



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Workshop Series to End With Sunday Lecture

Sunday will conclude the "Living With Compassion" workshop series, with "A Forum on Race and Ethnicity" lecture.

In the workshop, participants will explore their thoughts and emotions about their own racial and ethnic identity and that of other people.

The role of race and ethnicity in society and the definition of race will also be explored.

Some topics of discussion will include the realities of minority students at the University, race and relationships, multiple identifications and multiple oppressions, and race and social class.

The workshop is scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. in the Union Auditorium behind the Union Gallery.

For more information, call Smita Varia or Scott Windham at 966-4042.

Trustees' Chairwoman Nabs Top UNC Award

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Anne Cates was honored with the prestigious Cornelia Phillips Spencer Bell Award on Monday.

Cates' accomplishments as the first woman to chair the BOT made her a prime candidate for the award, which honors the role of women in the University's history.

Nominators also hailed her dedication, as well as her experience as the first woman president of the Educational Foundation Inc., which supports the athletics program.

Cates' history also boasts a variety of leadership roles.

Her honor was spotlighted in an award ceremony Monday afternoon, attended by University officials, colleagues and friends.

The 7-year-old Bell Award recognizes a woman who has made outstanding contributions to the University.

It was established in memory of Cornelia Phillips Spencer, who campaigned to reopen the university after the Civil War.

Nominations were solicited from faculty and staff campuswide.

Final selection was made by a seven-member committee chaired by philosophy Professor Jan Boxill.

Center to Offer Aging Parents Presentation

The Women's Center will offer a series of programs for adult children dealing with their aging parents.

The center requires preregistration for all programs and kicks off its series with a program on the needs of aging parents and their adult children from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to be held April 5.

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

Literacy Council Seeks Volunteer Facilitators

The Orange County Literacy Council is recruiting volunteers for one-to-one tutoring, small group tutoring and family literacy workshop facilitation.

Volunteers who are interested in computer-based literacy instruction, or working in Hillsborough, are especially needed.

The next orientation for prospective volunteers will be held from noon to 1 p.m. March 30.

For further information, contact the Literacy Council at 933-2151.

Cancer Support Talk Focuses on Nutrition

The Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center will offer nutrition support for cancer patients as part of its educational series entitled "Essential Edibles."

Joseph Schradie, Ph.D. will talk about "Nutrition and Cancer: Facts and Foods" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 28. For registration or more information, call 967-8842.

Local Bookseller Offers Cultural Programming

Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located at 5400 New Hope Commons will offer a series of cultural events throughout March and April.

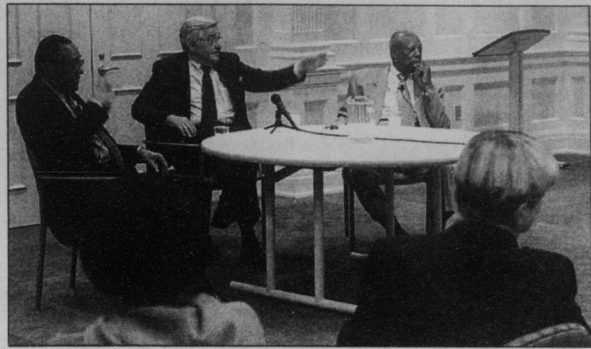
One of the highlights will be Emmy Award-winning documentary film editor Mary Manhard who will share clips with an audience on April 4.

These films have been chosen for inclusion of this year's Double Take Film Festival.

For calendar listings or general event information, contact 489-3012.

From Staff Reports

Friday, State Officials Field Student Queries



Students and faculty attend this week's "Tuesdays With Friday" forum. Hosted by Bill Friday, the session featured LeRoy Walker and Henry Frye.

By GEOFF WESSEL
Staff Writer

Two prominent N.C. public figures shared their wisdom and motivations with students at an open forum Tuesday.

The second in the "Tuesdays With Friday" series hosted by former UNC-system President Bill Friday, the forum featured former N.C. Central University Chancellor LeRoy Walker and state Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry Frye.

Tuesday's forum attracted about 40 students and faculty. Held in Graham Memorial, the programs are sponsored by the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence as part of an effort to become an outlet for intellectual dialogue outside of the classroom.

Friday, who has almost half a century

of experience as a N.C. higher education leader, said he wanted the program to act as a dialogue between students and speakers. He kicked off the session by asking speakers about their influences and role models.

Walker, who was president of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Committee, stressed the importance of focusing on goals. "One thing (my mother) said to me when I was very young that has stayed with me was, 'Don't let the environment determine what you can become,'" he said. "I've always remembered Big Mama's advice in almost everything I've done since."

Frye, the first black chief justice of the state and a UNC alumnus, said he was working on increasing professionalism in the N.C. court system with the Chief Justice's Committee on Professionalism.

"There's a lot of demand for good leadership," he said. "Professionalism goes beyond the ethical bottom line; it means not just asking what do we have to do to get by, but what should we do."

Friday and Walker are both active in improving the state's public and higher education systems.

Walker said he left his role as an Olympics planner to devote his attention to local educational issues such as establishing after-school programs in lower-income areas. "I'm more concerned right now with things going on in my own community than I am with things in Sydney (Australia)," he said.

Friday delved into another aspect of the state education system, asking the

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Fighting From the Outside

Local Blacks Still Perceive Inequalities

By ENYOM KPEGLO
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Although Chapel Hill is often classified as a progressive town, local black leaders say major strides still are needed to make the community more inclusive of blacks.

According to these leaders, who represent a cross section of Orange County's professional, political and community groups, the daily lives of black residents are plagued with inequities.

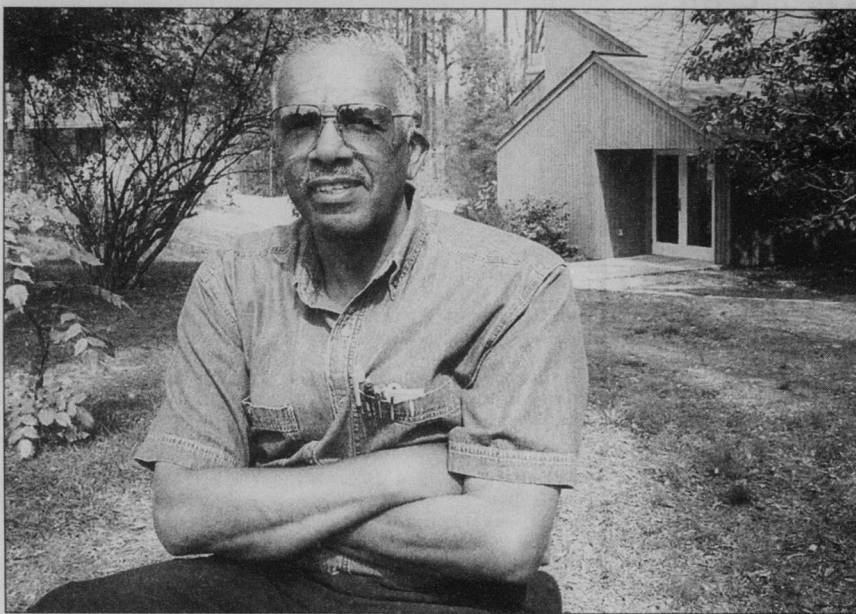
Ted Parrish, a community activist and a resident of the predominantly black Pine Knolls neighborhood, said that because of these problems many blacks chose to find more hospitable conditions in surrounding areas.

"The high cost of living, coupled with a need for better jobs and more representation in town government, make Chapel Hill an environment that is not always welcoming to minorities — especially blacks," he said.

Parrish said blacks received the burden of the town's waning amount of affordable housing.

"Officials have failed to counter gentrification in this area," he said. "Gentrification is when a higher economic class is accommodated in an

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Ed Caldwell Jr. has lived in Chapel Hill his entire life, watching the Jim Crow era come and go. He has been an active member in the community, fighting against segregation and providing support for minorities.

Witnessing an Era of Change

By LISA CRIST
Staff Writer

In the post-civil rights era, blacks are continuing to fight for equal respect and opportunity within their communities — and Chapel Hill is no different.

Ed Caldwell Jr., of 107 Caldwell St., has lived in Chapel Hill his entire life. His family has been in the area for five generations and has seen Jim Crow laws come and go in Orange County.

Now 65 years old, Caldwell grew up

during segregation, which he said had had an enormous impact on his life.

"(It) was the pits," he said. "We got poor schools, poor everything. It was always a struggle to be who you are and to succeed."

Though he was not afforded equal opportunities, Caldwell still said he had a happy childhood in Chapel Hill.

His father worked as a custodian and served as a mentor for the members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, a predominantly white fraternity, from

which Caldwell said he received a lot of support. "The members of the frat really pushed me to succeed," he said.

His family also received encouragement from prominent figures in the community, such as former UNC-system President Frank Graham, with whom the family maintained a close bond.

"My grandmother was his cook," Caldwell said. "They were good friends. Dr. Graham always took the

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Students, Smokey Celebrate Arbor Day

By JOSEPH PARDINGTON
Staff Writer

In front of about 50 giggling fifth-graders, Carrboro celebrated its 16th consecutive "Tree City USA" designation at McDougale Elementary School on Tuesday.

The Carrboro Public Works Department, Smokey the Bear and most of McDougale's schoolchildren helped to plant a willow oak tree to commemorate National Arbor Day and the town's redesignation.

Carrboro Alderman Mark Dorosin told the children why the day was necessary.

"The trees that we plant today aren't just for you; they are for your grandchildren and their grandchildren," he explained.

Virginia Russell, program coordinator of urban forestry for the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, presented the "Tree City USA" flag to Dorosin.

Russell said Carrboro met the four conditions necessary for "Tree City USA" status. The town has a tree ordinance and a department to regulate it. Carrboro also spends more than the \$2 per capita minimum on trees and observes Arbor Day every year.

The program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Carrboro has been recognized since 1975 for its commitment to the environment, Russell said. "It's given to cities and towns that show a commitment to an urban forest," she said.

Carrboro Alderman Allen Spalt, whose neighborhood has recently bat-

tled Duke Power over its tree removal policies, explained why the town was designated "Tree City USA."

"We really do care for our trees," Spalt said. "We have protected the trees to the extent we could."

Carrboro has been consistent in its environmental policies, Spalt said.

Chris Gerry, landscaping grounds supervisor for the Public Works Department presented long-leaf pine seedlings to the schoolchildren.

"This tree will grow to 100 feet," he said. "Just give them some bright sun and keep them away from the power lines."

Jeanette Blackwell, a fifth-grade teacher at McDougale, said her class had studied a poem about trees and the importance of trees in the environment.

Several of the students expressed excitement over the ceremony.

Amador Musalem, 10, said he enjoyed planting the trees in the ceremony.

"It felt good because trees help," he said.

While some of the students said they enjoyed Smokey more than the presentation or the tree planting, others expressed a genuine appreciation for the purpose of Arbor Day and the importance of the award to Carrboro.

Locklin Rosin, 11, said he was excited about seeing the town recognized. "I liked when the flag was presented to Carrboro."

Katie Bennet, 10, said she enjoyed finding out the purpose of Arbor Day.

"I liked learning about how this day was made and why we had it and stuff."

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McDougale Elementary School students plant a tree during an Arbor Day event. Carrboro was presented with the "Tree City USA" award.

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Students Pitch WRC To McCoy

Advocates of the Worker Rights Consortium want the chancellor to make his final call by the end of the week.

By DERICK MATTERN
Staff Writer

With deadline pressure mounting, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy met with student advocates pushing for UNC to withdraw its membership in a hotly debated labor group.

Seven members of Students for Economic Justice told McCoy on Tuesday their reasons for rejecting the Fair Labor Association and wanting to join the Worker Rights Consortium.

The nonprofit FLA is a group of companies, universities and non-governmental organizations that investigates the working conditions at its members' factories.

The consortium is a group recently formed with student input that claims it can better protect workers' rights at factories that produce university apparel.

Since last April when SEJ staged a successful sit-in demanding full disclosure, they have been pushing for the University to drop out of the FLA and join the WRC.

Consortium supporters criticize the FLA for its links to allegedly self-interested corporations.

"It's about motive. Why would Nike or Kathie Lee start a monitoring program? To stop bad publicity," said Kea Parker, an SEJ member. "Why would workers or students (start monitoring)? To improve conditions."

SEJ asked McCoy to make a decision concerning the consortium by April 3 so a UNC representative could attend the founding conference April 7.

"I don't see why I can't have the decision by then," McCoy said. But he said if he found reasons to postpone the decision, he would announce them.

McCoy will receive a recommendation from the Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee by the weekend. The committee is supposed to vote on the issue today.

"I've read everything I can on the WRC, and that's why I'm asking the questions — I want to know what the difference is," he said.

The origins of the two groups show that they do not have the same objectives, SEJ member Courtney Sproule said. "The FLA was created in reaction against bad press without (national) university involvement."

But the WRC was organized by universities and students reacting against manufacturers' lack of concern for workers' input, Sproule said.

Universities can use their influence as licensing agents to dictate terms more effectively than an association can direct its members, said SEJ member Todd Pugatch.

"Negative publicity from the university level is taken very seriously by corporations," Parker said.

The WRC's internal organization gives universities increased power because it places five more university representatives on its governing board than the FLA, Pugatch said.

"If we were to join now, we would be the university with the largest licensing program and so would have tremendous clout," he said.

Although McCoy remained non-committal he said he would try to be open-minded and would weigh SEJ's presentation with other reports.

"I take your group's views seriously, just like the others," McCoy said.

"I think our objectives are the same — it's a question of how do you achieve what you want."

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