



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Journalism Institute Will Convene at UNC

More than 450 high school journalism students and their teachers will gather at UNC from June 13-16 for four days of study with journalism experts. The 62nd annual institute is sponsored by the N.C. Scholastic Media Association and the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Students will attend classes in six areas of mass communication: newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, photojournalism, desktop publishing and television production. Teachers also study any of those areas or gain skills in a class for publications advisers.

Anyone interested in participating in the institute should call Director Kay Phillips at (919) 962-4639.

Derby Days Check Presented at Telethon

Tom Hutchinson, president of the Alpha Tau chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity at UNC-Chapel Hill, presented a \$19,000 check to actor Merlin Olsen on the Children's Miracle Network Telethon last weekend.

The UNC-CH Sigma Chi chapter was selected to present the check because they had raised the most money for the network of any Sigma Chi chapter this year, said Dr. Ron Binder, the director of Greek Affairs.

The Carolina chapter raised the money through its annual Derby Days last fall. Hutchinson appeared on the telethon, which was broadcast live from Orlando from 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 4.

Dance To Celebrate Gay, Lesbian Culture

A smoke-free, alcohol-free Pride Night Dance will be sponsored by the Ruby Slipper Dance Asylum on June 10 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Marriot Hotel in downtown Durham. The group promises a wide range of recorded dance music, with songs selected to reflect gay and lesbian culture of the last few decades.

Dance admission is \$8, with proceeds benefitting both Ruby Slipper Dance Asylum and NC Pride 2000. All ages and orientations are welcome.

Musical Show Includes Famous Final Operetta

The fourth and final Distinguished Artists' program will feature 25 soloists and chorus on the Durham Savohards on Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Senior Center. The performance will include selections from Acts I and II of the recent production of "The Grand Duke," the final operetta written and composed by Gilbert and Sullivan. Admission to the program to benefit the Friends of Chapel Hill Senior Center will be \$7, including refreshments afterwards.

Community Picnic Offers Fun for All Ages

Orange County Family Resource Centers is hosting a Community Picnic to celebrate the end of school at Umstead Park in Chapel Hill on June 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The event will include a chicken lunch, an educational workshop on summer safety, activities for children, as well as a visit from the Chapel Hill Police and Fire Departments, including McGruff the Crime-Fighting Dog and a fire truck for children to explore.

'Tar Heel' Boys' State Gathering at WFU

The 61st session of the American Legion "Tar Heel" Boys' State will be held at Wake Forest University during the week of June 11 through June 17.

Approximately 400 rising high school senior boys are expected to attend. Speakers will include Gov. Jim Hunt, N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and WFU head football coach Jim Caldwell.

Hillsborough Hog Day Welcomes Year 2000

The 18th annual Hillsborough Hog Day will honor the past and celebrate the future with a time capsule to welcome the year 2000. Items representing Hillsborough and Orange County will be buried on the Old Courthouse grounds, and attendees will be asked to share their thoughts about the new century. Thousands will venture to downtown Hillsborough on June 16 and 17 to enjoy live music, vintage cars, arts and crafts, children's entertainment, contests and over three tons of barbecue.

From Staff Reports

Probation Period Ends for UNC Hospitals

Three months after state officials put it on probation, UNC Hospitals has regained its Level I designation.

COURTNEY MABEUS
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Officials with the North Carolina Division of Facility Services reinstated UNC Hospitals' Level I Trauma Center designation Friday, ending three months of state imposed probation after inspectors found shortcomings in the center's

operations. The Trauma Center was placed on probationary status on Feb. 29 pending a revisit and corrective actions, after a December visit by a state review team uncovered problems that carried over from the Trauma Center's review four years earlier.

Problems cited included trauma team response times as well as surgeon over-sight.

Karen Stinneford, public relations manager for UNC Hospitals, said the problems stemmed not from the quality of care the Trauma Center offered, but from inadequate paper trails docu-

menting patient information. "We were providing the care, we're just making a better effort to make sure every 't' is crossed and every 'i' is dotted," Stinneford said.

Sharon Rhyne, hospital program specialist with the facility services division, said officials at the Trauma Center acted quickly upon receiving notice of probation to get the problems fixed.

"They demonstrated a response that I would expect from them and is indicative of how they deliver care," Rhyne said.

Still, state inspectors waited until the hospital treated 100 trauma cases before

returning for re-inspection, an arbitrary number decided upon because it would give the center adequate time to show improvement, Rhyne said.

The probationary period is intended to give hospital officials a heads-up on problems, not to penalize them, Rhyne said.

"I look at it as having a black eye," she said. "They're in this business to take good care of patients. A lot of (hospitals) go through this review to make sure that they are."

The Center's failure to adequately address the problems would have led to revocation of its Level I standing, a des-

ignation that hospitals voluntarily seek. In order to regain its status, officials at the Center would have to go through a lengthy reapplication process, Rhyne said.

UNC Hospitals' Trauma Center is one of nine facilities across the state with Level I designation. Trauma centers are ranked Levels I through III based on the availability of services and specialists on hand.

A Level I facility becomes the destination of choice for patients with the most acute conditions. UNC Hospitals'

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Gore Envisions Gov. Services Online Soon

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RALEIGH - Vice President Al Gore visited N.C. State's Centennial Campus on Monday to tout his vision for an "e-government," where every citizen is just "a couple clicks away" from virtually every government service.

Gore's campaign event in the Research Triangle Park was his second stop of the day. Earlier that morning, Gore delivered the commencement address at Tarboro High School, where he called the seniors "American heroes" for their efforts in cleaning up after the floods that ravaged the region.

Gore's "second American revolution" would place nearly all government services online by the end of 2003.

"The power of government shouldn't be locked away in the nation's capital, but rather, put at your service - no further away than a keyboard," the Democratic presidential contender said.

Gore said his "e-government" would eliminate the red tape that frustrates most Americans.

Government should be "online," he said, "so you don't have to stand in line."

The idea of putting government services on-line is nothing new.

"Every single tool that we need to make this vision a reality already exists," Gore said.

Many states, counties and cities are already incorporating online services. The federal government currently offers some online services, such as electronic tax filing.

But Gore's plan seeks to eliminate the barriers between the different departments and agencies and make them more accessible.

Gore even pitched the idea of a "g-bay," a web site similar to ebay, that could be used to accept bids for government business and to auction off government equipment that is no longer needed.

The importance of the Internet to the Gore strategy was most obvious when Sen. John Edwards referred to the success of Gore's "gore2000.com" web site. In perhaps his most animated moment of the day, a concerned Gore quickly corrected Edwards, stating that the official Gore site is "algor2000.com."

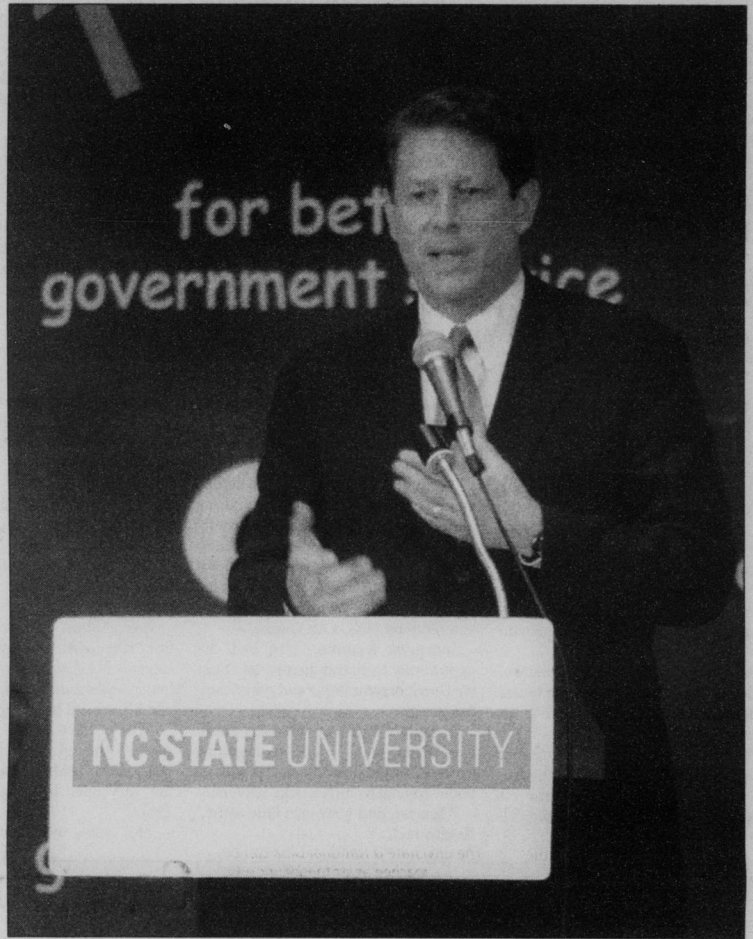
Indeed, the site Edwards mentioned has nothing to do with Gore. Cybersquatters continue to pester Gore and Republican contender George Bush by registering domain names such as "gwbush.com" and "algor2000.org" and using the sites for their own ends.

The Gore campaign uses his interest in technology and the Internet as a strength, but Gore has also been ridiculed for telling CNN last March that he took the initiative in creating the Internet.

The tightly scripted campaign event took place on N.C. State's self-described campus of the future.

Gore was joined by Edwards and Marshall Brain, the CEO of Howstuffworks.com, a site that Brain started at his kitchen table. Brain called his site a "classic Internet success story."

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Vice President Al Gore speaks at N.C. State University on Monday afternoon about using technology to create a responsive "e-government".

Sr. Adviser Always by Gore's Side

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Michael Feldman has a "very patient" girlfriend.

She must feel like most Americans, longing for the November elections and the conclusion of the presidential race.

As Senior Adviser to Vice President Al Gore, Feldman will be spending "every waking hour" with the Vice President and a few others for the next five months.

This particular day, he's in Raleigh's Research Triangle Park for a campaign event Gore is using to lay out his plans for a new "e-government."

He's the only guy in a suit, and there are plenty of them, sitting on the floor. Not that he'll get his suit dirty on the brand new carpet at this well-manicured event. But, as the man known to the media and staffers as the main "behind-the-scenes" figure of the Gore campaign, his floor seat in the back amidst the media seems fitting.

As Gore rambles on about the future to the crowd of a couple hundred, neither Feldman nor the media seem to pay attention to Gore.

There's no need to listen. Gore's speech was passed out to the press before he started speaking. And while the journalists use Gore's speech as an opportunity to talk on

their cell phones, the speech represents a breather to Feldman - the only time in the day he can take a break, knowing full well that Gore will tightly follow the script.

Feldman explains his job is to "get the Vice President's head in the game of what he's doing today."

And sure enough, this show goes off without a hitch.

"(Feldman) quietly is one of the most influential people on not only what we're doing day in and day out, but providing the Vice President with a level of confidence," says David Morehouse, Senior Counsellor and Trip Director for the

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Morehead Debuts New Show

"Extreme Weather" will first show June 12 at Morehead Planetarium. It was written by a WRAL meteorologist.

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During the past 12 months North Carolina has experienced floods, heat waves and record snowfalls. Now, hurricane season is officially underway, and with it, a week of "Extreme Weather" at Morehead Planetarium.

"Extreme Weather," a new planetarium presentation, will premiere at the facilities' Star Theater on Monday, June 12.

Organizers plan to celebrate the premier through Thursday evening by bringing in a different weather expert each night to speak before each show.

Austin Giles, producer of "Extreme e Weather," said the show developed in part because of the extreme recent weather in the state.

"People are curious about the weather," Giles said. "People have had questions. The last decade has been the

warmest on record." The show, which was written and prepared by planetarium staff and narrated by WRAL-TV meteorologist Greg Fishel, compares and contrasts the Earth's ever-changing weather systems with climates on other planets.

Giles said the inclusion of other planets in the show provides full-scale models of different weather systems and offers a perspective that people may not often consider.

"There is a lot we can learn about weather from other planets," he said.

Carrie Anne Spinelli, public relations coordinator for the planetarium, pointed to the show's educational content, citing the planetarium's popularity as a school field-trip and family destination.

"Weather is such a large part of curriculum nowadays," Spinelli said. "We do keep in mind what is being taught."

Though organizers said that the timing of hurricane season and the show's

premiere are merely coincidental, they gave the show a good forecast.

"I hope people will come away with a greater knowledge of the causes of weather and an appreciation of how intricate and spectacular nature can be," Giles said.

Monday's events are free and will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m.. The evening will also feature Fishel's live weather broadcast at 6:15 p.m. followed by his talk on weather reporting. "Extreme Weather" will begin at 7 p.m.

The rest of the weeks' talks are free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the theater. "Extreme Weather" will follow the talks at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, students and adults.

For more information, contact the planetarium at 962-1236.

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NC State, Duke Enact Retooled Ticket Plan

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Duke University and N.C. State University have developed a new policy for basketball ticket-holders next year.

Duke has enacted a new four-tier pricing structure for non-student ticket-holders, while N.C. State has created a random distribution for students wanting to attend the popular Duke and UNC games.

Beginning next fall, Duke will price its non-student tickets in four different ranges based on seating location at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Ticket prices will range between \$23 and \$50 per game. Previously all seats were priced the same.

Jon Jackson, sports information director at Duke, said the change in policy was to raise more money for Duke athletics in general. Jackson said, "This change brings as minimal disruption of the seats as possible."

Joe Geer, a Duke season ticket holder, said he feels the change was headed in the right direction because it would

help increase funding for athletics. "The section I'm in didn't increase (in price)," Geer added. "I think it will open up opportunities for people to upgrade their seating. There really are no bad seats in Cameron though."

UNC's tickets for non-students were \$26 per game last year, regardless of where the seats were in the Dean E. Smith Center. The ticket office at UNC has not yet decided a price for seats next season.

No changes were made with Duke's free 2,500 student tickets, but N.C. State will begin a new student ticket policy next year.

The 30-year tradition of camping-out for tickets ended last February with the camp-out for tickets to the game against UNC. Due to trash, drinking and other related problems, administration cancelled camp-outs as the means of ticket distribution for students.

N.C. State students will now receive tickets for the Duke and UNC games by standing in line at the ticket office on

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