



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Business School to Host Postmaster General

William J. Henderson, postmaster general and chief executive officer of the U.S. Postal Service, will speak Tuesday at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

A UNC alumnus, Henderson is a 27-year veteran of the \$60 billion-a-year agency, the world's largest postal system.

Henderson will speak at 5:30 p.m. in the McColl Building's Maurice J. Koury Auditorium. The lecture is part of the Dean's Speaker Series and is free and open to the public.

To RSVP call 962-9252 or send an e-mail to KFBSRSVP@bschool.unc.edu.

Students to Receive Chancellor's Awards

Student recipients of the 1999-2000 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in academics, leadership and service will be honored from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy, Provost Dick Richardson and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen will present the awards in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Also to be honored at the ceremony are faculty and teaching assistants who were chosen by students for the 1999-2000 Teaching Awards.

Jazz Band Seeks Funds For European Festivals

The UNC Jazz Band is looking for donors to "adopt a musician" to raise funds to travel to three European jazz festivals.

After submitting copies of its compact disc, "See the World," the UNC Jazz Band received invitations to perform at summer jazz festivals in France, Switzerland and the Netherlands July 7-17. Director James Ketch and Professor Scott Warner will accompany the 23 student musicians.

Through its "adopt a musician" program, donors can pledge up to \$1,000 to sponsor a student for the trip, which will cost about \$2,000 per student. The University hopes to pay for 50 to 60 percent of the cost per student.

For more information, contact James Ketch at 962-7560 or jketch@mind-spring.com.

Local Women's League To Hold Voter Forum

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum on Campaign Finance Reform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The forum will be held at Chapel Hill Town Hall at 306 N. Columbia Street.

The meeting will end at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Beverly Kawalec at 942-6396.

Local Booksellers Plan Discussion Group

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, at 5400 New Hope Commons Road in Durham, invites residents to come join a discussion group on Arthur Golden's book "Memoirs of a Geisha" Wednesday night.

The event will run from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Readers are invited for Cherry Blossom Green Tea and a discussion on the merits of Golden's novel.

For more information, contact Julia Caspary at 419-8290.

Storyteller to Appear At Carrboro Library

Lorenzo "Logie" Meachum will be at the Carrboro Branch Library in celebration of National Library Week.

Meachum will delight children of all ages with stories, music and poetry.

This event will begin at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday. Call 969-3006 for more information.

Peer Mediation Team To Hold Local Auction

The Peer Mediation program from Guy B. Phillips Middle School has organized a fund-raising auction.

Proceeds from the auction will help the Peer Mediation team of 29 students and 13 adult leaders raise money to go to the SPIDR/CRENET Peacemakers Conference for Youth and Adults in September 2000.

Goods being auctioned range from lunch with the mayor to free massages to T-shirts from Breadmen's.

Contact Darcy Turner, peer mediation team coordinator, at 929-2188, ext. 259 for more information.

From Staff Reports

UNC Delegates Help Shape Mission of WRC

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
Assistant State & National Editor

This weekend UNC labor activists traveled to New York City for the founding conference of the Worker Rights Consortium, a fledgling group UNC decided recently to join.

The conference aimed to bring representatives from across the country together to organize the labor monitoring group, which was formed in opposition of the Fair Labor Association, a rival watchdog group.

Primary opposition came from the nationwide anti-sweatshop organization United Students Against Sweatshops. USAS claimed the FLA was dominated

by large corporations.

Two students and two administrators from UNC joined representatives from more than 30 colleges nationwide at the conference.

Todd Pugatch, a member of Students for Economic Justice, said the event provided a forum for discussion of the WRC's goals. "The purpose of the conference was to lay a foundation for the Worker Rights Consortium, which will be a collaboration of students, administrators and labor rights advocates to improve working conditions in the manufacturing of university-licensed products," Pugatch said.

The WRC, a primarily student-developed organization, works for the

enforcement of labor codes at companies producing collegiate apparel.

Last month, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy heeded a recommendation from the Labor Licensing Advisory Committee to continue UNC's membership in the FLA for another year, while committing to join the WRC.

USAS member Courtney Sproule said the conference was a success. "The purpose (of the conference) was to bring everyone together at a starting point," she said. "I think it accomplished that."

Rut Tufts, UNC director of auxiliary services, was one of the two administrators attending the conference.

Tufts said few concrete results came out of the conference, but several con-

cerns that various schools had about the organization were identified.

"There was not a lot of forward motion, but there is a whole lot better understanding of the work that has got to be done," he said.

Sproule said UNC, like several other universities, joined the WRC with certain conditions they wanted to see the organization meet.

These conditions included the formalization of a set of by-laws governing the organization and assurance that the University would have an adequate voice in determining WRC policy.

Tufts said the universities of Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin-Madison all had concerns similar to UNC's.

Sproule said a draft set of consortium by-laws discussed at the conference was slated to be officially approved by June.

In the meantime, some student activists have been putting pressure on administrators to go a step further and cut ties with the FLA completely.

Whatever the final state of UNC's labor monitoring policy, Tufts said the WRC now had a direction for dealing with universities' concerns, thanks to this weekend's conference. "I think in the next couple of weeks we are going to get these issues out so that we can work on them and get down to business."

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BEYOND THE STATION

Courtesy Policing Offers Residents Full-Time Safety

By THERESA CHEN AND WALTER HERZ
Staff Writer

For some law enforcement officers in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, their work as crime fighters can follow them into the home.

Some apartment complexes in the area offer lower rent incentives to officers in exchange for part-time security work, said interim Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvis.

"As far as I know, there are five or six complexes in the area that have an officer living in them for reduced rent in return for their secondary employment," Jarvis said.

He said the idea of "courtesy policing" was particularly appealing to younger members of the force.

"It's a good opportunity for younger officers who are single and have no kids," Jarvis said. "They might not be able to afford a new home in Chapel Hill, and this would provide a good starter home."

Carrboro police officer Christopher Atack, a former "community attendant" at Highland Hills Apartments, located at 180 BPW Club Road in Carrboro, said the rent reduction was his main incentive for acting as a part-time security guard.

"The reason I took the job was so I could afford to live in this area," he said.

Jarvis said the idea of these "courtesy officers" was not a new one.

"It's been done for years," he said. "As long as I've been a police officer, for 25 years, it's been standard practice. It's a good way for officers to supplement their salary."

Foxcroft Apartments, located on the U.S. 15-501 Bypass in Chapel Hill, has three courtesy officers, said Lois Garcia, property manager.

"We have a state trooper, and I think two Chapel Hill police officers," Garcia said. "They rotate every month. Usually they patrol around the property. For example, sometimes I'll have one walk around at night and mark which street lights are out for maintenance or repair."

Garcia said the officers' presence helped people feel safer

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Local Law Enforcement Personnel Find New Ways to Prevent Crime

Prevention Officers Provide Tips To Protect Businesses, Residences

By COURTNEY WEILL
Senior Writer

The hefty man in the blue polo shirt glides around the building, searching for unguarded entrances, hiding places and unlocked doors and windows.

But he is not scheming to commit a crime. He is trying to prevent one.

Jeff Clark, the crime prevention officer for the Chapel Hill Police Department, performs surveys on 10 to 15 homes and businesses each week. The free service allows home and business owners to ensure the safety of their property.

"We start at the street and go up to the house almost as if we were breaking in," Clark said.

Clark and his sidekick Art Englehardt check the lighting, visibility, locks and windows of a house or business and then offer recommendations to its owner.

On Feb. 22, the duo surveyed the Wesley Foundation, a Methodist student center at 214 Pittsboro St., in response to recent incidents in which people had entered the building during the day without authorization.

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DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Art Englehardt points out a large CD case in the backseat of a car in the parking lot of the Wesley Center, which puts the car at risk for a break-in.

Cops Put Name With Body's Face

Officials have uncovered the identity of a body found last week but remain quiet on additional details.

By THERESA CHEN
Staff Writer

Members of the Alamance County and Orange County sheriff's departments released Friday the identity of a Mebane woman whose body was found last week near marker 260 on Interstate 40.

The woman, Rhonda Eason, of 3107 E. Calloway Drive in Mebane, was identified by tattoos and fingerprints on Thursday, but additional details did not become public until the victim's family had been contacted.

Gary Massey, a major with the Alamance County Sheriff's Department, said his officers were continuing to investigate the case with Orange County Sheriff's deputies.

Massey would not comment on any possible causes of death until the departments received information from the medical examiner.

Eason's body was found by N.C. Department of Transportation workers at about 2 p.m. Wednesday. The body was discovered on an embankment 30 feet from the eastbound lane of I-40.

Thomas Owens of the medical examiner's office went to the scene Wednesday and found no visible signs of wounds or other injuries but estimated that the body had been there for five or six days.

Eason was reported missing March 27 at 5:47 p.m. by her husband Phillip Eason, who said she left their residence at about 8 p.m. March 25. She had told him she was "going partying" but never returned, an Alamance County Sheriff's Department press release stated.

The cause of her death remains unknown, said Dr. Karen Chancellor of the medical examiner's office. Chancellor performed the autopsy on Eason but refused to comment.

The two county sheriff's departments are the only parties working to determine the circumstances of the death.

Sheriff's department officials are encouraging anyone who saw Rhonda Eason between March 25 and March 31 to contact detectives at the Alamance County Sheriff's Office at (336) 570-6300 or the Orange County Sheriff's Office at 644-3050.

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TA DAY



The annual TA Appreciation Barbecue was well-attended Friday afternoon as students and teaching assistants alike came to fill their plates and listen to the music of Tar Heel Voices, the Loreleis and the Clef Hangers. Long lines for the food wrapped around South Building and Polk Place.

Officials: Lawsuits Bolster Fla. Coffers

By JENNIFER HAGIN
Staff Writer

Florida's relationship with tobacco companies has been described as a catch-22.

Government officials want to keep pressure on tobacco firms, but have a vested interest in keeping them afloat because the money received from various lawsuits results in a large percentage of the state's health care budget.

Florida state senators are concerned with maintaining the flow of tobacco money into state health care programs.

"It's our unofficial state lottery for health care," said Thomas Donaldson, a spokesman for Democratic Florida Sen. Mandy Dawson.

And as a Florida jury deliberates the

amount tobacco companies must pay in punitive damages, lawmakers in North Carolina and Florida are jockeying to protect their respective economies.

The N.C. General Assembly passed a bill Wednesday to protect state tobacco companies and farmers from a Florida smokers' lawsuit that could cost the industry more than \$100 billion.

Lawmakers placed a \$25 million cap on the bond N.C. firms must post before they can appeal punitive damages in an out-of-state lawsuit.

The move was not only an effort to protect the state economy, but also, like Florida, to keep tobacco money flowing into a state trust fund to fund health care, smoking prevention programs and aid for farmers.

The Florida Senate is also looking to bolster state coffers, discussing plans to protect the money tobacco companies

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