



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Teachers Offer Series On Hispanics, Africa

The University will host a seminar series for North Carolina K-12 and community college teachers who want new ideas in multi-cultural education.

"Hispanics/Latinos in North Carolina II" will be hosted March 14 to March 15 as a continuation of last year's seminar on the same topic, said Robert Phay, director of UNC-CH's World View program, which hosts the series.

Participants will discuss English as a second language and the history, values and traditions of four Latin American countries that account for many of the state's growing number of Hispanic immigrants.

The seminar "Africa: One Continent, Many Worlds" will be held March 15 to March 16. The seminar will focus on sub-Saharan Africa, covering history, geography, environment, cultural and social issues, connections with the United States and North Carolina and the face of Africa at the end of the 20th century.

The seminars will be held in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building. Costs are \$125 per seminar or \$187.50 for both.

Teachers interested can register at <http://www.unc.edu/world/>.

Students Plan to Build Homes During Break

Eight UNC students and their campus minister will spend their Spring Break building houses.

The students, members of Campus Christian Fellowship, will be working in Sarasota, Fla. through Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program.

The trip is scheduled from March 13 to March 17. Students also raised more than \$1,000 for Habitat-Sarasota for the project.

Students Take Home Top Journalism Honors

Three students from UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication placed in the top 20 in the recent William Randolph Hearst Foundation Journalism Awards Programs.

UNC-CH senior Brady J. Dennis of Hickory took fourth place in in-depth writing, winning a \$750 scholarship for "Losing the Game." The column, about Title IX, was published in the St. Petersburg Times. Leigh E. Martz of Durham, who graduated with honors in December, placed 20th in in-depth writing and earned a merit certificate. A third student, Logan Mock-Bunting of Wrightsville Beach, placed 13th among 35 entries in photojournalism.

Area Library to Explain History, Art of Origami

The Carrboro Branch Library and the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a presentation on the history and stories of origami.

The presentation is scheduled for 3 p.m. March 19 at the Carrboro Branch Library located at 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill.

The event will include demonstrations of a variety of shapes and animals by Glenn McNitt and the background behind origami.

For more information, call 969-3006.

Pleasant Green Center To Hold Contra Dance

The Pleasant Green Community Center will host a contra dance with live music March 10.

The dance is the second event in a four-part dance series sponsored by the Triangle Country Dancers. Two more dances are scheduled for March 24 and March 31. Instruction begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by a dance at 8 p.m.

Participants are advised to bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. All ages and skill levels are invited.

The cost of the event is \$5 for members and \$7 for the general public.

Area Restaurants Seek Dollars for Research

Chapel Hill restaurants and stores will ask their customers to "round up" their purchases to the nearest dollar in a campaign to raise money for cancer research. All the money raised on March 25 from the 87 participating businesses will go to the Lineberger Center, a cancer research facility in the United States. Last year's event raised more than \$6,000, but organizers have set a \$10,000 goal for this year.

For more information, contact Robert Humphreys, director of the Downtown Commission, at 929-9700.

From Staff Reports

Cause of Fatal Car Crash Unknown

By KATE HARTIG
Staff Writer

Police are still searching for clues in an unusual car accident that left a local schoolteacher dead.

Carol Schuman Cosado, 57, died after her crashing her car into a store at the Glen Lennox Shopping Center on Tuesday.

While Chapel Hill police still have no concrete evidence for the accident, spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the wreck could have been medically related. Police arrived on the scene after a call was received at 3:27 p.m. from the Pace gift shop, located at 1207 Raleigh Road.

Cosado drove over the curb in a cream-colored Buick, clipped the gift shop window and continued through an alcove at the entrance of some offices,

witness Geoff Crooks said.

Chapel Hill police officer Lt. Tim Pressley said the accident was out of the ordinary.

"The victim was parked in a space outside the building, and for no apparent reason she accelerated and collided into the building," Pressley said.

"It was an extensive collision," Crooks, a travel consultant in Raleigh who works with Cole Travel in Glen Lennox, was in the parking lot when the accident occurred.

"I saw the car lurch over the curb and head right into the building, accelerat-

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Geoff Crooks
Eyewitness

ing all the way," Crooks said.

"I would guess she was probably up to 40 miles per hour when she hit the building."

Crooks said he approached the car and tried to turn off the ignition.

"It was obvious she was dead," Crooks said. "She was lying across the front seat when I got to the car."

Crooks said the dental workers from a nearby office gave her oxygen and tried CPR, but it was too late.

Pressley said Cosado was not wearing a seat belt and that the air bag was deployed.

"The collision pushed in the whole

front of her car, and the air bag had been released," Pressley said.

"An air bag is not going to deploy unless the vehicle is going between 12 and 15 miles per hour, but she was probably going a lot faster than that."

Cosado was a special education teacher at Southern High School in Durham, Cousins said.

Cousins said police were awaiting autopsy reports to be released Friday that might reveal more about the nature of the accident.

"We are still waiting to hear from the medical examiner," Cousins said.

"We believe that it is something medically related."

Pressley said family was contacted Tuesday night.

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Censorship Prevalent at Black Schools

Officials at some black schools might emphasize positive press because of a historically negative image.

By LANI HARAC
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Students have mobilized around censorship issues in many aspects of society, from music lyrics to media broadcasts.

But because of concerns over funding, issues of censorship at historically black colleges and universities don't provoke publicized outrage as readily as they do in other venues.

"There's a perception by administrators at many black colleges that they are misrepresented and portrayed in a negative light by the mainstream media more often than are white institutions, so they're not inclined to support student newspapers on their campuses that might treat them the same way," Pearl L. Stewart of the Black College Communication Association said in a March 3 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

According to the article, students and advisers at several HBCUs agreed that "black college newspapers were facing a new wave of censorship." And on at least four campuses - Alcorn State University, Fort Valley State College, Rust College and Shaw University - administrations had imposed some type of restriction on campus journalists.

But those aren't the only schools where students complain of censorship. "I would say 95 percent out of 100 times, (censorship) happens," said Brent Kemp, editor in chief of The Herald at Texas Southern University. He said he felt it had been a problem at the biweekly newspaper for the last three or four years.

Kemp said some of The Herald's revenue came from ads, but that the publication was primarily supported by student fees.

At Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, "It's not self-censorship, but monitoring what we put in the paper," said Tiffany Graham, editor in chief of the biweekly Maroon and

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Grannies Lobby for Women's Rights

By ENYONAM KPEGLO
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Members of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom used their grandmotherly appeal Wednesday to gain support for women's rights in Mexico.

At a vigil on the steps of the Franklin Street post office, the "Raging Grannies" waved signs, sang and protested violence for International Women's Day.

The women also circulated a petition supporting resolutions for increased human rights for the Zapatista women of Chiapas, Mexico. They plan to use the petition to lobby state legislators.

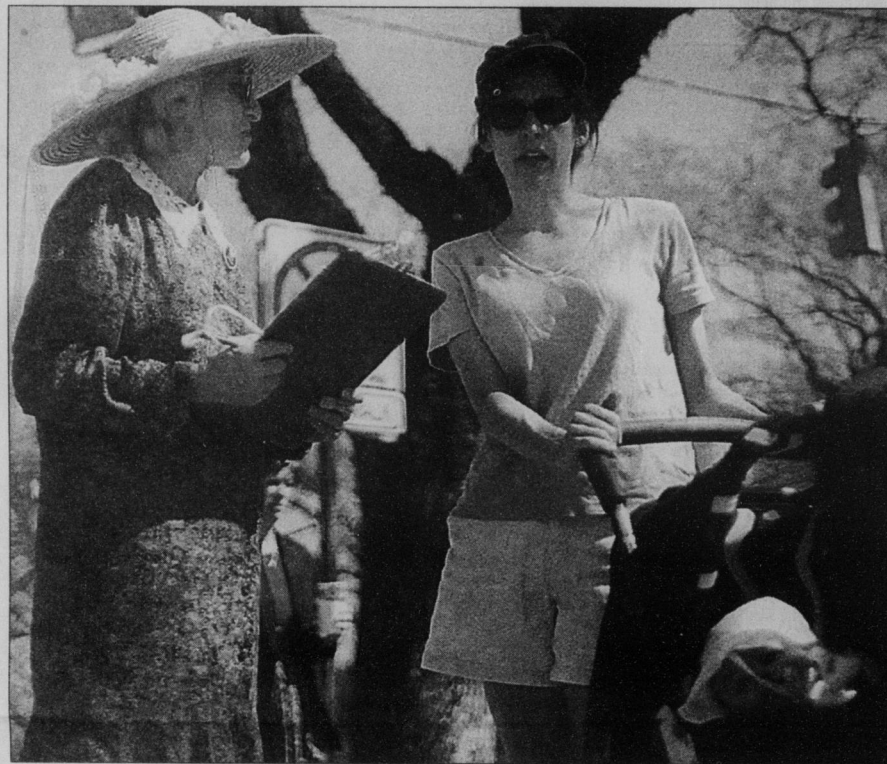
Lori Hoyt, chairwoman of the organization's local branch, said the league's goal was to spread awareness about the plight of exploited women in Chiapas.

"Women in Chiapas have been victims of exploitation, poverty and repression for a long time," she said. "The low-intensity warfare in their area led them to fight for social change and democracy."

Hoyt said the Chiapas women symbolized strength and determination as they struggled in the Zapatista movement. Zapatista is the cultural group that is wrestling with the Mexican government to end years of repression, according to the league's press release.

"I'm inspired by their efforts, and support from international groups is vital for making their voices heard and their cause known," Hoyt said.

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Ruth Zalph (L), explains to a passerby the basis of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's petition to protect human rights in Mexico. Zalph is a Carrboro resident and lifetime member of the WILPF.

Wicker Mingles With Students

By JONATHAN MOSELEY
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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker spent a few hours at Spanky's Restaurant Wednesday pushing his platform and answering questions from students and Chapel Hill residents.

Meeting in a small room on the top floor of the restaurant, campaign organizers created an informal atmosphere where Wicker could get to know people and address their concerns.

Shedding his coat and sipping water from a plastic Spanky's cup, Wicker mingled with the event's participants.

After circulating the room to introduce himself to many of the attendees, Wicker talked about his platform, attempting to distinguish himself from his Democratic opponent, Attorney General Mike Easley.

He named three key differences between himself and Easley. Wicker said

he had a more definite plan on dealing with hog waste, had a more direct way of spending money gained from a lottery and favored a referendum on a bond meant to improve the infrastructure of UNC-system campuses.

Wicker opened with a note about the progress of his campaign, already expressing confidence in his victory.

"Fifty-nine days from the (May 2) primary, we're in a new phase of the campaign," he said. "I know we're going to win because we have the best platform."

Wicker then talked about improving education and cleaning up the environment, two issues he considered to be important to his campaign.

Using state funds, Wicker said he planned to reduce classroom sizes, raise teacher salaries above the national average and expand Smart Start, a medical benefits program for pre-kindergartners supported by Gov. Jim Hunt.

And with money he said he hoped would come from a state lottery, Wicker

said he wanted to teach pre-kindergarten 4-year-olds and provide college scholarships for all N.C. students with a B average in core required classes.

Wicker also outlined a plan for eliminating environmentally hazardous hog waste lagoons. He said he would establish a statewide standard and force the hog processors to pay for the cleanup.

"Hog farmers aren't actually the ones who own the hogs," he said. "They just raise them for the hog processors, who are making a huge profit right now."

Wicker drew support from the crowd of mostly students when he opposed raising tuition for any reason. Instead, he said the N.C. General Assembly should find ways to support the schools.

He advocated allowing the people of North Carolina to vote on the university bond issue. "The universities really belong to the people," he said.

Mathieu Campbell, a freshman biol-

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker discusses his platform and meets with students and residents in an informal setting at Spanky's Restaurant on Wednesday afternoon.

Area Schools Score High In Newsweek Rankings

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
Staff Writer

Already known for their competitive classes, high SAT scores and lofty grade point averages, two area high schools made the national spotlight this week following a Newsweek magazine report on "The 100 Best High Schools."

Newsweek's story, which examined public high schools and the rigor of their course offerings nationwide, ranked East Chapel Hill High School at No. 39 and Chapel Hill High School at No. 100.

ECHHS and CHHS received their rankings based on the percentage of graduating seniors who took Advanced Placement tests.

Roger Waldon, a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, said having two schools from the same district in the report's top 100 was an accomplishment.

"It's very satisfying to see both schools in the top 100," he said. "This shows how hard students in this area push themselves."

Newsweek's story, which runs in the magazine's Monday issue, examined the number of AP and International Baccalaureate tests taken by high school students. AP and IB programs both stress intense course work and offer the potential for college credit.

After tabulating the total number of AP and IB tests taken at the country's 25,000 public high schools, Newsweek took this data and divided it by the number of graduating seniors.

The highest ratio from Newsweek's

"challenge index" was 4.324. ECHHS had a ratio of 2.278, while CHHS came in at 1.739. Newsweek recognized any school with a ratio above 1.000.

Assistant Superintendent Ann Hart said the results of Newsweek's article supported the diverse, challenging course offerings in the area high schools.

"I was pleased when those outside our community recognized our schools," she said. "It is extremely important that we (continue to) offer students as rigorous a curriculum as possible."

Waldon said the Newsweek report was not the first time national publications had placed Chapel Hill schools among the country's elite.

Before ECHHS's opening four years ago, CHHS's rigorous educational offerings shot it into The Wall Street Journal's top 10 schools nationwide for SAT scores, Waldon said.

CHHS science teacher Sheila Wilkerson said she understood the importance of challenging students. Although her AP environmental science course has only been offered for four years, Wilkerson said her students had reaped enormous benefits from the class. "My course gives students a broad range to succeed," she said. "And beyond that, it's fun."

Because AP tests can cost more than \$75, Waldon said the school board had set aside a small amount of money to help students who could not afford the test. "The cost of AP tests (should) not prevent people from taking the test," he

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Top Dogs

A recent report issued by Newsweek ranked the top 100 public high schools in the nation. Seven schools from North Carolina, including four in the Triangle, made the list.

- 30. Harding — Charlotte, N.C.
- 34. Enloe — Raleigh, N.C.
- 39. East Chapel Hill — N.C.
- 55. Jordan — Durham, N.C.
- 58. Providence — Charlotte, N.C.
- 75. Asheville — N.C.
- 100. Chapel Hill — N.C.



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