



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

OSSA Discusses Plan For Airport Shuttles

The Out-of-State Students Association will hold a general meeting for all interested students Tuesday.

Members will discuss airport shuttles for Spring Break and information on upcoming programs and events, such as the student mentoring program.

The shuttle service will run every hour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 10.

OSSA will also offer shuttle service to the Amtrak train station three times March 10. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 431 Greenlaw Hall.

Hi Mom! Film Festival To Hit Campus, Town

The Carolina Production Guild, a not-for-profit organization of UNC-Chapel Hill, will sponsor the Hi Mom! Film Festival in the Triangle area this weekend.

The festival includes films that have been shown at the Underground Film Festivals of Chicago and New York as well as the Cannes Film Festival in France.

The festival will highlight emcee Paul Barman and feature "The Last Broadcast," the first independent film with a digital theatrical release.

Weekend passes cost \$12 and are on sale now at Schoolkids Records.

Screenings will be shown at 8 p.m. Saturday in Hamilton Hall and midnight at the Carolina Theatre.

On Sunday, "The Last Broadcast" will be shown at 1 p.m. at Hanes Art Center. There will also be screenings and music at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro at 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

For more information, call Co-coordinators Kendra Gaeta at 969-6764 and Mike Connor at 967-8969.

N.C. Desegregation Topic of Lawyer's Talk

Civil rights lawyer Adam Stein will speak on "Desegregation in Charlotte" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in 311 Peabody Hall.

Stein will discuss the 1971 Swann decision as well as a recent ruling that would end busing as a vehicle for racial balance.

Those interested should bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact Howard Machtinger at 962-0897 or by e-mail at hmach@email.unc.edu.

Open Horseshoe Match Planned For Spring

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring its 2000 Spring Open Horseshoe Tournament on March 18 at Anderson Community Park.

Registration will be held at the park from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for divisions A, B and C, at a fee of \$7. The tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

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

Regional Landfill Plans Local Waste Collection

The regional landfill will resume collecting hazardous waste from residents from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Household hazardous waste collection will run on the first Saturday of each month through November.

Residents can bring household chemicals, batteries, and lawn, pool and automotive chemicals for recycling and safe disposal.

Orange community recycling is also operating a latex paint exchange. Oil-based paints will be diverted for recycling, but useable latex paint will be made available to other residents for free. Those seeking paint are advised to come later in the day.

Residents of Chatham, Durham and Wake counties are also invited to participate in this public service.

More information is available at CITYLINE 549-5100, Category 2735.

Youth Baseball League Needs Local Umpires

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation is looking for reliable and interested people to umpire youth baseball and softball games.

Familiarity with the games is needed. Experience is helpful but not required. Training will be provided.

Games are played from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, in April, May and June.

Each game pays from \$9 to \$14 and appointments are due immediately.

To apply, contact Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation, 200 Plant Road, 968-2784.

From Staff Reports

Committee to Consider Capital Costs

The Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Needs will discuss how to address dilapidated UNC facilities.

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
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A legislative committee charged with providing a framework for the UNC system to meet its capital needs will convene for the first time today.

Students from several UNC institutions plan to attend the 10 a.m. meeting of the Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Needs in Raleigh.

The committee of 12 Democrats, five Republicans and three state businessmen will not take any formal action at today's meeting. Instead, members plan to set a meeting schedule that will

include visits to several UNC campuses.

A state budget analysis is also on the agenda, said Rep. George Miller, D-Durham, the co-chairman of the committee with Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland. "We hope to be able to develop a very clear picture of where things stand across the state," Rand said. UNC-system President Molly Broad and N.C. Treasurer Harlan Boyles will give presentations assessing system schools' needs and the condition of the state's coffers, Miller said.

The committee was formed after a \$6.9 billion bond package that the UNC system lobbied for last summer failed in the legislature last summer. The funds would have gone to fund building construction and renovation on the 16 campuses.

The package was proposed late in the last legislative session, and many lawmakers were unprepared to take action

on it without in-depth discussion.

As a result, the system's capital needs have been on hold since the N.C. General Assembly adjourned in July.

In January, Broad proposed a 20-year capital fee for all system students, which would help the legislature fund the system's most pressing capital needs.

The proposal prompted concerns from students and Board of Governors members. Days before the BOG's Feb. 11 meeting, Broad announced that she would recommend delaying action on the capital fee, pending review by the N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry.

But students who have continually opposed the capital fee are traveling to Raleigh today to make legislators aware that they will oppose any measure that would put the burden of funding academic buildings on students.

Jeff Nieman, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments,

said he expected students from N.C. State and N.C. Central Universities to join UNC-CH students in Raleigh.

"It is a chance for us to show our legislators how important it is that capital repairs not be funded through student fees," Nieman said.

UNC-CH Student Body President-elect Brad Matthews said he would join current Student Body President Nic Heinke in Raleigh today to set the stage for the May legislative session and to ensure that the state, not students, funded capital needs.

But despite student views, it still is unclear what action the legislature will take. "It has never been my belief that tuition should be used to pay for the construction of facilities," Miller said. "That is the job of the state legislature."

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Local Schools Spice Up Makeup Day

By KELLIE DIXON
Staff Writer

Local public school students traded in morning cartoons and a later wake-up call for their normal weekday routine as Saturday classes were held for the first time in more than a decade.

Due to classes missed when 16 inches of snow buried the area in January, all Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools remained open Saturday for a shortened class schedule.

At Mary Scroggs Elementary School in Chapel Hill, little feet in bedroom slippers shuffled through the kindergarten hallway past the colorful student art, while in another part of the building both sleepy heads and bright eyes faced the extra day.

Although teachers used their normal curriculum Saturday, programs such as "PJ Day" and a theatrical performance were held to liven up the day.

Kindergarten teachers offered motivation for their students to come in by holding "PJ Day." The kindergartners came dressed in pajamas with designs ranging from plaid to Barbie.

Other classes, such as Gwendolyn Belcher's first-grade class, put on a "Wax Museum" performance where the students portrayed American historical figures for an audience of camera-happy parents and other students.

"It's important to get instruction done and to do it in a way that is a little bit different and fun," said Becca Norris, a kindergarten teacher.

Principal Paula McCarthy said the usual attendance policy would be followed. Illness, doctor appointments and religious commitments were excused.

"If a family has planned something, of course it would be excused," McCarthy said. "Attendance has been really good. Some are upset about missing Saturday morning cartoons, but actually many are glad to be here."

Most of the Scroggs students seemed excited as they cheerfully greeted each other Saturday morning.

Sporting pigtails and pink Barbie pajamas, kindergartner Maggie Lee said, "It's fun to play with my friends."

But not everyone was thrilled about attending school on the weekend.

"I don't like coming to school on Saturday," said Marquise Perry, a second-grader.

While Saturday was the first makeup day for the system, students still have seven more makeup days to go. Assistant Principal Grace Repass said this was the only Saturday that would be used to make up the missed days.

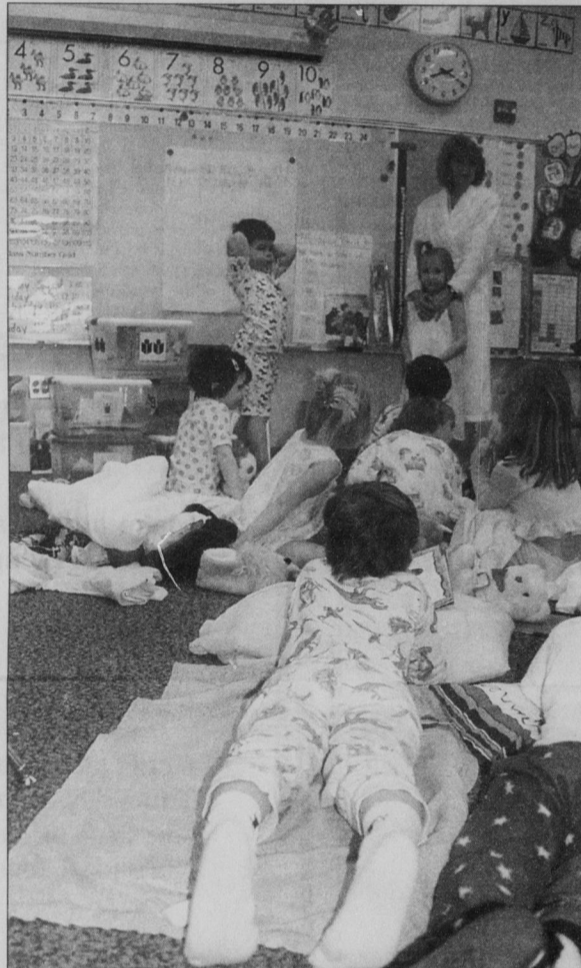
"We have built into our schedules staffer development days, where (the students) don't come to school," she said. "Now the kids are expected to come on those days."

Steve Scroggs, interim assistant superintendent of support services said that to his knowledge, Saturday school was not something implemented in the past.

He said he attended the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools as a child and could not recall Saturday school ever taking place.

"It is the first time I can remember it happening," Scroggs said. "We have not done (Saturday school) during my tenure."

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DTH-EMILY SCHURE

Becca Norris' kindergarten students at Mary Scroggs Elementary School wear pajamas Saturday to make the snow makeup day less painful.

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PAULA MCCARTHY
Principal of Mary Scroggs Elementary School

Lame-Duck Heinke Eyes Tuition, Chancellor Search

By MARK THOMAS
Staff Writer

His term as student body president will officially come to a close in April, but Nic Heinke says he still has work to do.

Of the 36 goals outlined on Heinke's platform, he said several had yet to be addressed and four or five will remain that way beyond his administration.

But Heinke placed emphasis on the quality of work his administration completed rather than the amount.

"A platform is not a guaranteed checklist — it should be more of a guid-

ing framework for the goals and objectives an office is seeking to achieve," he said.

But he said Student Body President-elect Brad Matthews would pick up where he left off when he was officially inaugurated.

Heinke said time would not allow him to address platform issues such as off-campus Internet access, online voting and fare-free transit for off-campus students.

"For instance, free-fare transit was a real possibility this year if students were willing to accept a University-proposed \$30 tuition increase," Heinke said.

"But by waiting and working with the town and the University and collectively looking for other sources, we will save students more money."

Among the top priorities left for Heinke is the continued fight against rising tuition, including lobbying the N.C.



Student Body President Nic Heinke said he emphasized quality rather than amount of work.

General Assembly.

With a proposed tuition increase for capital improvements still on the table, Heinke is trying to make sure that students do not end up footing the bill.

"Students have never been forced to pay for buildings, and they shouldn't be asked now," he said. "Our big push over the summer will be to make the state legislature pay for these renovations."

From tuition, Heinke said his focus would turn to his duties as a member of the Chancellor Search Committee, which is slated to choose UNC's next chancellor by May Commencement.

Through the past 10 months, Heinke

said his administration had been faced with its share of adversity.

He said the late Chancellor Michael Hooker's untimely June death, tuition increases and January's snowstorm had tested the resolve of the executive branch.

With the emergence of these issues, Heinke said many of the points on his platform had to wait. "I feel we helped take a lead in responding to these unforeseen events, and I am very proud of how we handled them."

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FLA, WRC Debate Drives Protests

By KRISTINA CASTO
Staff Writer

A sweatshop monitoring organization is being questioned by a rival group that says it can do a better job at protecting workers' rights at factories that produce university apparel.

While 132 universities, including UNC, have signed on to the Fair Labor Association, students, labor advocates and some unions are lobbying for another factory monitoring agency, the Worker Rights Consortium.

The flash points of the debate include three issues: full disclosure of monitoring reports, living wage and independent monitoring.

The consortium supports full public disclosure of monitoring reports and factory addresses, while the FLA only would provide summaries of country-by-country and company-by-company reports and would not disclose all facto-

ry addresses.

The WRC is now negotiating how to create country-by-country living wage indices that companies would have to abide by. The FLA says it will "consider the implications" of a Department of Labor study it commissioned on worldwide minimum wages.

The consortium requires its monitors to be completely unaffiliated with the companies they monitor. The FLA says companies will have internal monitors who report to the FLA and will also send external delegates to monitor factories. These external delegates may also provide other services to the company, but not if their payment exceeds \$100,000.

These points of contention are at the crux of a growing debate on college campuses across the country.

Five universities have signed on to the WRC, and two others have provisionally left the FLA and are negotiating

to join the consortium.

And now UNC students are demanding that University administrators follow suit.

"I think the Worker Rights Consortium is based on the belief that the best way to improve working conditions is to empower workers to improve conditions for themselves," said Todd Pugatch, a member of Students for Economic Justice at UNC.

One way that the consortium proposes to improve working conditions is to directly fund and support local unions and women's groups where the factories are located, said Maria Roper, coordinator of the WRC.

Pugatch said the FLA's proposed monitoring system was less effective because their monitors were not in constant contact with local groups and their factory visits were prearranged with the

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'SAMOA' THAT PUPPY LOVE



DTH-VALERIE BRUCHON

Junior Girl Scouts Rachel Leeman-Munk, Andorra Morgan and Vicki Morgan (left to right) take a quick break from their annual campus cookie sale to play with a pedestrian's dog.

Pit Vigil to Encourage Tolerance

By DERICK MATTERN
Staff Writer

Touting the slogan "Silence is Complicity," student government will sponsor a candlelight vigil Tuesday in the Pit to speak out against hate crimes.

Students will have a chance to talk about hate in structured discussions from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. after speakers address racial, religious and sexual issues.

"(Our goal) is to help educate — let students know that there is a difference and to become more aware of diversity between students," said Emily Crespo, a coordinator for the event.

"But even though we're all different, we can work together as one."

The speakers include the Rev. Stesson Sharpless from the Lord's Church in Chapel Hill; Jack Boger, a UNC School of Law professor and Smita Varia from the Dean of Students' Office.

"Hate is like a fire that isn't satisfied until it has devoured all unity and hope," Sharpless said. "Hatred itself can't be eradicated, but we can take away its oxygen source."

Before the speeches, the Black Student Movement gospel choir will perform.

Along with BSM, several other student organizations including Queer Network for Change and Women's Issues Network have helped student government prepare for the vigil.

UNITAS, a living and learning program in Carmichael Residence Hall that promotes diversity, is requiring its members to attend. "I want to bring hate crimes and their frequency and their implications to the forefront of student thought," said Carrie Hamby, a UNITAS member who plans to be a facilitator during the discussion sections. "We're looking to find solutions."

The small groups will be led by facilitators gleaned from the various participating organizations.

Crespo said the discussions would allow students to voice their thoughts and feelings about hate.

"I think it will foster a greater sense of unity and raise awareness of a momentous issue in our society," said Christian Sawyer, co-chairman of the Human Relations Committee. "We're trying to take a stand against violence."

Although student government has no plans to recommend any practical steps to ease hate, Crespo said she expected the speakers to give some specific methods.

While Crespo was reluctant to nar-

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