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**IN BRIEF**

**Bank Merger Will Not Change UNC Services**

Wachovia and UNC will continue their current relationship despite ongoing negotiations concerning a merger between the bank and First Union, officials say.

UNC ONE Card Office Manager Jim Clinton said the services Wachovia now offers the University would not be affected by the merger if it goes through.

These services include a Wachovia branch office in the Pit and the ability to tie in a Wachovia checking account to the ONE Card.

"It should not affect it at all," Clinton said. "They were going to retain the name Wachovia in this merger."

"Our sources at Wachovia say there should be no interruption in any services they are providing through the ONE Card."

Added Clinton, "We're happy about that."

**NC WARN Launches Multi-Media Campaign**

Environmental group NC WARN is launching a multi-media campaign to persuade Sen. John Edwards to act on behalf of the region's citizens who have been calling for safety hearings for CP&L's high-level waste expansion at its Shearon Harris nuclear plant.

West & Vaughan of Durham, one of the state's largest advertisement agencies, is producing print and television advertisements which will illustrate Edwards as a leader who can minimize the risk of a major nuclear waste accident, but who has not yet taken action.

On June 1, 10 state and local government officials asked Edwards for an emergency meeting and urgent action. His press secretary said he is still considering the requests.

**Proposed Dix Closing Could Trigger Lawsuits**

Closing Raleigh's Dorothea Dix Hospital and other mental health centers as proposed by the state Senate could invite a costly wave of lawsuits over patients' lost care, mental health advocates say.

Dorothea Dix Director Terry Stelle said if the state slashes mental health care, individual patients could sue the state or the federal government could sue under a law protecting the civil rights of patients in mental health institutions.

"I don't think the state would take kindly to the mental health system being taken over by a federal judge who mandated what kinds of care it had to provide," Stelle said.

Senate leaders are calling on the Department of Health and Human Services to suggest how to redirect savings from the closures to local group homes, nursing homes or supervised home care.

They have proposed raising taxes on beer, wine and liquor to finance a permanent fund for mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services.

The federal government has ordered states to put as many mental patients as is practical into local programs instead of state institutions, and several studies have concluded that Dix should be closed or replaced.

**State Approves Grant For Public Schools**

The Department of Education will award more than \$4.2 million to North Carolina public schools for the development of community learning centers, Sen. John Edwards announced June 13.

"Education is a top priority for the people of North Carolina and for me," Edwards said. "Improving the public school system is critically important. These grants will give North Carolina students the opportunity they deserve to excel and succeed."

Funding is provided by the Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which seeks to help schools in rural or inner-city areas create safe after-school and weekend learning centers for students.

**Conference Highlights Differences in Learning**

All Kinds of Minds, a private non-profit institute affiliated with UNC, is holding its annual conference this week on "Understanding and Managing Differences in Learning."

The conference, designed to develop educators' awareness of differences in learning styles among students, is attended by teachers and administrators from 27 states and three countries.

From Staff Reports

**Construction Claims Campus Parking Spaces**

By MATT MINCHEW  
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The demand for on-campus parking will become an even greater issue at the University as campus construction decreases available parking by 177 spaces this fall.

Assistant Director of Parking Services Cheryl Stout said some parking spaces will be blocked off and others lost as construction continues across campus.

"Construction will have a significant impact at various points," Stout said.

According to data given by Parking

Services, the areas that will be most affected by the elimination of parking spaces are the BG lot near the Bell Tower, which will lose 145 spaces, and the Cardinal Deck on Manning Drive, which will lose 70 spaces.

Stout said relatively few of the spaces being lost were student spots. "Mostly employees would be impacted," she said.

Stout said limited realty and space, combined with the University's efforts to expand the campus to accommodate more students, creates a conflict of interests when it comes to parking.

"Most universities struggle with on-

campus parking," she said. "It's necessary, but you don't want the university to look like a parking lot."

She said while the University is sensitive to student transportation needs, the focus from the University's point of view is on other options than increasing available parking spaces for students.

"There is ongoing work to increase park-and-ride and all methods of free transportation," Stout said.

As the student body grows and available parking decreases, the University will make efforts to improve public transportation options such as the Point-2-

Point and the recently-approved fare-free bussing for students on and off campus.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services Carolyn Elfland said while most of the upcoming losses are temporary, the total number of available spaces will not increase at all over the next eight to 10 years.

"The (Master Plan) will not increase parking," Elfland said. "We're not growing parking for students or employees."

But some students said they think the University should make student spaces a higher priority.

"I couldn't get parking this year," said

sophomore Brad Sain of Lincolnton. "There just isn't enough of it."

Elfland said availability of parking spaces will fluctuate as the Master Plan progresses, but could be significantly worse at times. But some students say they could live with those losses.

Senior political science major Dan Morris said, "I don't have a problem with them cutting spots if they would come up with a system that gave seniors priority, which they don't have now."

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**Barbecue Fanatics Flock to Hog Day**

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Even without the hogs, Hillsborough's 19th-annual Hog Day Festival opened the gates to hog heaven for its participants.

On Saturday morning, the paths at the annual fair were swarming with people as crafts vendors and food stands hawked their wares in the hot June sun.

The crowds ambled between the vendor's tents, sipping fresh-squeezed lemonade and munching on homemade potato chips, onion blossoms and the main attraction - local barbecue.

Thirty-seven teams cooked more than 9,000 pounds of pork on Friday night in preparation for the estimated crowd of more than 48,000 people.

Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Craig Lloyd said the success of this year's Hog Day helps put the area on the map. "We've been featured in Time Magazine and in The New York Times," he said.

Birkenstock-clad college students in beer T-shirts and men with oversized belt buckles and camouflage baseball caps mingled with stroller-pushing moms as lines stretched from the two large tents selling the barbecue.

The sandwiches, served on buns donated by McDonald's, were snapped up by the bagful.

Nancy Evans, visiting her family in Durham from Texas made the drive to Hillsborough just for the barbecue. "I try

and go to six or seven barbecue festivals every year but this is my favorite," she said between mouthfuls of sandwich.

Evans' three-year-old daughter, Parker, played in the grass while her mom kept a close watch, snacking on barbecue all the while. "There just isn't barbecue like this in Texas," she said. "But I wish there was some cole slaw on my sandwich."

One of Hog Day's most popular attractions, the Best Dressed Hog Contest, had to be cancelled this year.

Because of the threat of hoof and mouth disease, and because people travel to Hog Day from Australia and Europe, there were no live hogs allowed at Hog Day. "Better safe than sorry," Lloyd said. "But we'll be over it by next year."

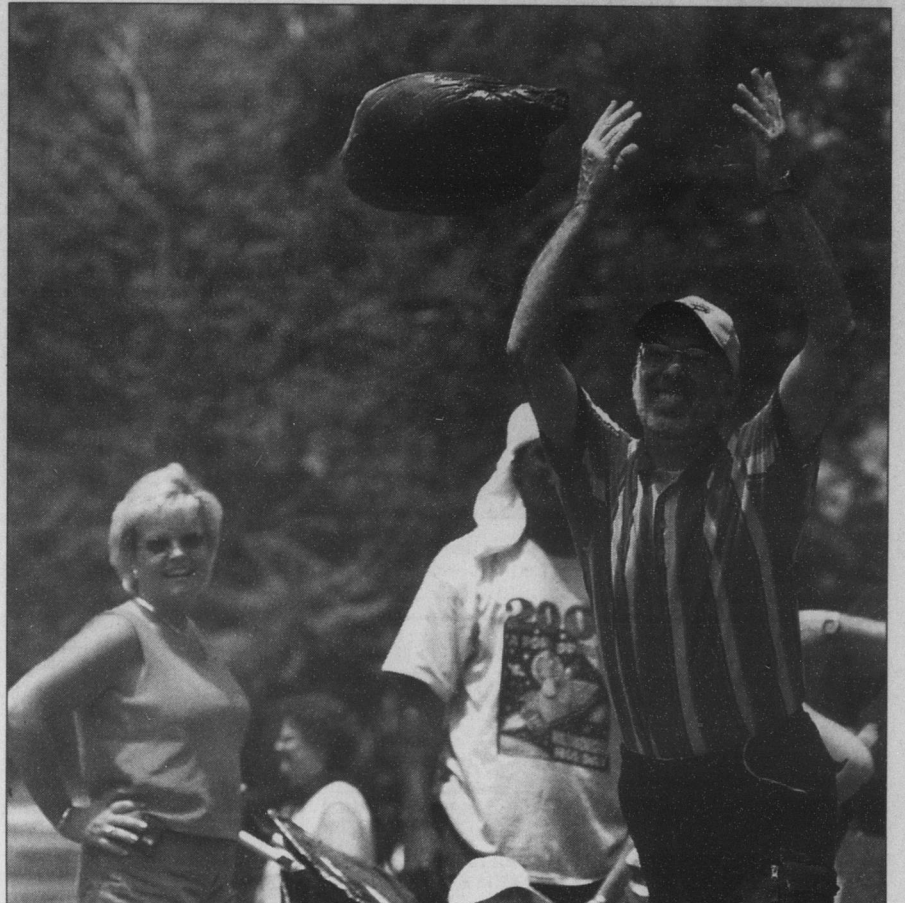
But not everyone at Hog Day was there for the barbecue.

Melissa Lawson from Lexington, N.C., was attending her first Hog Day. She was selling china dolls and pewter figurines in a bright yellow tent around the corner from the Orange County Court House. Like many of the vendors at Hog Day, Lawson travels the state year round to sell her dolls at different festivals.

"Hog Day isn't the largest festival I attend, but I'm having a really good time," she said. "I haven't really tried the barbecue yet and I probably won't. To be honest, I don't really eat much barbecue, not even in Lexington."

For the younger Hog Day participants, there were rides, a petting zoo, a

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Allen Victor of Raleigh hurls a greased up ham through the sweltering air Saturday at the Hillsborough Hog Day Ham Hock contest. Participants of all ages try to throw the ham further than the competition.

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**Congress Opposes Tuition Hikes Price Works to Fix Election Problems**

**Student Congress shows its opposition to tuition increases at the first of two summer session meetings.**

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Student Congress unanimously passed a resolution June 13 opposing proposed tuition increases.

The resolution, sponsored by Student Body President Justin Young, claims students have not been given enough time to prepare for the proposed five-percent increase and may not be able to afford it.

Young said at the meeting that it is

not appropriate for the legislature to take such action during the summer.

"The bill in the proposed budget comes at a time when students are not around and I think that is unfair," Young said. "It comes at a time when they will not be able to prepare for the increase."

Rep. Liz Gardner, Dist. 20, said she thinks students generally oppose the tuition increase because it would limit access to the University.

"The state prides itself on low tuition and access to education," Gardner said. "Tuition increases limit access."

The resolution also encouraged state legislators to find other ways to deal with state budgetary problems.

An early version of the resolution suggested the legislature explore alter-

native options such as a temporary tax increase or temporary sales tax. But Congress amended the resolution to omit that language.

"I don't think there's any question that students in general oppose tuition increases," Gardner said. "But I don't believe that Student Congress can say that all Carolina students would support a tax increase as an alternative especially without talking to our constituents."

But Young said alternatives should be expressed to legislators if doing so would help prevent tuition costs from going up.

"I think whatever alternatives are out there, those alternatives need to be expressed," he said.

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**A special congressional committee held a hearing in Florida earlier this week on issues of election reform.**

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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-4th, has become a leader among members of Congress in reforming the American voting process.

Price, the co-chair of the Democrat's Special Committee on Election Reform, was in Jacksonville, Fla., Monday to hold a hearing on Florida's problems during the last election.

In February, the former Duke University professor and Chapel Hill resident was named to the eight-member special committee of congressional Democrats.

The hearing focused on issues such as recount procedures, confusing ballot design, malfunctioning voting equipment, irregular voter roll purges, unclear lines of authority among election personnel and inconsistent provisional balloting.

"The events in Florida during the last election exposed the problems in our voting system and highlighted the need for comprehensive election reform," Price said in his opening statement.

"There is room for improvement everywhere, and this committee is exploring how Congress can support efforts at every level of government to implement effective election reform in the short-term and beyond," he said.

One of the discussions at the hearing had to do with provisional balloting.

Provisional balloting allows someone to vote even if their name does not appear on the voter list at the poll site. Election officials would wait until confirmation that the voter is registered before counting their vote.

Provisional balloting varies from state to state. In North Carolina, for example, a voter would be able to cast a provisional ballot, but in some cases in Florida, people were turned away and not allowed to vote.

"Some have estimated one out of 10 votes were thrown out," said Price's spokesman, Thomas Bates said. "That's

not acceptable."

About 300 people came to the hearing, Bates said. "Price was struck by the level of anger and frustration people showed."



US Representative David Price says last year's Florida presidential race proves the need for election reform.

The Special Committee on Election Reform has been traveling across the country, trying to gauge what concerns people have with the election process. They will later debate the issues in Congress to determine what further actions should take place.

In addition to taking part in the reform committee, Price has also drafted a bill that would provide money to help states install modern equipment such as optical-scanner systems. These systems are considered much more reliable than the punch-card balloting system that became so controversial in Florida.

The optical-scanner systems would cost \$6,000 each, with most of the funding coming from federal money.

The machines would allow voters to correct their mistakes at the poll site. If a voter voted twice for governor, for example, the machine would let the voter know and they would be allowed to revoke.

This type of voting system is used in Orange County, but there are still six counties in North Carolina that use punch-card voting machines.

The new system could be ready in time for the 2002 elections.

"I don't think anyone can justify having another election under (the current) circumstances," Bates said.

Under Price's bill, states would also receive money to use for voter education and for training poll workers.

Price has stepped into the forefront of the election reform issue, Bates said.

"With legislation he's introduced and with his involvement in the election reform, he's been considered a leader in the election reform movement."

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**Exhibit Honors UNC Alumnus**

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Before frequenting the courtroom in "Matlock," he kept order in Mayberry on "The Andy Griffith Show."

Before that Andy Griffith, the famous comedian, actor and musician, was a student here at the University.

Now all these different phases from his life have returned in an exhibit at Wilson Library. The "Andy Griffith: Chapel Hill, Mayberry and Beyond" exhibit includes playbills, posters, recordings and photographs and will run through Aug. 22.

Among these things, a program dated 1946 for Mount Airy Operetta Club's "The Bartered Bride," credits Griffith for playing a more minor character named Kezal. A few steps away is a listening center visitors can use to hear him bawl out exerts from "What It Was, Was Football," his famous comedy routine. Also featured in the exhibit are an "Andy Griffith Show" trivia game and a toy car modeled after Mayberry's police car.

Research to bring this exhibit together started at the beginning of year and continued sporadically until last month, during which library assistant Laura Baxley worked almost full-time on it.

"Visitors often ask about Andy Griffith," she said. "We thought this would be a fun exhibit for the summer and a good way to answer those ques-

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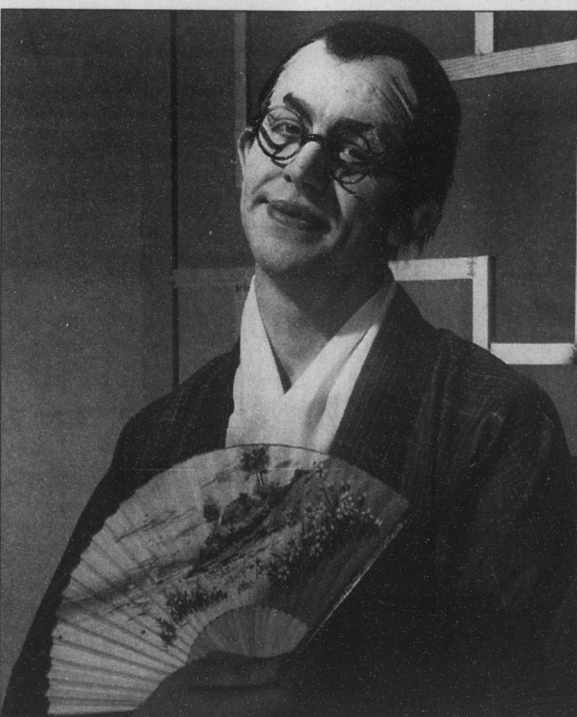


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UNC Alumnus Andy Griffith, who is the subject of a new exhibit at the Wilson Library, performed in Carolina PlayMakers' "Mikado" in 1948.