



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Applications Available For BOT Committee

The Student Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees needs undergraduate students interested in serving as liaisons between students and the BOT. Officially recognized student groups can nominate students for the committee, or students can pick up applications from Suite C of the Student Union. Applications are due Thursday in the student government office. Students with questions should contact Monika Moore at 914-5047.

Sign-Up List Available For Shuttle to Airport

Wednesday is the last day to sign up for a free shuttle to Raleigh-Durham International Airport before and after Spring Break. To ride the shuttle, sponsored by the Out-of-State Students Association, students should sign up on the Web site at www.unc.edu/~alex47. Shuttles will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and starting at 3 p.m. March 14.

Lecture Series to Bring Four-Star U.S. General

Organizers of the Great Decisions Lecture Series will host U.S. General Richard Lee Butler at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on the first floor of the Tate-Turner Kuralt Building. Butler's lecture is titled "Leadership." Butler served from 1991 to 1994 in the U.S. strategic nuclear forces. As commander-in-chief, he oversaw the employment of land and sea-based nuclear bombs and missiles, weapon target plans and U.S. response to missile attacks.

Doors open for the presentation at 3:30 p.m. People with questions about the lecture should contact Rye Barcott at 914-8699.

Louisville Mayor Nabs Presidency of Institute

The Institute of Government Foundation chose Louisville Mayor Lucy Taylor Allen to serve as its new president. The foundation, organized in 1996, privately supports the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute of Government, which initiates statewide civic education programs.

PTA Thrift Shop Ready For Clearance Sale

The PTA Thrift Shop on Jones Ferry Road will hold its winter clearance sale Monday through Thursday. The shop will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. until noon Thursday. There will be special prices on furniture and clothing will be \$1 per item. The store will reopen Friday with all new merchandise. Those with questions should contact Mary Dow at the PTA Thrift Shop at 942-6565.

Orange County Honors Residents in Ceremony

The Orange County Human Relations Commission presented awards Sunday to Hazel Lunsford and Liala Edwards for promoting human rights, diversity and equality in Orange County. The awards were presented by Orange County Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis at the A.L. Stanback Middle School Media Center. Lunsford was a school teacher and counselor for 35 years at both Central and Orange high schools. Edwards is a junior at Chapel Hill High School.

Cancer Center to Host Educational Forum

The Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center will host a free educational forum from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The presentation will feature Dr. John Bogges talking about his role as an oncologist. The center is located at 1777 U.S. 15-501 Bypass, Forum One Building, Ste. 104, Chapel Hill. Space is limited, and interested parties should call 967-8842 to register.

Bull's Head Bookshop To Present Local Poet

Jeffrey Beam will read and show slides from his book, "An Elizabethan Bestiary: Retold," at the Bull's Head Bookshop at UNC Student Stores. The free event will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

—From Staff Reports

Town Officials Back Plan To Increase Tax Revenue

Evenly splitting the state's sales tax revenues would give local governments an extra \$650 million.

By ZACHARY ALDERFER
Staff Writer

Local government officials say they approve of a state senator's proposal to kill North Carolina's food tax and give them a share of \$650 million of the state's money.

Sen. Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover, has suggested substituting the local governments' food tax revenue with an increased share of the state sales tax.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the increased revenue would be helpful.

"It would be wonderful if our share of sales tax increased," Waldorf said. "The state, in the past, has been reluctant to enact change and increase our revenue." Waldorf said that in the past, the N.C.

General Assembly was hesitant to pass a local sales tax so that Orange County could collect an extra penny for every dollar spent.

She said that if state government could not collect a percentage for itself, the legislature often did not approve tax reforms.

Four percent of the 6 percent sales tax goes to the state, but Ballantine's proposal would split the sales tax revenue evenly between state and local governments.

The new allocation would generate an increase of almost \$650 million for town governments in North Carolina, Ballantine said.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said taxing a necessity such as food was unreasonable, but at the same time, money for local projects required a source of funds.

"We need money from the state for a number of things, including improving roads and the bus system," Capowski said.

"The source of the money is less important than getting the money itself.

Losing revenue from food tax and gaining it from sales tax is a wash."

However, Sen. Eleanor Kinnaid, D-Orange, said the bill would not help local governments.

"North Carolina is putting the burden on the middle and working class," Kinnaid said, adding that governmental programs that affected these classes would be affected by the lost state revenue.

"I wouldn't support it. It's an attention-getter more than anything else. I would be surprised if the bill got passed at all."

Carrboro Alderman Diana McDuffee also said the need for increased revenue was more important than the source.

"The state limits very much (Carrboro's) options for raising revenue," McDuffee said.

"Much of our budget money comes from property tax, which makes it difficult to keep taxes reasonable. Any state help would be appreciated."

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Past Leaders to Help Pass Treasurer Torch

Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke says past treasurers will be on hand to train whoever is chosen.

By CAROL ADAMSON
Staff Writer

Though the position of student body treasurer is vacant, other members of student government will take the reigns to ensure that next year's treasurer receives proper training.

Former Student Body Treasurer James Dasher resigned from the position in December, leaving the executive branch of student government without a treasurer.

However, Dasher, as well as other members and former members of student government, will train next year's treasurer, who will be chosen during the week of March 22, Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke said.

"I've been speaking to (former Student Body Treasurer) Mark McCollum, and he has expressed interest in being there for next year's candi-

dates to talk to," Heinke said. "I've also talked to (Assistant Student Body Treasurers) Sara (Reynolds) and Brandon (Davis) about helping."

Reynolds said she and Davis would ask next year's treasurer to shadow them during their office hours to help show the future treasurer how to ensure that student funds were properly appropriated.

Davis said many of the applications, which are due Friday, would likely be turned in by people already familiar with the workings of student government. "Chances are, whoever takes over will be from Student Congress, so all of this will not all be completely brand-new," he said.

One of the things Davis said he See TRANSITION, Page 4



Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke said a treasurer would be chosen the week of March 22.

WCW Monday Nitro to Slam Into Campus

Students bought 30 percent of the tickets for tonight's show at the Smith Center.

By SHARON LIAO
Staff Writer

It has body-slammed soccer, jackhammered rugby and put cable television down for the count.

It's professional wrestling. And it's back. The sport some say was once a showcase for red-necks and bruisers has re-emerged in the past few years.

World Championship Wrestling's program, Monday Nitro, was the most-watched cable program in 1998.

"Wrestling used to be for trailer trash," said Sean Bresloff, head promoter for WCW's production company, Awesome Productions. "Now it's enormous, particularly for college students. They're a key audience."

Wrestling is especially hot on UNC's campus. All 18,900 tickets for tonight's live WCW Monday Nitro show at the Smith Center sold in two days, said Trish McHardy, public relations director for the center.

More than 400 people were waiting in line when the tickets went on sale.

About 30 percent of the tickets were sold to students, McHardy said.

Brian Toomes, a freshman journalism major from Wilmington, was first in line. He was one of about 60 people who camped out for tickets.

Toomes, who describes himself as a "hard-core fan," waited more than 20 hours for his front-row tickets.

"We wanted to do it right," Toomes said.

Hunter Pierce, a sophomore biology major from Wilmington, said he was excited about watching Monday Nitro live.

Pierce said he and his friends were planning on recycling their Halloween costumes and dressing up as wrestlers to attend the match.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "Wrestling is fun to watch. It's not necessarily real."

Alan Sharp, WCW's director of public relations, compared wrestling to a soap opera for men.

"It's like a Melrose Place with muscles," Sharp said. "It's a quality production with creative story lines that keeps people guessing."

"It also has great superstars," he added.

Wrestling stars such as "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan and Bret "Hitman" Hart keep fans entertained with over-the-top antics.

"It's pure entertainment; there's no thought

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Taylor Harper (left), Wes Varner, Brian Mowbray and Dan Walden (left to right around circle) watch World Championship Wrestling in their apartment Thursday evening. They will be attending the WCW Monday Nitro in Chapel Hill.

DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Students Climb, Race for Wrestling Tickets

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
Staff Writer

Although the rain was drizzling outside, more than 100 people enjoyed friendly competition and upbeat music inside Fetzer Gym for the World Championship Wrestling Campus Clash on Sunday afternoon.

UNC marked the second stop for the WCW Monday Nitro Road to Spring Break '99. Wrestler Buff Bagwell and Nitro Girls Storm, AC Jazz and Chae signed autographs and participated in two of the six games.

Former MTV VJ Riki Rachtman, the emcee

for the event, raffled about 70 lower-level tickets for tonight's wrestling event at the Smith Center. "I think everyone's really nice despite the rain," he said. "I've been wanting to come to North Carolina for a while."

Bagwell said he had a good chance of winning the event tonight. "When you're Buff and tough and you're the stuff and the women are beautiful, then anything can happen."

WCW and TNT donated the ticket money from the event to the Dance Marathon for the UNC Children's Hospital. The Nitro Girls awarded a \$3,000 check to Finance Chairman Scott Benson and marathon organizer Michael

Bucy. Benson said it was the largest donation from a corporation. "We were ecstatic," Benson said. "We found out (about the donation) two weeks before the dance."

DJ Matt K livened the atmosphere while people participated in six games that tested their physical abilities. At the Power Struggle, two participants strapped to a harness raced for an object against the force of their opponent.

Mike Ford, a University employee, said he had 14 wins. "It was fun. I beat my roommate, and that's all that matters."

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SPIRIT RUN



DTH/GREG WOLF

Carolina Athletic Association sponsored a pre-game spirit run called from "Hell to Blue Heaven" on Saturday afternoon before the Duke game. A group of people ran from Cameron Indoor Stadium on U.S. 15-501 to the Smith Center.

Hooker Tackles Treatment With Optimistic Outlook

By AMBERLY CALLOWAY
Staff Writer

Doctors say things are looking positive for Chancellor Michael Hooker, who has made it halfway through his treatment for lymphatic cancer, with three chemotherapy treatments down and three to go.

Hooker has received chemotherapy treatments once every three to four weeks since Jan. 16, when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes.

The disease's main symptom is enlargement of the lymph nodes, said Dr. Lee Berkowitz, a member of the team treating Hooker and a professor of medicine at the UNC School of Medicine.



Chancellor Michael Hooker said he felt much better than when he was diagnosed with cancer in January.

Hooker had his third treatment Thursday and said he was looking forward to his last appointment scheduled for April 30. "I feel a lot better now than before I was diagnosed," Hooker said.

"We are quite optimistic for the chancellor," Berkowitz said. Hooker's response to the chemotherapy has been great, he said. "By talking to the chancellor and doing blood work, we are getting all positive results to tell us that the treatment is working."

Despite positive results from his cancer treatments, Hooker said he took midday breaks to go home and rest for an hour. "He hasn't taken any time off, but he gets tired here and there," said Barbara Leonard, a secretary in Hooker's office.

But Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen said she saw no difference in the amount of work Hooker had taken on.

Hooker said his primary medical concern was preventing infections. He said midway between treatments, the body was most vulnerable.

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