



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Grey cancels appearance at Carolina Jazz Festival

Hall of Fame jazz artist Al Grey has canceled his appearance as part of the Carolina Jazz Festival because of bad health, festival organizers said. Grey was scheduled to perform Feb. 28 as a guest soloist with the N.C. Central University and UNC jazz bands at an 8 p.m. concert in Memorial Hall.

Professor emeritus to get achievement award today

Bylden Jackson, UNC's first black professor, will receive the Jay B. Hubbell Award for lifetime achievement from the Modern Language Association at 4 p.m. today at the campus building named in his honor. The award was announced in December at the association's conference in Washington, but Jackson was unable to attend.

Jackson, professor emeritus of English, will make remarks, as will Darryl Gless, chairman of the Department of English; professor emeritus Louis Rubin; and English faculty members specializing in African-American literature.

Speaker series to address Native American culture

Several speakers will discuss Native American cultural issues as part of a series being offered by the UNC curriculum in American studies. On Feb. 25, Linda Oxendine of UNC-Pembroke will discuss "Reclaiming Tradition: An Indian Student's Guide to Cultural Survival" at 6 p.m.

On Feb. 27, Theda Purdue and Michael Greene of the University of Kentucky will discuss "The State of Native American Studies: A Discussion" at 6 p.m. The site will be announced at a later date.

David LaVere of UNC-Wilmington will discuss "The Burden of Lumbee History: A Plainsman 'Discovers' Indians in Eastern North Carolina" at 4 p.m. on March 6 in Donovan Lounge.

The series concludes March 20 with Joseph C. Porter of UNC-Chapel Hill discussing "Female Agency and Native American Biography: Mari Sandoz and Crazy Horse" at 4 p.m. in Donovan Lounge.

For information on the free public talks, call (919) 962-4062.

Residents to voice ideas for transit improvements

The Chapel Hill Transportation Board and the Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board will hold a public forum on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Council chambers. The forum will give residents an opportunity to give any suggestions they have for improvement in the service provided by Chapel Hill Transit.

Residents will also be able to contribute recommendations to the Board as they begin to prepare the 1998-02 Short Range Transit Plan.

For more information, please call Chapel Hill Transit at 968-2755.

Hazardous Waste Center will dispose of latex paint

The Orange County Regional Landfill will reopen its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center and the Latex Paint Exchange on Saturday. Residents will be able to drop off household hazardous waste and latex paint and receive reusable latex paint.

The Landfill will operate the Collection Center on every first Saturday of the month. Both facilities will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are located at the Orange County Regional Landfill located on Eubanks Road.

For more information, call Orange County Recycling at 968-2788.

Fireside chats highlight sexual orientation debate

The Orange County Human Relations Commission will continue its program entitled Community Firesides Dialogue Series by hosting a forum on civil rights for gays and lesbians. The forum will be held in the meeting room at the Chapel Hill Public Library located on Estes Drive from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Orange County Human Relations Commission at 732-8181 ext. 2250.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Finance committee hears funding requests

STAFF REPORT The Student Congress Finance Committee heard fee requests from 72 officially recognized student organizations this weekend.

The committee had more than \$500,000 to allocate.

"All groups were subject to the same amount of cuts and reductions," Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini said.

"They were made on a consistent basis. Each group was treated fairly. There was a lot less politicking."

The Carolina Athletic Association received \$10,034 in funds, far below the organization's original request for \$16,400, including \$7,800 for printing and publicity costs.

CAA President Seth Nore defended the printing and publicity budget saying the CAA had to take out big ads in The Daily Tar Heel.

"It's vitally important to have the distribution policy in an easy to understand form," Nore said.

But finance committee member Andrew Fernandez said he was against giving too much money to the CAA.

"More money just lets more people know about ticket distribution but doesn't provide more access," Fernandez

said. The committee reduced CAA's printing and publicity budget to \$3,500.

In other action, the finance committee awarded Student Congress all of its \$5,872.16 request, despite debate about the stipends given to the student body treasurer, speaker of Student Congress and student body president.

Gasperini, who gets a \$1,200 stipend, said she felt stipends gave members more incentive to work in their roles as Student Congress members.

Committee members said the stipend served more as compensation for the hours put in than for pay.

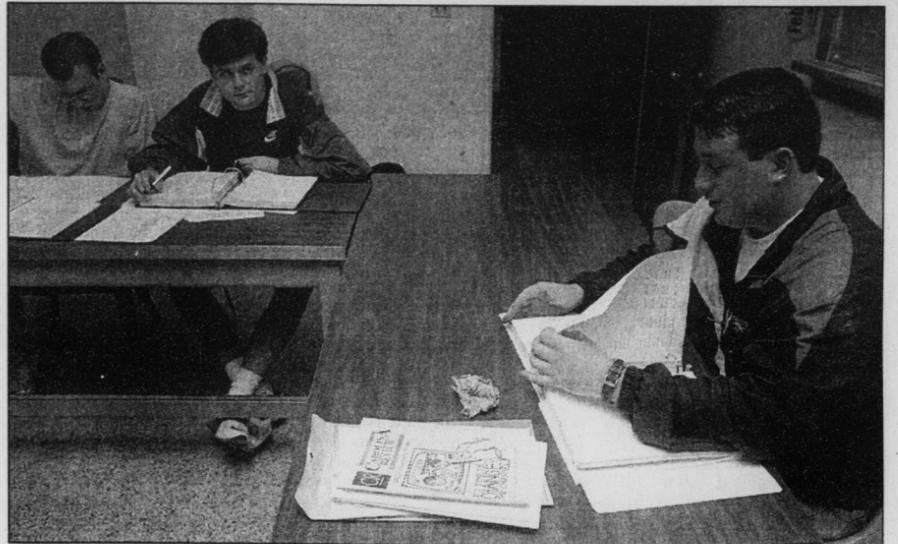
Speaker of Student Congress Jamie Kilbourne said the stipend paid about 44 cents an hour.

Since some committee members said they felt that they were reallocating money to themselves, the issue will be brought for a vote before full Student Congress.

Finance committee members also suggested cutting the technical fees used to televise Student Congress meetings on public-access cable TV.

Kilbourne said Student Congress had an easier time meeting quorum with

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Jason Jolley (left), Student Congress Finance Committee chairman, and Rep. John Pritchard, Dist. 20, hear Bill Heeden's request for funds for the Carolina Review. Groups presented their cases for funding during the weekend.

Airport neighbors to fight jet landing policy

BY STEPHANIE MOORE STAFF WRITER

Residents concerned about jets landing at the Horace Williams Airport, located at the corner of Airport Road and Estes Drive, will take their concerns to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler in November autonomously lifted an earlier ban on jets landing at the airport. Town officials did not discover the ban had been lifted until February when a resident living near the airport reported hearing jets flying overhead.

Diane Bloom, a neighbor of the airport and a leader of the Citizens for Airport Planning group, said the group wanted the council to take action to rescind Spangler's decision. "We are hoping to enlist the Town Council's efforts to do whatever it takes to reinstate the no-jets ban," she said.

The planning group formed in 1967 when plans to

pave the airport runway began, Bloom said. The group has come together every time since when a problem has come up involving the airport and the residential community.

The last time the group came together was in 1992 when there was a negotiating effort between the community and the University. The result of that negotiation was the decision to ban jets, Bloom said.

Bree Lorant, member of Citizens for Airport Planning, said the efforts of the group are concentrated on making sure jets are no longer allowed to land at the airport. "To get the University to reverse its stand on allowing jets is our immediate concern," she said.

Lorant said the airport was not big enough to handle jets. She said safety was a big concern because there were three schools in the flight path.

Lorant said noise was also an issue because of the schools and the residents. If the airport continues to grow, it could also cause air pollution, she said.

Council member Julie Andresen said the decision to allow jets diminished cooperative efforts between the town and University. "I am upset with the University's decision to change a policy that the University and town have had for many years," she said. "It undercuts the trust necessary for us to work together."

Council member Joe Capowski said Spangler made a poor decision.

"Horace Williams (Airport) was small, closely surrounded by residential neighborhoods," he said explaining that the University has a commitment to maintain and preserve the character of the town and its residents.

Ten years of town-gown relationships have flourished due to work between University leaders, town leaders and citizens, but no one from the UNC system has ever been involved, Capowski said.

"(The UNC-system's involvement) jeopardizes 10 years of work of town-gown relations."

Students join faculty attack on Spangler

The addition of 10 days to the school year would not aid students, critics say.

BY WHITNEY MOORE ASSISTANT STATE AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Student opposition to an attempt by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler to boost the system calendar year from 150 days to 160 days might be expected.

But faculty at system schools voiced their own dismay at the attempt, which Spangler most recently promoted at Friday's UNC Faculty Assembly.

"I think it's a bad mistake," said Rachel Rosenfeld, a UNC-Chapel Hill professor of sociology.

"He seems to think there's a need for students to have more classroom access to faculty, but to be unaware of other kinds of access."

Jane Brown, chairwoman of the UNC-CH faculty, said she disagreed with Spangler for the same reason.

"Many faculty are using new instructional techniques, and they don't require students to be sitting in the classroom," she said. "We are actually increasing interaction with students."

Faculty members also pointed to research abilities that would be harmed by a longer school year.

"We are a research university, and faculty are supposed to do research," Rosenfeld said.

"We need (summer) time to do research."

"We'll have trouble hiring people when they find out our year is longer than at peer institutions," she said.

Heading up student opposition to the anticipated change is John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments.

He said Spangler had not consulted faculty or students when planning the increase, and that had solidified the opposition.

"The faculty were universally opposed to it," he said. "Students are against it as well."

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Title of forum sparks concern from officials

Leaders did not intend to insinuate racism in the city and county school system.

BY ANNE LYFORD STAFF WRITER

A public forum which will address racism in local schools has raised concerns among some public officials because of its title.

The forum, sponsored by Orange County Human Relations Commission, is titled "Heart to Heart: Unseen Racism in City and County Schools" and will be held March 18 at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill.

Orange County Commissioner Steve Halkiotis said the title of the forum concerned him.

"The forum's title is extremely judgmental," he said. "It has already arrived at a conclusion before it has been discussed."

He said in the past, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County

school systems had undergone "sensitivity" training in which administrators gained an understanding of different race, religious and ethnic groups. The forum, by assuming a racism problem, seems to undermine these efforts, he said.

Halkiotis said neither school system had been informed of the forum.

Neil Pedersen, Chapel Hill-Carrboro

City Schools superintendent, said the forum's title could be misleading.

"The title makes the assumption that there is racism in the schools," he said. "I think it's good to provide forums for people to discuss issues in a calm and rational way. The title may not help it get off to a good start."

Pedersen also said the use of the term "racism" in the title put people on the offensive. He said he was more concerned with how to change attitudes so that minorities would become more successful and comfortable in schools.

Lucy Lewis, director of the Orange County Department for Human Rights and Relations, said the forum was not meant to imply a race problem in the schools. "The intent (of the forum) is to provide an opportunity for the community to come together and talk about race relations in a facilitated setting with resource members serving as facilitators."

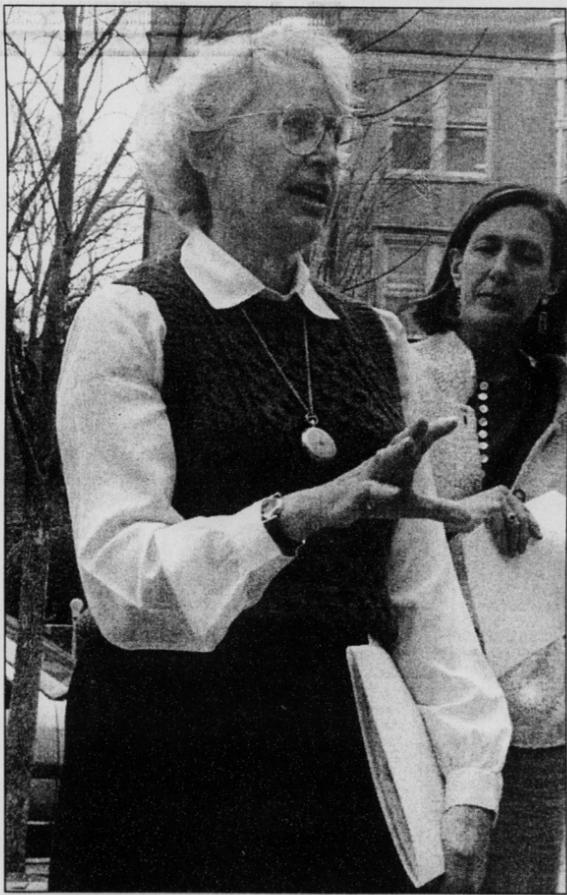
The Human Relations Commission sponsors monthly forums, which began in October 1996 and will last until June. Past programs included "Welcoming New Populations" and "Reassessing Affirmative Action." A forum on "Civil Rights for Gays and Lesbians" will be held this month, Lewis said.

She said the forums sought to promote dialogue and an increased understanding of human relations issues.

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STEVE HALKIOTIS Orange County Commissioner

CONSERVATION CONVERSATION



N.C. Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, explains Friday her legislation to give residents more incentive to donate land for conservation purposes.

Housing programs to begin this fall DTH marks 104 years of editorial freedom

BY JON WILLIAMS STAFF WRITER

Students concerned with women's issues and those wanting to live in a drug-free environment will benefit from two new on-campus housing programs next semester.

The Department of University Housing will begin offering the Women's Perspectives Living and Learning Program and the Substance-Free Living and Learning Program next fall.

Katie Smith, a resident assistant in Joyner Residence Hall, played a major role in proposing the Women's Perspective program. She said such a program was needed to help support women.

"It allows for a safe, comfortable living environment for women to share ideas," Smith said. "It allows women to be with women who see the value of women's issues."

Smith said although the activities residents would participate in had not been decided on, ideas such as interactive journals, guest speakers and service projects had been proposed.

She said the program was open to sophomore, junior and senior women of all majors, not just those in the Women Studies program.

"It's not directly tied to the Women's Studies program but does focus on women's issues," she said.

The program will be located on the first floor of Cobb Residence Hall, said Wayne Thompson, assistant director of special programs.

"It is the first Living and Learning program on North Campus," Thompson said.

The Substance-Free program grew out of the Living Well program, which focuses not only on

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BY MORGAN NOWLIN STAFF WRITER

"To serve as a summary of all occurrences in the University and Village of Chapel Hill ... for the thorough discussion of all points pertaining to the advancement and growth of the University."

This statement reflects the original goal of The Daily Tar Heel, which celebrated its 104th birthday Sunday. Jeanne Fugate, editor of the DTH, said the paper's mission had not changed.

"Our mission is to inform and serve the University community," Fugate said. "I am proud to be part of an organization that has been doing that for 104 years."

The Daily Tar Heel, started by the University Athletic Association in 1893, has grown from a four-page weekly tabloid to an eight- to 12-page daily with a readership of more than 36,000.

Fugate said the paper faced new challenges

today. "Obviously, the community has changed a lot in the century that we have been around," Fugate said. "The struggle we face is making sure the paper represents the new community. I feel that we have been more successful in that this year."

Hugh Stevens, a DTH staff writer from 1962 to 1963 and the 1964-65 co-editor, said working at the DTH was a significant part of his undergraduate experience. "The friendships you make are the most lasting part of the whole experience," said Stevens, who currently represents the N.C. Press Association in Raleigh. "I have worked with people on the staff who have remained life-long friends. ... I am fortunate to have this connection with people through the DTH."

Fugate said the paper's birthday gave her a chance to reflect. "I think the anniversary of the paper's beginning is a time for us to look back at what we've done wrong and what we've done right and forge ahead to the next 104 years."