



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

U.S. Poet Laureate To Discuss Dante

On his second visit to UNC, U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky will discuss Dante's "Inferno" on Feb. 27.

Pinsky will read from his book, "The Inferno of Dante," a modern translation of Dante's work. The book won the Los Angeles Times Book Award.

The Institute for the Arts and Humanities will sponsor the free public talk at 7 p.m., and a reception will be held afterward.

Business School Names New Associate Dean

The Kenan-Flagler Business School named Paul C. Browne as the new associate dean of executive education.

Browne was a management and leadership development consultant worldwide with Strategic Management Group Inc. He also served various capacities at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School for 15 years.

UNC Library Acquires 5 Millionth Volume

The University library system will hold a public ceremony to celebrate the acquisition of its 5 millionth volume at Wilson Library on Friday.

The event will feature a lecture by Dr. Richard Finneran, professor at the University of Tennessee, and will feature the Yeats Collection that marks the 5-million volume milestone.

This acquisition places the library in a class of only 20 North American libraries to reach this number.

Fund-Raiser to Feature Durham Jazz Vocalists

A benefit concert titled "A Night in Paradise" will feature three seasoned Durham vocalists Feb. 19.

The artists Nnenna Freelon, Eve Cornelius and Lois Dawson will each perform with their own band.

The benefit will raise money for educational and community outreach programs of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

The show will be held in the University's Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.

Public Library to Hold Free Gospel Concert

The Carrboro Branch Library is presenting a free gospel concert featuring "The Gospel Supremes."

The concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the library, which is located at 900 Old Fayetteville Road.

For more information, call 969-3006.

Crisis Center to Offer Group to Aid Intimacy

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is offering an intimacy group to be held once a week for 10 weeks, beginning in February.

The group, which is designed to help survivors of rape or sexual assault, focuses exclusively on intimacy issues.

Issues include relationships with friends, family, partners and acquaintances.

Enrollment is limited and preregistration is required for all participants in the program.

For more information and specific dates and times of the meetings, contact 968-4647.

Unity Center to Offer Sexuality Workshop

The Unity Center of Peace Church is offering a workshop focusing on the art of sexuality.

The workshop, led by Unity minister Alec Evason, will explore topics such as healing past relationship traumas and deepening existing relationships.

The workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

A love offering of \$15 per person is suggested.

Register by calling the church office at 968-1854.

Center to Provide Networking Workshop

The Women's Center will hold a networking workshop to help participants find a well-matched job.

The workshop will teach basic networking techniques and strategies from people in the field.

The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 15 and will be facilitated by Shuly X. Cawood. Preregistration is required for all participants in the workshop.

For more information, contact Kim Shumate at 968-4610.

From Staff Reports

Search Continues for Missing UNC Student

The family of a sophomore who left her apartment Monday is seeking help in locating her whereabouts.

By JENNY ROSSER
Staff Writer

Carrboro police are investigating the disappearance of a UNC sophomore who has been reported missing since Tuesday.

According to police reports, Emily Judith Jacobs, 19, of 303 Smith Level Road, Apt. E-23, left a note at her apartment on Monday that she was leaving and might not be back for some time.

The Jacobs family reported the disappearance to Carrboro police at about 6 p.m. Tuesday, reports state.

The missing student's father, William

Jacobs, said his daughter had never disappeared without contacting anyone before.

"We've looked everywhere for her," Jacobs said.

"We just don't know where else to look."

Jacobs has urged anyone with any information regarding his daughter's whereabouts to contact the police immediately.

"Any assistance to find her is appreciated," Jacobs said.

According to police reports, Jacobs left in her 1989 two-door gray Toyota Celica with N.C. tag number JWA-8596.

Jacobs' roommate, junior Stephanie Monsein, said the last time she talked to Jacobs was about 5:30 a.m. Monday when she asked her to turn off her alarm.

Monsein said Jacobs usually wears a puffy light blue Gap coat and was last

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WILLIAM JACOBS
Father of Missing Student

seen wearing jeans and a long-sleeved white T-shirt.

Another of Jacobs' roommates, junior Emily Vikojan, said she saw her around 8 p.m. Sunday.

"She was just watching television and seemed normal," she said.

"Nothing seemed out of the ordinary."

The third roommate, junior Kristen Soles, said she was remaining hopeful about Jacobs' whereabouts because she

took so many items in the apartment when she left.

"She brought her comforter, bread, mixed vegetables, orange juice and even towels," she said.

Carrboro police Sgt. Daryl Caldwell said an investigator had been assigned to the case, but the investigator could not be reached for comment.

According to police reports, Jacobs has attempted suicide in the past.

Alex Paschold, manager of Hams Restaurant - where Jacobs worked - said he saw her Friday and did not notice anything unusual about her behavior.

Soles said Jacobs was a great roommate who was always positive and sweet. "She's a wonderful person, and we love her and miss her."

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UNC sophomore Emily Jacobs has been reported missing since Tuesday evening.

BOT to Vote on Proposed Drop In Parking Fees

The proposed decrease would follow a Board of Trustees decision last week to pass a \$7 increase in transit fees.

By SHAHRZAD REZVANI
Staff Writer

A proposed decrease in student parking fees up for approval by the Board of Trustees could serve as a buffer for a recently passed increase in student transit fees.

The Board of Trustees will vote this month on a plan that would decrease the cost of parking permits by \$3.

But the lower rate proposal came after the BOT last week passed a \$7 increase in transit fees to the 2000-01 Ordinance Regulating Traffic and Parking.

To compensate for the boost, a UNC parking committee voted for the permit price decrease, said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services.

Transit fees that fund campus transportation are included in student tuition.

Elfland said that in the 1997-98 school year, a Parking and Transportation Task Force composed of faculty, staff and students evaluated UNC's transportation system.

"One recommendation was that students felt they were getting charged double for transit because some of the parking revenue goes toward the transit fee," Elfland said.

"A formula was created in which students who park on campus receive a credit for the amount they pay for transit. That's why students pay less than employees in the same lot."

Dustin Garis, the committee's student representative, said that while the decrease was not significant, the committee's effort to listen to student concerns was a positive step.

"It's good that they're paying attention to our demands." If the proposal is passed, parking permit fees in gated lots, including Craige Parking Deck, would be reduced from \$337 to \$334.

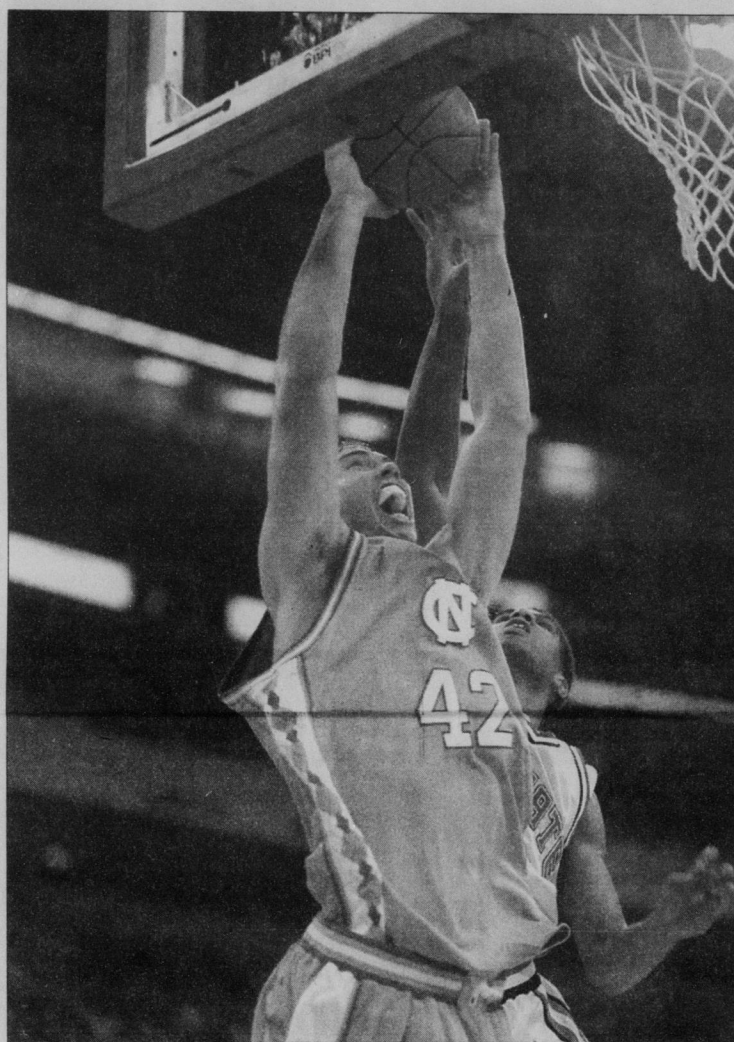
In surface lots, including Ramshead, students would pay \$254 instead of \$257. Fees on other parking lots would be reduced by \$1.

While the transit fees have not risen in two years, Cheryl Stout, assistant director of parking services, said the \$7 increase was necessary for transit services to remain intact.

The proposal calls for students to pay \$47 instead of \$40.

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HIGH RISER



North Carolina sophomore forward Kris Lang attacks the rim against N.C. State. Lang scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds as the Tar Heels knocked off the Wolfpack 70-62 Wednesday night at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Students, Officials Talk Seats

Carolina Athletic Association Tee Pruitt says students and officials must communicate to reach a resolution.

By ARMAN ANVARI
Staff Writer

Student leaders and Director of Athletics Dick Baddour sat down together Wednesday for what all parties called the first step in a long, involved process to improve student seating at men's basketball games.

Baddour requested the meeting following a student outcry after the recent game between UNC and Maryland.

"We just talked about that we have to come together in a family-type way and assess the situation," said Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt.

Pruitt said he was glad for the chance to meet with the Department of Athletics. "They don't have to do that for us," he said. "It's great that we're on the same page. We have to be - if we don't work together than nothing is going to happen."

Baddour echoed Pruitt's emphasis on setting a good foundation. "We didn't get into specifics," he said. "That wasn't the intention. That'll occur on down the line."

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Aldermen Ponder Benefits

Board members will hear from residents before deciding whether to adopt a benefits package.

By HEATHER TART
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is considering a measure to allot board members a benefits package similar to that of full-time town employees.

The aldermen made the request to the Agenda Planning Committee in response to a similar policy adopted by Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Under the benefits plan held by the town of Carrboro, the town pays employees' insurance premiums and half of the premiums for dependents' coverage. The town also pays full premiums for dental services.

But aldermen do not receive any benefits, which in part prompted consideration of the measure.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said she supported the move, explaining that members of the board might work as many as 30 hours a week at the job in addition to maintaining other employment.

Gist said she was concerned for members who at times might have difficulty getting medical or dental benefits through their employers or spouse's employer. "There were some people that didn't have it, and it was a real serious issue," Gist said.

When aldermen examined possibilities for benefits, they looked to a plan

A Beneficial Plan?

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is considering a plan that would give members both medical and dental benefits. This stems from a similar proposal by Orange County commissioners.

Town of Carrboro Benefits Summary

Program	Benefits	Who Pays
Health Insurance	WellPath Community Health Plans and Kaiser Permanente Benefits extended to town retirees who meet certain criteria. Premiums are pre-taxed.	The town pays the employees' premiums and 50 percent of the premiums for dependent coverage
Dental Insurance	Ameritas Insurance Company	The employees' pay full premiums for coverage

SOURCE: TOWN OF CARRBORO

adopted by the Board of Commissioners, which provides health, dental and life insurance coverage for full-time county employees.

Orange County Personnel Director Elaine Holmes said the plan for commissioner benefits was adopted by the board. This adopted policy will be included in the next budget package, Holmes said.

Alderman Diana McDuffee said offering benefits could be a possible solution to entice more residents to run for town office in Carrboro. In November's elections, three people ran uncontested for three available seats on the board.

"At least it would be added compensation for serving on the board," McDuffee said.

Alderman Allen Spalt said he also supported investigating ways for aldermen to receive a benefits package for their work.

"I think that the interest is primarily in the health and dental benefits," Spalt said.

Assistant Town Manager Bing Roenigk said the potential cost of providing benefits to the aldermen as well as town staff was a primary issue as her staff was in the initial stages of considering the matter.

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council also do not receive any medical or dental benefits as part of their service, but would not comment on the aldermen's decision.

The decision to adopt the package rests in the hands of the board, and members would seek all public input before making any decisions on the matter, Spalt said.

"I guarantee that the public will be given an opportunity to speak on it."

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Role of Rating System Changing at Texas, UNC

By MATTHEW B. DEES
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For universities across the nation seeking to raise their status in the eyes of peers, potential students and education benefactors, the Carnegie Classification can either be a blessing or a burden.

Widely used for decades, the system allows education administrators to place individual institutions into categories based on the amount of research dollars each churns out or the academic missions of the institutions.

In the UNC system, for instance, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University are classified as Research I institutions, the highest tier, based on a figure of incoming research dollars.

Others, such as UNC-Greensboro and East Carolina University, are classified as Doctoral I and II, respectively, based on the focus of their programs.

System administrators used the method for years to determine how to focus state dollars, with Research I institutions enjoying the lion's share.

This philosophy is now at the center of a movement at several University of Texas institutions that are encouraging the state to push them into that upper echelon.

Texas Tech University and the University of Houston have asked state leaders for their support in bolstering

faculty and facilities at their schools to create two more top-notch research universities.

The University of Texas-Austin and Texas A&M University are already classified as Research I.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that the issue has divided higher education officials in Texas.

Some contend that state appropriations need to be focused more wisely and spread more evenly.

Others say having more research universities is a necessary asset to the state economy and that there is a direct correlation between qualifying as a Research I institution and raking in big bucks.

Texas Tech University Chancellor John Montford said an economic downturn in the mid-1980s alerted officials to the need for a diverse economy. He said a highly ranked research university would improve the local economy and create additional, higher-paying jobs.

"We think it will be an investment into the future of not only the region, but the state of Texas as well."

But Richard Linton, associate vice president for research with the UNC General Administration, said the system in North Carolina had changed in recent years for numerous reasons.

"At one point, that classification had a lot to do with how much money each school received from the state," he said.

"But with recent changes in the budget practices, that relationship is not as

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