



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Dec. 8 choir concert held in dead student's memory

The Carolina Choir and UNC Chamber Singers concert originally set for Nov. 17 has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in Hill Hall Auditorium.

The free event, sponsored by the Department of Music, will be conducted by Susan Klebanow, associate professor of music.

The concert, which will feature works by Bach, Senfl, Bartholdy and Schubert, is dedicated to the memory of Bradley King, a recent UNC graduate who was a campus leader and business manager of the Clef Hangers. King died in a car accident in June.

For more information, call Will Andersen at (919) 962-1039.

PlayMakers to present The Nutcracker: A Play

PlayMakers Repertory Company will present "The Nutcracker: A Play," based on the novel and stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann, at the Paul Green Theatre through Dec. 22. The popular play explores the dark nature of fairy and fantasy tales and their role in child development. Associate producing director David Hammond wrote this version of "The Nutcracker" for PlayMakers.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Saturday matinees will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Tickets are \$20 for matinees and Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$23.50 for Friday and Saturday nights. Call (919) 962-PLAY for tickets.

UNC cheerleaders to host 1996 Carolina Youth Clinic

Tar Heel cheerleaders will teach the fundamentals of cheerleading, dance and gymnastics to children ages 5 to 14 at the 1996 Carolina Youth Clinic from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Smith Center.

Proceeds from the safety-oriented clinic will benefit the UNC cheerleading program. The cost is \$10 per person.

The camp will be coordinated by Don Collins, 10-year coach of the Tar Heel cheerleading team and owner of Spirit Xpress Cheerleading and Gymnastics Center, which is cosponsoring the clinic.

The clinic also will offer opportunities for participants to have pictures taken with the Carolina cheerleaders and mascot. Prizes will be given.

For more information or to register, call Jim Paddison, assistant cheerleading coach, at (919) 361-0506.

Class to explain comets, asteroids, meteors to kids

Third and fourth graders can learn about comets and other celestial phenomena from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 14 in the class "Hairy Stars and Shooting Stars" at the Morehead Planetarium.

Lee Shapiro, director of Morehead, said talking about comets and asteroids thrilled children.

Shapiro said recent and upcoming comet visits would fuel interest in the class. The 1994 impact of comet Shoemaker Levy 9 with Jupiter and the expected sighting of comet Hale-Bopp in spring 1997 will be discussed in the class.

Students will build a miniature comet using ice, dirt and rocks — the main ingredients of most comets.

The fee is \$15 per child, with planetarium members receiving a \$5 discount.

Recreation department announces camp schedule

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a holiday girls basketball camp from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dec. 30 through Jan. 3. Participants must be between the ages of nine and 12 as of Jan. 1. The camp fee is \$30 for Orange County residents and \$56 for out-of-county residents. A separate camp for boys of the same age is also being offered. For additional information, contact the recreation department at 968-7703.

Local service organization seeks more volunteers

Volunteer Orange!, a service of the Triangle United Way, is in need of volunteers for several organizations. Volunteer opportunities include a coordinator as well as cashiers and donation sorters for the Orange Congregations in Sisters.

The Community Child Care Center in Hillsborough needs volunteers to read to children as well as to help them with activities during daytime hours.

The Family Resource Center needs individuals to help students with homework approximately one hour a week. Other needs of the center include someone to help with after-school activities, individuals who can design brochures and those who are able to set up computers and provide technical assistance.

Volunteer Orange! is a recruitment and referral service for more than 170 nonprofit and public organizations in the county.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students' departure empties some stores

But some owners claim the rain and location played bigger roles in the turnout.

BY SALLIE LACY
STAFF WRITER

The year's typically busiest shopping weekend had mixed results for area businesses.

An absence of students and rain prevented some stores from capitalizing on the post-Thanksgiving shopping rush.

"It's been quiet because of the weather, and nobody's been in town," said Katie Dennett, an employee at T'Boii, an imported goods store in University Square on Franklin Street. "I guess we did okay for the weather."

Scott Smith, manager of the Clean Machine bicycle shop in Carrboro, also said the rain kept people away.

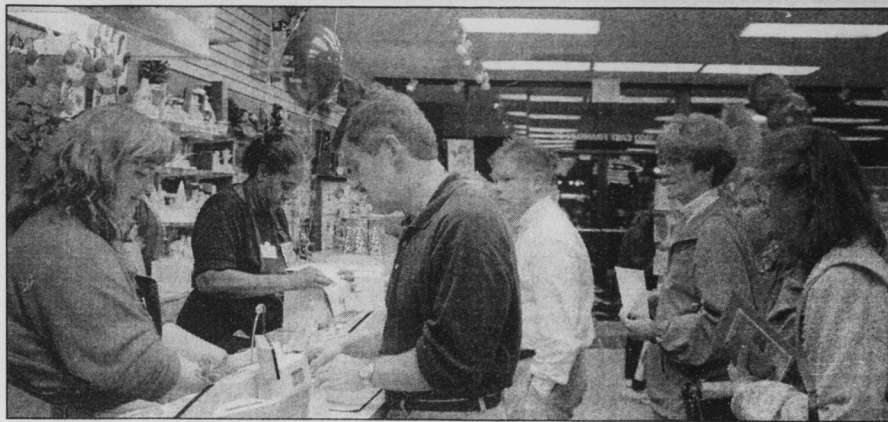
"Compared to the year before, I think (business) was slower, but I think it's because of the weather," Smith said.

Several stores on Franklin Street attributed the relatively slow weekend to location.

"Friday (after Thanksgiving) is supposed to be the biggest shopping day, but I think that is mainly for malls," said John Williams, an employee at Monster Records. "It was a little bit less than a normal weekend because the students weren't here."

Anjana's, a women's apparel store on Franklin Street, had good sales Friday but slow weekend business because of student absence, said employee Melissa Bond.

"Anjana's usually pulls in between \$1,000 and \$1,600 on Saturdays, and (this Saturday) was like \$500," Bond said. "It has a lot to do with Chapel Hill being a college town and college being out."



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Lynn's Hallmark at Eastgate Shopping Center enjoyed heavy holiday traffic this weekend. The days immediately after Thanksgiving are traditionally popular for shoppers since they kick off the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

Some stores were not affected by students' out-of-town migrations.

Mia, another women's apparel store on Franklin Street, had great sales on Friday, said Kathleen Lord.

"This weekend is usually a mall time of year," Lord said. "After they've been to the mall, they realize what they're missing, and they come to me."

Students make up only about 30 percent of Mia's sales, Lord said. Most of the customers are professionals.

When the students go out of town, a lot of people come into town who wouldn't normally come when the students are here, she said.

"Customer confidence is up, and I anticipate a really good holiday season,"

Lord said.

Cameron's, a gift store at University Mall, experienced booming sales over the weekend.

"Sales have been great," manager Charlotte Walton said. "Thanksgiving came a week later this year, so sales have been way up (because it's closer to Christmas)."

Professor to address '96 grads

Communication studies Professor Michael Dyson will deliver the speech.

BY MERRITT DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Nationally acclaimed author, race relations expert and communication studies Professor Michael Dyson is scheduled to speak at mid-year commencement.

"He has been a prolific writer, and his books and essays have been well received by scholars and a more general audience," said Virgil Balthrop, chairman of the Department of Communications Studies.

About 900 students will probably hear Dyson's speech at the program at 2 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Smith Center.

The Commencement Speakers Selection Committee, a subgroup of the Chancellor's Commencement Committee, selected Dyson.

Senior Class President Ladell Robbins, a committee member, said they chose Dyson for two reasons: They wanted students who had not taken his classes to

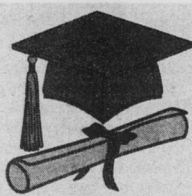
December Commencement

Caps and gowns
Caps and gowns are on sale in Student Stores from Dec. 9 to Dec. 15. Students can also purchase graduation announcements at the art — supply counter in Student Stores.

Processional
Graduates are expected to enter the Smith Center at Entry D and should line up at 1:15 p.m. Parents and guests should enter through Entry A.

Parking
Free public parking will be in the Manning, Bowles, Smith Center and Hinton James lots and in the business school and Craige parking decks.

Diplomas
Diplomas will be mailed in early March to students' permanent billing addresses.



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have the opportunity to hear him speak, and they thought he would deliver an invigorating message.

Dyson is able to mix theoretical material with events that occur in people's daily lives, Balthrop said. "The response from students (who take his class) is overwhelmingly positive," he said. Dyson incorporates religion, philosophy and rap music into his lectures.

Dyson is the author of the new book "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line." His other works include "Reflecting Black: African American Cultural Criticism," "Between God and Gangsta Rap" and "Making Malcolm." "Making Malcolm" appeared on The New York Times' 1994 list of notable books.

In 1992, he won the National Magazine Award from the National Association of Black Journalists.

He has also contributed to the opinion

pages of The New York Times, The Washington Post, Rolling Stone and Vibe magazine and appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

A native of Detroit, Mich., Dyson graduated from Carson-Newman College and Princeton University.

Before coming to UNC only two years ago, he worked for Hartford Seminary, the Chicago Theological Seminary and Brown University. Dyson is an ordained Baptist minister.

"I'm consciously trying to make a difference," Dyson stated in The Chronicle of Higher Education last January.

"The audiences I have in mind are mostly located in the worlds where people live, where they die, where they hope, where they aspire, and I want to change the character of their perceptions about the world in which they live."

History department hire mirrors nationwide trend

BY TONY MECIA
STAFF WRITER

The Department of History's decision to create a position for the wife of a professor is not an isolated case and should be viewed in light of national trends, say professors and administrators familiar with faculty hiring at the University.

They say the case is part of universities' attempts to increase the number of minority and women professors as dual-income households become the rule rather than the exception.

"A lot of people really don't understand the nature of how the workplace has changed in the United States," said Robert J. Cannon, the University's Equal Opportunity/ADA Officer. He said the University had to adapt to more women and minorities entering the work force or risk losing some of its best professors.

The Daily Tar Heel reported last week that the history department used a unique policy to create a tenure-track position for a faculty member's wife without conducting a search for other candidates. That decision is not final until approved by the Board of Trustees.

Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said changing demographics required universities like UNC to be more flexible in their hiring practices.

"Over the last decade, there have been

more and more married couples, both partners of whom have academic qualifications," Birdsall said. "This is an issue that has been challenging universities across the country."

UNC responded to the issue with the "Special Search Requirements" policy, which states that full searches to fill positions may be waived in cases concerning spouses of current professors, women and minorities, award-winning scholars and emergency situations. Since 1990, 70 professors have been hired using this policy, according to the Equal Opportunity/ADA Office.

Twenty years ago, when fewer women worked outside the home, most women moved with their husbands when the husbands landed a job in academia. Now, with more two-professor couples and an increasingly tight job market, such decisions are not routine, and universities have changed policies to make it easier for husbands and wives to work at the same university, Cannon said.

The hiring decision in the history department also fits into the context of a national debate on affirmative action. To retain a black faculty member, the department created a position for his wife, who is white.

Advocates of affirmative action argue the program is needed to offset the effects of discrimination and say students learn

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UNC-based program receives \$12 million grant

STAFF REPORT

A UNC-based childhood assistance program received a \$12 million grant to continue its work for another three years and has been given a new assignment by the U.S. Department of Education.

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System, initiated in 1987, helps states, U.S. territories and communities develop services for children with disabilities or special needs. It is housed in the Frank Porter Graham Childhood Development Center.

A new assignment from the education

department makes NECTAS responsible for the development of two national summits over the next three years to examine issues affecting children.

"Each summit will look at a major, critical issue facing states and local communities in improving services to young children with disabilities and their families," said NECTAS director Pat Trohanis, a professor of education at the University, in a press release.

Trohanis said the decision regarding which particular issues the summits would examine had not yet been made.

"We will collaborate with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs and other partners around the U.S. to identify the issues," Trohanis stated. "Once identified, we will convene the appropriate representatives, examine state-of-the-art research and practice, make policy recommendations and take actions as appropriate."

Don Bailey, director of the Graham Center, said NECTAS had worked with the education department for 25 years to help states implement programs for spe-

cial needs children and their families.

To that end, NECTAS works with a consortium of groups to provide consulting, workshops, conferences, referrals and technical help. The system also works with state administrators responsible for educating children with disabilities.

"States often have difficulty responding to federal mandates (on educating children with special needs)," Bailey said.

"NECTAS is widely regarded as an important source of support for state agency personnel who are responsible for making the mandates work."

Cemetery find disrupts plans for land tract

The cemetery might contain the grave of one of UNC's earliest land donors.

STAFF REPORT

Plans for a new building on the Meadowmont tract have been altered slightly due to the recent discovery of an early 19th-century cemetery on the 435-acre piece of land.

Even more surprising is that the cemetery appears to contain the grave of Christopher Barbee, who in 1792 played an important role in the founding of UNC when he donated 221 acres of land to the state for use in developing the school.

Most of Mid Campus and North Campus, in addition to the main block of Franklin Street and Fraternity Court, now rests on the land from that original grant.

Historians long thought Barbee's grave was lost, but while planning for the construction of the Paul J. Rizzo Executive Education Center, University officials discovered two headstones. The inhabitants of two of the graves have been identified as William and Gaskey Barbee, the son and daughter-in-law of Christopher Barbee. Further excavation revealed more than 120 burial sites, many of which probably belonged to slaves.

Archaeologists also found the remains of what appears to be the foundation of Barbee's 1780 home nearby.

Consequently, University administrators are re-examining the plans for the education center. Apparently, administrators will simply build around the site instead of trying to relocate it.

"It's very, very difficult and complicated and expensive to relocate a cemetery," said Gordon Rutherford, director of Facilities Planning and Design. "It's all covered very carefully by state law."

The University is also working with the State Historic Preservation Office to preserve the site.

Freshman council member still learning ropes of job

BY AARON LEVINE
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When Edith Wiggins retired from the University and joined the Chapel Hill Town Council in early October, she didn't really leave school.

Despite Wiggins' 32 years in Chapel Hill and her service on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, she described her first seven weeks on the council as a learning experience.

"My long time living in Chapel Hill has helped in that I know a lot of the people who have come before the council, but most of the issues that have come before us are new to me, so I've had to do a lot of studying," she said.

"(Being a council member) hasn't been harder than I expected because before I decided to apply, I talked to all the members, and they all told me that it was a lot of reading and a lot of work."

Wiggins said it took her a long time to

prepare for council meetings because she had to read notebooks of background information on the various issues.

"Other council members have been very good about answering questions for me," she said, adding that she expected her preparation time to decrease as she gained experience. "I'm already beginning to collect a body of knowledge that helps me move faster when I'm reading through the notebooks," she said.

Wiggins said she didn't think her recent association with the University was a cause for concern. "In terms of the substance of the issues, I feel that I can be fair and open, not prejudicial for or against the University," she said.

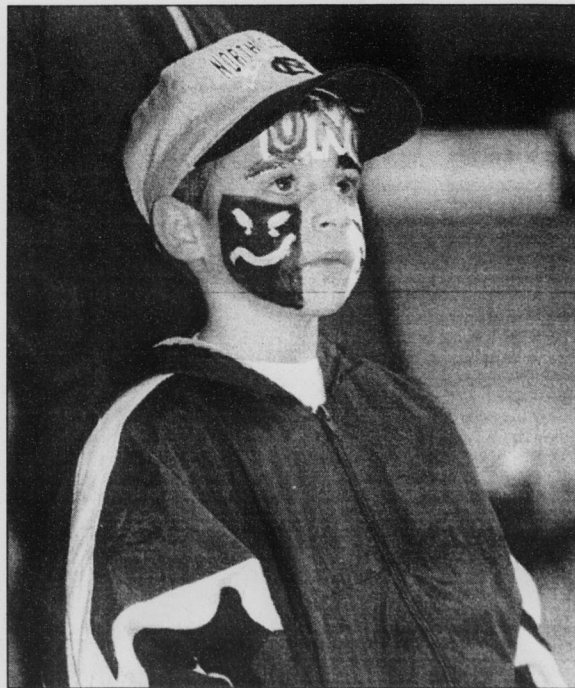
Council member Mark Chilton agreed. "I'm sure it affects her in some way, but I don't think there is any reason to think that it affects her performance as a council member in any undue way," he said.

Chilton said he was impressed by Wiggins' ability to step in quickly and become an active participant. "I think that it's remarkable how able she has been to jump into the fray," he said. "It seems to me that it's not a matter of bringing her up to speed. She is up to speed."

Council member Richard Franck said

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This young, die-hard fan helped cheer on the women's basketball team to a 97-56 blowout win against East Tennessee State on Saturday.