



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Reckford to Speak at Wizard of Oz Festival

With all the hoopla surrounding publication of the newest Harry Potter book, it is easy to overlook what's been called America's most distinctive contribution to the world literature of fairy tales -- "The Wizard of Oz."

Written by Frank Baum and published in 1900, the novel turns 100 this year. Scholars and fans will gather in Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to celebrate the remarkable work, its many sequels and its author.

Among them will be Dr. Kenneth J. Reckford, professor of classics at UNC. An ardent fan since age 6 and now a well-known scholar, Reckford teaches Greek and Latin but studies the Oz books as a hobby.

Reckford will present a talk titled "Childish or Childlike? The Emerald City of Oz" Friday at the Indiana University Memorial Union. The talk will cover the sixth of 14 Oz books Baum wrote before his death in 1919.

Scholarship Established Honoring Bumgardner

When Michael Ray Bumgardner died of cancer last April at age 52, he left a void in the lives of those who knew him. But thanks to those people, he has left a legacy as well.

To honor Bumgardner and reward outstanding college students, his friends are establishing a scholarship in his name in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC. They hope to raise \$10,000 to endow the scholarship in time for the first scholar to be named in April 2002.

Bumgardner worked most recently in corporate communications at Florida Power & Light Co. He earned a bachelor's degree in radio, television and motion pictures from UNC in 1970. He had also worked in radio news and in corporate communications at Duke Power Co.

For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Jennifer Lamb, assistant dean for development and alumni affairs, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Campus Box 3365, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-3365; 919-962-9467; jclamb@email.unc.edu.

Planetarium to Co-host Meteor Shower Night

UNC's Morehead Planetarium will co-host an observing session for the Perseid meteor shower Saturday, Aug. 12, at 4 a.m. Also sponsoring the session is the Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observation Society. The outdoor observing session, free and open to the public, will be held at the Ebenezer Church Recreation Area at Jordan Lake, located off N.C. 1008. From 4 a.m. until 5:30 a.m.

Every August the Perseid Meteors excite the summer night sky. Visible this year from Aug. 11-12, the meteor shower peaks during the pre-dawn hours of the 12th. Observers may be treated to as many as 50 meteors per hour. The gated Ebenezer Church Recreation Area will be open for this observation. Telescopes will be available for use.

For tips about observing meteor showers and for directions to the recreation area, visit www.morehead.unc.edu or call 919-962-1236.

Local Artists Displaying Works at Town Hall

Several local artists are displaying their works through Aug. 3 at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 306 N. Columbia St. The Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission is presenting the exhibition which includes portraits by John C. Henry, watercolor and oil landscapes by Elizabeth Reeves Lyon and sculptures made from recycled materials by Jane Filer, Bryant Holsenbeck, Gordon Jameson, Mike Roig, Callie Warner and Jeff Menzer. Admission is free and open during business hours.

Local Protest to Decry Unjust Child Support

Because of their belief that there is a great likelihood of child support data errors and other unfair practices, The American Coalition for Fathers and Children will sponsor and coordinate a nationwide peaceful protest decrying the unjust practices of child support collection agencies across the country to occur at local agencies on August 8.

Locally, the protest will be held at 12 noon at the Chapel Hill Court House/Post Office. Anyone needing more information about the local area protest can contact the coordinator at 942-0728.

From Staff Reports

Public Safety to Undergo Review Process

A three-person team will assess the Department of Public Safety following five years of accreditation.

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Staff Writer

The Department of Public Safety is preparing to undergo its first review since becoming the state's first nationally accredited campus police department five years ago.

In August a three-person team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement

Agencies, Inc. will spend a week in Chapel Hill reviewing the department's policies, procedures, operations, management and services.

Jeff McCracken, deputy director for the department, described the process as "an independent outside evaluation of policies and procedures" that provides "a professional stamp of approval."

Assessors will review written materials, conduct interviews and visit offices and other places.

The accreditation lasts three years, during which the department must submit annual reports attesting to its compliance with CALEA regulations.

As part of the evaluation, assessors will hold a public information session

Monday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Friday Center and take comments by telephone from 8:30 a.m. to noon that day at 843-6438.

Capt. Ollie Bowler, UNC's accreditation program manager, said the assessment team consists of law enforcement personnel from similar agencies in other states.

To be re-accredited, the department must comply with 439 regulations covering areas from record keeping to vehicle and equipment standards.

"Being accredited is not an easy thing," McCracen said. "It takes a lot of work."

Soon after receiving its initial accreditation, the department's accreditation

office became disorganized and for about three years files were not kept properly.

Officials said they have been rectifying problems for the past year.

McCracken said the primary problem was with people not filing proofs of compliance to show that the department had met CALEA standards. He noted that failure to file proofs does not necessarily indicate noncompliance.

The CALEA accreditation program is strictly voluntary, but department officials said a positive review is beneficial.

"Being accredited garners public confidence and is a source of pride for members of this department," said University Police Chief Derek Poarch.

McCracken said being nationally accredited was also helpful in recruiting new officers because it guarantees the department's quality and ensures certain benefits officers receive. He cited as an example the CALEA requirement to provide all officers with bullet-proof vests.

According to CALEA officials, accreditation can also help departments receive grant money and insurance.

McCracken said the department is still preparing for the review.

"We're still making sure we have everything ready to go," he said.

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Towns Recognized As Tree Cities USA

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According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Chapel Hill and Carrboro sure do love their trees.

For the first time, the foundation named Chapel Hill a "Tree City USA," one of 48 cities in North Carolina to receive the designation this year. The neighboring town of Carrboro was also recognized for the 16th consecutive year.

Emily Cameron, a landscape architect for the N.C. Public Works Department, said she thinks the award is good for the towns because they deserve to be recognized for what it does to take care of its forestry.

A city must meet four criteria to be eligible for the "Tree City USA" award. It must have a tree ordinance, which can only be granted by a special request from the state legislature. A city must also spend two dollars per capita on trees and tree maintenance.

Third, a city has to have a tree board, commission, or person on staff to take care of the city's trees. The final requirement is that the city must hold an annual Arbor Day ceremony.

For its first time receiving the award, Chapel Hill surprisingly went above and beyond the minimal requirements, spending \$2.43, instead of \$2, per capita on trees, which includes the 24,000 University students.

In the fall, an event to celebrate the award will occur and the town will receive a plaque, flag, and metal signs to officially acknowledge Chapel Hill's designation as a "Tree City USA."

Carrboro celebrated their recognition at McDougle Elementary School on

National Arbor Day in March. The event included town officials, school children and even Smokey the Bear.

Virginia Russell, the Urban Forestry Program coordinator for Chapel Hill, said that each city must apply to the National Arbor Day Foundation annually to receive the award. She said she thought Chapel Hill had deserved the award for a while, but did not apply until this year.

"This is too exciting for words," Russell said when asked how she felt about the award. "Chapel Hill is a special place. The celebration this fall should be an incredible event -- a one full of pride for the city."

This year alone, the town of Chapel Hill spent \$105,852 on trees. Russell said the financial commitment the town continually makes was evidence that Chapel Hill cares about its trees.

Curtis Brooks, the director of forestry for the Public Works Department, has made many efforts to preserve and maintain trees around town, Russell said, and deserves recognition for his efforts that have enabled the city to get the "Tree City USA" designation.

Along with Chapel Hill and Carrboro, the Triangle cities of Raleigh, Durham and Cary also received the award. Cameron said several more cities around the area could meet some of the expectations and potentially be eligible for the "Tree City USA" designation next year.

At that time, Chapel Hill and Carrboro, along with other cities in the state, will have to reapply for the designation, but until then, the town will be considered a "Tree City USA."

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Smokey the Bear looks on as McDougle Elementary School students plant a tree during a March Arbor Day event in which Carrboro was re-named a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Students to Promote Trust, Friendship

Four UNC students are participating in a month long conference to foster ties with Japanese students.

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Four students from UNC, along with 28 other American university students and 32 students from Japan have just completed a five-day stay in Hawaii, kicking off the 52nd annual Japan-America Student Conference.

This year's conference is a month-long event, running from July 21 to August 21, and will span five cities in the U.S. American students received their basic pre-conference orientation at Tokai University in Honolulu.

Mital Gondha, a senior in international studies at UNC, said she was

excited about taking part in this year's JASC.

"It means so much to me to be in the conference," she said. "I've taken Japanese, and being able to use it in a conference where 32 people speak it fluently is a great opportunity."

Gondha added that the conference became intense at times, though.

"We went to Pearl Harbor and had a very emotional discussion about the issue," she said. "We learned how differently each country approaches (Pearl Harbor) in schools."

Dustin Garris, a junior in the business school, agreed that some moments were awkward.

"It was a little strange visiting Pearl

Harbor, but it wasn't that bad," Garris said. "There were some uneasy feelings, but for the most part, the tour of the harbor was very objective."

Attendees of the conference met with the Consulate General of Japan and alumni of the conference while in Hawaii.

The trip gives participants the opportunity to travel to a range of conference venues, presentation of papers, community service projects, and the exchange of societal values.

In order to participate in the conference students were required to write a research paper. The papers are used in round table discussions where topics range from business practices to cultural differences.

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UNC senior

On August 19, the students will report findings from their discussions at Harvard University.

The conference, which is in its 52nd year, is dedicated to "promoting mutual understanding, friendship and trust" between students in Japan and America. It began in 1934, with a small group of Japanese students. The students were concerned over the deteriorating relationship between the two nations.

In 1935, American students hosted the second JASC in Oregon. The tradition of holding an annual conference in alternating host countries was created.

The conference was halted from 1941-47 because of World War II.

UNC will host the second the second part of the tour July 28-Aug. 5.

The conference will end in Boston on Aug. 21.

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Lenoir to Compost Food Waste

UNC officials have signed a contract that will allow for waste from Lenoir Dining Hall to be composted.

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Thanks to an agreement between the University and an independent contractor, waste from UNC's largest cafeteria will be headed for the compost heap rather than a community landfill.

A one-year contract between UNC and Brooks Contractors of Goldston outlines an agreement under which officials will remove leftover food and other waste from Lenoir Dining Hall and convert it to environmentally beneficial organic compost.

Unfortunately, not all of the waste produced by Lenoir is organic and therefore cannot be used as compost material, said John Craig, a representative for Brooks Contractors.

Certain items will be separated in the composting process. While organic items consumed in Lenoir such as food, wax paper, napkins, paper plates and cups will be diverted to the composting process. Items like straws and plastic cutlery will go to a landfill, Craig said.

Craig also noted that although his company will be servicing only one cafeteria, waste output from Lenoir is significant in large part due to the enormous amount of wasted food.

"Rough estimates put waste from the dining hall at more than 200 tons per year," Craig said.

As outlined in the contract, Brooks Contractors will be removing waste

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ALE Has Slow Summer, Preparing for Fall

COURTNEY MABEUS
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When agents with the N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement moved into a makeshift field office on Franklin Street earlier this year, a wave of terror swept over underage bar-goers.

But when throngs of students left Chapel Hill and the University in May, ALE agents were still at play.

Despite down time because of the fewer number of students over the summer months, officials with ALE have been busy preparing for the fall semester, said assistant ALE supervisor, Ken Pike.

"A lot of what we've done is to get people trained," Pike said. "We're just kind of laying the groundwork. A lot of what we've done will be targeted when there are high volume sales."

With the introduction of training programs such as "Be A Responsible Server," a class aimed at local bartenders, bar owners and off-premise locations, such as convenience stores, Pike said local officials can help take a proactive stance in cracking down on underage alcohol violators.

"It's an ongoing partnership," he said. "There's a lot we can do. Law enforcement can't do it all."

Still, the presence of ALE in local establishments has been felt by local bar owners, employees and some students who decided to press their luck.

Ben Pierce, a bouncer at He's Not Here, said he has seen ALE agents a few times over the summer, but the bar has gone untouched.

"You hear of some people getting caught in grocery stores and stuff," Pierce said. "That happened to a friend

of mine."

Mark Burnett, owner of He's Not Here, runs an infamous "Wall of Shame," where underage violators gain the unlucky recognition of having their false IDs posted permanently. Burnett said he had seen ALE agents on four or five occasions over the summer.

"We haven't had any problems," he said. "No tickets. That's great."

At one point, six agents entered Burnett's bar and stayed for about a half-hour.

"They must have checked everyone in the bar," he said.

Since ALE agents moved in four months ago, agents have made 71 arrests for underage possession, false identification and a variety of other offenses. Three arrests were made for sales to minors, Pike said.

In April, Pike spearheaded a collabo-

ration between ALE agents and Chapel Hill police officers dubbed "Operation Saturation," during which officials issued 51 citations for a variety of alcohol violations. Thirty-two of these led to arrests.

While the summer months have been slower, Pike said the downtime has been welcome.

"(ALE) has done a couple of small enforcement efforts to get a feel of where we need to be when we school comes back," he said.

Students with fake IDs beware, Pike warned that ALE is here to stay, adding that its future effectiveness lies in the agency's presence.

He said, "Having a presence in the bars is one way to send a message to those that ALE is present."

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