



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

UNC senior dies after collapsing on campus

A UNC senior died following his apparent collapse near Gardner Hall on Dec. 10.

Another student noted that Josua Meador of 306 Estes Park Apartments in Carrboro was having trouble breathing and dialed 911 for assistance. Meador was taken to the UNC Hospitals emergency room, where he was pronounced dead.

Meador was a 1993 graduate of Goldsboro High School East. He had declared a major in history and was scheduled to graduate in August 1997.

Holbrook cancels show at University in March

Due to an unexpected conflict, Hal Holbrook has canceled his one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight," scheduled for March 21, as part of the Carolina Union Performing Arts Series.

Holbrook's agent informed the Carolina Union that the actor has accepted an offer to co-star in the new Wendy Wasserstein play "An American Daughter." The play begins rehearsals in New York on Feb. 12.

Those with tickets for the Holbrook performance can exchange them for a possible substitute show or request a refund. Original tickets must be returned to the Carolina Union Ticket Office.

For more information, call 962-1449 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Biology department adds course in cell division

The Department of Biology has added a new course titled "Nuclear and Cytoskeletal Aspects of Cell Division" for the spring semester.

Biology 177 will focus on the division of cells to divide, the mechanisms of division including chromosome segregation and cytokinesis and how cells exit the mitotic division cycle.

Tickets for final 3 plays at PlayMakers available

Tickets for the final three plays of the PlayMakers Repertory Company will go on sale to the general public Jan. 7. "The Death of Papa," "Molly Sweeney" and "A Little Night Music" are the three plays to be featured.

The tickets are available at the PlayMakers box office at the corner of Country Club Road and N.C. 54 on the UNC campus. For ticket information call the box office at 962-PLAY.

Orange County records additional rabies cases

Orange County Animal Control Department officials confirmed four additional rabies cases at the end of December. The recent cases brought the total to 17 confirmed cases since July.

"With this year's earlier epidemic in neighboring Person and Durham counties, we anticipated and prepared for a similar outbreak in Orange County," said John Sauls, Orange County Animal Control director.

The December incidents included a raccoon, skunk and a bat. Two dogs killed a raccoon in their yard approximately three miles from Hillsborough.

The raccoon was tested and found to be rabid. Both dogs had previously been vaccinated, but were re-vaccinated within 72 hours of the attack.

The second incident involved a skunk, which was found in a house with a mother dog and her 10 puppies. Because the puppies were not old enough to be vaccinated, they were euthanized, according to reports from the Orange County Manager's Office.

Another case occurred when a bat was discovered in the bath tub of a Chapel Hill homeowner. The homeowner called 911 and an Animal Control officer captured the bat. Although there was no human contact, the Chapel Hill family was advised to see a doctor for tests. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers a bat flying in a house where people are sleeping to be a rabies exposure.

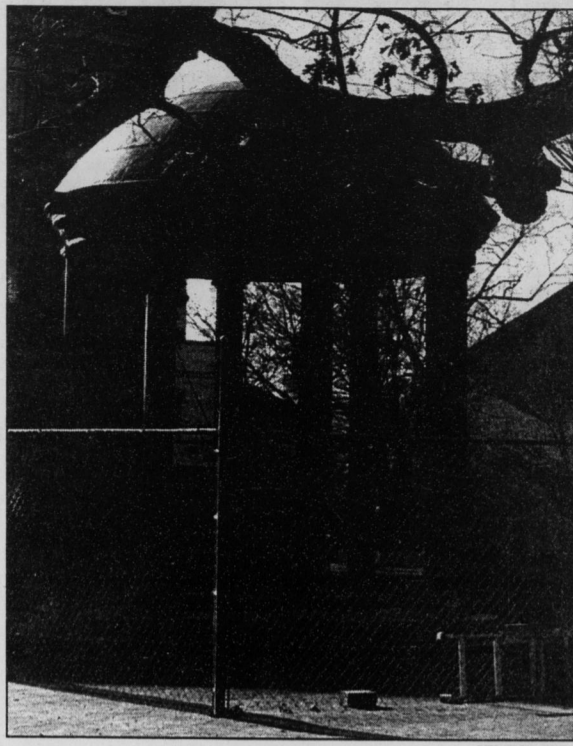
The fourth case was reported because a 9-year-old girl was bitten by a stray dog. Because the dog could not be found for testing, the child's doctor decided to begin post-exposure rabies treatment as a precaution.

New Year's celebration planned at Unity Center

A New Year Visioning Burning Bowl Ceremony will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Unity Center of Peace Church.

The annual event is a symbolic way to begin the new year by releasing old mental pictures, thoughts and feelings. The event will feature music, guided meditation and visioning exercises. Admission is by donation.

RESTORING TRADITION



UNC's historic Old Well underwent refurbishing during Winter Break. The landmark was stripped and will be repainted for aesthetic purposes.

DTH/SERENA CUSTIS

New online courses begin this semester

BY TERESA KILLIAN
STAFF WRITER

Students taking online classes this semester will be able to interact with their classmates and instructor without ever entering a classroom.

The Division of Continuing Education will offer four courses entirely online at the undergraduate level for the first time this spring. Students must have an e-mail account and Internet access to enroll.

"It really opens up our campus to distant students," said Thomas McKeon, director of the division of continuing education. "(Carolina Courses Online) brings people at a distance onto campus electronically. They are virtually here."

University students as well as off-site students can enroll in online courses. The four courses offered this spring are "Introduction to African Civilization," "The World Since 1945," "Introduction

to Urbanism and Planning" and "General Physics."

Passwords will limit access to course home pages which outline assignments, texts and additional class information. E-mail will allow students to communicate with instructors, and submit homework and tests. Students will communicate with each other through online "discussion" groups.

"The online course will include student exchange of ideas, and that is the advantage of providing an online course," said Linda Lacey, professor of city and regional planning. She said the opportunity for student interaction distinguished online classes from correspondence courses.

Over 3,000 off-site students take correspondence courses from UNC each year.

In Lacey's online course, students will find city plans on the World Wide

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Fire officials to determine blaze's cause

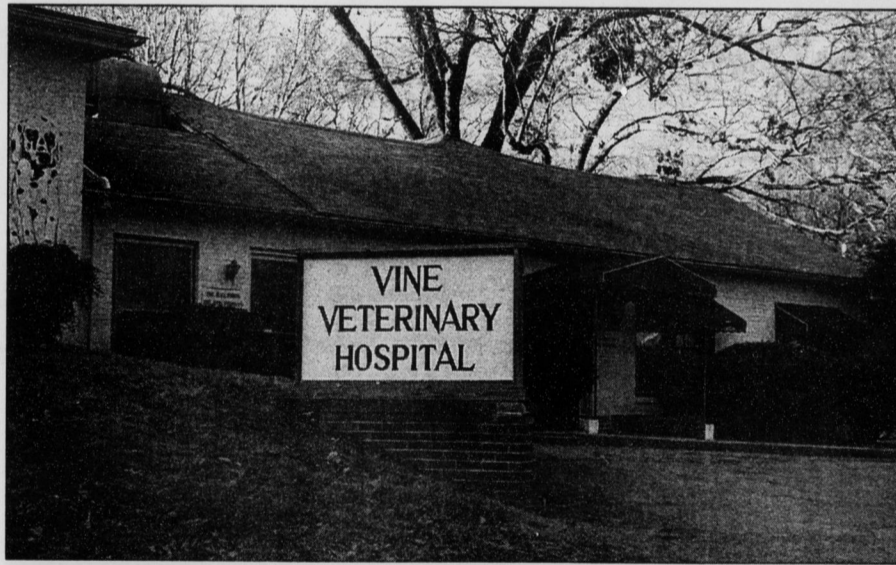
BY STACEY TURNAGE
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Fire marshalls have pinpointed the origin and are close to releasing the cause of a fire which occurred at East Franklin Street's Vine Veterinary Hospital last week.

Joe Robertson, Chapel Hill fire marshall, said officials probably would rule the fire accidental, but they would like to speak with the person who reported the fire.

Robertson said a male caller, who only identified himself as Phillips, reported the fire to a 911 dispatcher at 8:11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.

"While coming out of a restaurant the caller saw smoke coming from behind the Vine Veterinary Hospital and said he heard dogs whaling," Robertson said.



DTH/AMY CAPPIELLO

A Dec. 30 fire at East Franklin Street's Vine Veterinary resulted in \$40,000 in damages. One dog and one cat perished in the blaze. The business is trying to become operational again.

The caller did not give enough information about himself for fire officials to

contact him with questions concerning the blaze.

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TV rating system provides parenting tool

BY WHITNEY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

The unveiling last week of a national ratings system for television programs was met with mixed reactions from local experts.

The voluntary system, which attempts to rate television programs based on children's age, was developed by the four major broadcast networks and various cable companies and has already gone into effect on most networks.

Shows such as "Melrose Place" and "Friends" will earn TV-PG ratings, according to the new guidelines. However, more violent shows such as "NYPD Blue" will most likely receive TV-14 ratings, and other programming, such as the movie "Schindler's List," will receive ratings of TV-M.

Journalism Professor John Bittner

said he thought the ratings system was created to protect television programs from mandatory congressional control.

"It was an attempt to stave off congressional legislation that would require limits on violence on TV," he said.

Because of concern from parents, child advocacy groups and legislators about the lack of ratings for violent or sexually explicit shows, the major networks agreed last year to rate their programs. That plan was announced at a Dec. 19 was similar to the rating system used by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Journalism Professor Chuck Stone said he disagreed with the idea of a television ratings system because it was a violation of First Amendment rights. "It circumscribes TV's freedom of action," he said. "Ratings shouldn't be regulated. There aren't newspaper or

Hooker chosen to implement Clinton's literacy campaign

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Chancellor Michael Hooker has accepted an invitation from the White House to join a steering panel that will help implement a national work-study literacy program.

"I have a strong personal belief in the importance of students, faculty and staff at a public university like Carolina giving back to the community," Hooker stated in a press release. "Literacy programs have a rich legacy on our campus, stemming in large part from the founding of the Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education by two of our students."

Hooker is one of 20 college presidents nationwide who have committed 50 percent of their new work-study slots for 1997-98 for students to work as reading tutors, said Jennifer Ballen, a public affairs representative for the Department of Education.

The work-study literacy program is part of President Bill Clinton's "America Reads Challenge," a \$2.5 billion initiative proposed in August 1996. "America Reads," which recognizes that 40 percent of the country's fourth-graders cannot read as well as they should, will mobilize 30,000 reading

specialists and coordinators to help recruit and train 1 million tutors nationwide, Ballen said.

"The idea behind the whole initiative is to help all kids read well and independently by the end of third grade," she said. "Everybody has a role they can play, as a tutor or as a volunteer."

"College work-study students are a perfect audience for that."

Clinton announced the formation of the steering panel and his plans for changes in the nation's work-study programs during his weekly radio address on Dec. 21.

"Literacy is about reading, but it's about much more, too," Clinton said in his address. "It's about opportunity, giving people the tools to make the most of their God-given potential."

"Without literacy the history books and job manuals are closed, the Internet is turned off and the promise



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of America is much harder to reach."

Clinton said colleges would no longer be required to pay 25 percent of a student's work-study costs, as they currently do, if that student was willing to work as a reading tutor for pre-kindergarten to elementary-aged children at least once a week. UNC currently employs about 650 students through its campus work-study program.

Ballen said the steering committee's job was to recruit other college and university presidents willing to commit half of their federally-financed work-study slots to the literacy program, and to increase the number of faculty, students and work-study students willing to tutor students in reading.

Newly appointed Secretary of Education Richard Riley, the White House and the Corporation for National Service invited Hooker to join the steering panel on Dec. 20.

"I welcome President Clinton's call to do more ... and am confident that the Carolina community will rise to meet this important challenge," Hooker stated. "The most exciting aspect of the president's program is that one generation of students will be helping pass down to the next our nation's most precious commodity — brain power."

Spring 1997 World Wide Web courses

Online pilot courses are limited to 16 students. Enrollment runs through Jan. 15. The fee is \$225 per course and does not include textbooks or Internet access service.

- "Introduction to African Civilization"
- "The World Since 1945"
- "Introduction to Urbanism and Planning"
- "General Physics"

Students must enroll through:
The Division of Continuing Education,
Campus Box 1020,
The Friday Center, UNC-CH,
Chapel Hill 27599-1020
Phone 1-800-862-5669
919-962-1134
Fax 919-962-5549

DTH/ELISE ALLEY

Man brings loaded gun in local bar

■ Police officials said the armed man did not point the shotgun at anyone.

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
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A Chapel Hill man was arrested for carrying a loaded shotgun into a downtown bar early Friday morning.

Archibald Henderson Kelly, 51, of 158 Ridge Trail, was charged with carrying a weapon into an ABC establishment and going armed to the terror of the public, according to police reports.

Police received a call about 1 a.m. Friday that a man tried to bring a shotgun into Linda's Bar and Grill on East Franklin Street.

Employees at Linda's Bar and Grill did not allow Kelly in when they noticed the 12-gauge Mosseberg shotgun under his arm. Police found him inside Henderson Street Bar and Grill shortly after receiving the phone call.

"He had already moved to Henderson Street Bar when we got there," Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman, said.

"He wasn't holding the gun but it was in the bar."

Cousins said Kelly told police officers that he was looking for someone he had a confrontation with earlier in the day.

"He didn't swing the gun around or point it. He just held it," Cousins said. Kevin Cloyde, manager of Henderson Street Bar and Grill, said Kelly held the gun under his coat like someone would hold an umbrella.

He was not pointing the gun in a threatening manner, Cloyde said.

"The doorman told him he couldn't bring it in, and he set it outside the doorway," Cloyde said. "That's when the police came in."

Cloyde said Kelly apparently told the people at Linda's that he was going to Henderson Street Bar next.

"The police were already looking for him (when he got here)," he said.

Kelly was released on a \$500 unsecured bond, and his trial is set for Jan. 28 in Hillsborough.

Warning: the following program contains...

The TV rating system introduced at the beginning of the year allows parents to monitor the content of shows their children watch.

- TV Y: All children** Program is suitable for all children. It should not frighten younger children.
- TV Y7: Older children** Designed for children age 7 and older, program may contain mild physical or comedic violence that may frighten children under 7.
- TV G: General audience** Program is appropriate for all ages. It contains little or no violence, no strong language and little or no sexual dialogue or situations.
- TV PG: Parental guidance suggested** Program may contain limited sexual or violent material that may be unsuitable for younger children.
- TV 14: Parents strongly cautioned** Program may contain some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14.
- TV M: Mature audiences only** Program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults, and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17.

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