



BRIEFS

Stories from the University and Chapel Hill

Today last day to update student shot requirement

Today is the last day for new students as well as transfer students to meet their immunization requirements.

If immunization requirements are not met, the students name will be forwarded to the University Registrars Office for disenrollment.

Students who have not met these immunization requirements should have received three written notices and phone calls.

For more information about the requirements, call 966-6620.

Student Health Services prefers that students go to SHS if they have any questions about their immunization records.

Provost: Health affairs position to remain vacant

Provost Richard Richardson said he had decided not to fill the position of vice provost for health affairs.

The position was left vacant when Dr. H. Garland Hershey announced he would return to the School of Dentistry. Hershey made his announcement in July.

This is similar to the decision Richardson made during the summer not to fill the position of vice provost for academic affairs.

That decision was made to allow deans to report directly to Richardson on broad issues, instead of going through the vice provost.

Richardson's decision was praised by Chancellor Michael Hooker as a streamlining of operations.

The reorganization will save an estimated \$250,000 annually.

The provost oversees all academic operations of the University, including its 13 colleges and schools, the University Library, a variety of centers, and several other cultural and educational units.

UNC professor to deliver talk on changing South

Chuck Stone, the Walter Spearman Professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will speak about changes in the South on Sept. 26 in Mount Airy.

The speech, "Reflections on a Changing South from a Transplanted Northerner," will be at 7 p.m. at The Mount Airy Public Library, 145 Rockford St., Mount Airy.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information on Stone's speech, call Tom Bagnal at (910) 789-1502.

Fiddle player to perform free outdoor concert

Joe Thompson, acclaimed fiddle player and one of the last "old-time" stringband musicians in the South, will perform with friends in a free outdoor concert sponsored by the Northern Orange County Black History Committee.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alexander Dickson House in Hillsborough.

For more information, call 732-7741.

Annual FunRun to benefit area health care agency

The Fourth Annual Triangle Hospice 5K FunRun benefitting Triangle Hospice is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27, in downtown Hillsborough.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on the lawn of the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce located on Margaret Lane.

The FunRun is scheduled to begin for both walkers and runners at 8:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available from Hillsborough Savings Bank, WKIX FM, and Triangle Hospice in Durham.

Triangle Hospice is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of the terminally ill. All proceeds from the FunRun will go to Triangle Hospice.

For more information, contact Alyson Newman at 493-7091, ext. 240.

N.C. Writers' Network to host poetry workshop

Jane Mead, award-winning poet and poet-in-residence at Wake Forest University, will lead a poetry workshop sponsored by the N.C. Writers' Network on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 1 to 5 p.m.

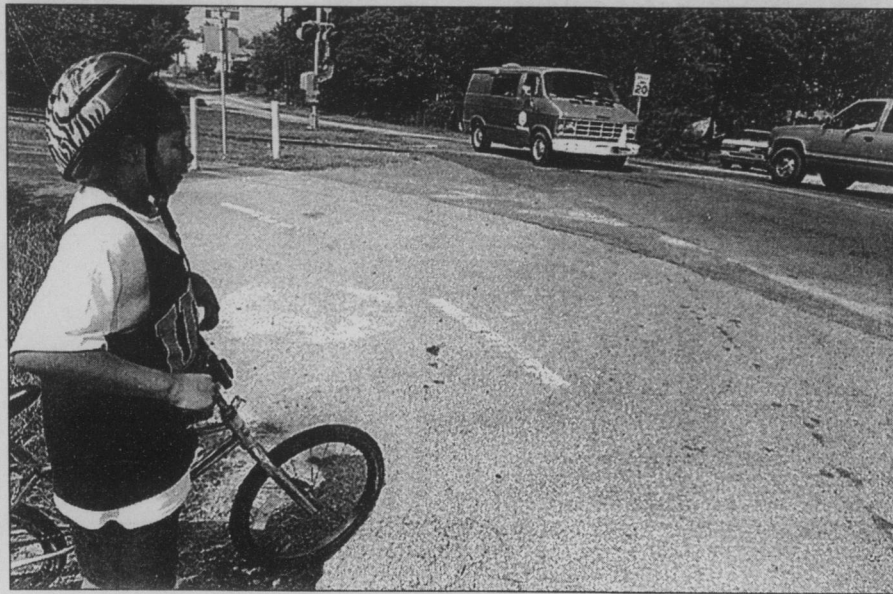
The event will be held at the Network's Resource Center and Library on N.C. Highway 54.

The workshop will focus on improving poetry writing skills and participants are encouraged to bring at least one previous work to discuss.

Registration is \$35 for Network members and \$40 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Frances Dowell at 967-9540.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Board mandates bike helmets for youths



Ten-year-old Vincent Abraham of Carrboro waits patiently to cross Merrit Mill Road on Wednesday afternoon. Abraham said his mother makes him wear a helmet whenever he rides his bike.

The ordinance's violators will receive one warning before being fined.

BY DARRELL JONES
STAFF WRITER

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen put safety at the head of its agenda Tuesday night by amending the Town Code to include a bicycle helmet ordinance for residents ages 16 and under.

The Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board had been reviewing the proposed ordinance since March 25, before the aldermen passed the requirement Tuesday.

Alderman Hank Anderson said he felt the law was designed to help children develop good safety habits at an early age.

"This law is similar to the seat belt law, and it can save lives," he said.

According to town documents, Brian Kastrugi, a representative of the Orange County Safe Kids Coalition, said 88 percent of all bicycle injuries can be prevented by wearing helmets.

He said North Carolina ranked fifth in the United States for the number of

bicycle deaths.

Kenneth Withrow, the town's transportation planner, said he thought children and parents could easily adjust to the new ordinance because a lot of children already used helmets and Chapel Hill already had the helmet requirement.

"This amendment is just adding to the Town Code as a safety enforcement," he said.

Because this is a new safety regulation, Carrboro Police Chief Ben Callahan said he planned to encourage parental involvement in the new ordinance's enforcement.

"We plan to use just verbal warnings since the law affects those 16 and under," he said.

"We plan to run programs to build incentive for wearing helmets, such as allowing police officers to give ice cream coupons to those children abiding the law."

Those who refuse to comply with the requirement should be warned once and their parents should be notified of the violation.

A second warning could result in a \$25 fine.

The Safe Kids coalition stated it would provide helmets for families who could not afford them.

Professor's remarks spark student protest

BY SARAH WELSH
STAFF WRITER

A professor's recent remarks about affirmative action drew student criticism and protests from the Rev. Jesse Jackson at the University of Texas—Austin.

Lino Graglia, a professor of constitutional law at UT-Austin, said black and Hispanic students came from cultural backgrounds that kept them from being academically competitive with white students.

His comments, made during a press conference announcing Students for Equality and Opportunity, a student group opposed to affirmative action, created a backlash of criticism from students and faculty.

"This has been a pretty big deal on campus," said Sholnn Freeman, managing editor of the Daily Texan, the UT-Austin student newspaper. "About 5,000 students gathered on the south mall on campus to protest."

"There has been a 75 percent jump in the number of letters to the editor just about his comments since he made them," he said.

A Texas court case resulting in the Texas attorney general outlawing affirmative action led to the creation of the SFEQ. Freeman said students' concerns were that the decision to end affirmative action policies was made too quickly.

William Cunningham, chancellor of the University of Texas system, released a statement last Thursday rebutting Graglia's comments.

"(The comments) not only demean minority students (but) are also an affront to the entire University community," he said.

Graglia was not available for com-

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SHOLNN FREEMAN
Managing Editor, The Daily Texan



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Student fees slightly shifted for safety

BY SEAN ROWE
STAFF WRITER

A new fee for the Victims Assistance Fund and a pay increase for SAFE Escort drivers got the green light from the Student Fee Audit Committee at its Wednesday meeting.

The SFAC approved a shift in the Student Safety and Security by-laws, raising its portion of the fee to 65 cents per student.

The five-cent change, effective this semester, will go to the Victims Assistance Fund, which previously did not receive money from student fees.

The fund will help provide medical treatment and psychological services for students who have been assaulted.

"They need money not only for the actual program but to let students know that it's out there," said Karen Schuller, student safety and security chairwoman.

Pay for SAFE Escort drivers will go up to \$6 per hour, funded by decreasing fees from the miscellaneous costs fund by five cents, Schuller said.

The committee transferred a 5-cent fee per student from the harassment and assault program of Safety and Security to the Victims Assistance Fund.

The Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors plan to review the recommendations from the SFAC.

Paying more to drivers will mean the University can fire problem drivers and add to the staff, giving students safer night transportation, said Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

"SAFE Escort is getting back on their feet and getting their act together," Kraft said.

The SFAC is also examining which groups of students use different

University services to see if charges are fair.

For example, only undergraduates are eligible to receive money from the Student Body Scholarship, but the scholarship is funded by fees from graduate students.

"We need to look into the scholarship being made available for graduates or increasing the fee for undergraduates if it is to be used exclusively by them," said SFAC chairman and Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum.

Kraft said no one had documented evidence of who benefits from student fees and that the committee should study it before taking action.

As members of the SFAC investigate the distribution of the more than 30 different student fees, McCollum said it was not unlikely that the committee would recommend increasing student fees.

New fellowship honors Kuralt's memory

Graduate journalism students can apply for the fellowship in spring 1998.

BY KENYA ELDRIDGE
STAFF WRITER

A new fellowship for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication will honor the memory of the late UNC alumnus Charles Kuralt.

"I'm very glad to see his name perpetuated in this way," said William Friday, president emeritus of the UNC system and president of the William R. Kenan Jr. Fund. "It would be very pleasing to him."

Kuralt, who died July 4, attended UNC from 1951-1955 and served as the editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

He is most commonly remembered for his friendly disposition through his award-winning series of the segment "On the Road," which appeared on

"The CBS Evening News."

"What you saw was the way he was at all times," Friday said. "He was just a superior person in every dimension."

A selection committee from the journalism school and Voice of America will consider applications for the fellowship in spring 1998.

The graduate student who wins the fellowship will work with VOA in Washington, D.C., as a fulltime paid reporter or producer.

"Working in Washington on a fellowship that carries Charles Kuralt's name is pretty heavy stuff," said Paul Gardner, assistant dean for development and alumni affairs at the journalism school.

Gardner met Kuralt, who served as a member of the journalism school's Board of Visitors, several times, he said.

Journalism school Dean Richard Cole and Gardner both said they liked the idea of honoring Kuralt's memory with the new fellowship.

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PAUL GARDNER
Journalism school assistant dean

name linked to our school," Gardner said.

Kuralt began his professional career as a radio writer for CBS News, and in 1959 he became the youngest correspondent ever at CBS News.

"He was the most important journalist in U.S. history," Cole said.

The journalism school honors several journalists from publications, but Cole said the Kuralt fellowship was unique.

"We don't have anything like this," Cole said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for one of our graduates."

Soap opera addicts find fantasy, escape in popular dramas

BY TRISHA L. DABB
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It is a world where the superwealthy die and come back to life, parents mistakenly sleep with their children and even the most saintly person can be possessed by the devil.

The intriguing soap opera world has kept fans coming back for more time and time again.

There are magazines, award shows, Internet chat rooms and talk shows all centered around them. People tape them, talk about them and cry over them. The lure of soap operas is undeniable and somewhat inexplicable.

"Once you watch it, you can't stop," said sophomore Suzanne Quinn from Pinehurst. "They get you hooked, and I don't know why."

Quinn started watching "The Young and the Restless" and "Guiding Light" last year, when her roommate, sophomore Shannon Byrd, introduced her to the shows.

"I started watching in sixth grade. My momma watched 'The Young and the Restless' so I did, too," said Byrd of Clinton. "It's dreamy and adventurous. (The characters) are people our age doing this stuff."

Quinn said it gave her an excuse not to do work for at least an hour everyday. "It's good procrastination," she said.

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RYAN HOLLANDER
Senior from Miami

"It's an escape in a way. You can sit there and not worry about anything." Contrary to popular stereotypes, women are not the only people to participate in this daily ritual.

Senior Ryan Hollander from Miami watches "The Young and the Restless" everyday and has for almost 12 years.

"When I was young it was a way to stay up late because my mom would tape it while she was at work," Hollander said. "I think everyone who watches them would agree they're not very good, but you can't help watching it."

While the reasoning behind such addictions is unclear, the attraction to daytime dramas is widespread among students.

On any given weekday at 4 p.m., Hollander and his friends can be found

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Junior Angelica Hermann (left), senior Jennifer Waller and freshman Jennifer Stahl watch "Beverly Hills 90210" in the McIver Residence Hall lounge Wednesday night.