



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Carrboro Alderman Announces Candidacy

Alderman Alex Zaffron filed for a spot on November's election ballot last week. Zaffron became the first resident to announce candidacy for a seat on the six-member Board of Aldermen. He has served on the board since 1995 and occupies one of the three seats that are up for grabs. The others are those occupied by incumbents Joal Broun and Hilliard Caldwell. Zaffron could not be reached for comment.

Center Co-Sponsors Public Health Forum

The UNC-CH School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Service will be one of the sponsors in a public health policy symposium taking place today and Friday in Raleigh. The forum will focus on public health impact of intensive livestock operations and will feature several School of Health faculty members.

Agreement Provides Biologists Facility Use

An agreement between Argonne National Laboratory and the University will enable biologists to have direct access to powerful X-ray facilities. The new facilities will enable them to complete projects at a much faster rate and conduct more complicated studies.

Roper to Give Speech At Annual Meeting

Dr. William Roper, dean of the UNC School of Public Health will be the keynote speaker at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' sixth annual meeting today in Asheville. His address, titled "Vision for Public Health - Challenges for Senior Deputy Leadership," will examine opportunities and challenges that arise from state health care environments.

School of Journalism To Move Next Week

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication is making final arrangements for its move from Howell Hall to Carroll Hall. The move-in date is tentatively scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

County to Co-Sponsor Housing Workshop

The Orange County Department of Housing and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will sponsor an affordable housing workshop at 2 p.m. today. The workshop will be held in the meeting room of the Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road. The program is targeted to property owners, landlords and property management companies throughout Orange County.

For more information, contact Tara Fikes, director of the Orange County Department of Housing and Community Development at 732-8181, ext. 2490.

Recreation Department Offers Softball Camp

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a softball summer camp from July 26-July 30. The camp is open to all youth from ages 9 to 13 and the entry fee is \$54. Registration will continue through Sunday. For additional information, contact the Recreation Department at 968-7703.

U.S. University Team, Haywood, Wins Gold

The men's U.S. University Team grabbed its sixth straight World University Games gold medal and 40th consecutive win by slamming Yugoslavia 79-65 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. UNC center Brendan Haywood had nine points in the victory. The U.S. women dropped their title game, 57-48 to Spain. UNC's LaQuanda Barksdale had six points and five rebounds.

Track's Christopher To Jump in Pan Am

UNC senior LaShonda Christopher will compete in the long jump at the Pan Am games in Winnipeg, Canada. The games begin July 24.

- From Staff Reports

Barranger Resigns From Department

By WILL FOUSHEE
Staff Writer



Milly Barranger

The Playmakers Repertory Company and Department of Dramatic Art has suffered the loss of one of its driving forces with the resignation of its department chairwoman and producing director Milly Barranger.

Barranger resigned from both positions effective June 30 after serving 17 years as department chairwoman.

In a letter to the faculty, Barranger stated she was resigning due to lack of support for the department from the College of Arts and Sciences, Pam O'Connor, the Press and Marketing Director for the Department of Dramatic Art said.

O'Connor said Barranger would remain on the faculty as an Alumna Distinguished Professor.

"Barranger will be on leave next year taking a sabbatical to finish writing her book," O'Connor said.

Darryl Gless, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said an interim for the position would be announced Aug. 1 by Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Risa Palm. At that time a national search would be

started to seek a replacement for Barranger.

Gless said he wanted input from the Department of Dramatic Art in making a decision on the new replacement.

"Input will be coming the department, by speaking with faculty, staff and students," Gless said.

"I will make a recommendation to Dean Palm, who will make the final decision," Gless said.

Barranger brought nationally recognized shows to the stage of the Playmakers Repertory Company by recruiting noted faculty, resident theatre artists and administrators that brought the arts to UNC.

Barranger was also crucial in the \$2 million fund-raising campaign to build the Center for Dramatic Art, which continues through endowments and the annual Playmakers Ball.

In 1997, Barranger hosted the world premiere of Horton Foote's "The Death of Papa", in which the leading roles were played by Matthew Broderick and Ellen Burstyn.

Barranger was not available for comment Wednesday.

English professor James King called Barranger's decision to resign rather surprising.

King said Barranger's resignation was because of the overwhelming responsibility of her two positions and the time they took.

"She held two full time jobs, and I

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RAIN DELAY



DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

Visitors to UNC's campus were in for a shock this week as the temperature plummeted unusually low for mid-July. Drizzles are expected to continue today and taper off sometime this weekend.

Shortfall Causes UNC Budget Cuts

A \$9.8 million budget deficit has led UNC to make difficult cuts in department and program spending.

By KATIE ABEL
AND RACHEL CARTER
Staff Writers

When the fall semester starts, returning students will find that a budget deficit will have cancelled some classes, trimmed staffs and delayed promised building repairs.

The University is facing the \$9.8 million budget shortfall, which provoked campus administrators to ask deans and department heads to cut between 1.6 to 10 percent of their budgets.

The budget could also receive a major blow from an Internal Revenue Service audit. The University could owe up to \$20.5 million.

Graduate and Professional Student Association President Lee Conner said he doubted any departments would escape cuts.

"I think we're in a situation that everyone is going to feel the pinch,"

Conner said. "I just hope that ours isn't disproportionate."

Student Body President Nic Heinke said he thought students would not lose any essential programs.

"I think the Administration has so far done an excellent job making sure that the priorities of the University are in order," Heinke said.

Heinke said that he had faith in Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen's ability to make changes without sacrificing student needs.

Kitchen said the mandated cuts sparked her to implement several improvements, but all student services would continue to remain intact.

One of the ways the department will save money is with a smaller First Year Initiative Program, Kitchen said.

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen said student services would not suffer because of cuts.

Compromise Sparks Dispute

Developers say the permit issued for an office building at the Meadowmont site poses a parking problem.

By JACOB MCCONNICO
City/State & National Editor

While small battles are being conceded over the Meadowmont development, the town has ensured that the war will rage on.

Council members voted 8-1 last week to approve a permit for an office building on the 435-acre mixed use site, but terms governing the parking lot at the complex were contested by representatives of Capital Associates, the firm that is developing that portion of the site.

Anne Stoddard, associate partner in Capital Associates, said her firm would not be open to an agreement if the council did not amend the resolution.

"If (the council) doesn't agree with it then they are never going to get it at all," she said.

The dispute was over a provision in the permit that called for 86 of the building's 900 parking spaces to be converted to a park and ride lot once the building reached 95 percent occupancy if one of the three following conditions were met:

■ At least 15 percent of the employees who regularly work in the buildings

are using transit, bicycles or other means rather than single-occupant vehicles to commute to the buildings on a daily basis, as determined by a written survey distributed to employees.

■ A physical count and survey of persons visiting the buildings demonstrates that at least 15 percent of the persons arriving do so by transit, bicycle or other means rather than single occupant vehicles.

■ A physical count demonstrates that at least 15 percent of the parking spaces provided for the buildings are vacant on a regular basis.

Representatives of the group had agreed to the terms at a June 30 work session with a council subcommittee.

However, Larry Sitton, attorney for the group, said the proposal would not work unless it were amended to state that two out of three conditions must be met.

"I concede that it was agreed upon, but it doesn't matter," he said. "This is a deal breaker."

Council member Kevin Foy, a member of the council subcommittee, said the negotiations had gone well and he was under the impression that everything had been worked out.

"When we made the final proposal it

was agreed that it would be one of the three," he said.

Stoddard said the third condition posed a major problem because of the nature of new office buildings.

"Tenants in most markets lease more space than they need initially," she said. "These parking spaces will not be able to be filled."

Council member Pat Evans made a motion to amend the resolution to read two out of three, but the proposal was defeated by a 5-4 vote. Mayor Rosemary Waldorf and council members Lee Pavao, Edith Wiggins and Evans dissented.

During negotiations the town asked the developer to cut 115 of its proposed 951 parking spaces. The firm agreed to

reduce the number of spaces by 51.

Julie McClintock, a council member, said the group's objections were a surprise.

"I think we had some good faith negotiations here and the terms are being changed," she said.

The commissioners decided not to amend the resolution and passed the measure that calls for one of the three conditions.

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JULIE MCCLINTOCK
Town Council member

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Jewelry Store to Donate Street Clock

Local officials say a 10-foot-2-inch clock could improve the ambiance of Chapel Hill and become a landmark.

By JACOB MCCONNICO
City/State & National Editor

Instead of meeting at the Franklin Street post office or in front of the Morehead Planetarium, residents and visitors could soon make plans to rendezvous by the clock.

Ken Jackson, owner of Wentworth & Sloan, a jewelry store located at 167 E. Franklin St., has donated a 10-foot-2-inch tall clock to the town. The clock will be placed on the street in front of Jackson's store.

Emily Cameron, a landscape architect for the town, said the clock would become a popular attraction.

"In terms of ambiance people could use it as a landmark like, I'll meet you at the clock," she said.

Jackson could not be reached for comment, but a memo issued by the town stated that the clock was worth \$3,000.

Cameron said town costs would be minimal for the installation of the clock, and Wentworth & Sloan would take care of maintenance.

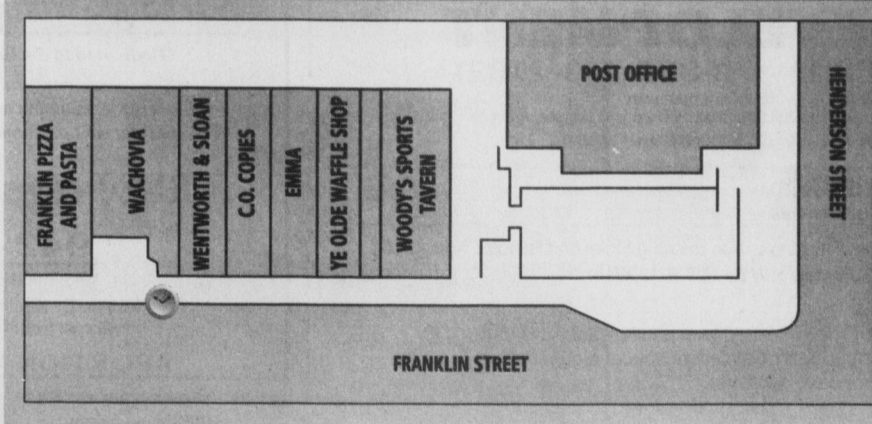
"We would have to pay for the installation," she said. "Probably what we're looking at is a concrete pad and whatever hardware is needed (to attach it to the street). It would have a pedestal like a light pole."

Cameron said the clock was operated by a battery and looked Victorian in style.

In addition, Jackson stated in his peti-

Hour is Nigh for Chapel Hill's First Street Clock

The owner of Wentworth & Sloan, a jewelry store located at 167 E. Franklin St., has donated a \$3,000 Victorian style clock to go on the sidewalk in front of the store. Installation of the clock will be accomplished as part of an annual town streetscape plan intended to improve sidewalks.



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tion of the Chapel Hill Town Council that he would take steps to protect the clock from vandalism.

These measures include, the installation of unbreakable glass, steel filler between clock sections to prevent it from being disassembled and a lock to prevent pedestrians from opening the battery or gear compartments, reports state.

In exchange for the donation Jackson had requested that the face of the clock read either, "Donated and Maintained by Wentworth & Sloan" or "In Memory of Richmond Sloan" or "167 E. Franklin Street."

Sonna Loewenthal, assistant town

manager, said the addition of a clock could promote tourism.

"It will add interest to the streetscape of Chapel Hill," she said.

Cameron said the town was working on the north side of Franklin Street between the Bank of America Plaza and the post office as part of an annual streetscape project.

The project began last month and calls for an increase in the number of trees, bike racks and trash cans.

In addition, work crews have repaired cracks and widened the sidewalks.

Cameron said the town had planned to extend the curb at the corner of

Henderson and Franklin streets, but with school starting soon she was not sure that crews would have time.

"We're hoping to finish before the students come back," she said. "Hopefully, we will at least have it walkable. We're shooting for Aug. 13."

Cameron said the clock would not be installed until most of the work on the sidewalk was done.

"We may want to wait until the trees are put in," she said. "I imagine once (the clock) is in it will be pretty permanent."

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Council Endorses New Study

A council subcommittee has released a report outlining the needs of homeless teens in Orange County.

By JACOB MCCONNICO
City/State & National Editor

Homeless teens in Orange County could soon receive relief from a new county commission being recommended by the town of Chapel Hill.

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously last week to pass a resolution to forward a report completed by the Youth Steering Committee, a group appointed by the town to study the needs of homeless teens in the town and the county.

Marti Pryor-Cook, chairman of the committee and director of the Orange County Department of Social Services, said the group had met for the past four months in order to



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf supported a study recommending a county employee to help homeless teens.

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