



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Survey: UNC Libraries Among Best in Nation

UNC-Chapel Hill is one of three N.C. research universities that ranked high in a recently released survey by the Association of Research Libraries.

Of the 112 libraries in the survey, UNC, with more than five million volumes as of 2000, ranked 17th.

Duke University ranked 25th and N.C. State ranked 35th. Rankings are compiled using an index with several variables including volumes held, volumes added, total staff and total library expenditures.

UNC Associate Provost for University Libraries Joe Hewitt said the libraries' volumes serve as an important resource not only for students and faculty, but also for researchers worldwide.

Duke Primate Center Research Must Improve

School administrators have given the Duke University Primate Center a three-year window to increase its research efforts or be shut down.

The center has been under review for several months, and administrators have expressed concern with the priorities of the 35-year-old world-renowned center. The review board has indicated that the center should concentrate more on research and education, as opposed to ecological conservation projects.

Administrators also chose not to renew the contract of Kenneth Glander, the center's director for the past ten years, when it expired at the end of last month.

The new director, anthropologist William Hylander, is charged with making dramatic improvements in the center's programs for research and undergraduate education. Glander will continue to teach at Duke and conduct his own research at the center.

"Booze It & Lose It" Cracks down on DWIs

More than 100 people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol last weekend at six impaired-driving checkpoints across the state.

The checkpoints are part of North Carolina's "Booze It & Lose It" program, which will continue through the July 4 holiday travel period and conclude July 15.

Last year, 427 of the state's 1,563 traffic deaths were related to drugs or alcohol.

Jones, Lewis Dismissed From Football Team

Wide receiver Jamal Jones and safety JoVon Lewis have been removed from the University's football team for violating team rules, head coach John Bunting announced June 26.

Neither were slated to be starters in the 2001 season.

Durham, Wake County Get Red Light Cameras

Durham and all municipalities in Wake and Union counties can now use cameras to catch motorists running red lights, after a bill received final legislative approval Monday.

Use of the cameras was approved last year for Chapel Hill, where they are now in the process of being implemented. Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point and Wilmington already have such cameras.

The cameras automatically photograph vehicles that run through red lights.

The vehicle's owner must then pay a \$50 fine or prove someone else was driving the car.

Edwards and Price Visit Several N.C. Hospitals

RALEIGH — U.S. Senator John Edwards visited hospitals across North Carolina on Monday to discuss his far-reaching patient-protection legislation, which passed the Senate late Friday by an overwhelming 59-36 roll-call vote.

Similar legislation will be considered in the House of Representatives in the coming weeks.

Edwards hosted three forums on the Patient Protection Act he cosponsored with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Congressman David Price, a supporter of the House version of the McCain-Edwards bill, joined Edwards for the Triangle forum.

Edwards and Price met with doctors and patients at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Edwards also visited Women's Hospital in Greensboro and the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

From staff reports.

Waldorf, Brown to Leave Office Next Year

By MATT VISER
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The mayor's gavel and at least three seats on the Town Council will be up for grabs in the November elections.

Last week, Mayor Rosemary Waldorf announced she would not seek a fourth two-year term as mayor of Chapel Hill, and several council members have decided to run for other offices or not at all.

"I think I've been there long enough," Waldorf said. "I think it's important for people to do their duty, make their contribution and then move on."

Waldorf said recent town-gown relations, though stressful, have not played a factor in her decision.

"It's nothing complicated," she said. "I'm just personally ready to do some-

thing different."

Shortly after Waldorf's announcement, council member Lee Pavao put his name in the mayoral race and then, last Friday, council member Kevin Foy added his.

Pavao, a retired advertising executive, has been on the council for eight years and now serves as the mayor pro tem.

Foy also ran for mayor in 1995 but lost to Waldorf. He won a post on the



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf cites family reasons in deciding not to run for a fourth term next year.

Town Council in the 1997, but his four-year term will expire in December.

Foy has talked of putting a cap on the amount of money to be spent on the mayoral race, suggesting \$10,000.

"There's a certain amount of money that's reasonable in a town of this size," Foy said. "Money is not, and should not, be a decisive factor of who gets elected in Chapel Hill."

Since mayoral candidates cannot simultaneously run for council positions, Foy and Pavao's seats will be given up.

Therefore, four Town Council seats could be available. Council member Edith Wiggins has decided to run for re-election, but council member Joyce Brown announced Tuesday that she would not run for a fourth term on the council.

"It's really time to move on," Brown said. "It's both political and personal. I would like to be open to other options."

Speculation is starting to arise about who might take the open spots on the council, but no one has come forward yet. Candidates have until Aug. 3 to declare their intentions.

Town-gown relations have been in the forefront recently and will likely continue to be a major issue for the upcoming elections.

"The University has set forth to grow pretty rapidly over the next four years and the town has suggested they follow guidelines the town has set forth," Foy said.

It's unclear, however, how much of an impact a new council would have on the University.

"I don't see that things will dramati-

cally change," council member Pat Evans said. "I think time will tell."

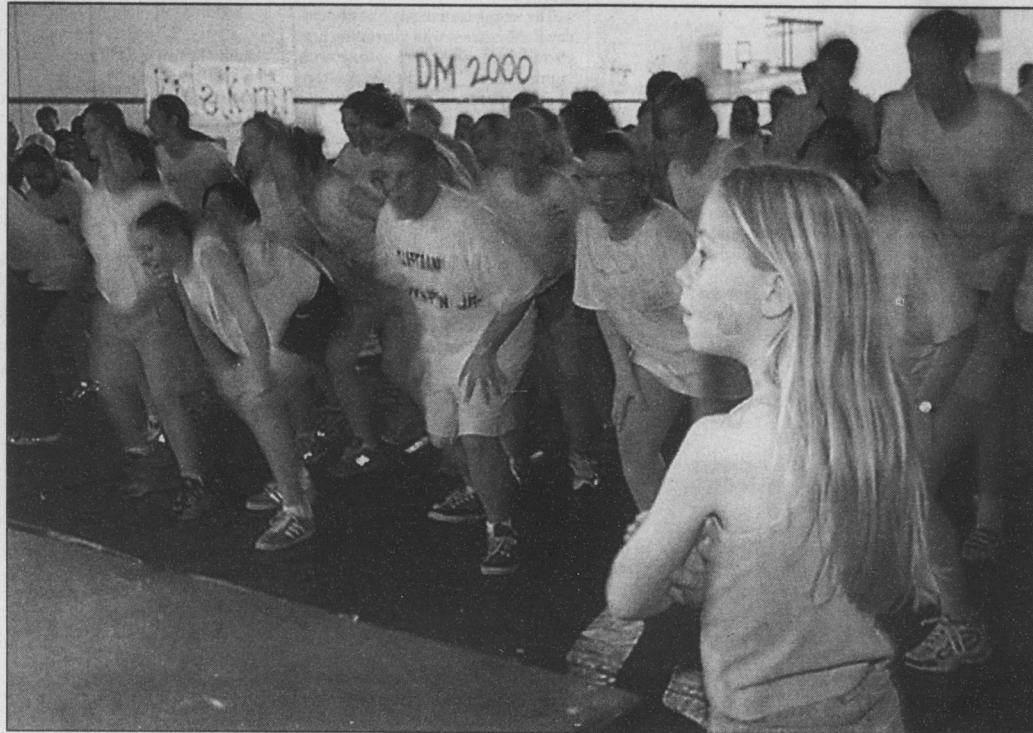
Waldorf expressed similar sentiments.

"It's hard to speculate what the future relationship between the town and the University will be," she said. "But if the University is serious about developing the Horace Williams tract, that could provide another difficult issue for the town to deal with."

It's clear that the issues between the town and the University will not go away anytime soon.

"The University and town have been coexisting for 200 years and that will continue," council member Jim Ward said.

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The UNC Dance Marathon, one of the more than 400 student groups on campus, organized a race to raise money for their event. Campus groups must advertise themselves in order to gain student interest, raise money and keep participation high.

Groups Take Initiative to Advertise

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Did you come to college with a desire to play in the band, champion a social issue or join a Bible study? Maybe your interests lie in photography, or perhaps you've always wanted to learn to swing dance.

No matter what you're into, chances are there's an organization for you. But with over 400 campus groups to choose from, many students don't know what's available, and end up feeling overwhelmed before they ever start searching for the perfect out-of-class activity.

Marcellus Parker, corporate chairman of Dance Marathon, a fund-raiser that benefits the N.C. Children's Hospital, says having a presence on campus is key to sparking interest in an organization. Dance Marathon organized a booth during C-TOPS for the first time this year.

"We don't really expect (students) or allow them even to sign up now, but it's pretty much an informal way to tell them about Dance Marathon and to tell them that in the fall more chances or opportunities will come for them to get involved and find out more about it," Parker said.

Charity organizations like Dance Marathon are restricted to the Pit, but other campus groups can get permission from Facilities Services to promote themselves elsewhere.

Area Schools Report Increased Test Scores

Reading and math scores on proficiency exams improved at local elementary schools since last year's testing.

By ASHLEY WILLIAMS
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Reading and math test scores for pupils in grades 3 through 8 continue to rise for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Reading proficiency for the district is 92 percent, up from 91 percent last year. Math scores have also increased, rising 10 percent for third-graders and with each grade showing improvements.

However, Diane Villwock, director of testing and program evaluation, warned that no solid conclusion regarding the math scores can be drawn until the N.C. Department of Public Instruction sets its final cut-offs later this year.

"I am very excited that the reading

scores in grades 3, 5 and 8 have all gone up," Villwock said.

"The eighth-grade reading score for the district is 97 percent, the highest we've ever achieved."

Villwock said the schools focus more on providing specialized assistance for students in specific areas like reading skills.

"For several years there has been a rule that any student who is not proficient gets targeted attention the next year in a personalized program," Villwock said.

Director of Elementary Education and Staff Emily Bivins said having access to the University could also play a role in the rise in test scores.

"Having the University close by allows for staff and parents to have the latest access to learning and development which allows us to be on the cutting edge in curriculum," Bivins said.

"Another important factor in the suc-

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Boy Scouts Down But Not Out

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Despite the Boy Scouts of America's decision to exclude homosexual members and volunteers, Chapel Hill's troops have not had trouble raising funds and recruiting new members.

But the scouts have lost school sponsorship at two area schools, McDougle Elementary School and Frank Porter Graham Elementary School. They could also lose the financial support they receive from the Triangle United Way.

On June 14, the U.S. Senate approved a proposal by Sen. Jesse Helms directing the U.S. Department of Education to withhold federal money from districts that refuse the Scouts "equal access or a fair opportunity to meet" on school grounds. This follows an October 1999 Supreme Court decision holding that homosexuals could not be members or volunteers of the Boy Scouts.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education voted in Jan. 2001 to withdraw support of the Boy Scouts. "Although the Scouts can no longer meet rent-free on school grounds, we have offered them the

option to rent," said Superintendent Neil Pedersen. "We decided the Boy Scouts would not receive preferential treatment."

Pedersen said the Scouts, like any other organization, still have the option to meet on school property, regardless of their policies or views. "We do not and we cannot pick and choose who uses them based on philosophical views when renting," Pedersen said. "When we rent to an organization, we are not accepting responsibility for views."

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have, however, dropped their sponsorship of the Boy Scouts, which means they can no longer meet on school property rent-free. "Sponsorship suggests endorsement of the purpose and policy of the group," Pedersen said. "The Scouts' policy of discrimination against homosexuals is contrary to our policy of not discriminating based on sexual orientation."

The school system is not alone in its reaction toward the Scouts' policy. Mary Williams-Stover, vice president of marketing and communications for the Triangle United Way, which helps fund the Scouts, said a new United Way policy could change their funding. The Board of

Directors recently reviewed non-discrimination standards that agencies that get funding have to meet. The policy will go into effect in May 2002.

"Funding would terminate in 2003," Williams-Stover said. "The goal is making sure services for people are maintained regardless of sexual orientation."

Despite local reactions, Director of Field Service Jeff Rock said the Orange County Boy Scouts has had one of their best years ever in raising new funds and recruiting new members.

"For the most part, the response has been very positive for the Boy Scouts," Rock said. "I don't think anyone has been anti-scouting. Only one particular church in Chapel Hill felt our policy didn't fit their discrimination policy."

The schools allowed them to continue meeting until they could find new sponsors. The two cub scout packs now meet at area churches, Rock said.

"Although people don't always agree with our position, they see the benefits in scouting and want to be a part of it."

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University Brings Technology Into Classes, Research

UNC programs geared toward bringing new technology into the classroom include the Center for Information Technology and CCI.

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University officials are united in praising efforts to integrate technology and education on campus, and say they have high goals for the future.

The UNC effort to make new technology an effective teaching tool begins with the Carolina Computing Initiative, created in 1997 by the late Chancellor Michael Hooker. Hooker also appointed Marian Moore that year as UNC's first vice chancellor for Information Technology.

The CCI is designed to make high-quality and affordable technology accessible to all University students, faculty and staff by requiring every incoming freshman to own a laptop.

Provost Robert Shelton said the CCI is only a small part of a much larger picture.

"The CCI is an extraordinarily positive step, but it is not an end in itself," he said.

UNC officials are negotiating with local Internet service providers on an agreement that would provide discounted high-speed Internet services for the UNC community off campus. Another goal is eventually to make wireless networking available anywhere on campus.

Last year its availability expanded to 13 new classrooms and four public areas.

Shelton said programs like the CCI have been implemented at other universities around the country, but have not always succeeded because faculty must take the initiative to incorporate technology into their classes.

"The big challenge for the University now is to ensure it provides the content behind the technology," Shelton said.

He called the program the first step in a process that will require a number of other initiatives to make technology a successful classroom tool at UNC. Since the CCI's inception, the University has developed several new resources to assist faculty in making use of technology.

University officials are now working to merge the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Center for Information Technology as a way to combine teaching efforts with new technology as it becomes available.

Although the merger has already sparked some concern among the faculty, many professors support UNC's efforts to use new technology. Bill Balthrop, chairman of the Communication Studies Department, said he agrees with the goals and methods of the CCI.

"The CCI has been an enormous contribution to the University," Balthrop said.

"It puts technology in the hands of all students, raises awareness for improvements in education and research, and recognizes that technology serves teaching effectiveness, rather than driving it."

Academic Technology and Networks also maintains a vari-

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Provost Robert Shelton calls the CCI an important aspect of UNC's technology programs.