



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Four UNC Employees Win Massey Awards

Chancellor James Moeser chose the winners of the prestigious C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award given annually to outstanding University employees. The award carries a \$5,000 stipend.

This year's winners were Physics and Astronomy professor Thomas Clegg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance Patricia Crawford, maintenance mechanic William Howard and Director of Auxiliary Services Rut Tufts.

The award is named in honor of the late C. Knox Massey of Durham, an advertising executive and UNC trustee who established the award in 1980 to recognize "unusual, meritorious or superior contributions" by university employees.

UNC Divers Uncover Blackbeard's Ship

UNC's Institute of Marine Sciences in Morehead City is one of several organizations working on the recovery of artifacts from the wreck of the Queen Anne's Revenge off Atlantic Beach, N.C.

Divers retrieved a large cannon, the largest artifact recovered so far, from the wreck Wednesday.

It makes the sixth big gun brought up so far, leaving at least 16 underwater.

Institute of Marine Sciences Director John Wells said the exploration of the wreck allows researchers to develop recovery techniques and to study an important cultural and historical resource.

Moeser Given Alumnus Award From UT

UNC Chancellor James Moeser received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Graduate School at the University of Texas at Austin on May 18.

The award was established in 1999 to recognize the school's alumni for outstanding achievements in academic or professional careers.

Moeser earned a master's of music in musicology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1964, after receiving a bachelor's of music degree with honors in 1961 at Austin.

Price Won't Ask For Nuclear Waste Hearing

U.S. Representative David Price (D-NC) told a group of local and state officials on May 4 that he would not help with their fight against the Carolina Power and Light Company's plan to expand their nuclear waste site.

Price said he realized there are flaws in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review process, but indicated it's not his place to try to persuade the NRC to conduct safety hearings or await results of an internal NRC investigation.

Orange County has appealed to the five-member NRC Commission to overrule a March order by an NRC licensing board that allows CP&L to begin using two new waste cooling pools this summer - without hearings or an environmental impact statement.

The congressman acknowledged potentially dire consequences of waste pool accidents, but said he believed the probability was low.

Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) has also been asked by regional officials to take future measures to insist the NRC conduct the hearings and an environmental impact study. He has not yet responded to that request.

"I respect Rep. Price's position," said Chatham County Commission Chair Gary Phillips. "But I'm disappointed that he chose not to advocate for us."

Water Pumps Caused Orange County Spill

The Town of Hillsborough had a wastewater spill from May 16, 2001 at about 6:00 p.m. until May 18, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. of an estimated 2,400 gallons at Cemetery Pump Station located at the Town Cemetery off of East Corbin.

The spill occurred due to the pumps not energizing and the auto dialer malfunctioning.

The untreated wastewater spilled into an unnamed tributary of the Eno River in the Upper Neuse River Basin.

The Division of Water Quality was notified of the event on May 18, 2001 and is reviewing the matter.

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While students across the state protested the proposed budget cuts for higher education, others express no opinions or knowledge of the issue. Regardless, the impact on UNC-Chapel Hill is still unclear.

The Association of Student Governments President Andrew Payne said students protested budget cuts on eight different campuses across North Carolina in May. One of them was held at UNC-CH May 2.

"We received 25,000 letters from students (against the proposed budget cuts), which we are passing on to the North Carolina General Assembly," Payne said.

He said ASG lobbies state legislators and has set up a web site at www.nobudgetcuts.com with information and an on-line petition to the legislators against the budget cuts.

But many students say they are indifferent on the issue. Fewer and fewer students are signing the ASG's online petition each day. Only four signatures were logged on Tuesday, as



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opposed to 45 a week before on May 15, and more than 120 signatures on the site's first day.

"I do not know much how it is going to affect me," said junior economics and political science major Michael Vollmer. "I only know that they are trying to balance the budget."

Caroline Bond, a sophomore psychology major, said she had only a vague idea about budget cuts.

"I do not have any opinion," she said. "And I do not think many of my friends know something." Bond said the subject is too difficult to understand fully.

Charles Roche, a senior drama major, echoed the statement of many students' awareness of the proposed budget cuts. "I am just not sure what is going on," he said.

Originally, a 7-percent \$125-million budget cut was proposed for the UNC system, including \$25 million at UNC-Chapel Hill. New estimates of the UNC system cut are between \$30 to \$40 million.

"The major challenge is how to do it without (directly) impacting the instruction," said Elmira Mangum, associate provost for finance at UNC-CH. "And we do not know if it is possible."

"The University has three missions, instruction, research and public service," Mangum said instruction is the bottom line.

She said she considered two different budget cut scenarios - one at a 2 percent cut and other at 4 percent. Some expenses were considered in

the scenarios first, such as library acquisitions, travel expenses and temporary wages, Mangum said.

She said the impact of the budget cut, if approved, will depend on its magnitude. Mangum added that the University came to the conclusion that it is very difficult not to affect the quality of instruction directly, which may mean elimination of faculty positions and similar cutbacks.

"And whatever we do affects instruction (in some way)," Mangum said.

She said it is impossible to say how different schools and departments may be affected by the cut. "We have to consider priorities of every unit."

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Mudwrestlers Wallow in Good Time

It was a hot Saturday at the Chicken Shack in Chatham County.

The heat didn't slow pairs of women from facing off against each other in tag team matches in a pit roughly a dozen feet wide.

The Tar Heel Rock and Mudwrestling tournament, the third of its kind sponsored by mudwrestling.org, benefited Pittsboro's Carnivore Preservation Trust.

Chris Francis, one of the event's promoters, said the idea to have a mudwrestling party came to him by chance. "It was basically a big joke," he said. "We had run out of ideas for theme parties."

With about 500 people cheering on, the contestants rolled around in the mud trying to pin their opponents.

When all was said and done, a lot of women got their hands, legs and most everything else dirty.

The event also featured music from seven local bands, with food and drinks provided by the Speakeasy.

Another promoter of the event, Andrew Gray, said his group's mudwrestling parties weren't always such a streamlined success. "What you see now is the result of a couple of years of fine tuning," Gray said.

"We started out with both men's and women's matches, but it ended up that

no one really wanted to watch the men wrestle. They just got way too out of hand and way too testosterone-driven."

Upon hearing about a mudwrestling pit, it's not uncommon to think of mudwrestling as a sexist spectator sport. But Megan Sharkey, another of the event's promoters, said that is not what the 'mudfest' is all about.

"It has never been about the sexuality of the women or of the sport," Sharkey said. "It's all about the athleticism and competitiveness of the women involved. You just have to be there once and you'll realize that." (Sharkey was also a contestant.)

A cash prize was to be awarded to the winner of the tournament and so an enormous empty water jug was passed around the audience to fund the award. The jug seemed to fill at a particularly quick pace during, and just after, hotly contested matches.

One of those matches involved the tag team of Caitlin Gotwals and Tracy Harris.

Gotwals, 22, a resident of Carrboro and waitress at the Mellow Mushroom, won the first ever 'mudfest' two years ago. She did not wrestle in the tournament last year, but said one thing brought her back to wrestle.

"One of my friends told me that Ms. America doesn't compete more than once so I shouldn't," she said. "So I took last year off, but this year I decided to forget all of that and go for the money."

Harris, 24, who is an assistant first grade teacher at Reedy Creek Elementary School in Cary, said her motivation for wrestling was definitely for the fun. And despite short notice, Harris added, she was there to



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Caitlin Gotwals holds Sara Noffsinger down in the mud (top). Chapel Hill's Shay Bryant scans the crowd (above).

help out her friend Gotwals.

"Caitlin and I have been best friends for a long time," Harris said. "We were cheerleaders together in highschool, so we've been teammates before. She called me up just yesterday to ask me if I would be her partner, and of course I'm not going to say 'no' to my best friend."

The duo's teamwork and tenacity ended up overwhelming every team it wrestled.

Gotwals and Harris won the nearly \$200 pot and the title of Tar Heel Rock and Mudwrestling Champions for 2001.

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Meredith Craig hoses off between rounds of her exhibition match. Her team won the bout with a score of 14-12.

Robertson Scholarship Winners Announced

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UNC chancellor James Moeser and Duke President Nannerl Keohane announced the first class of recipients of a scholarship enabling students to take classes at both UNC and Duke University.

A committee comprised of faculty and staff from both universities selected 30 recipients for the Robertson Scholars Program on May 7.

Eric Mlyn, program director of the scholarship, said the recipients were well chosen to help foster a productive relationship between the rival schools. "They are more than just bright and inquisitive, they are young leaders with a conscience

and sense of adventure," he said.

The Robertson Scholars is a joint merit scholarship program at Duke and UNC. It will automatically consider all prospective students who apply to either UNC or Duke for the scholarship. The program is funded by a \$24 million endowment gift from UNC alumnus Julian and wife Josie Robertson.

Half of the recipients will enroll at UNC and the other half at Duke. All of the students will take courses at both schools but will receive a diploma from their respective school.

The recipients come from 11 states, the District of Columbia, Norway and Hong Kong.

Moeser said the two universities are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the

Robertson scholars on their campuses.

Scholarship winner Christopher Paul, a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, said the program seeks "global citizens" to develop their leadership abilities.

Scholarship winner Samantha Fernandez of Raleigh said she was excited to learn that she was being offered the scholarship.

"I think the scholarship is wonderful because it provides so many different opportunities, especially the summer funding to pursue international travel."

Fernandez said she thinks the rivalry between the schools will not be a problem for the winners.

"Even though you'll be staying in the other school during the basketball sea-

son, I think it will turn out fine."

Scholarship winner Britain Peck of Greensboro said the program's interaction with Duke makes it unique.

"We were looking for ways to make the rivalry enjoyable and not to separate the two schools," Peck said.

Eighty-two finalists met on both campuses in late March for a round of interviews and social interaction. Fernandez said she enjoyed meeting with other scholarship contenders.

Mlyn said the program sought out students with academic excellence who had demonstrated interest in community service and cultural diversity.

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University Rebuilding Continues

As renovations at Old East are finishing this week, other buildings will close for remodeling this summer.

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Major construction projects both new and continuing will make some areas on campus unavailable this summer.

Renovations to classrooms and offices will cause certain buildings to close, while pedestrian traffic will be rerouted according to the construction sites themselves.

These extensive construction and renovation projects over the next eight years will affect academic buildings, residence halls, and offices and will cost an estimated \$1.1 billion.

Some buildings, such as Murphey Hall, will soon close for renovations that could last from one to two years.

"Murphey was built in the 1920s," said Diane Gillis, facility architect for the Division of Facilities Services. "We're leaving all of the structure up that we can."

Though extensive, renovations to campus buildings are carried out in a way that preserves their character and historical feel, Gillis said.

Other buildings, including Greenlaw, Caldwell and Phillips Halls, will hold classes through the noise and distraction of the renovation process.

Among the most noticeable of the projects is the continuation of the Student Union renovations, which is scheduled to have its final phase completed in November 2002, said Ed Willis, director of construction management.

The new wing will feature computer labs with internet and laptop connections, rooms for student organizations, and places where students can grab something to eat, Willis said.

Facilities Planning expects to begin renovations on the existing Union building once the final phase of the new wing is complete, Willis said.

In addition to the continuing Student Union project, work on the Undergraduate Library recently began in late April.

Renovations to the interior of the Undergraduate Library will include new walls, ceilings and floors. Davis Library will continue to hold the library's books until the project is completed sometime in April 2002. But some students say they will hardly notice the difference.

"I like Davis Library a lot better," said sophomore Ben Tosky of Raleigh. "Honestly, the change doesn't affect me too much."

Another major project is the construction of four new residence halls located on South Campus. The new residence halls will be home to an estimated one thousand students.

In addition to new projects and construction occurring throughout campus, older projects are being completed.

Renovations on New East Hall were finished early this week. Construction on New East began as a project on the heat and air conditioning systems, but soon expanded to include upgrading the building's classrooms.

Some projects, including the renovation of New East, have experienced delays that made meeting expected deadlines difficult. Dave Moreau, chairman of the Department of City and Regional Planning, which is housed in New East, said the building's renovations took six to nine months longer than expected.

But he said the University did a good job with the project. "We're pleased to be back in the building."

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