

Town Council awards contracts for Hargraves Gym construction

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The Hargraves Gymnasium Project came a step closer to reality at Monday's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting when council members voted to accept bids and award contracts for construction of a new gym.

Located at 216 N. Roberson St., the Hargraves Center should have a new gymnasium complex by May 1998. The new facility also will be located on North Roberson St. and will consist of an 8,600 square foot building, two new parking areas, an outdoor basketball

court, an air conditioned indoor basketball court and a multi-purpose room.

The council awarded a series of construction contracts to Engineered Construction Company, Mark Henderson, Inc., Southeastern Mechanical and Sparrow and Sons for a total amount of \$1,308,424.

After soliciting bids in November, the town awarded contracts to companies who gave the lowest bid. Nate Davis, director of Hargraves Recreational Center, said, "This project has been in the works for years, and everyone involved has been committed to the project."

Although the project is being funded with \$811,000 from 1989 bonds, \$106,000 from an insurance settlement and an Orange County commitment of \$100,000, a budget deficit of \$484,000 still remains. Council member Joe Capowski said the additional funding

would come from the use of 1996 bonds, which placed the Hargraves Project as a top priority.

"Although our anticipated cost was overrun due to higher contracting prices, we feel the project is still worth the overrun," he said. "Building Hargraves Gym has been a top priority of the council's for a long time."

As future director of the gym, Davis said he had developed programs for the past two years. He highlighted music lessons, crafts, recreational programs and special interest seminars as ways the gym will be utilized.

Mary Jones, who spoke for the Hargraves Gymnasium Project at Monday's meeting, said the gym would improve community interaction, deter delinquency and enhance the town. "I remember going to the center as a child," she said. "I wish earlier generations had had a gym to go to."

UNC freshman nabs regional Emmy

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Though her mantle may not glitter like Helen Hunt's or Candace Bergen's, Christine VanCott has got more Emmy gold than the average undergraduate.

Christine VanCott, a freshman from Raleigh, was recently awarded the regional Midsouth Emmy Award for her work last year on the Enloe High School production, "On The Edge," a documentary dealing with teenage substance use and abuse.

"We didn't start off with the intention of winning an award," VanCott said. "We just wanted to produce a quality production."

The students mailed the pilot tape in to the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences to be nominated.

"Getting the nomination was a big surprise," VanCott said. "And winning was an even bigger one."

The Eleventh Annual Midsouth Emmy Awards was telecast live from Opryland's Tennessee Ballroom in Nashville.

The entire Enloe production crew attended the Feb. 15 awards ceremony. "Attending the awards ceremony was quite an event," VanCott said. "It was amazing."

Aaron Bare, a senior at Enloe who also worked on the documentary, said their entry garnered a lot of attention at the Nashville ceremony.

"The people there really respected what we did," Bare said. "And that was the most important part."

An arts grant awarded to Enloe enabled the students studying television production to have access to a broadcast-quality production facility.

"On The Edge" is the first in a series of eight documentaries to be produced by Enloe students in the next two years. And it was the only student production, including colleges and universities, to be nominated in the Midsouth region.

"(The series) came around interestingly," VanCott said. "We started the series with the goal of getting information to the people who need it."

With two of her daily schedule's eight periods spent in production, VanCott said work on the film was "definitely a full-time job."

VanCott, who served as associate producer of the documentary, designed the set, oversaw the construction of it and helped with the post-production.

"Christine was the guiding force in this program," said Curry Leslie, instructor of television production at Enloe. "She pulled together the efforts of other producers and made this whole thing make sense."

Bare echoed this sentiment and said VanCott made things flow smoothly.

"Christine was the mother of our little television group," he said. "She was

our guidance and leader." WNCN Channel 17 has already aired "On The Edge" once and plans to show it at least four more times.

"The program is designed to be appealing to teens from middle school to high school," VanCott said. "It's all real life, there's no acting."

As for the impact of the award, VanCott said winning the Emmy after graduating from high school has made no difference to her.

"It's quite an honor," she said. "I hope it does a lot for the reputation of the school and the television production program there."

Though she's graduated from Enloe, VanCott frequents the campus to offer her advice to the relatively new crew.

"We are a very close-knit team," she said. "I'm always happy to give some input."

VanCott said she hoped to continue in the production field after she graduates from UNC.

She said, "I'd really like to be producing for television somewhere in the arts area, perhaps broadcast designing."

For the Record

In the Feb. 25 article, "United Voices," National Pan Hellenic Council President Jerry Bright should have been quoted as saying in an earlier interview that Black Greek Awareness Week was important because it showed what black Greek letter organizations stand for.

Also, the photograph accompanying "Educators to focus on gaps in learning" (Feb. 25) should have identified the program participants only as "students."

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — **Karolina Kids** will sponsor a drive in the Pit titled "Change for the Children." Proceeds go to the organization and area hospitals. Call Gypsy Culp at

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Noon-1:15 p.m. — **The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center** will sponsor "Around the Circle," a weekly discussion group at the BCC moderated by Rachel Watkins. This week's topic: Our Spiritual Strivings.

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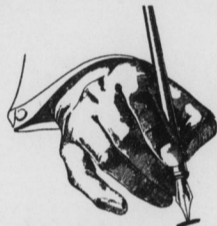
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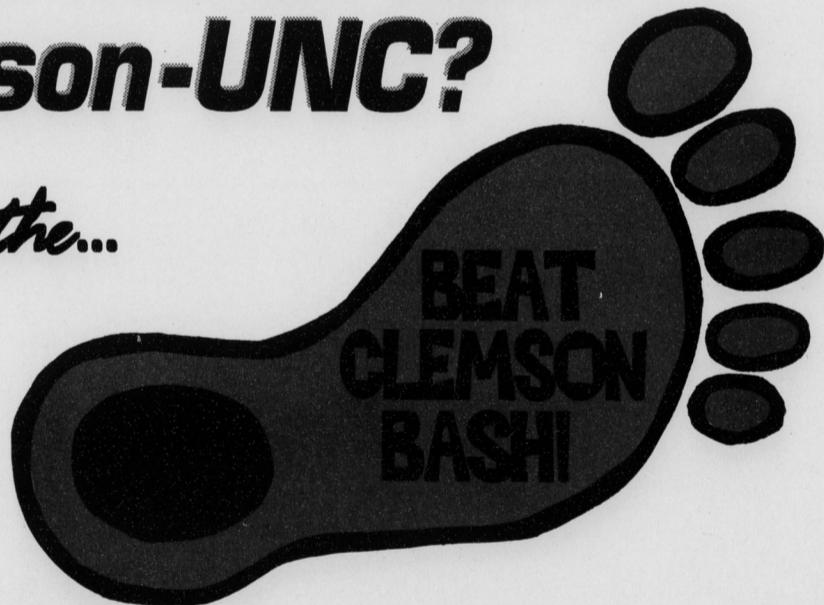
Black History Month spotlight

Olaudah Equiano

Born of the Ibo tribe in south central Nigeria, Olaudah Equiano was kidnapped and sold into slavery at age 11. He was later purchased by a British naval officer in Virginia. Equiano recorded his experiences as a slave and those of other slaves in his autobiography, "The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano or Gustavus Vassus, the African," a work that marked the beginning of the genre in African-American literature.

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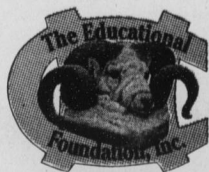
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