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Student Stores' Pricing Policy Draws Scrutiny

By **BLAKE ROSSER**
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While flipping through the statistics textbook that he bought from Student Stores last week, senior Marcus Carden noticed that the new text had scribbles in it.

After being offered a refund of the difference between the new and used prices, Carden declined, wanting instead an explanation of why an apparently used book was being sold at a new price.

Student Stores Director John Jones and Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services, have offered a few

possible reasons for such a fluke.

"It is possible that there could have been a mix-up at the publisher's factory," Elfland said. "Or it could have been that someone bought the book and returned it as a new book."

One more explanation is that Student Stores simply does not have the manpower to guarantee accurate pricing of every one of its books, Jones said.

"We have tens of thousands of books," he said. "It would take one person 10 or 15 minutes to go through each book, and, when you add it up, it would just take a huge number of people."

Jones said the matter was being blown out of proportion. He said such mix-ups are rare and that Student Stores already has a policy in place to deal with them.

But Carden believes the scenario is more common than Student Stores officials are letting on. "(When I discovered the error) I wanted an explanation," he said. "(Jones) made it seem to me like it was a one-time thing, but I found another book exactly like the first one with the same problem."

Carden claimed that he is not pushing the issue solely for personal reasons. "I'm more concerned for the rest of the

student population," he said. "There are students out there who are trying to be self-sufficient, and this is money they could be using for food."

Carden is meeting with Elfland today and said he hopes to attain not only a refund but also an apology and a promise to try to rectify the situation in the future.

None of the students interviewed on campus Monday had experienced problems with their new textbooks appearing to be used. But several expressed concern when informed of the matter.

Ben Silverberg, a sophomore from New London, Conn., understands some

possible sources of the problem but thinks it is unjust nonetheless.

"Anyone who goes in there knows that they're always moving merchandise (which could damage the new books), but even so, it's not fair to us," he said.

Jones said he is regretful that the problem occurs but acknowledges that the problem is out of Student Stores' hands. He said, "All we can do is offer to refund their money when they realize our mistake."

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Woods Pulls Out Of Race

Michael Woods had hoped to reach out to students who were cynical toward UNC's student government.

By **KAREY WUTKOWSKI**
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While no one has officially declared their candidacy for student body president, former Student Body Secretary Michael Woods already has pulled out of the race, citing personal reasons unrelated to student government.

"It was outside factors that have nothing to do with Chapel Hill," said Woods, who is a sophomore. "From April to April, I can't say that I'll be completely focused."

Woods resigned from his post as student body secretary in November with intentions of running for student body president. He said he decided to run in an attempt to make student government more responsive to a student body that often views the organization with cynicism.

"The thought process started at the point when it became clear what the field was looking like this year," Woods said. "I was looking for who was going to address the issues that I think need to be addressed."

In the last few months, Woods has been laying the groundwork for his campaign by building a team of advisers. "I had really experienced a lot more support and a lot more enthusiasm than what we thought," he said.

But while Woods was encouraged by the positive feedback, he said he didn't want to show disrespect to the people working on his campaign by not dedicating his full efforts to the presidency.

"The competitor in me would like to take this show on the road," Woods said. "I think we would definitely have surprised a lot of people. But the worst thing would have been to have won and not do all that I'm capable of."

Woods also said his resignation does not represent a disillusionment with student government. "I do not have a diminished interest or belief in student government," he said.

But he said he will remain an observer for the rest of the election race. "As for me, I'm going to vote," Woods said. "But that might be the only definite thing to expect."

Woods' campaign manager, sophomore Fred Hashagen, will continue his involvement with the race by moving his support to another candidate, junior Eric Johnson. "(Johnson) is the type of

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Former Student Body Secretary **Michael Woods** resigned in November to prepare his SBP campaign.

Town Celebrates King's Life, Legacy



DTH/CHRISTINA BAUR

Activists march down Franklin Street on Monday in a parade commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Before the march a rally was held in front of the post office and featured speakers from the NAACP.

Rally Takes Aim At Minority Issues

By **SUSAN HALL**
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A cloth-and-wire white dove hovered over a crowd of nearly 100 people as it made its way down Franklin Street on Monday, with participants chanting and singing "We Shall Overcome" as part of a rally and march honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The dove, funded by the Orange County Peace Action Coalition, a civil rights activist group, was designed as a symbol of peace to the marchers who gathered to commemorate King's birthday.

The festivities, sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Southern Orange County Black Caucus and the Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition, started with a rally at 10 a.m. in front of the Franklin Street post office, followed by a march to the First Baptist Church at 106 N. Roberson St. for a fellowship gathering at 1 p.m.

The day's events also included an NAACP membership drive and voter registration at the First Baptist Church.

The rally began with the harmonies of the Faith Tabernacle Youth Choir, after which storytellers, poets, NAACP members, Million Mom March members and Peace Action Coalition members, holding megaphones, stood on the post office steps and addressed issues facing minorities.

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Professor Shares Inside View of MLK

By **PAIGE AMMONS**
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While most portrayals of Martin Luther King Jr. usually offer distanced accounts of his accomplishments, a UNC professor is able to share a depiction of a man he called a friend.

To commemorate the life and legacy of King, UNC journalism Professor Chuck Stone presented the lecture "Remembering Martin ... A Dear Friend" to members of the Chapel Hill Historical Society on Monday. He offered a personal account of his experiences with King by sharing stories and

relating King's vision to today's society.

As a journalist for various black newspapers and a White House correspondent during the civil rights movement, Stone often had interaction with King.

As a friend, Stone was impressed with King's genuine determination to help others. Stone said King's thoughts about how he wanted to be eulogized were indicative of King's virtues.

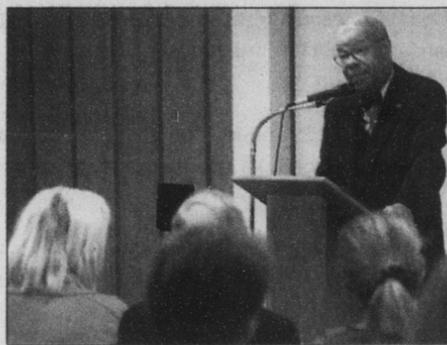
"I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others," Stone quoted King. "I'd like somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody."

In his fourth year of presenting the program, Stone emphasized four themes in his speech - to remember King, to honor his accomplishments, to rejoice in his legacy and to overcome his absence.

Stone attempted to dispel King's idealist reputation, which he felt was most evident in the "I Have a Dream" speech. "The media inundates us with Martin's dream sequence because dreams are harmless, but Martin was a man of action," he said.

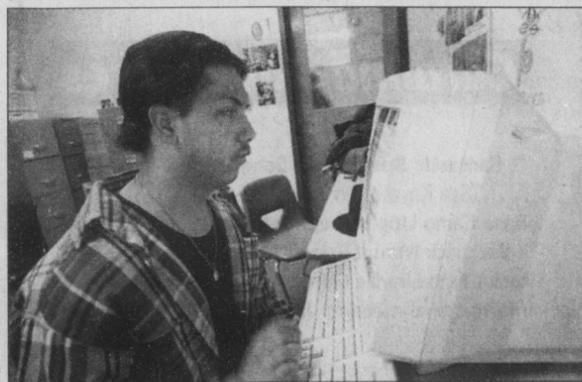
After the speech, an audience member asked Stone to discuss the topic of current

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DTH/CHRISTINE NGUYEN

UNC Professor Chuck Stone reflects on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. at the Chapel Hill Historical Society.



DTH/MIKE MESSIER

Chapel Hill High School sophomore Francisco surfs the Internet during class. His eyesight was restored after surgery in November.

New Vision Gives Student New Perspective

By **LAUREN RITTER**
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After undergoing state-of-the-art surgery to restore his sight in November, a Chapel Hill High School sophomore is now seeing well and reading his own homework.

Six years ago, Francisco was living in Mexico with his family when he picked up a bottle floating by in the river. He opened the bottle, which exploded in his face because it was full of sulfuric acid. The near-fatal explosion severely damaged his corneas, blinding him.

Francisco remained blind until he met Dr. Ming Wang, one of the few peo-

ple in the United States able to perform the surgery that would enable Francisco to see again.

Francisco, his mother and his teacher, Carole Klein, traveled to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., where Wang works, and where Wang completed a series of eight surgeries to repair one of Francisco's damaged eyes.

Today, Francisco, whose last name is withheld for privacy reasons, has his vision back in his right eye. His distance vision is 20/40. "Francisco is doing wonderfully well," Wang said. "After all these surgeries, he's finally seeing 20/25 and his eye is crystal clear."

Francisco, who can read a computer

now without having to put his face up against the screen, also is happy with his surgery. "Now I can see better and see how (people) look," he said. "I feel happy because I can see better."

The surgery should allow Francisco to see permanently. "The stem cells (that guard the cornea from scar tissue) are alive and well and will maintain his vision for the rest of his life," Wang said.

But the road to vision was not without its hurdles. Francisco and his family were not able to pay for the last surgery after the funding source for the other operations had to pull out. The operation cost \$11,000, even after Wang waived his fees. That is when the stu-

dents and teachers at CHHS got together and helped raise the money Francisco needed, starting Funds for Francisco.

The CHHS students raised money by sending letters to family and friends and organizing fund-raising clubs.

Others also got involved, including some UNC students who donated more than \$300 to help Francisco, and the Knights of Columbus, which donated \$2,500. "I read the story in the paper and wanted to help," said UNC sophomore Catherine Jones.

The students and donors went above and beyond the \$11,000 needed, raising

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Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.