



The University and Towns  
**IN BRIEF**

**Cochran Set to Speak On Campus Sunday**

Attorney Johnnie Cochran of O.J. Simpson trial fame will speak to UNC students at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The Political Action Committee of the Black Student Movement began their efforts to obtain Cochran for a speaking engagement last summer.

In December, despite a cramped schedule, Cochran agreed to speak to UNC students.

Event co-organizer and PAC member Tyra Moore said Cochran's speech would deal primarily with affirmative action and legal injustices.

Distribution for the free-of-charge tickets started Feb. 9 and two days later all 1,626 had been distributed to interested members of the public, according to Box Office Manager Debra Watkins.

**Smashing Pumpkins Hit Cat's Cradle Saturday**

The Smashing Pumpkins are scheduled to appear at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro on Saturday night.

Doors are scheduled to open at 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale today at 9 a.m. at Schoolkids Records on Franklin Street as well as their other locations in Raleigh and Cary.

A limited number will also be available at Cat's Cradle.

The cost will be \$23.75, and there is a two-ticket limit per person.

**Chapel Hill Man Held For Drunk Driving**

A Chapel Hill man was arrested for drunk driving and hit-and-run charges Thursday morning after the van he was driving struck three parked vehicles.

Miquel Angel Montano Ulloa of 1513 E. Franklin St., Apt. D-4 was arrested at about midnight and charged with one misdemeanor count of driving while intoxicated, three misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run and also one misdemeanor count of driving without a license.

According to police reports, Ulloa struck two cars with the van he was driving at 157 E. Rosemary St.

He then fled the scene of the crime to Cobb Terrace where he backed into another vehicle parked on the side of the road.

Officers detained Ulloa at Cobb Terrace where he failed sobriety tests. According to a test, Ulloa's blood alcohol level was 0.3.

As of Thursday, Ulloa was being held at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough in lieu of \$500 secured bond.

**Local Restaurant Gets Unwanted Attention**

Chapel Hill police are investigating a break-in at a local restaurant, which is the fifth incident in the downtown area during the last week.

First reports came to Chapel Hill police on Thursday at about 4:50 a.m.

According to police reports, Indian Palace Restaurant, located at 508A W. Franklin St., was broken into and the front glass panel was destroyed. In addition, \$150 in U.S. currency was stolen from the establishment, reports state.

Chapel Hill Police Department spokeswoman Jane Cousins said police believe the latest incident might be related to prior break-ins along Franklin Street and surrounding areas.

Cousins said police had no suspects in the case.

**UNC Gets \$14 Million To Renovate Buildings**

The Joint Committee on Government Operations released more than \$14 million in repair and renovation funds Wednesday to be used by UNC-Chapel Hill.

The routine funds were released later than usual this school year, in part because of Hurricane Floyd.

The funds are needed to meet the needs of the 48,000 students who are expected to enroll in the UNC system over the next 10 years.

The funds will be used to make improvements, including renovations of the Health Sciences Library, the demolition of abandoned buildings, the installation of fire alarms, and improvements to meet American Disability Act requirements. Despite the newly allocated money, UNC is still requesting an additional \$500 million to address other construction needs.

The extensive renovation project slated for the Undergraduate Library is still on hold because of a state budget crunch after Hurricane Floyd.

From Staff Reports

**Projected Growth Spurs Elementary School Plans**

Possible sites for the new elementary school include Eubanks Road, Erwin Road and Meadowmont.

By KEVIN KRASNOW  
Staff Writer

School officials made a presentation to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Thursday calling for the construction of a new school to accommodate increasing student enrollment and area population growth.

Steve Scroggs, assistant school superintendent for Support Services, gave an hourlong presentation focusing on projected enrollment growth and possible

sites for the school's construction.

Scroggs said the site would probably be used for an elementary school because of a projection of overcrowding at that level.

"Middle school and high school capacity for the next 10 years will probably be fine," he said. "But the numbers show we need more capacity for the elementary schools."

Superintendent Neil Pedersen said he was pleased with the outcome of the presentation and discussion that followed.

"The meeting was productive," he said. "It was good to get some board members' insights into which sites were most preferable."

Pedersen said the continually growing population in the area facilitated the

need for the meeting. "We have been a district growing at an extremely rapid rate," he said. "It is appropriate to look into future school sites - the time is now."

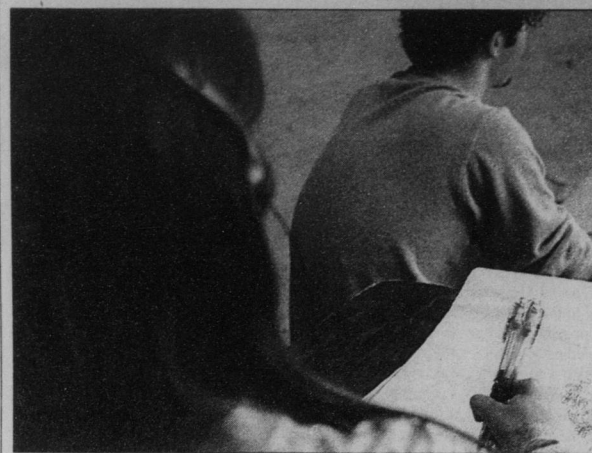
In his presentation, Scroggs outlined 11 possible sites where another school could be built. Three sites, including Meadowmont, Erwin Road and Eubanks Road, seemed the most feasible, Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board members said.

Board member Roger Waldon said he wanted to find a place to build a school as soon as possible.

"We need to think about site acquisition right now," he said. "The price (for a site) will just keep going up."

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**DRAWING FROM LIFE**



DTH/ELAN DASSANI

Students draw a nude model in a life drawing course. Working in a variety of mediums, students in the three-hour class start a new drawing every five to 15 minutes, when the model switches his pose.

**All the World's a Stage for Outreach Theater**

By JENNIFER WHITE  
Staff Writer

Erika Shultz and John Sparkman always dreamed of bringing theater to children. After teaching drama to children last summer, the two decided to take their efforts a step further.

That dream materialized into Carolina Outreach Theatre.

"Essentially, what we're doing is putting together a play with Carolina students in it and taking it to schools," said Shultz, CORT's artistic director and a junior history and communication studies major.

Sparkman modeled CORT after a program in his high school that introduced children to drama.

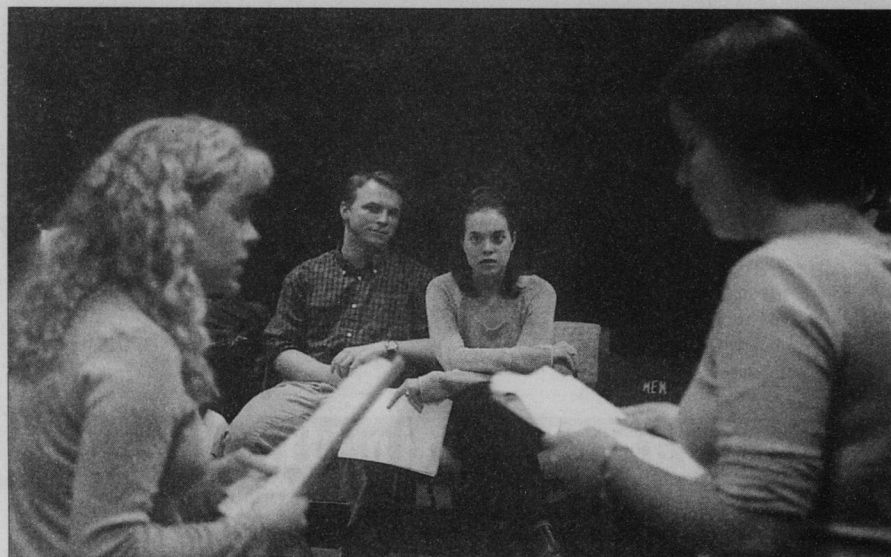
"It was just a really good program that went into schools to children that had never been exposed to any type of theater," said Sparkman, musical director for CORT and a sophomore music major.

The goal is to take plays to schools, gymnasiums and libraries, although Shultz and Sparkman are not opposed to doing a preliminary show for UNC students.

Both Shultz and Sparkman have extensive backgrounds in theater, including co-directing "She Loves Me" with Company Carolina last semester.

At the beginning of fall semester, the two applied for and received a \$3,000 grant from the Carolina Center for Public Service, which donates money to programs by UNC faculty and students. The money will be used for costumes, sets and equipment. Once the money is gone, Shultz and Sparkman hope CORT's reputation will

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DTH/KATHERINE EAKER

Star Heels John Sparkman and Erika Schultz listen to Robin Westfall and Olivia Holcombe audition for Carolina Outreach Theatre's "Rapunzel." Sparkman and Schultz started the Carolina Outreach Theatre.

**Mother Solicits UNC Support for Son's Trial**

By DENISE SCOTT  
Staff Writer

Calling her son a political prisoner, the mother of an imprisoned American Indian activist pled her son's innocence in his recent arrest for murder.

Thelma Hatcher Clark, mother of Eddie Hatcher, spoke to a group of student activists at a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty on Thursday night.

She spent much of the session seeking student support in her push to get her son a fair trial.

Hatcher was arrested in June for a drive-by shooting and is being held for murder charges.

"I'm frustrated, I'm old, I'm tired, I raised my children alone," she said.

"If those other people want to let their family sit in jail for three or four years, that's fine, but I'm not like that," Clark said about her efforts to bring her son's case to trial.

But he has been entangled in the Robeson County politics for more than 12 years.

Hatcher is best known for holding Lumberton's The Robesonian newspaper hostage in 1988 to draw attention to alleged corruption and racial discrimination in Robeson County, an area heavily populated by the Lumbee Indian tribe. Hatcher is a Tuscarora-Cherokee Indian.

Clark said she was worried that Hatcher, imprisoned for nine months without arraignment, would not be able to receive a fair trial because of his continued vocal criticisms of government and its atti-

tudes toward minorities.

"Things that happen here are so unbelievable. People call me a liar when I tell them my son was denied council on more than one occasion," Clark said.

Students who attended Thursday's meeting showed strong support for Hatcher's release.

Jennifer Clayton, a sophomore activist and member of the Eddie Hatcher Defense Committee, has followed Hatcher's story and befriended his mother.

"We all believe that he is innocent," Clayton said.

"We are working to ensure that he gets a fair trial."

While serving time in prison for eight years on kidnapping charges, Hatcher became an activist within the prison system.

Clark said he petitioned for more humane conditions.

Clark said Hatcher was a political prisoner.

"There is no way they will be able to convict him of the recent murder charge. The evidence is clear," Clark said.

"He is innocent. But the powers in Robeson want to keep him quiet."

Campaign members are planning a protest for Hatcher during the upcoming arraignment scheduled for later this month at the Robeson County Courthouse.

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DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Thelma Clark speaks to members of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty on Thursday night.

**N.C. Activist Faces Trial For Murder**

**Eddie Hatcher, who made news years ago for holding a newsroom hostage, is charged with a 1999 murder.**

By TAENA KIM  
Staff Writer

Eddie Hatcher, infamous for holding a newsroom hostage more than 10 years ago, now might face the death penalty for allegedly murdering Brian McMillan on May 31, 1999.

In February 1988, Hatcher and Timothy Jacoby, both Tuscarora-Cherokee Indians, held 17 employees of the Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton hostage for 10 hours as a protest of the death of a black inmate, Billy McCullough.

Hatcher is now also accused of shooting Michael Anthony Locklear on May 19 of last year. He was arrested on June 1 and charged with first-degree murder and weapon charges according to a Web site sponsored by the Eddie Hatcher Defense Committee.

Hatcher's past criminal history has come from activism for minority rights, especially those of American Indians.

Hatcher's crime at the Robesonian newspaper was an effort to gain then-Gov. Jim Martin's attention for alleged racial discrimination in Robeson County, an area heavily populated by American Indians, and to protest the corruption among the local officials.

But Hatcher surrendered peacefully in exchange for a federal investigation of Robeson County law enforcement officers. He accused the officers of drug trafficking and misconduct in several investigations involving minorities.

A jury acquitted Hatcher of weapons, conspiracy and taking hostages charges on Oct. 14, 1988, ruling that Robeson County law enforcement officials did not adequately protect minorities.

Seven witnesses died before they could testify for Hatcher's accusations of drug trafficking and unsolved murders.

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**GOP Candidates Await Crucial S.C. Primary**

By WORTH CIVILS  
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Political insiders are waiting to see which Republican presidential front-runner wins Saturday's pivotal South Carolina Republican primary - Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Arizona Sen. John McCain.

The S.C. Republican primary is a winner-take-all affair that is open to everyone, regardless of party affiliation.

The winner of South Carolina's Republican primary has received the GOP nomination in all four contested presidential races since 1980.

Spokesmen for both candidates expressed desires for a victory in the tightly contested race.

Robert Pipkin, spokesman for McCain's S.C. campaign, said, "It's going to be a close race, but win or lose,

we're going to keep going."

His opponent was more confident.

Tucker Eskew, Bush's S.C. communications director said, "We think we'll win (Saturday). I'll leave it at that."

Stephen Wainscott, a political science professor at Clemson University, said the primary was crucial to the Republican presidential race.

"South Carolina kind of serves as the New Hampshire of the South as primaries go," Wainscott said.

Both campaigns have their own strategies for winning the key primary, and college students are an important part of each approach.



Many college students took a leave of absence from school to work on the Bush campaign, Eskew said.

He said students were doing everything from making signs to driving around campaign staff.

Pipkin said the McCain campaign was also targeting the youth vote.

As part of the effort, Pipkin said McCain visited Clemson on Wednesday. He said McCain often seemed to win over students.

"I think it's probably the traditional tendency (for college students) to go with the candidate that exudes independence," he said. "They see him as a maverick and outsider, plain-spoken and non-establishment."

Pipkin said McCain was hoping his appeal to students would carry over to Democratic and independent voters. "If voters from all parties are not welcome,

then how are we going to win?," he said.

The Bush campaign is also hoping to appeal to non-Republican voters.

"We think (Bush) is good at attracting the independent and Democratic vote, and we think he'll get it," Eskew said.

Wainscott said Democratic voters were supporting McCain in the primary either to throw a "monkey wrench" in the Republican agenda or because they considered him the best candidate.

But he also said some Democratic voters might support McCain because they thought he would be the easier candidate for the Democratic nominee to defeat. "This kind of behavior could boomerang," he said. "They better be careful what they wish for because they just might get it."

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