



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Committee Kicks Off Relay for Life Program

The Orange County Relay for Life committee sponsored a kickoff program at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center on Sunday.

The kickoff provided information for anyone interested in participating in Relay for Life - a 24-hour, smoke-free event aimed at raising money for cancer research and educating people about the disease itself, cancer prevention and current cancer research.

The American Cancer Society fundraiser will take place at East Chapel Hill High School from 3 p.m. April 28 to 3 p.m. April 29.

The kickoff featured speeches from Relay for Life committee chairman Marc Huber, Lineberger Center Director H. Shelton Earp and Walter Spearman Professor of Journalism Chuck Stone.

Huber and Stone are both cancer survivors. "The Relay for Life has great opportunities for people who would otherwise not learn about cancer," Huber said.

Last year's relay raised \$35,600 and had 450 participants, including members of six campus organizations. Huber said that this year he hoped to double the amount of money raised and the number of participants. For more information, contact Huber at 933-2963.

Financial Aid Deadline Set For Floyd Victims

The Carolina Center for Public Service began a phonathon Friday afternoon in order to contact 19,000 Hurricane Floyd victims.

Gov. Jim Hunt asked UNC to inform the victims of the Thursday, Feb. 17 deadline to apply for financial aid. Candidates for aid will lose their eligibility if they miss the deadline.

The phonathon, which will continue until Wednesday, is being conducted out of the Phonathon Facility in the Porthole Building.

Workshop to Offer Networking Support

The Orange County Women's Center will hold a networking workshop Tuesday designed to help women effectively communicate with other people from area communities in various career fields.

The workshop will last from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will be facilitated by Shuly Cawood. For more information, contact Kim Shumate at 968-4610.

Carrboro Department Seeks Hockey Coaches

The Carrboro Department of Recreation and Parks is accepting volunteer coach applications for the 2000 Youth Field Hockey League.

Applicants must exhibit the ability to communicate effectively with parents, players and the department.

They also should be able to teach playing skills and sportsmanship fundamentals.

Coaches must be able to provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games.

For more information, contact the Department of Recreation and Parks at 968-7703.

Women's Center Offers Acceptance Workshop

The Orange County Women's Center is offering a workshop titled, "Loving Our Bodies," from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The workshop is designed to help women accept their bodies as they are, rather than adhere to the stereotypical role models for body type.

The workshop will be facilitated by Dee Dee Laurilliard.

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

Volunteers Needed For Various Positions

Volunteer Orange! is recruiting volunteers for a variety of positions for local nonprofit and human service organizations.

Positions include volunteer soccer coaches, tutors for students in Orange County Schools and blood donors to the Red Cross.

The center is also seeking volunteers to coach developmentally challenged swimmers and mentor children ranging in ages.

Volunteers to help build relationships with disabled adults and to provide support for beginning readers are also needed.

For more information, call 929-9837.

From Staff Reports

Smiley Nails Down Progressive Students' Vote

By DERICK MATTERN
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The Progressive Student Coalition hosted a forum Friday to coax promises from student body presidential candidates about campus activism before endorsing Erica Smiley for the position.

A few hours later, candidates vying for the Carolina Athletic Association presidency discussed their platforms with members of Carolina Fever.

At the Progressive Student Coalition forum, candidates had 30 seconds each to answer yes, no or "waffle" to questions from all 11 coalition members about a diverse range of issues.

"The point of the whole thing is that we're going to hold you to this next year," said Fawn Pattison, a member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition who helped coordinate the event.

The group announced Sunday that it would endorse Erica Smiley, known for her activist role on campus, for student

body president.

At Friday's forum, candidates answered questions on the United States Students Association referendum, which was placed back on the ballot last week after weeks of campus debate.

The referendum calls for a \$3 increase in student fees to fund the University's membership in USSA, a higher-education lobbying group.

Only Smiley and candidate Preston Smith fully supported the referendum. Other candidates questioned the merits of the proposal. "I don't support this, nor a referendum. I don't think we should be sending this money off campus," candidate Brad Matthews said.

Although candidate Matt Martin was not against the referendum, he said he would not actively support the campaign itself. "I can see both sides, but it's not for me to decide, it's for the students

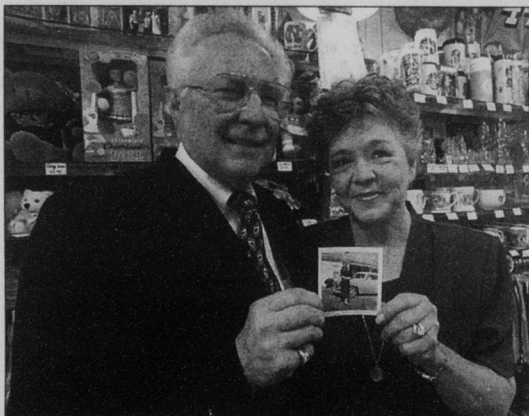
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DTH/MARTHA HOELZER

SBP candidate Matt Martin answers questions at a forum hosted by the Progressive Student Coalition on Friday. Candidates tackled issues such as the controversial United States Students Association referendum.

A Love for All Time



DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Shelton Henderson, owner of the Shrunken Head Boutique, and wife, Mary Edna, hold a picture of themselves 44 years ago.

Kindling the Flame After All These Years

By MEGAN BUTLER
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Mary Edna Henderson literally "caught her man" at 16, spending her wedding night at a fishing hole with her groom and her little brother.

Shelton and Mary Edna Henderson met in high school - he was 18 years old and she was 15.

It has been 46 years since their honeymoon, and the Hendersons, along with two other couples, shared their secrets for nurturing love through the years.

The couple has owned and operated The Shrunken Head Boutique on Franklin Street for the last 30 years.

Their first conversation was at a soda fountain, where Shelton asked Mary Edna to come to a ball game with him.

"I knew right away I wanted to marry her," he said. He even stood up another girl to take Mary Edna to the game.

One and a half years later, they were sneaking off to South Carolina to get married. They kept their union secret for four months.

In those months, they just "dated" - always with a chaperone, usually Mary Edna's little brother.

"On our wedding night, we went fishing with her brother," Shelton said. Despite their youth, they said, they were very much in love.

"We weren't young in our eyes," he said, adding that their marriage allowed them to grow up together.

When they finally told their parents, Mary Edna said, everyone doubted whether their marriage would last six months.

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DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Seniors Ben York and Claire Stallings have been romantically involved since eighth grade and will hear wedding bells in June.

Puppy Love Grooms Lifelong Romances

By ELEANOR CAMERON
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When eighth-grader Claire Stallings approached the shy stranger for a dance, she never guessed that eight years and a proposal later she would be walking down the aisle towards him.

"We met at the Valentine's dance in the eighth grade," said Stallings, a senior physics major from Cary, of her fiance, Ben York.

"I walked up to him and asked him to save a dance for me." Perhaps first love is innocent, untainted and without complication. Or maybe romantic idealism runs deep at 15.

But for whatever reason, high school romances have in some cases proved to be strong launching pads for adult relationships and even matrimony.

Stallings and York, whose relationship began at a young age, have been dating continuously since their sophomore year of high school. The couple became engaged in May 1999.

Stallings said the two began talking seriously about the possibility of marriage their sophomore year of college and then resolved not to discuss it again until York proposed.

Stallings said the day York eventually proposed to her she had wanted to cancel their plans.

"I was in a lab that day and had developed a noticeable rash on my face," she said. "I didn't want to go out that night."

However, Stallings' family, aware that the proposal would take place, insisted she keep her dinner plans.

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Daly Pursues Legal Action Against State Auditor

By KELLIE DIXON
Staff Writer

An attorney embroiled in a domestic partners lawsuit with Chapel Hill and Carrboro is now planning to take on state auditor Ralph Campbell in court for alleged misuse of campaign funds.

But Charlotte lawyer and former UNC law student Jack Daly is falling under scrutiny himself as a client he encouraged to run for office faces a possible inquiry by state elections officials.

Daly plans to file a lawsuit today against state auditor Ralph Campbell for allegedly using \$95,000 from disadvantaged organizations to fund his bid.

Ralph Campbell could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Daly refused to discuss the details of the lawsuit. But speaking on behalf of her husband Sunday, Kay Daly alleged that Ralph Campbell pressured 26 disadvantaged organizations into donating money to his campaign for state auditor.

"Jack is filing a lawsuit to stop this practice," Kay Daly said.

Jack Daly, known locally for his involvement in a pending domestic partners lawsuit v. the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, is also running for state auditor.

But another Campbell might throw a wrench in Daly's political plans.

Daly and Nate Pendley, Republican Party district chairman, are encountering opposition for encouraging Daly's client Kenneth Ray Campbell to run for the position of state auditor as well.

Kenneth Campbell, a 50-year-old homeless man with a criminal record as far back as 1969, filed last week to run against Ralph Campbell in the Democratic primary. Pamela Ann Connell, another former client of Jack Daly's, filed as well.

The News & Observer reported Friday that Kenneth Campbell's last known address was a Lexington homeless shelter, although he used his brother's

address on election filing papers.

The N&O also reported that Jack Daly submitted election papers and filing fees on behalf of Kenneth Campbell and Connell on Monday.

In support of Kenneth Campbell's candidacy, Kay Daly said, "Everyone has a right to participate in the political process."

But due to his alleged homelessness, the legality of Kenneth Campbell's residency as well as his signatures on election documents are being questioned by Democratic Party officials, said George Gilbert, Guilford County elections director.

He said a preliminary hearing would be held Tuesday to determine if there was probable cause and to answer certain questions about the legality of signing up Kenneth Campbell to run.

"It takes more than the fact that he has a relative living there," Gilbert said. "That doesn't mean that he lives there."

But Jack Daly defended Kenneth Campbell on Sunday, saying he dis-

agreed with Gilbert and the Democratic challenge to Kenneth Campbell's residency. "I'm sure it is frustrating for the bureaucrats," he said. "But you don't forfeit citizenship because of homelessness."

Daly faces opposition in his own party as well. Dan Gurley, political director of the Republican Party, would not discuss his own opinion but said he thought Jack Daly acted inappropriately.

"(Jack Daly) is terribly misguided," Gurley said. "Mr. Daly and Mr. Pendley acted independently of our office. And what they did was without the approval of the Republican office."

Pendley said earlier that he sought to bring more choices to the public by allowing Kenneth Campbell and Connell to run. Pendley was not available for comment Sunday.

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Council Mulls Rise In Grades

Some faculty members say the grade inflation report does not address students' individual performances.

By MARK THOMAS
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A report demonstrating grade inflation took center stage among Faculty Council members Friday, sparking intense discussion at the group's monthly meeting.

Economics Professor Boone Turchi presented a report, which concluded UNC is in the midst of its second major grade inflation in 30 years.

The Educational Policy Committee, which deals with matters of educational policy and their implementation, released the report Feb. 2.

Turchi, who wrote the report, used a variety of graphs and statistics to support his claim.

He directed attention to the spring semester of 1999. As and Bs accounted for 77.2 percent of all letter grades awarded to UNC students, compared with 66.4 percent in the spring semester of 1987.

He added that grade inflation was a problem for both graduate and undergraduate students and threatened the University's credibility as a whole.

"When the University routinely awards large numbers of high grades, the whole quality evaluation system becomes less meaningful to graduate schools, to prospective employers and to others," Turchi said. "Our students are at a real disadvantage."

But not all in attendance agreed with Turchi's assessment of grade inflation.

Psychology Professor Jack Vevea criticized Turchi's report, claiming it endorsed a grading system in which evaluation was determined by comparison grading between students and not individual classroom success.

"Students' performance should be based on individual mastery of material rather than a comparison against his or her peers," Vevea said.

Undaunted by Vevea's remarks, Turchi moved on to discuss possible reasons for UNC's inflating grades. He suggested grading standards on the decline, departments that award higher grades in a bidding war for University resources and professors that attempt to curry favor with students in their course evaluations as possible explanations.

Director of Undergraduate Admissions Jerome Lucido challenged Turchi's explanations, saying that in the past five to 10 years, the Scholastic Assessment Test scores of UNC students had risen. "I feel confident that students coming into the University are indeed now better in a variety of ways."

Some faculty members presented alternative ideas to the grading system. Professor Phil Bromberg of the School of Medicine suggested UNC institute a "pass-fail" system with the possibility of passing with honors.

Catherine Marshall of the School of Education suggested students be able to retake a course they once failed, without punishment to them or the teacher.

Turchi did not rule out the possibility of making curriculum changes so classes would have a more intensive approach or heavier workloads. He said, "Students in my courses wouldn't notice a difference."

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