

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Conservative group to hold barbecue in Polk Place

The Committee for a Better Carolina will host Republican leaders at the first-ever Conservative Barbecue in Polk Place today from 6 to 8 p.m.

The barbecue will be held in front of Wilson Library.

Gubernatorial candidates, former UNC director of athletics Bill Cobey and N.C. Senate Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine will speak on the importance of being involved with the conservative movement at UNC and in North Carolina.

Other speakers include N.C. Sen. Hugh Webster, N.C. Republican Party Chairman Ferrell Blount and N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Eric Levinson.

Several conservative organizations also will be recruiting volunteers. In the event of rain, a tent will be set up. For information, contact Michael McKnight at 632-4361.

WORLD BRIEFS

Former state agriculture commissioner surrenders

Former state agriculture commissioner Meg Scott Phipps surrendered Monday to federal authorities to face criminal charges, including extortion and fraud.

Phipps, who was handcuffed before entering the federal building, was scheduled to make an initial court appearance before Judge Magistrate William Webb at 2 p.m. A U.S. marshal handcuffed Phipps, who was accompanied by her attorney, Roger Smith of Raleigh, when she got out of her car.

Phipps faces 28 charges; 23 are felonies that carry a maximum prison term of 20 years each. The other five charges have maximum penalties of between five and 10 years.

Arab League grants Iraqi Governing Council a seat

CAIRO, Egypt — The Arab League unanimously granted the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council a seat on the pan-Arab body early Tuesday — delivering a major boost to the Bush administration's postwar occupation.

The decision ended weeks of debate within the 22-member League over whether to recognize Iraq's interim authority, with opponents fearing that acceptance could be seen as a sign of support for the U.S. invasion.

The council was appointed July 13 after U.S. forces deposed Saddam Hussein's regime as an authority able to represent Iraq on the regional stage.

Arab League foreign ministers issued a communique after six hours of debate saying the Governing Council had been granted a seat until an Iraqi government is formed and a new constitution drawn up. "This decision was agreed upon unanimously," the Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said after the meeting.

A State Department spokeswoman said the United States hadn't been officially notified of the development, but said it would be welcome.

NASA launches to resume next year with test flight

SPACE CENTER, Houston — NASA said Monday that when shuttle launches resume sometime next year, the first mission will be essentially a test flight, with astronauts inspecting their ship and practicing repair techniques to guard against another Columbia-type disaster.

The space agency considered flying the minimum number of astronauts and keeping the mission as short as possible. But NASA decided to go with a full set of six or seven astronauts on a normal-length mission of about a week and a half to perform some overdue repair work at the international space station.

"If we're going to go through all this risk to get there and do that, we ought to go ahead and make sure that we do some of those things that are important to the international space station because if we don't do those things, it raises the risk of the station," said Bill Parsons, the new shuttle program manager.

No firm launch date has been set for the next shuttle, Atlantis. But in all likelihood, it will not deliver a fresh crew to the space station as originally intended.

CALENDAR
Wednesday

7 p.m. — The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History will host a master class in Afro-Cuban percussion.

The class will occur weekly through Nov. 19.

A one-time \$5 registration fee applies. Contact the Stone Center to register.

Chapel Hill may be taking on After Chill

Committee recommends sponsorship

BY JENNY HUANG
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It began in the 1970s as an informal gathering of teenagers who met at the west end of Franklin Street to show off their souped-up cars.

The informal gathering after Apple Chill — Chapel Hill's annual spring festival — gradually transformed into a massive rally of almost 25,000 motorcycle and car enthusiasts who come from as far as Charlotte to cruise along Cameron Avenue.

Now, more than 30 years after

"After Chill" informally began, Chapel Hill town officials have taken steps toward sponsoring the previously non-sanctioned event.

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved recommendations from the Street Fair Review Committee on Monday of changes in the annual Apple Chill and Festival fairs.

One of the committee's key recommendations calls for town officials to include the unsponsored After Chill event in planning for Apple Chill.

Officials said town sponsorship would translate to an increased

local police presence during After Chill and other measures aimed at preserving the safety and diversity of the festival.

Kathryn Spatz, director of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Commission, said it is important for the community to embrace all the components of Apple Chill.

"The only way these events are going to be successful is if they are community events," she said at the council's Monday meeting.

Fred Battle, a member of the Street Fair Review Committee and president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he supports

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FRED BATTLE, CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO NAACP PRESIDENT

the town's increased presence in After Chill because it would help preserve an important cultural event in the black community.

"We're concerned, because the majority of people that build up on the west end (of Franklin Street) are African-American," he said. "If they're are going to come to (After Chill), you have two choices: Either organize it or eliminate it. It's a

better idea to organize it."

Adrian Halpern, local downtown resident, spoke against After Chill on Monday, saying the cruising cars and motorcycles caused a six-hour "aural assault" on downtown Chapel Hill residents last year.

"My windows shook almost continuously (because of the music),"

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"One of the directions that genetics is taking us in is approaching medicine in an individualized manner." JIM EVANS, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE



Postdoctoral Fellow Jennifer Brennan sets up PCR and sequencing reactions in Dr. Terry Magnuson's lab in the Department of Genetics on Thursday morning. This summer, the department received a \$5 million gift to establish a clinical genetics research center.

GRANT GIVES NEW LIFE



Magnuson said the center will also work on disease screening projects.

BY ARMAN TOLENTINO
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Individualized treatments, effective screenings for numerous diseases and even possible cures for cancer are more than pipe dreams at some University laboratories.

All are among the projects UNC scientists have been busy working on as part of a \$245 million campuswide research initiative.

These projects soon are to be centralized under one roof.

The Carolina Center for Genome Sciences — created in February 2001 — received a \$5 million gift during the summer that will help establish a clinical genetics research center on UNC's medical campus.

The new center, which brings together researchers, physicians and medical faculty, will educate physicians on the continually expanding field of genomics as well as bring DNA and data collection under one umbrella, said Jim Evans, professor of medicine.

He added that one of the main goals of the center is to close the gap that often exists between laboratory research and patients'

beds. "One of the directions that genetics is taking us in is approaching medicine in an individualized manner," Evans said.

In the past, medicine was based mainly on studies of large groups of people, he said, making it difficult to determine the effects of a drug on certain individuals.

"Now we have the tools to begin to address those questions," Evans said.

One research study, led by Yi Zhang, professor of biochemistry and biophysics, looked into the chemical modification of a cellular protein and its effect on the regulation of gene silencing.

Zhang said the results of the study will provide scientists and physicians with a better understanding of gene expression and, more importantly, cancer.

Another study, led by Dr. Charles Perou of UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, identified genes strictly associated with certain types of cancer.

CCGS Associate Director Jeff Dangl said the

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Senate hopefuls gear up after Edwards drops out

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With U.S. Sen. John Edwards' announcement Sunday that he will not seek re-election next year, those looking to fill the N.C. Democrat's Senate seat now can begin kicking their own campaigns into gear.

Democrats are especially free to launch full-scale campaign efforts for the seat, as they now can raise money without worrying about bumping heads with a strong incumbent candidate from the same party.

Charlotte investment banker and former Senate candidate Erskine Bowles and former N.C. House Speaker Dan Blue, both Democrats, have shown interest in running for Edwards' seat.

N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, also a Democrat, reportedly to some media sources that there was a chance she could run.

But George Jeter, director of communications for the Department of the Secretary of State, said Marshall indicated that "she would not be on a shortlist of candidates."

"It would have to be a lightning strikes kind of decision," he said. "She is working on a re-election campaign."

Blue, who lost to Bowles in the 2002 Democratic primary for the Senate, said that he admired the job Edwards did and that he had bittersweet feelings when the senator decided not to run for re-election.

"I think that John was working hard at being a senator, and I was supporting him, and I was going to continue to support him no matter what he chose," Blue said.

Blue said he is still "talking with people and looking at possibilities" of running for Edwards' seat.

But he added that he and other Democratic candidates looking at the position were not necessarily swayed by Edwards' decision — a decision that means there will be no incumbent running in the Senate race.

"I don't know if it makes any of our tasks any easier because, as an incumbent, (Edwards) had an inside track on getting the seat," Blue said. But he added that he still thinks the Democrats can win the seat.

The vacated seat might make the race easier for Republicans such as U.S. Rep. Richard Burr, who announced earlier this year that he will seek the Senate seat.

"You should think of an open

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Move makes studies a family affair

BY KIRSTEN VALLE
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It's not unusual to fall in love with Chapel Hill.

But for the James family, an affection for Blue Heaven meant a move of hundreds of miles and a triple enrollment at UNC.

"I can't say it was a conscious decision at first," said Kim James, who is working toward a bachelor's degree in radiological science. "To finish our degrees was a kind of joke."

But James said she and her husband decided to "take a break from being grown-ups," so they left Florida about two years ago for a shot at student life.

James, 36, now lives in UNC's married housing apartments with her husband, Michael, 43, who is a nurse at UNC Hospitals pursuing his bachelor's degree and, eventually, his master's.

The couple also lives with its two youngest children, Haley, 10, and Neal, 6. Jennifer James, the couple's oldest daughter and a UNC graduate student, lives nearby.

The change was dramatic for the family. In Florida, the Jameses had two daughters in state universities, a 2,500-square-foot house and two family-owned businesses where they had worked for years.

But, Kim said, "Owning your



The James family, Jennifer (left), Neal, 6, Kim, 36, and Michael, 43, look over books together Monday. Michael, Kim and Jen are UNC students.

own business isn't the American dream anymore," and a downward economy meant difficult times.

Michael decided to get back into nursing.

After applying casually to a few universities, he was surprised to learn that he had been accepted to UNC and that he had received a partial scholarship.

"We sold everything we owned, loaded up the truck and moved to

Chapel Hill," Kim said. "Sort of like the Beverly Hillbillies in reverse."

The family liked the town so much that they convinced 23-year-old Jen to attend graduate school at UNC.

Jen James, Michael's daughter and Kim's stepdaughter, graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in microbiology.

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ANALYSIS

Address sheds no light on Iraq war

Bush's goal was to reassure public

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Both liberal and conservative experts say that President Bush's national address Sunday night was meant to reassure the public but that it lacked any new information on the Iraq situation.

Sunday's speech was intended to renew Americans' confidence that, as the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches, the Bush administration is continuing to take action against terrorism, said Rodger Payne, professor of political science at the University of Louisville.

"Addresses have a calming effect," he said.

But Bush presented no new developments on the situation and did not give any reason to suggest that the Iraqi occupation is making the United States safer, said Chris Preble, director of foreign policy for the Cato Institute, a conservative political think tank in Washington, D.C.

In a press release Sunday, Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president, said the United States needs a plan to enlist the help of NATO and the United Nations to ease the war's long-term burdens and complete the job.

But he added that Bush's speech did not address the issue at hand.

"What tonight's speech called for was for the president to demonstrate some courage of his own," the release states. "Instead, he retreated into the same rhetoric about progress and peace that do not match the reality occurring every day in Iraq."

In his address, Bush announced that he will ask Congress for \$87 billion to continue efforts in Iraq to end terrorism and establish a new democratic government. He also said he will enlist the help of

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