



The University and Towns  
**IN BRIEF**

**Chapel Hill Man Faces Marijuana Charges**

Christopher Lee Moody, 24, of 211 Glenmore Road, was arrested March 17 and charged with possession with the intent to sell and deliver 401.5 grams of marijuana.

According to police reports, Chapel Hill police narcotics investigators and the Durham police organized crime division executed a search warrant at 211 Glenmore Road.

Moody was released with a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

**Local Police Investigate Embezzlement Case**

Chapel Hill police have named 10 suspects in a case of seven missing deposits, worth \$15,330 from Brueggers Bagel Bakery located at 1800 E. Franklin St.

The missing deposits were reported March 17 by a Brueggers employee.

Chapel Hill police Sgt. Becky Wilson declined comment because the case is still under investigation.

Brueggers also declined to comment on the matter.

**Campus Y to Sponsor Weekend Conference**

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will sponsor a "Face to Race" conference at the Lake Junaluska facility just outside of Asheville from March 31-April 2.

The Face to Race retreat is designed to bring a diverse group of students away from campus for a weekend filled with fun and educational programs that deal with campus race relations, diversity and social justice.

All interested students are encouraged to apply for the all-expenses paid trip. Applications are available at the Campus Y and the Student Union front desk.

For more information, contact Jermain Reeves at jreeves@email.unc.edu or Julianna Roy at jroy@email.unc.edu.

**Author to Examine U.S.-African Relations**

Phillippe Wamba, author of the book "Kinship," will speak at 6 p.m. Thursday in Carroll Hall.

Wamba will discuss his book and the connections between Africans and African Americans, the subject of his work.

The Organization of African Students' Interests and Solidarity is sponsoring the visit. Copies of Wamba's book will be available for purchase.

There will be book signings before and after the free event.

**4 UNC Students Win Regional Emmy Award**

A public television report about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has led to a regional Emmy award for four University students.

Undergraduate journalism students Emily Wissia and Dallas Smith and graduate students Michael Cassell and Stacey Hoffman won the award for the students production category.

Their production, "Coping With HIV," aired on UNC-TV's "North Carolina Now" in December 1998.

The story was a combined effort among the students in a medical journalism class and producers at UNC-TV.

The Emmys were awarded at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

To view the story on the Internet, go to <http://metalab.unc.edu/medicaljournalism>.

**Organization Seeks Bake Sale Volunteers**

Internationalist Books is looking for baked goods donations for a bake sale to raise money for women's organizing projects and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

Men are encouraged to contribute to the men's baking brigade.

The baked goods should be dropped off by 8 p.m. Friday at Internationalist Books at 405 W. Franklin St. or the Franklin Street post office.

The bake sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Franklin Street post office.

**Local Baseball Program Searching for Coaches**

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting applications for the 2000 Pee Wee League Baseball Program. For additional information contact the department at 968-7703.

# Hunt Proposes Report Cards on N.C. Schools



Gov. Jim Hunt, seen here talking with UNC students in February, recently announced a new plan to make N.C. schools more accountable.

The report cards are part of the governor's First in America plan to make N.C. schools best in the nation.

**By LUCAS FENSKA**  
Assistant State & National Editor

During a conference on education's future in North Carolina, Gov. Jim Hunt announced a program to issue an annual education report card starting this fall.

Hunt gave the opening address at Thursday's annual meeting of the N.C. Education Governing Boards, a collection of groups that manage public and private schools, held at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

The educational report card is part of Hunt's First in America plan, an attempt to make the N.C. K-12 education system the best in the nation within 10 years.

"We in North Carolina have set an ambitious goal, an audacious goal to make our schools first in America by 2010," Hunt said.

"The whole idea is to be completely honest and very searching.

"We're going to measure ourselves every year — the good, the bad and the ugly."

The report card would grade schools on student performance, community involvement and quality of teachers and administrators.

It would also rate efforts to eliminate the minority achievement gap and ease access to health resources for all children.

"(The report card) will tell us very clearly where we need to buckle down and do a lot more work," Hunt said.

After the announcement, N.C. public school and college officials discussed ways to meet Hunt's goal.

Mike Ward, state superintendent of public instruction, said most of the goals of Hunt's plan mirrored the current ABCs Plus plan, which grades schools based partially on improving student performance on end-of-course tests.

Ward said the public school system was tackling the racial gap by examining the test scores of ethnic groups and awarding schools and teachers who help close the gap.

"We can't be first if progress for some doesn't become progress for all," he said.

H. Martin Lancaster, president of the state community college system, said community colleges would focus on ways to educate parents, helping those who dropped out of school receive their

General Equivalency Diploma.

"If we can give the parents tools to make a better living, we can make them a teacher in the home for their children," he said.

Julianne Thrift, chairwoman of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, said her group would focus efforts on volunteering in the community and mentoring K-12 students.

"It's not enough to have safe schools, but we need caring schools," Thrift said.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the state's public universities would also try to increase student interaction with communities.

She said the Board of Governors was considering a proposal to raise the minimum admission standards.

Broad said these efforts would increase the success of both university students and high school students.

Hunt said it was important for these diverse education groups to cooperate in their efforts to improve North Carolina's public school system.

"In achieving these goals, every public school will get better, every public university a lot better and private universities will improve."

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## Nun's Talk to Headline Week

Death Penalty Week will include real-life accounts from death row inmates and mock executions in the Pit.

**By LAUREN BEAL**  
Assistant University Editor

The scheduled visit of a famous anti-death penalty activist has snowballed into an entire week of death penalty education events.

Sister Helen Prejean, who wrote the book "Dead Man Walking," which was later made into a movie, will speak on campus Wednesday as the highlight of Death Penalty Week.

It was after Campus Y and the Carolina Union Activities Board secured Sister Prejean to speak at UNC that Campaign to End the Death Penalty members decided to organize a week of death penalty education, said President Kara Mannix.

"We had been talking about it for a while," she said. "It made the most sense to organize it around Sister Prejean's visit.

"I've actually seen her speak before, in high school," Mannix said. "I totally supported the death penalty until I

heard her speak — she's an incredible speaker."

Prejean's speech, scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Hall, will follow several mock executions in the Pit and a Tuesday panel discussion by University and state officials.

Mannix said holding mock executions — such as strapping down a "victim" to a stretcher and simulating a lethal injection — made the actual process of an execution more real.

"Executions are always held at 2 in the morning," she said. "Most people are asleep and don't even realize what's going on."

After the mock execution Tuesday afternoon, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, and journalism Professor Chuck Stone will join other panelists to discuss the political and legal history of the death penalty in North Carolina.

CUAB will hold a screening of "Dead Man Walking" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Carolina Union Auditorium.

Events will continue Wednesday with a noon roundtable discussion sponsored

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Campaign to End the Death Penalty

by the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. Participants will discuss "Is the Black Community Ignoring the Death Penalty?"

A Thursday night event, "Live From Death Row," will allow students and audience members to hear real-life accounts from those sentenced to death.

"We actually have a phone discussion with a death row inmate," Mannix said.

Darby Tillis, who spent nine years in prison, and Marlene Moore, national director of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, will share their experiences and views of the death penalty.

The week will conclude with a Friday night party against the death penalty, followed by the annual meeting of North Carolinians Against the Death Penalty on Saturday.

Mannix said publicity would be high for the week's events. "We want to educate students and get more people involved in the abolitionist movement."

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## Interim Chief Tapped For Chapel Hill Police

**By JENNY ROSSER**  
Staff Writer

A 25-year Chapel Hill police veteran will take the helm as the department's interim leader following Chief Ralph Pendergraph's impending retirement.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton announced that Major Gregg Jarvies, 45, would temporarily serve as police chief after Pendergraph, 55, steps down March 31.

Pendergraph, who announced his retirement in January, has been with the department for 27 years and has served as police chief for eight years.

Jarvies said he would continue Pendergraph's legacy by maintaining many of the programs he instituted, including community policing.

"To be able to lead a department with such qualified people is a great honor," Jarvies said.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said Jarvies was the best choice for the job.

"He's well-qualified and has experience in both patrol and administration," she said. "He was also one of the primary people to institute community policing."

Jarvies joined the Chapel Hill Police Department as a public safety officer in 1975. He was promoted in 1985 to lieutenant and served as the department's training officer.

Jarvies was made captain in 1986 and has since served as a uniform patrol commander and as the department's support services commander.

Horton said two other upper-level positions needed to be filled in the department before he would hire a permanent police chief.

However, he said Jarvies was the only person considered for the interim position.

"His service in this post will allow us to proceed deliberately as we consider how to fill this important position," Horton stated in a press release. "It is especially helpful because we already are working to fill two other positions vacated by retiring department heads."

Horton said it was too early to tell who would ultimately fill the permanent position, but that Jarvies would most likely serve as interim police chief for several months.

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## Award-Winning Play Combines Humor, Sorrow

"Wit" explores the barrage of emotions a poetry professor is faced with when she is diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

**By FERRIS MORRISON**  
Staff Writer

Knowledge and intelligence can protect you from many things in this world, except for the final leap into the great unknown. But for a person who has protected herself for a lifetime with such armor, it's a difficult realization to make.

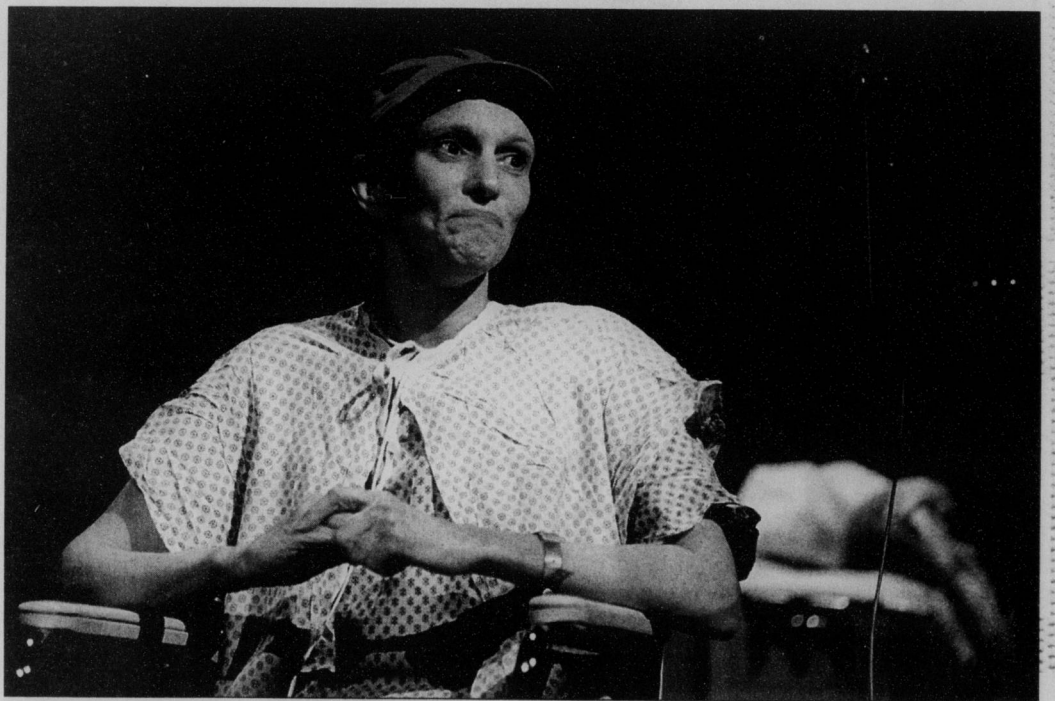
The PlayMakers Repertory Company production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Wit" captures the perfect combination of humor and anguish to show just what cancer does to the body and soul.

Director Drew Barr takes his audience into the emotions of a cancer victim through humor, sarcasm and finally brutal honesty. The play follows a woman through a comical look at her cancer treatment and a more somber look at her final days as she ult-

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"Wit"  
PlayMakers



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Tandy Cronyn plays the part of Vivian Bearing, a poetry professor who is afflicted with ovarian cancer, in the PlayMakers Repertory Company production of "Wit," a 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by Margaret Edson.

## Rubella Outbreak Spurs Countywide Vaccinations

**By KELLIE DIXON**  
Staff Writer

The threat of the rubella virus reared its head in Orange County last week prompting reaction from the Latino community and the county Health Department.

About 200 people showed up for free vaccinations from the Health Department in an attempt to prevent an outbreak of the disease, Health Department Director Rosemary Summers said.

The disease was brought to public

attention following the diagnosis of four Latino men March 8. Summers said the first case was diagnosed March 1, and three others were confirmed later.

Summers said rubella was a close-contact virus that was most threatening to pregnant women because it could cause mental or physical retardation in the fetus, and in severe cases, fetal death.

"If she contracts (rubella), then her fetus suffers the consequences," she said.

Summers said it was not solely a Hispanic issue, but because most other countries did not offer immunizations, the Latino population was more at risk.

U.S. citizens are required to receive a vaccination before enrolling in school.

Rubella is a communicable virus that can only run its course when it infects a person. Its symptoms can include fever, rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, red, watery eyes and swollen lymph nodes in the neck area. Summers said, however, that not all need to be present to constitute rubella.

"We want people to be cautious, but not afraid," she said.

John Herrera, board member of Centro Latino, a Carrboro-based non-profit organization that promotes the

strengthening of the Latino community, said the Health Department's response was not effective.

"The first thing to do is inform pregnant women when the first case is identified," he said. "This was the best way to contain (the disease), and that was not done."

Now, Herrera said, three new cases were suspected in the Latino community but would not be confirmed until blood tests were taken. One of those cases occurred in Hillsborough, and the other two were in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

After calling a meeting with the Health Department, Herrera said the department was willing to perform a more aggressive campaign. "We should have a strategy in place on how to deal with these cases," he said. "Most Latinos work in (Orange County). We need a coordinated effort to vaccinate."

Summers said the Health Department would determine today the need for future vaccination sites based on the vaccination drive.

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