

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Broken gas line obstructs traffic on Cameron Avenue

Traffic on Cameron Avenue was blocked Thursday evening when a gas line broke in front of Phillips Hall.

Construction workers were repairing a water main that had broken earlier in the afternoon when they broke a gas main at about 6 p.m., said Lt. Martin Hicks of the UNC Department of Public Safety.

Traffic was blocked from the Center for Dramatic Arts to the intersection of Cameron and South Columbia Street. At about 6:30 p.m., officers moved the road blocks further back on Cameron to allow traffic to flow out of the Swain parking lot.

Pedestrian traffic was not interrupted, and Hicks had said the road would be reopened again before 8:30 p.m. that night.

Surrounding buildings did not lose power or heat, but some had lost water from the water main break.

CITY BRIEFS

Collision between car, bus leaves no one injured

A Chapel Hill Transit bus collided with a Honda Civic at the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets Thursday evening, but no one was injured in the incident.

Chapel Hill Police officer R. Telfair said the bus was driven by Anthony Carr, 56, but did not release any other details.

Carr left the scene before he could comment.

Hee Joong Kim, a passenger in the car, said the Civic was preparing to turn right onto Columbia when the bus struck the car.

"We stopped to look for oncoming traffic and all of a sudden the bus hit us," Kim said.

He said the bus was also trying to turn right when it struck the car.

The vehicle sustained visible damage to the front left portion.

Dog sustains minor injuries when cat jumps on head

A Carrboro woman reported that a cat landed on the head of her dog and attacked it while she was walking the dog Wednesday morning, reports state.

Judy Petty of Carrboro told officials the cat jumped out and attacked her dog, "Molly," leaving several cuts to its ear, face and paw, according to reports.

The Carrboro Police Department is investigating the complaint.

Man causes disturbance at Carrboro convenience store

Carrboro police responded to a reported disturbance at The Pantry in Carrboro just after 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, according to reports.

Reports state that a man entered the store and became angry when he was told the store does not have a penny cup.

The man then threw his change on the counter and left before officers arrived on scene, reports state.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

U.S. flu outbreak appears to be waning, officials say

ATLANTA — The nation's flu outbreak has killed 93 children so far this season but appears to be on the decline, federal health officials said Thursday.

The government said the flu is now widespread in 38 states, including North Carolina — down from 42 last month. Colorado, one of the first states hit hard, dropped from the list of those with the worst outbreaks.

The flu season in the United States got off to an unusually early and harsh start, raising fears that this could be one of the deadliest seasons in years, especially among children.

Health officials are compiling data to determine whether flu shot recommendations should be changed to include older children, said Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

9 p.m. — A compulsory candidate meeting will be held in 209 Manning Hall for all students who plan to run for student body president, president of the Carolina Athletic Association, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, Student Congress, president of the Residence Hall Association or senior class officer. This meeting is for candidates and campaign managers only.

Please e-mail boardofelections@unc.edu with any questions.

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Search panel narrows slate for dean

Forums will solicit University input

BY JOE SAUNDERS
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Starting next week, students, faculty and staff will have an opportunity to provide input about who will hold one of the most influential offices on campus: the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

On Monday, the search committee for the dean of the college will begin a series of six public forums

meant to spotlight each of the six final candidates for the position and to give the University community the chance to provide feedback.

The six finalists are English Professor William Andrews; Darryl Gless, senior associate dean of the college for humanities and fine arts; Executive Associate Provost Bernadette Gray-Little;

chemistry Professor Edward Samulski; Richard Soloway, interim dean of the college; and Holden Thorp, director of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.

Soloway has held the position since July 1, when Risa Palm left the post to become executive vice chancellor and provost at Louisiana State University.

Jack Richman, a professor in the School of Social Work and chairman of the search committee, said

the committee has narrowed the field down from about 50 initial candidates.

Richman said that during each of the forums, the candidates will give a speech about their vision of the deanship and take questions from the audience. He emphasized the importance of student participation in the forums.

Ratings sheets will be handed out to forum attendees who will have the chance to write down their reactions to and opinions of

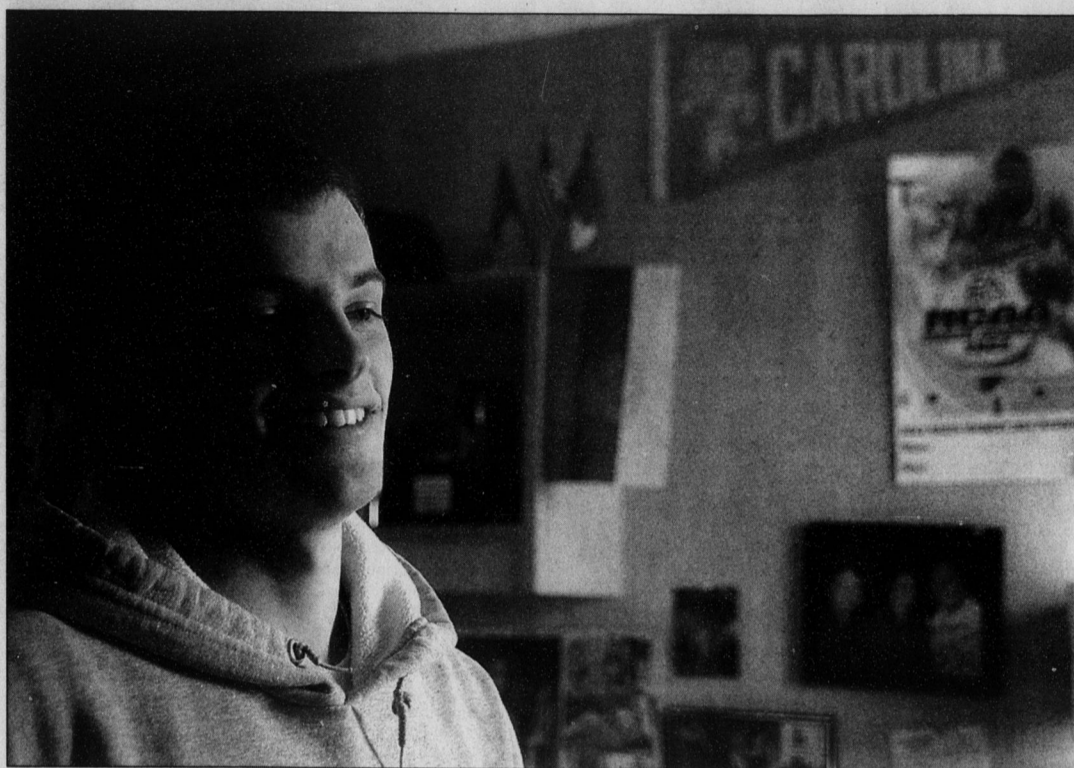
the candidates.

Richman said the committee will then use this feedback when it makes the final decision. "The committee will take that very seriously."

The candidates will spend the rest of the day being interviewed by the search committee, the College of Arts and Sciences Foundation and a group of the chairs of the departments within the college.

After all of the forums are com-

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DTH/KATE BLACKMAN

Sophomore Stephen McIntyre is traveling to New York City this weekend to compete in the Wendy's Wild Card Contest for the chance to become an ESPN SportsCenter anchor. McIntyre must first get on ESPN's reality show "Dream Job" whose cast will compete for the contract.

STUDENT VIES FOR ESPN 'DREAM JOB'

UNC sophomore wins chance to be SportCenter anchor, reality-TV star

BY JENNY RUBY
STAFF WRITER

When ESPN anchor and UNC alum Stuart Scott praises a fellow Tar Heel on SportsCenter this year, he might be referring to a new co-anchor.

A UNC sophomore has beaten out 33,000 applicants for the chance to fly up to ESPN's New York City offices this weekend, where he will vie for a spot in a reality-TV competition for a contract to become a SportsCenter anchor.

Stephen McIntyre, a chemistry major from Lumberton and son of U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre, is one of five winners of the Wendy's Wild Card Contest, who will interview for the final spot on ESPN's upcoming reality show, "Dream Job."

Eleven cast members already have been selected to appear on the show, in which the cast will compete for a one-year ESPN contract, said Kitty Munger, Wendy's communications manager.

McIntyre completed an application for the contest in October after seeing a commercial on ESPN. He said he thought his chance of

being selected was as small as the prospect of winning the lottery.

"I got home from exams and the next morning, I had a package from ESPN with a letter saying that I was a finalist," McIntyre said. "My first thought was this must have been sent to the wrong address because I didn't remember filling out a form to be on the show."

The contest began in October, and more than 33,000 applications were received. Fifty randomly chosen finalists were given a video camera with instructions to make a tape and act like a SportsCenter anchor, Munger said.

"I decided to do last semester's Duke-Carolina game where we won 82-79," McIntyre said. "I went to all the games at the Dean Dome last semester, and this was by far the most exciting."

Producers at ESPN in New York reviewed the videotapes and chose five winners, McIntyre among them. They judged applicants on their sports knowledge, personal style and overall creativity, Munger said.

McIntyre left for New York on Thursday evening with his cousin, John Astle. The two are staying at the Royalton Hotel in Times

Square. Today, McIntyre will complete his final audition for a spot on "Dream Job."

The five finalists will be interviewed live by a panel of expert judges. Contestants could be asked to perform any number of sportscaster-related tasks such as reading from a teleprompter, conducting an interview or otherwise demonstrating knowledge of or passion for sports. They will be judged according to the same standards as the video round.

"Hopefully, I'll be too excited for any nervous feelings to set in," McIntyre said. "I'm looking forward to it immensely."

The contestant with the highest scoring live interview will win the grand prize and join the 11 previously selected cast members on "Dream Job," which airs Feb. 22.

McIntyre said he is excited about the possibility of being on the show.

"I grew up watching SportsCenter almost everyday," McIntyre said. "It would be a dream come true if I were to be on the show."

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Man guilty of raping student

Will serve at least 38 years in prison

BY EMMA BURGIN
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A Hillsborough man with schizophrenia charged with kidnapping and repeatedly raping a UNC student last summer was sentenced Tuesday to at least 38 years in prison.

Billy Ray Lunsford, 32, of 105 S. Nash St. pleaded guilty to six counts of first-degree rape, nine counts of first-degree sexual offense and one count of kidnapping. He also pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted first-degree sexual offense.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Wade Barber sentenced Lunsford after his defense team provided evidence of his poor mental health, The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported.

A representative of the Chapel Hill Police Department said that portions of the case still are under investigation; the police department would not release the inci-

dent report Wednesday.

On the night of July 20, 2003, according to The News & Observer, the victim disappeared from the parking lot at Mill Creek Condominiums on Airport Road.

A friend reported the victim's disappearance to police, The News & Observer reported.

Authorities told The News & Observer that Lunsford forced the victim into her car, threatening her with a gun. The authorities said he then forced her to drive to a secluded area where he raped her.

After police used the media to solicit public assistance to find her, the victim was released to a friend's home early the next morning. Lunsford was arrested July 25.

Reports show he has been convicted 13 times since 1988 for crimes such as assault on a police officer, communicating threats, possession of stolen goods and larceny.

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GloFish swim in controversy

BY LINDA SHEN
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A black light and less than \$10 is all that stands between the latest uproar in genetic engineering and an ordinary house pet.

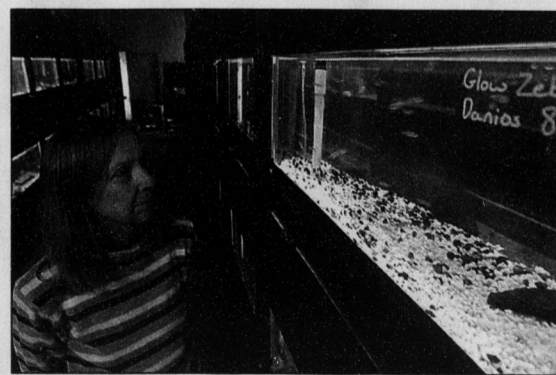
When the National University of Singapore developed a fluorescent Zebra Danio, the intended use was as an alternative to expensive and complicated pollutant testing. Now, the fish have become the center of growing debate and curiosity.

Yorktown Technology acquired the rights to market the glowing zebra fish and is selling them as GloFish.

By day, the genetically altered fish differs from its less-expensive brethren only in color: Instead of the black or gray of normal zebra fish, GloFish are bright red. At night, under a black light, they appear neon bright. The fish are easier to care for than salt-water fish, but boast the their same colorful beauty.

Since the official launch of GloFish on Jan. 5, they have appeared in aquarium displays around the nation.

Locally, Triangle Tropical Fish in Durham has sold about 15 since the store started carrying the vivid fish.



DTH/SARA ABRONS

Jane Wienke, owner of Triangle Tropical Fish in Durham, recently began selling GloFish, genetically altered fish that glow neon under black light.

While patrons might enter just to see the fish, manager Jane Wienke said she anticipates sales figures will rise if the fish become more widely available and less expensive.

This all has been made possible through experiments conducted at the National University of Singapore's Department of Biological Sciences. Fluorescent genes extracted from jellyfish were injected into zebra fish eggs. Once hatched, they resulted in red- and

yellow-colored fish that absorbed and then re-emitted light, creating a glowing appearance under black light conditions. The GloFish on the market now are the offspring of the originally altered zebra fish.

Exciting color and scientific ingenuity comes at a price. An ordinary zebra fish costs about 49 cents — the retail price for GloFish starts at \$5.

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