

# UNC Graduate Takes New Post

**L. Bingham Roenigk, former analyst for Durham County, comes to Carrboro as the assistant town manager.**

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Excited by the town of Carrboro's innovative management practices, L. Bingham Roenigk will take on the duties of her new position as assistant town manager Wednesday.

Roenigk, who will fill the position Larry Gibson vacated in February, has 11 years of experience in local government.

Her most recent position was in the Durham County manager's office as senior budget analyst.

Durham County Manager David Thompson said Roenigk was especially adept with organization and operations.

"She was a key employee of mine," Thompson said. "She'll have a strong and immediate impact in Carrboro."

He said Roenigk also functioned as a planning and administrative manager in Durham.

In her previous position, she integrated work plans that were designed to accomplish the Durham County Board of Commissioners' goals.

"That's a very involved process because Durham County has a lot of employees," Thompson said.

Roenigk referred to Carrboro's goal-driven budget and its participation in the statewide benchmarking project as the two things which attracted her to the position.

She described the goal-driven budget as learning what the community wants to do and then "corralling the organization around a shared vision."

The benchmarking project involves taking various performance measures of government services in order to better understand what areas can be improved.

"I believe both management practices emphasize the role of government in improving the quality of life in a community," Roenigk said.

Carrboro Town Manager Robert Morgan said Roenigk's responsibilities will include accounting and purchasing operations and risk management.

"She will also be a key player in technological improvements, as well as the lead person in looking at performance

measures for the town and helping department heads look at how to provide services differently," Morgan said.

Morgan said he and Carrboro's accounting officer had shared the responsibilities of the assistant town manager for the past six months.

"I'll be glad to see her," Morgan said. "She has a good knowledge of local government accounting and came to us highly recommended."

Thompson, a former student of Morgan's, said Roenigk would be an asset to the department.

"I think she'll be a great complement to Bob Morgan," Thompson said.

Roenigk graduated from the public administration program at UNC.

"I have fond memories of Carrboro and Chapel Hill," Roenigk said. "Carrboro used to be my stomping ground."

Roenigk said she was a member of the Carolina Tar Wheels, who regularly met and biked in Carrboro.

She said she will be glad to be back in the area. "I really look forward to working with the manager and the board."

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## FREEZE FRAME



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Khalid Almohammed cleans out the ice machine in front of the Key Food Mart on Rosemary Street Monday. It was a welcome respite in the hot sun as the temperature reached well into the upper nineties. It is expected for temperatures to be just as high Tuesday.

# Sudan President Attacks Clinton

The Associated Press

**KHARTOUM, Sudan** - Sudan's leader accused President Clinton on Monday of being "a war criminal of the first degree" for an attack on a Khartoum factory the United States says made chemical weapons.

President Omar Hassan el-Bashir said that if the United States truly believed the factory manufactured chemical weapons, it committed "an ugly crime" by bombing it in the midst of a city and

endangering thousands of lives.

El-Bashir told The Associated Press this was evidence U.S. officials knew the Khartoum plant made only medicine - as Sudan maintains.

"The American president has violated international law, and he meant to destroy a civilian establishment and to kill innocent people," el-Bashir said.

The Sudanese president also said he was recalling Sudan's ambassador to Britain and would ask London to withdraw its ambassador from Khartoum in

response to Britain's support for the U.S. missile strike on the factory Thursday night.

On Monday, el-Bashir said American diplomats, who have been working out of neighboring Kenya and Egypt since 1996, "will not be allowed to return to their work in Khartoum."

He added that ambassadors from European countries that supported the missile strike would be summoned "to inform them of our strong protest for their positions."

## DOGWOOD ACRES

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phone calls Monday evening.

"It's really a pain in the butt when they start burning," said P.J. McWilliam of 312 Carlton Dr. "It's constantly the smell of smoke. We can't put the clothes out to dry. We can't open windows."

Vaught said he asked Brian Properties officials to consider hauling instead of burning several months ago, but the company did not heed his suggestion.

"It was totally inappropriate," Vaught said. "It seemed like a poor decision on their part and totally profit-motivated."

Though several neighbors complained to each other about the smoke, some said they did not think local governments and developers cared about their complaints or inconvenience.

"We're in the Orange County tax district," McWilliam said. "And we don't vote for Chapel Hill Town Council. So, I'm sure they don't care about us until they want to annex us. The developers seem to have no respect for the conser-

vation of the existing neighborhood."

Vaught said if the developer warned the residents about burning it would be a different story, but because their permit allowed them to burn anytime during the course of a year, they were not required to give any notice.

"It would be nice if they would put up a sign and say 'Hey folks, we're burning today,'" he said. "Whenever they want to smoke me out, they can."

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## UNION STATION

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Before Union Station was converted to accommodate Lenoir construction in 1996, students could view programs on a big-screen television from couches and chairs located throughout the main room, where Pizza Hut is located.

Meyers said Union Station will return to its original layout. "It'll be converted as soon as we can move our stuff out of

there - probably in about two weeks," he said.

Jason Hartsough, a senior from Greensboro, thought the Union conversion was a good idea. "They don't need it (as a food station) anymore," he said. "Before, the chairs (in the Union lounge) were always filled in the morning. On a cold day, it was a great place to go and drink your coffee before class."

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## BONNIE

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"It's really starting to concern people around here," said Ronna Lewis of North Topsail, whose soundside double-wide modular home, perched four feet off the ground on concrete supports, escaped flooding during Fran by inches.

"It's just hurry up, wait and see," she said.

She and her husband, David, have reserved a rental trailer to haul their belongings off the barrier island to Jacksonville, where they could stay with family.

With the storm still far out at sea, many vacationers and surfers stayed put to enjoy the beach while they could, but experienced coastal residents stocked up on emergency supplies or got ready to head for higher ground.

Emergency management workers at Wilmington tested their generators and stocked up on supplies, including bottles of Maalox and Tums.

"We're very much concerned about the coast, primarily Georgia and the Carolinas, but it could still be even as far west as northern Florida," Jarrell said. "It's erratic. It could do something weird."

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