



**BRIEFS**

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

**WUNC names Stempin 1st news director**

WUNC-FM has named John Stempin, a former newscast unit producer/editor/anchor for National Public Radio in Washington, as its first news director.

Stempin, who has received numerous awards for his work, also has experience in commercial radio, where he worked for NBC Radio and various other commercial stations.

WUNC is an NPR affiliate that was licensed to UNC in 1953. The station serves more than 150,000 listeners weekly in 24 central N.C. counties.

**Art museum to hold black-tie fund-raiser**

The Ackland Art Museum will hold its annual black-tie fund-raiser at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. The museum will be closed to the public Jan. 18 and Jan. 19 to accommodate the event.

The "One Arabian Night" gala features dinner and dancing in the museum's galleries. Proceeds will benefit the Ackland's education programs.

The event will feature Arabian decor provided by Rafael Lopez-Barrantes of Celebrations Inc., complete with camels, genies, magic carpets, oases and treasure rooms. Dinner will be provided by the Catering Co. of Chapel Hill and includes North African cuisine and Benchmark Wines from Australia. The Gregg Gelb Swing Band will perform after dinner, and Arabian music will be played by the band Ooto.

Ticket prices begin at \$125 per person. For information or to request an invitation, call Moreton Neal at 962-5736.

**Grammy-winning group to perform at UNC**

Sweet Honey In The Rock, an African American capella singing group, will return to UNC's Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Feb. 18.

Sweet Honey is a Grammy Award-winning group with deep musical roots in spirituals, hymns, gospel, jazz and blues. The ensemble has played in nearby countries and as far away as China, where they were cultural delegates to the NGO Forum of the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995.

All Sweet Honey concerts are signed for the hearing impaired.

Tickets for the concert, sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board, are \$20 for the general public and \$13 for UNC students. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 13 at the Carolina Union Ticket Office. Call 962-1449 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for Visa or Mastercard orders.

**George Winston tickets on sale at Student Union**

Pianist George Winston will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in Memorial Hall. Among other new and familiar selections, the concert will feature songs from Winston's new CD, "Linus and Lucy — The Music of Vince Guaraldi."

Tickets for the concert, which are currently on sale at the Carolina Union Ticket Office, are \$16 for the general public and \$12 for UNC students. Call 962-1449 for Visa and Mastercard orders. UNC ONE Cards are also honored.

**Last Lecture series opens Jan. 28 in Union Cabaret**

Political science Professor Joel Schwartz will be the featured speaker in the first of the Last Lecture series at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Union Cabaret. The program is free and open to the public.

The series is intended to showcase a number of UNC's faculty members in a way that is different from how students normally see them in the classroom and to increase interaction between students and faculty.

**Special program to show 1997 astronomical events**

Morehead Planetarium will take a look at what the 1997 skies hold in store during a special program Jan. 13.

The planetarium, which is usually closed on Monday nights, will be open for "Planet Watch '97," which begins at 7:30 p.m. The planetarium will open at 7 p.m. for the hour-long show.

The live presentation includes a chance for audience questions. Viewers will learn about the year's meteor showers, eclipses, planetary groupings and the appearance of Comet Hale-Bopp. The planetarium's star projector will be used to demonstrate some of the upcoming celestial events in a way rarely done in other presentations.

Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, students and senior citizens. Planetarium members can attend for free.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**Teacher ability focus of surveys**

Parents and students get the opportunity to evaluate teacher performance.

BY SALLIE LACY  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to improve classroom instruction, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will issue surveys to parents and students next week so they can critique teacher performance.

The surveys will be sent home to elementary and middle school students' parents and will be completed by middle and high school students at school, Superintendent Neil Pedersen said.

Most of the survey questions will deal with teaching styles, methodologies and teachers' interaction with students, said Chester Preyar, assistant superintendent for support services, who helped head the committee that made the survey.

Parents will be asked, among many other questions, if teacher give their child an adequate amount of homework.

Students will be asked if they believe their teacher fosters a fair environment in the classroom, Preyar said.

"The expectation is that the survey will help improve the overall quality of the schools," he said.

The survey results are confidential and are only seen by the school's principal and the teacher being critiqued, he said.

Preyar compared the school system to a service provider.

The school system considers the students and parents as clients, and it's important that they are satisfied, he said.

Hazel Gibbs, director of human resources for Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools, said teaching was a complicated

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ed process, and the survey would provide valuable information to help improve the education process.

"The real purpose (of the survey) is to help us collect additional information from our client," said Gibbs, who headed the committee that created the survey.

The results of the survey will help the critiqued teachers work toward improving any weaknesses and also validate their existing strengths, Gibbs said.

A survey was conducted last year that asked about the school service, but it did not include teachers, Pedersen said.

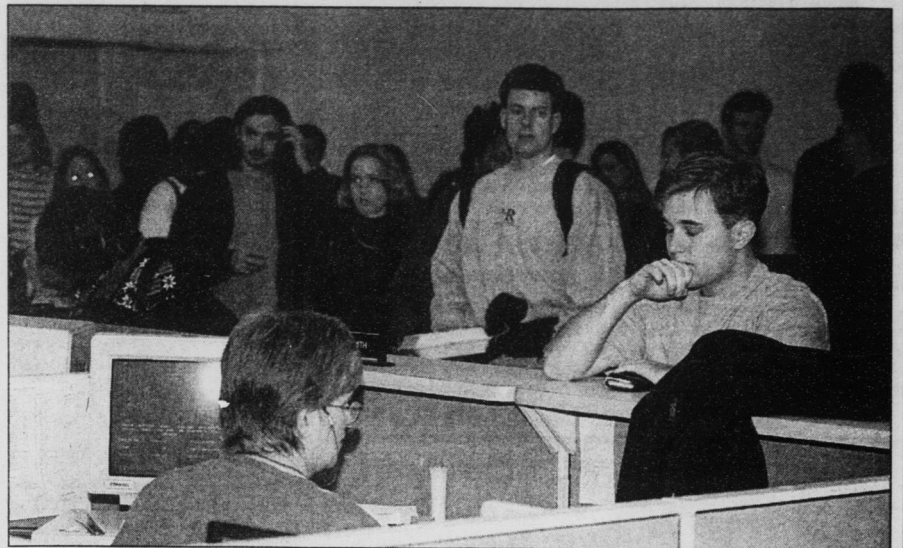
"We see (the upcoming survey) as a continuation of that process to solicit feedback from our clients," Pedersen said.

The parents of high school students are not included in the survey because high school students can have as many as six teachers, and, generally, parents don't know all the teachers, Pedersen said.

Pedersen also said there would be logistical problems with high school students giving the surveys to their parents and then returning them to the school principal.

He said elementary and middle school students were more likely to give their parents the surveys than high schoolers.

**LINE UP FOR LOOT**



Students gathered at Bynum Hall on Tuesday to collect their financial aid checks. Some students arrived at the office as much as an hour prior to opening to beat the rush.

DTH/BEN MCALLISTER

**UNC granted funding for telescope**

BY EVAN MARKFIELD  
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Thanks to a \$3 million federal appropriation, UNC will be able to fund its stake in a telescope located in Chile's Andes Mountains.

This portion of UNC's funding for the Southern Observatory for Astrophysical Research will be provided by the U.S. Department of Defense.

"Clearly, people outside of the University realized what a tremendous value (the telescope) was," said Gerald Cecil, professor of astronomy and physics.

Cecil is currently in Tucson, Ariz., working on final design studies for the telescope.

"I think it's going to have a tremendous impact on the campus that people just don't appreciate," he said.

Cecil said astronomy students would be able to participate more fully thanks to information that will come from the SOAR project, and that even students not continuing with

the study of astronomy would gain exposure to technologically advanced equipment.

Both undergraduate and graduate students will benefit from the telescope's quality, which puts UNC "in the big leagues," Cecil said.

The telescope project will also have advantages for UNC faculty members.

"It's designed to make us competitive at a higher level than we are now," Cecil said.

There are also plans to have some of the simpler computer information available to public schools.

"We're excited about adding this project to a growing list of activities aimed at taking the resources of the University directly into the classrooms of public school students and the homes of North Carolina citizens," Chancellor Michael Hooker stated in a press release.

Other partners funding the telescope, which is to begin operating in 2001, are Michigan State University, Brazil and the National Optical Astronomy Observatories.



DTH/AMY CAPPIELLO

With the threat of inclement weather facing Chapel Hill and Carrboro, shoppers headed out to grocery stores, like Carr Mill Mall's Harris-Teeter, to stock up on staples like bread, bottled water and milk.

**Old Man Winter threatens area drivers; public works crews ready roads for ice**

STAFF REPORT

Chapel Hill and Carrboro were bracing for the first round of winter weather last night.

With forecasters predicting freezing rain and sleet for the Triangle area early Wednesday morning, local public works officials decided to put crews on alert.

Richard Terrell, Chapel Hill Public Works Department field operations superintendent, said eight people were coming in at midnight, and three sand spreaders were ready.

"Based on the forecast, it is going to be a sand and deicing operation," Terrell said. "There won't be any plowing (unless necessary)."

The public works department will be working with the N.C. Department of Transportation to make sure major roads would be cleared, Terrell said.

"Obviously if we have freezing rain and sleet exceeding our capability, we can't clear all the roads," he said. "We have

600 (roads)."

Carrboro Public Works Director Chris Peterson said his department was also making plans to clear any possible ice from all major access areas.

He said one crew was scheduled to come in at midnight and would salt intersections and main roads.

"It's tricky because the weather people don't seem to know exactly what's going to happen," Peterson said. "We are preparing for freezing rain and ice."

As early as Wednesday afternoon, local grocery stores were experiencing effects of the predicted winter weather.

"We completely sold out of bread around 3 p.m. (Wednesday)," said a Harris-Teeter employee who did not want to be identified.

The employee, who works at the Carr Mill Mall Harris-Teeter, said the store had been full of people stocking up for bad weather Wednesday.

**Greek committee spawns 13 research task forces**

The 13 subcommittees will look at various issues affecting the Greek community.

BY DANA SPANGLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs established 13 subcommittees Wednesday to study the Greek community.

Each subcommittee will be headed by a student chairman and a nonstudent chairman, who will give updates on their committee's progress at the monthly committee meeting. They will present final reports April 9.

Committee members gave suggestions for possible topics of discussion for each subcommittee.

The scholarship subcommittee will discuss the academic incentives that groups should have for their members and how much the chapters should spend on these incentives.

The community service and town relations subcommittee will study the services that Greek groups give to and receive from Chapel Hill.

The campus involvement and rewards and recognition subcommittee will discuss student involvement outside fraternities and sororities and whether chapters or individuals receive enough recognition.

The housing subcommittee will discuss the appearance of fraternity and sorority houses as well as various policies, such as fire safety.

The finance subcommittee will study the use of chapter finances and what financial services groups need.

The communication subcommittee will study how members of the Greek system interact and communicate with other fraternity and sorority

members and with nonmembers.

The technology subcommittee will discuss connecting chapter houses with the campus fiber optic system and the possibility of a Greek Affairs web page.

The leadership subcommittee will discuss if Greeks are getting or taking advantage of leadership training.

The wellness and peer education subcommittee will study ways to educate members of the Greek community about issues such as eating disorders.

The advisers' roles subcommittee will address the role of the chapter adviser and discuss ways to attract more advisers to the Greek community.

The alumni activities and programs subcommittee will discuss ways to increase alumni and parent participation.

The rush subcommittee will continue to discuss ways to improve the current rush process.

The strategic planning subcommittee will study how to make changes needed in the Greek community.

Last month, the committee issued a semi-ster-long report that recommended not adopting a deferred rush policy.

The report outlined steps the University can take to improve the rush process, curb alcohol abuse and improve the intellectual climate on campus.

Chancellor Michael Hooker praised the committee's work. "I am extremely grateful to the committee ... for a thorough report full of sound and thoughtful recommendations," he stated in a press release.

"The committee has engaged students in a constructive dialogue about these issues and sought input from faculty, alumni, parents and others. The involvement and support of students is critical to any successful efforts to improve our Greek community."

**Senate will likely approve 1st female secretary of state**

The Senate should approve Madeline Albright for the post today.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Apparently on a smooth path to Senate approval, Madeline Albright stands on the brink of history: the highest-ranking woman ever in the U.S. government and the first to be secretary of state.

She was appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today as a known quantity. As the American ambassador to the United Nations, a Cabinet officer in President Clinton's first administration and in earlier schol-

arly writing, many of her policy views are already on the record.

As a nominee, that has an up side and a down side.

While close questioning is unlikely in known areas, Albright's four-year experience in the Clinton administration makes it difficult for her to duck if the questions get unexpectedly rough.

That is considered unlikely. Since Clinton announced her as his choice to succeed Warren Christopher a month ago there has been no sign of serious opposition.

Still, Albright is taking steps she likens to preparing for her master's degree and doctorate in Russian studies at Columbia University.

For 3 days, senior State Department

officials have briefed her on world issues. Albright has jotted down notes on the kind of pad the reporter she once wanted to be would use. Last Saturday, it was an all-day grilling session. Albright also has been in frequent touch with Christopher, whose style is more low-key, but who has a similar approach to world problems.

In one area, at least, Albright could be headed into a rough patch.

Having led a successful drive to oust Boutros Boutros-Ghali as U.N. secretary general with the argument he had not worked hard enough at cost-cutting reforms, she intends to make the point that "you can't expect a strong foreign policy if you are not prepared to pay for it," an aide said Tuesday.

The United States owes the United Nations about \$1.1 billion, and the Clinton administration needs Congress to help it make good on the debt now that Kofi Annan of Ghana has succeeded Boutros-Ghali.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is extremely suspicious of U.N. spending, and his skepticism is shared by others on Capitol Hill.

Albright goes before Helms and his Republican-controlled committee determined also to pledge a more robust American foreign policy.

Born in Czechoslovakia and guided during her career by Zbigniew Brzezinski, a hard-line former U.S. national security adviser and her former

professor, Albright hopes also to allay any concern that she would pay excessive attention to Europe at the expense of Asia and other regions or that she is instinctively anti-Russia.

If confirmed, Albright will bring an exceptional skill in foreign languages to her job. She speaks French, Czech and Polish and once took a crash course in Russian.

Albright, 59, said the administration's foreign policy priorities include NATO expansion and Middle East peace.

She would reach a level unprecedented for a woman, but her foreign birth would deprive her the secretary of state's usual position of being fourth in line of succession to the presidency.