



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Horne Steps Down as Stone Center Director

Dr. Gerald Horne, who has served as director of the UNC's Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center since 1996, is stepping down to focus on his research. Horne has resigned his posts as director of the Stone center and the Institute of African-American Research, effective June 30, said Dr. Richard J. Richardson, university provost. Horne, who has been in Hong Kong as a Fulbright Scholar this past year, has requested an additional year of leave to continue his research, Richardson said. That request will be forwarded for final approval by the UNC Board of Trustees in July. Horne is scheduled to return to UNC in July 2001 as a tenured professor in the department of communication studies with joint appointments in both the departments of African-American studies and history. Harry Amana, a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will continue as interim director of the Stone center and will be recommended by Richardson to continue serving as interim director of the institute. He held both titles this past academic year while Horne has been in Hong Kong.

Cause of Viral Infection At School Discovered

A Norwalk-like virus caused the large outbreak of viral illness in late May at Elizabeth Seawell Elementary School in Chapel Hill, UNC scientists say. Some 150 children, teachers and staff took sick. "We were invited by the general communicable disease control section of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' epidemiology division to assist with the outbreak investigation," said Dr. Christine Moe, assistant professor of epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health. Moe said, "Our laboratory staff, manager Lisa Lindesmith and technician Erin-Joi Collins McNeal, worked with the Orange County communicable disease nurse, Judy Butler, to coordinate collection and testing of specimens from affected children and adults." Two graduate students, Fanchen Tseng and Phuong-Thao Thi Vo, collected specimens from affected children. Both lab staff and students tested them. Preliminary results indicated that a Norwalk-like virus caused the outbreak in most of the specimens.

Dental Scholarship Honors Family Friend

Mike and Julie Simmons of Charlotte have established a \$20,000 scholarship fund with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the UNC School of Dentistry in honor of family friend and orthodontist Dr. Michael A. "Mickey" Webb. The Dr. Michael A. "Mickey" Webb Scholarship fund will provide support to doctor of dental surgery students at the UNC school. Selection of the annual scholarship recipients will be based on academic performance and financial need. Webb, who earned his D.D.S. from UNC and received his specialty training in orthodontics from St. Louis University, has worked for 19 years in Charlotte and helped many children improve their oral health.

UNC Jazz Band Thanks Donors with Concert

Student jazz musicians from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will perform with and learn from the best in the business at three upcoming European jazz festivals, courtesy of local donors. To thank individuals and university departments that contributed more than \$35,000 for the trip, and to entertain folks who won't accompany them abroad, the UNC Jazz Band will perform their European repertoire locally on July 6. The free "Europe Send-Off Concert" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 107 Hill Hall, the night before the 24 students begin Carolina's first foray into European summer festivals.

Two Volunteer Jobs Open at IFC Shelter

The Community House of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service desperately needs volunteers. Two positions are immediately open. Receptionist needed to answer phones, greet guests, volunteers and visitors for three hours a week. Evening volunteer needed to help the House coordinator by getting to know the guests, responding to guest needs and acting as a monitor for House meetings, meals and activities. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Rosetta Wash at 967-0643 or email her at rosetwash@bellsouth.net.

From Staff Reports

New Hillel House Set to Open in Fall

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Staff Writer

This fall there will be at least one addition to campus - the new Hillel building.

Hillel is an on-campus organization that serves Jewish students and faculty members.

The new Hillel building is being constructed on the site of the former center. The old structure, which was built in 1951, served the Jewish community on campus for 48 years. It was demolished in late 1999.

The newly reconstructed Hillel will open sometime this fall.

Kes Spilker, the program director for the organization, said the construction is on schedule thus far, but a completion date on the new Hillel community center is not yet set.

"You never know what will happen, but as far as an opening ceremony, that probably will not occur until September," Spilker said. "Everything is going so smoothly. We keep waiting for something to happen, but it hasn't. It's very exciting."

The new building will be host to several new amenities that the old structure lacked. The two-story building will feature two sanctuaries for worship, a recreation room, a kitchen with separate quarters for meat and dairy products, a courtyard and a balcony.

The separate kitchen quarters are important in the Jewish community to maintain kashrut, or dietary laws. The former Hillel structure lacked these divisions, making it difficult to maintain customary Jewish dietary restrictions.

Kim Garbiner, president of the student board at Hillel, said the new building will be a place where students can study and worship comfortably.

"Students will know there is some

place for them to go to study and worship," Garbiner said. "There will be a library in the new building so people can study in peace there."

Garbiner also said with two sanctuaries, Hillel will be able to accommodate members from the many different sects of Judaism.

"Most students on campus are either conservative or reform," she said. "So we cater to the needs of the students."

On Friday nights, the Hillel will hold both conservative and reform services. Although the services are separated, the members of both congregations come together before and after services.

UNC's Hillel organization is the largest in the state. More than 700 Jewish students, as well as community members gather at the organization. On any Friday night, an average of 40 students attend worship ceremonies there.

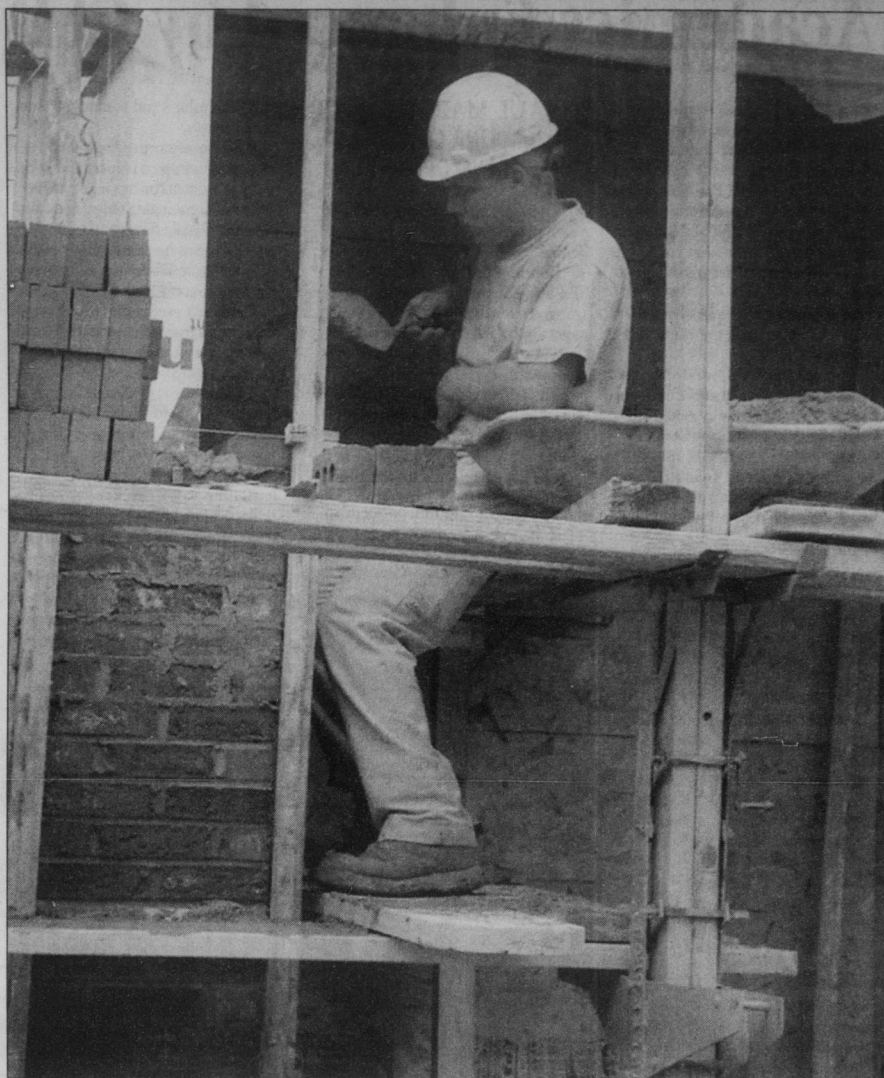
With its increasing size, the organization outgrew its former building, Spilker said. The old building could not meet the demands of today's Hillel group.

"We would hold programs with more than a hundred people attending, with space for only one hundred," she said. "There wasn't enough room to accommodate everyone."

The new Hillel building will have dining space for 150 people and will offer more office space. In addition to the overcrowding of student members, the Hillel building was running out of room for its staff, organizers said.

Construction of the new building is being funded by private donations. Thus far, the organization has raised more than \$2.17 million, though they said they hoped to raise \$3.6 million for both the construction of the new building as well as an endowment.

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Construction on the new Hillel building, a Jewish student center for worship, study and recreation, will be completed in the fall on the same site as the previous building at 210 W. Cameron Ave.

A New Face to Fill Hunt's Shoes

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City/State & National Editor

In November of this year, North Carolina will elect a new governor, but for the first time in eight years, it will not be Jim Hunt.

Already governor for two consecutive terms from 1977 to 1985 and currently in his second of two more consecutive terms, the Democratic Hunt has fulfilled his duties to the state and become a familiar face to North Carolinians.

In Gov. Hunt's administration, improving education in the state was the centerpiece.

"Education is our future - it's everything," Hunt says on his Web site. "We must start with the basics

for every child: quality early childhood education, a safe school, a good teacher, and an opportunity for higher education. We must not settle for anything short of excellence in our schools."

To carry on Hunt's legacy, two candidates have emerged from the pack after winning their respective primaries on May 2.

N.C. Attorney General Mike Easley won the Democratic primary over Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker 59 percent to 36 percent. In the Republican primary, former mayor of Charlotte Richard Vinroot won the nomination with 45 percent of the vote over opponents Leo Daughtry and Chuck Neely.

Easley and Vinroot carry very different platforms and have yet to debate, although a propos-

al is in the works to set up a series of televised debates before the upcoming election.

A recent poll conducted by Research 2000, had Easley leading Vinroot 47 percent to 35 percent, with 18 percent undecided. The poll of 405 likely voters was conducted June 2-4, with a margin of error of plus or minus five percent.

In order to acquaint our readers with the two remaining candidates for governor and the issues important to the state of North Carolina, below are the profiles and platforms of Mike Easley and Richard Vinroot.

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Easley Platform Focuses on Schools, State Lottery

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When some people think about politicians, they see somber faces giving speeches.

But Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike Easley has another side, said Matt Burgess, Easley's campaign spokesman.

"He's really a laid-back, funny guy," Burgess said. "Not a lot of people expect politicians to be like that." Burgess said Easley, currently N.C. attorney general, wanted to lower class size in public schools, strengthen environmental laws and start a state lottery.

He said Easley also planned to continue his fight for consumer rights by cracking down on "predatory lending," offering loans to the poor and then charging high interest rates

exceeding 30 percent.

Burgess also said Easley planned to clean up "hog lagoons," pools containing exposed hog farm waste.

He said Easley supported the death penalty but wanted every case scrutinized for possible racial bias.

An N.C. native from Nash County, Easley is a 1972 UNC graduate with a B.A. in political science. He received his law degree from North Carolina Central University in 1976. In 1982, Easley became one of the youngest N.C. district attorneys in history at the age of 31. He was elected N.C. attorney general in 1992.

During his tenure as attorney general, Easley paid special attention to crime prevention, tobacco issues and

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Vinroot Shifts to Right in Second Gubernatorial Bid

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A former UNC class president who played varsity basketball under the guidance of Dean Smith is again trying his hand at the game of state politics.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Vinroot, a former Morehead Scholar and mayor of Charlotte from 1991 to 1995, is preparing his second attempt to move into the N.C. governor's mansion, after having run unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination in 1996.

Ted Arrington, a professor of political science at UNC-Charlotte, said the 1996 loss prompted Vinroot to abandon his moderate Republican

roots.

But Chris Neeley, Vinroot's campaign manager, said Vinroot was consistent in his political activities. He said Vinroot wanted to re-prioritize the state's goals and weaken the control that government exercised on people's lives.

"He wants to contain the growth of government in North Carolina," Neeley said. "He wants to implement a tax-payer protection act to limit government spending."

Neeley said Vinroot believed in putting money toward road and highway improvement and public education.

He said Vinroot wanted teachers to be paid according to performance, not tenure.

"He wants to create competition in N.C. public schools," Neeley said.

Arrington said Vinroot's history as

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Plans for New Park Under Way in Carrboro

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What is now a field of overgrown grass and vacant old houses will eventually become Carrboro's seventh park, as the town recently purchased land located near the intersection Hillsborough and Dove roads.

The Hillsborough Road Park Design Committee will recommend next week which company will develop the land into the new park.

The town purchased the nearly 10-acre plot of land from a private landowner for roughly \$500,000, and elected the committee to recommend what design firm will oversee its development.

Carol Rosemond, acting director of

the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, said the department looked forward to providing the community another facility.

"We're looking forward to developing the new park for the community, although it's still further down the road," she said.

Rosemond said that next phase of making the community park a reality was deciding which design firm would develop the land.

Comprised of two Board of Aldermen, two Recreation Department commissioners and two private citizens, the Hillsborough Road Park Design Committee will recommend to the Board of Aldermen which firm will design the park.

Alderman Mark Dorosin, a member

of the committee, said the group intended to maintain a hands-off approach in directing the development of the park.

"We're trying to keep as open minded as possible because we're trying to keep suggestions as much open to the community as possible," he said.

Rosemond said the Hillsborough Road location will be a "community park," which generally has a larger acreage and offers more facilities than the "neighborhood parks" and serves a larger population base.

The committee will offer Carrboro citizens input on the park via public hearings, a fact that all design firms vying for the contract understood before applying for the job, said Dorosin.

Although the town is open to community input, Dorosin said that the

Hillsborough Road land is generally flat and has a pond, which will make some suggested changes impossible.

"These kinds of things citizens should take into consideration, but within those parameters, the possibilities are wide open," Dorosin said.

Once developed, the land will become Carrboro's first new park in 20 years. Carrboro currently has six parks.

Town Manager Robert Morgan said he expects for the committee to present their recommendation for approval at the Board of Aldermen meeting next week. Following approval, Morgan said public hearings will be held and a budget for the park will be established.

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Campers Descend Upon UNC

During the summer months, UNC becomes the home to many camps ranging from sports to academics.

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Incoming freshmen attending C-TOPS and summer school students are not the only people that can be seen roaming around the University's campus during the summer.

Hundreds of students and adults will storm campus to attend camps ranging from basketball to writing.

Campers began to appear on campus in early June when the first of many different sessions started.

Individual sports camps are run by the respective coaches in the sport and feature training sessions, games and special guests who are brought in to speak to campers. The camps have no direct affiliation with the University, and the coaches in charge of the camps must pay for the use of facilities.

Campers will also have the luxury of living in residence halls on campus. Virtually every campus residence hall will be used to accommodate the needs of campers, student or adult, moving on and off campus throughout the summer, said Rebecca Casey, assistant director of conference services and marketing.

The 39th annual UNC men's basketball camp provides lodging for its campers in Granville Towers. The camp is divided into three one-week sessions and hosts more than 1,800 young men.

The University will also host sports camps in both men's and women's golf, field hockey, lacrosse, rowing, baseball, cheerleading, softball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, wrestling and volleyball.

Most of the camps feature fundamental training sessions, game competitions and special guests.

UNC basketball coach Bill Guthridge said his camp not only provides children with the opportunity to be instructed in basketball but also helps lift a child's self-esteem.

"Our No. 1 goal is for the kids to feel better about themselves and about their self-image," he said.

Children in each camp are instructed by UNC coaches and by coaches from around North Carolina. Guthridge said his camp employs several high school basketball coaches from around the state.

Special guests, such as professional athletes, are brought in to speak to the

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