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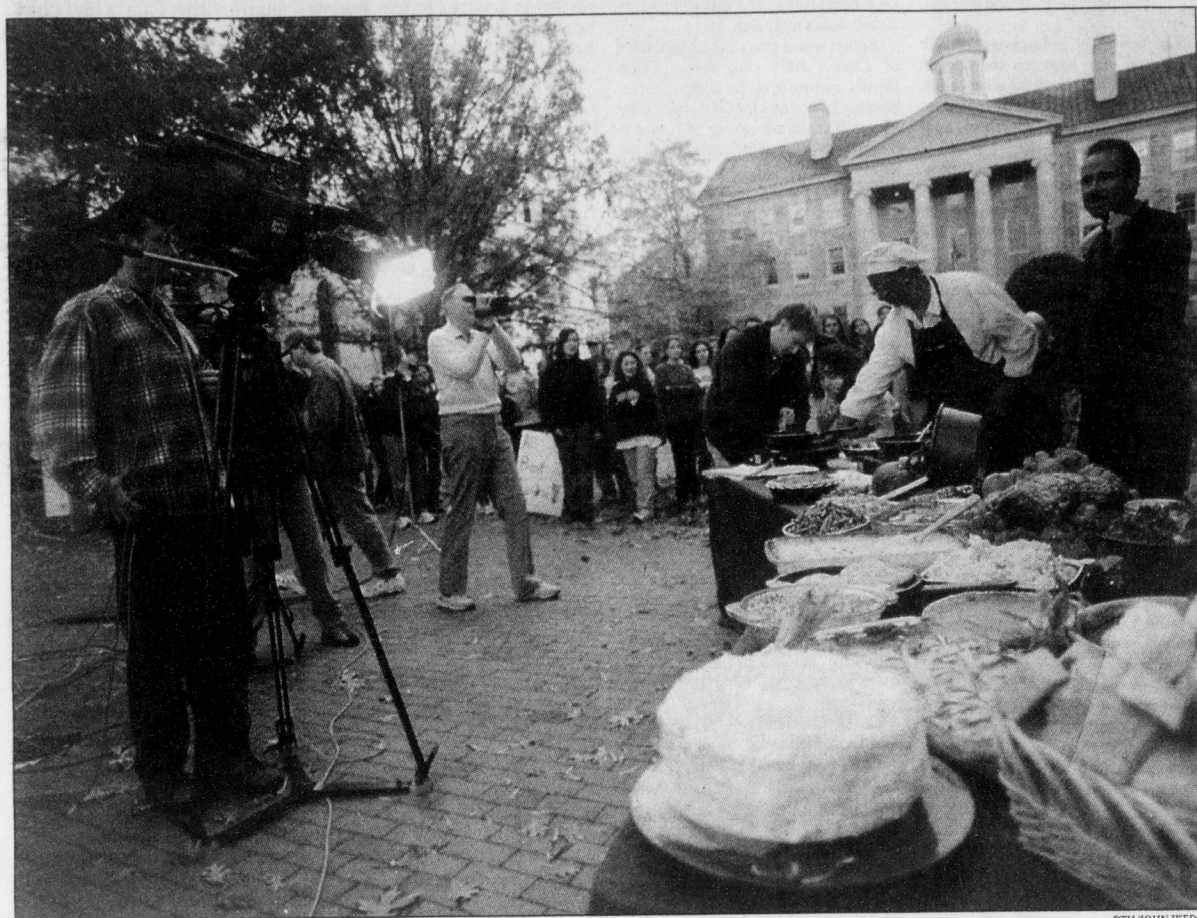


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ABC weatherman Spencer Christian prepares to interview Mildred Council on Tuesday morning in front of South Building on Polk Place for Good Morning America. Council, owner of Dip's Country Kitchen, also gave a cooking demonstration.

Local Cooks Up Turkey Day Grub For TV Broadcast

About 75 people gathered at South Building's steps for "Good Morning America's" live broadcast Tuesday.

By PATRICIA WRIGHT
Staff Writer

With Turkey Day right around the corner, "Good Morning America" picked one of Chapel Hill's most accomplished chefs to spotlight on its program.

The TV show broadcasted several segments live from South Building Tuesday starting at 7 a.m.

Mildred "Mama Dip" Council, who runs the popular Dip's Country Kitchen located on West Rosemary Street, was interviewed by Spencer Christian as a feature on the show's American Thanksgiving dinner series.

During the broadcast, a table full of Council's Thanksgiving specialties prepared before the broadcast was displayed.

About 75 spectators, including family, friends and UNC students, huddled around as Council showed Christian how to create her master recipe — pecan

pie. "This recipe began as what was called the thin-man pie during World War II," said Council of her pie. "There was a lot of Karo Syrup used back then, so the pecans came later."

Council finished the pecan pie before the broadcast ended and Christian was anxious to taste it first. "Everyone knows I'm not a sweets eater, but I must taste Mama Dip's pecan pie," he said.

But Christian was not the only one that got to taste Council's specialties. To everyone's delight, after the broadcast, the audience got to taste the Thanksgiving dinner she had prepared.

Dip's Restaurant is a favorite among UNC students who crave the flavor of Council's dishes. With smiles and chicken grease on their faces, some of Council's UNC fans said they were excited about the recognition she was receiving.

Freshman Christian Sawyer of Louisville, Ky., said the broadcast was a special event for the University since the show had not been here since 1995. "This was a really neat thing for the campus, besides waking up at 6:30 a.m. to get here," Sawyer said.

Sawyer also said the food was delicious.

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School Plans to Raise Enrollment in 7 Days

School in the Community, a Carrboro charter school, must enroll 10 students and remedy budget deficits.

By SHELLEY LEVINE
Assistant City Editor

Leaders of Carrboro's School in the Community are confident enrollment figures will rise this week and the school will be allowed to remain open.

The charter school has a week to enroll 10 students and explain how it will balance a projected \$85,000 budget deficit. Fred Battle, the charter school's board chairman, said he had already received calls from parents who wanted to enroll their children.

"We've started an outreach program,

and we're trying to get students. Evidently the publicity we've gotten has gotten people trying to work with us."

The state's Charter School Advisory Committee decided Monday to recommend that the State Board of Education revoke the school's charter if conditions were not met by next week.

Battle said the school had until Tuesday to report to the committee.

Investigations began on the school when it did not meet an enrollment requirement of 65 students, said Richard Clontz, an educational consultant in the Office of Charter Schools for the Department of Public Instruction.

The state then asked the charter school for a revised business plan for the current school year and discovered the \$85,000 projected deficit, he said.

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N.C. State Officials Defend Gun Policy

A state lawmaker says the death of a student at N.C. State University is not likely to effect stronger gun laws.

By MARY CAMERON
Staff Writer

Despite Sunday's shooting death of an N.C. State University student, university officials defended the effectiveness of their weapons policy.

"There is no place on campus for a weapon," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs at N.C. State. "If we find any student in possession of a weapon anywhere on campus, we take extreme action."

And across town at the capitol building, a state lawmaker said Neil Davis Jr.'s shooting death was not likely to spark stricter gun control legislation.

"You like to think that anytime some-

thing bad happens, there is a law you could pass that would prevent it from happening again," said Sen. Brad Miller, D-Wake. "But that does not seem to be so in the case of (Davis). I can't imagine this, as tragic as it is, is going to change dramatically the political environment in the legislature on gun control."

Davis, a junior from Fayetteville, died Sunday at WakeMed in Raleigh of a gunshot wound to the stomach following a scuffle with an N.C. State wrestler. Raleigh police have since arrested 10 suspects in connection with the crime.

N.C. State's campus wide ban on weapons is clear, and students recognize the policy's severity, Stafford said.

"If we catch a student on campus with a weapon, whether they say it is for hunting purposes or not, very swift actions are taken against them," he said.

"Unfortunately, this incident occurred off campus. The young man who was killed had a pistol he possessed legally and did not violate (our) policy."

Gun-related

incidents are not unheard of on campus. "One of our public safety officers who was on foot patrol was coming around the back of the Sigma Nu house and heard a gun being made ready to fire," said Drew Smith, associate director of Greek life at N.C. State, describing an incident that occurred last summer.

"He told the student to stop, and the student was written a campus appearance ticket for possessing a weapon."

Students said although incidents had happened before, they would never get used to gun violence on campus.

"It is pretty sad to know these kinds



N.C. State junior Neil Davis died at WakeMed on Sunday from a gunshot wound to the stomach.

of things happen in the environment in which we all live," said Luis Recinos, an N.C. State sophomore from Guatemala.

Handgun control organizations echoed N.C. State students' feelings.

"In the case of what happened at N.C. State, I think it is unfortunate that (Davis) chose to use his gun to express his displeasure," said Nancy Hwa, spokeswoman for Washington, D.C.-based Handgun Control, Inc. "If the individual hadn't had a gun, he could've called the police and maybe the incident wouldn't have resulted as it did."

But other groups said they believed the firearm was not the contributing factor in this incident. "It was irresponsibility and lawlessness," said John Velleco, spokesman for Gun Owners of America, based in Springfield, Va. "The people involved need to be dealt with in court according to their alleged crimes."

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Student's Deed Aids Homeless

Freshman Andrea Fritschle gave a homeless man a free Thanksgiving dinner at Chase Hall on Tuesday.

By AMY STEPHENS
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In a season when family and friends gather together, a UNC student pushed to find the true holiday spirit by reaching out to a stranger.

Andrea Fritschle, a freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., walked on Franklin Street on Tuesday night offering a free meal to any homeless person she met.

"I had a lot of meals on my (UNC) ONE Card, and I thought it would be good to use them to the benefit of other people," Fritschle said.

But after asking almost 20 people, only one man chose to take the offered meal at Chase Dining Hall.

"It was weird that no one else wanted to come with us," Fritschle said. "It



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Billy Gaspari, a freshman from Graham, dines with Steven Newsome, a homeless man, during dinner at Chase Hall on Tuesday evening.

was like they didn't trust me."

Steve Newcomb, the 31-year-old man that accepted the offered dinner, said he could not believe others had turned down a free meal.

"I have never had anyone offer me a free meal before," he said. "I love food, and would never turn down anything anyone wanted to give."

Newcomb said he had left his apartment in Raleigh a few weeks ago after disagreements with his roommates. He said he came to Chapel Hill because his sister and brother both live in the area.

"I am going back (to Raleigh) some-

time after Thanksgiving, and if everything goes right, I'll be able to move back in," he said.

Newcomb said he had only one major regret in life. "I graduated from high school in Wake Forest, but I really wish I had gone to college," he said.

Billy Gaspari, a freshman from Graham who joined Fritschle and Newcomb for dinner, said offering a free meal to a homeless person was a wonderful way to help out.

"I only wish more people would have

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\$4 Billion Deal With AOL Seals Fate of Web 'Pioneer'

The merger, sealed Tuesday, makes America Online the distributor of Netscape's Internet browser software.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America Online will buy Netscape in a \$4.21 billion deal that turns the world's largest Internet provider into a new superpower of the high-tech industry. It also effectively concludes Netscape's dramatic rise and fall as an independent Internet pioneer.

The agreement, announced Tuesday, includes Sun Microsystems Inc., which will distribute Netscape's business-level software in exchange for AOL's purchase Sun's powerful computers.

AOL, already with more than 14 million subscribers, becomes the distributor of Netscape's popular Internet browser software and the owner of two of the four most popular sites on the Web.

Netscape's site alone draws 20 mil-

lion visitors each month. The other three most popular sites are operated by AOL, Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo! Steve Case, AOL's chairman and chief executive officer, said AOL would operate Netscape's site separate from its own.

"It was already one of the major portals, and Netscape has just a terrific brand," Case said of the Web site. "We just want to take that Netcenter strategy to the next step and reach an even wider audience."

The deal gives AOL enough influence to challenge industry giant Microsoft's dominance in key areas.

"We plan to continue to work with Microsoft wherever we can," Case said. "We do recognize Microsoft is a major competitor in a lot of different areas, but we've always said we'd like to work with them wherever it makes sense."

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AOL chairman Steve Case said Netscape's site would be run separately from his companies.

INSIDE Wednesday

Always 'Room 4' More

The area's up-and-coming musicians now rock out at a new club, Room 4 at GO! Rehearsal Studios. The Chapel Hill club, which holds 180 people, opened two weeks ago. It fills the void left with the closing of Lizard & Snake Cafe in August. See Page 2.

ONE Stop Shopping

The University is considering signing a contract with a local bank that would allow students to use UNC ONE Cards as ATM cards. Banks can apply to serve UNC in January. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Mostly Sunny;
Low 60s.
Thursday: Mostly sunny;
High 60s.

Feasting Time

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, The Daily Tar Heel will not be publishing Thursday and Friday. Be sure to pick up when classes resume Monday.

Don't forget to look for SportSaturday at the N.C. State vs. UNC football game at in Charlotte. Happy holidays!

Home is not where you live but where they understand you.

Christian Morgenstern