. "Every little detail is supposed to emanate healing energy."

Politicians debate value of NARAL's endorsement

The reproductive rights group endorsed only one Republican candidate.

BY WILL GARVIN
STAFF WRITER

A reproductive rights group released endorsements of state and national candidates last week, and, predictably, each endorsement went to a pro-choice candidate.

Candidates claimed that both being endorsed and not being endorsed by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League helped them.

"Not receiving an endorsement from NARAL is a badge of honor," said Andrew Duke, spokesman for Republican gubernatorial candidate Robin Hayes, who is a pro-life advocate.

But Joe Goode, campaign manager for Democratic U.S. House candidate David Price, said he thought the NARAL endorsement would help the campaign.

The release of the NARAL endorsements for the 1996 elections demonstrated

the Democratic association with the pro-choice movement.

President Bill Clinton, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt and Gov. Jim Hunt received endorsements from the group.

Although the endorsements were primarily Democrats, NARAL endorsed Republican, Rep. Cherie Berry, R-Catawba.

"Unfortunately, in North Carolina a lot of the Republicans represent the extreme right wing of the abortion issue and are diametrically opposed to abortion," said Beth Ising, executive director for NARAL-N.C.

Duke contended that the most North Carolinians would not put much stock in NARAL's endorsements.

"They are a pro-abortion group and they measure their success by the number of abortions that are performed," Duke said.

"I think that the majority of people in North Carolina don't believe in NARAL's agenda," he said.

Duke said he believed most people do not support NARAL's stand on tax-funded abortions.

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Executive Director of NARAL-N.C.

Hayes is one of the main candidates that NARAL is concerned about, Ising said.

"He is in favor of a constitutional amendment that would outlaw abortion in the cases of even rape and incest. It is scary to think that he could become governor," Ising said.

She said candidates were chosen based on their stand on several different abortion issues.

"Candidates needed to support the Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortion legal, they needed to oppose legislative attempts to overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision and they also needed to support both the state and national clinic access laws," she said.

These laws help to prevent violence taking place at clinics as well as support access to abortion.

Some candidates received only a partial endorsement. Ising said that these candidates agreed that abortion should be kept legal but their commitment to choice is not as strong as NARAL would wish.

"There are some candidates that, while they agree with keeping abortion legal, do not support keeping access to abortion. Their commitment to choice is not as strong as we want it to be," Ising said.

Price received a full endorsement. Goode said Price's past voting record has shown him to be pro-choice candidate.

Ising said that she hoped pro-choice legislators would gain a majority in U.S. Congress and the N.C. General Assembly after the elections.

"The pro-choice majority is not being represented accurately in the state and the General Assembly," Ising said.

"And the majority of people think abortion should be safe, legal and accessible. Congress and (the General Assembly) are clearly out of step with the majority of Americans."

Professor gives predictions for state, national elections

BY AMANDA GREENE
STAFF WRITER

Tar Heel voters will likely vote for Bob Dole, Jim Hunt and Jesse Helms when they go to the polls next Tuesday, political science Professor Thad Beyle predicted.

Approximately 20 faculty, students and citizens attended a discussion Tuesday on the upcoming elections featuring Beyle. The Election '96 discussion was part of the Faculty Unplugged series held at Bull's Head Bookshop each month.

Beyle began his discourse on the '96 campaigns by giving his predictions for the outcome of the elections.

"I'd bet that Dole will win in North Carolina because all the polls up to the Mason-Dixon poll have shown him in the lead, but he won't win the election unless he gets a strong hold on California," he said.

Beyle predicted that the Helms-Gantt race would turn out the same way as in 1992 when Helms won by a slim margin. "I think, unfortunately, there is still a lot of racism in this state that will get Helms

elected," he said.

Beyle said Gantt should have campaigned more aggressively. "Gantt has had some negative ads that he has not answered," he said. "If you don't respond, the ads become truth in the public's eye, and you're fried."

Beyle also spoke on issues that he thought would affect campaigns and voting, such as race, gender and money.

"In this state, race is still something that cuts, and a lot of candidates are using it in their campaigns to get more votes," he said. "The gender gap has been present for a long time, and women 2-to-1 are more likely to vote for Clinton because of the nonwomen friendly stigma attached to the Republican Party."

Beyle also discussed the growing issue of sexual orientation as a strong component in this year's elections. "Homosexuality has a really strange bearing in our state," Beyle said. "It is the engine which will drive some people to the polls."

Beyle also spoke about the importance and influence of money in candidates'

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A DAY IN THE SUN



Creativity took a new twist Monday when Bland Simpson, a creative writing lecturer in the English department, moved his class outside to enjoy the last few days of mild weather.

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