

CAMPUS BRIEFS
SBP runoff forum hosted by CIVIC to be held today

Coalition of Independent Voters in Carolina will host a forum today for the two candidates in the student body president runoff election.

The forum is open to the public and will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Murphy 116. Candidates Matt Calabria and Lily West will make opening statements and then address audience questions.

CIVIC is a student organization formed this semester to promote nonpartisan political debate on campus.

CITY BRIEFS

Police investigate report of person imitating ALE officer

Chapel Hill police are investigating reports of someone impersonating an officer early Sunday.

According to police reports, at 1 a.m. a suspicious person with an Alcohol Law Enforcement Division badge was checking identification cards at the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity house on 211 Henderson St.

There is no evidence that this person is affiliated with any law enforcement agency.

According to reports, the incident is under further investigation and police have no suspects.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Saturday shooting linked to suspected Ohio sniper

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The day after the chief investigator said authorities were closing in on a serial highway shooter, a man stood in plain view on an overpass and fired a handgun at cars below. He then walked to his car and slipped into traffic.

Ballistics testing has confirmed that the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday. No one was injured in that shooting.

The bullet recovered from the battery of a sport utility vehicle struck on Interstate 70 matches eight others recovered during the investigation, including the one that killed a woman in November, according to a release. The others have been linked by factors including location and circumstances.

Experts said the shooter is becoming bolder after evading capture for three months, when authorities first established a pattern in the shootings.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraqi police capture No. 41 on U.S. list of top fugitives

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A special Iraqi police unit arrested a senior Baath Party leader on the U.S. military's most wanted list during a raid Sunday on his home in a Baghdad suburb.

The capture of Mohammed Zimam Abdul Razaq leaves only 10 top figures still at large from the list of 55 issued after the Saddam Hussein regime fell. Abdul Razaq was No. 41, and one of the four of spades in the military's "deck of cards" of top fugitives.

Deputy Interior Minister Ahmed Kadhum Ibrahim touted the arrest as evidence that the still-rebuilding Iraqi police force "can be depended upon in the fight against terrorism," looking to give his troops a boost a day after police in the turbulent city of Fallujah were overwhelmed by dozens of gunmen in one of the best organized guerrilla attacks yet.

U.S. officials gave conflicting reports Sunday on whether foreign fighters or Saddam loyalists carried out the bold, daytime assault on the Fallujah police station.

At least 25 people, mostly police, were killed in the raid, more than 30 people were wounded and the attackers freed dozens of prisoners at the station.

CALENDAR

Today

4 p.m. — An information session about the Class of '38 Summer Study Abroad Fellowship program will be held in Union 3502. Students create program proposals and receive a grant of \$3,500 to complete the project if accepted. For more information, contact Diana Levy at 962-5661.

Wednesday

7 p.m. — Rick Halperin, a professor of history from Southern Methodist University and an expert on the death penalty, will present an overview of the death penalty today in the United States and its associated trends. The event will be held in the Student Union Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund.

From staff and wire reports.

Survey to zero in on retention issue

Officials addressing faculty concerns

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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On Friday, University officials announced plans to conduct a survey of faculty members to investigate the growing problem of faculty retention and recruitment at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Provost Robert Shelton said at the Faculty Council meeting that UNC-CH officials would investi-

gate the issues of employee retention in the coming months. He said a survey would be distributed to faculty members to find the problems with retention that are "beyond mere numbers."

"We want to determine what in addition to salary and benefits are key in addressing recruitment and retention," he said.

Judith Wegner, chairwoman of

the council, said after the meeting that the survey should be distributed by the first week in March.

"We're trying to document in some detail why faculty might stay, why faculty might leave," she said.

The survey has not been drafted yet, but Wegner said members of the Faculty Council have been working with research professionals to complete the task.

"We're looking at a lot of different models from other universities

that have done this," she said. "I've got a lot of information in a thick file."

She said that the survey would be distributed to the faculty via e-mail and that she hopes to have results by the Faculty Council's April meeting.

The meeting also concerned the continuing issues of tuition.

During its Jan. 17 meeting, members of the Faculty Council passed a resolution condemning UNC-CH's proposed tuition

increase, even though much of the revenue from the increase would go toward faculty salaries.

Chancellor James Moeser spoke during Friday's meeting and defended UNC-CH's proposals.

"The state is still in a very precarious situation," he said. He explained that raising tuition would be in the interest of UNC-CH.

In last month's resolution, Faculty Council members cited the

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Sara Rinehart of Kappa Delta charges down the field in a Powder Puff football game at the Hooker Fields on Saturday morning as part of a fund-raiser for Dance Marathon. Last year the volunteers involved with Dance Marathon raised \$167,238.49 for the For The Kids Fund.

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MARATHON RACES TOWARD BIG FINISH

Key events help cover expenses, fulfill mission

BY LINDA SHEN
STAFF WRITER

It's the last dash in a long course. With the UNC Dance Marathon scheduled to kick off Friday, it's crunch time for the ocean of committees, subcommittees and dozens of dedicated students involved.

The search for corporate sponsorship to underwrite Dance Marathon expenses began this summer. The first fund-raising push began in October and won't end until 5 p.m. Saturday, when the group's online auction closes its virtual block. The events are as varied as the students who donate.

"We never start with a financial goal because our mission statement has three parts," Jessica Sherrod, a junior and business management chairwoman, stated in an e-mail. Dance Marathon seeks to unify the campus and provide emotional support for the children and families, but the money is the third part that makes it all possible.

Last year, the more than 200 volunteers involved with Dance Marathon raised \$167,238.49 for the For The Kids Fund, which was established in 2000 to allow money to be given directly to the families and patients of the N.C. Children's Hospital.

Senior Mandy Helton, Dance Marathon's publicity chairwoman, explained that fund-raising is divided into committees for ease. These committees put together everything from grassroots change collection to donations via UNC ONE Cards to auctioning off dates with Chapel Hill's most eligible bachelors.



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"We really specialize, so we cover different audiences," Helton said. "The reason we have a lot of events is we want (students) to get something in return. We want a captive audience."

This year's audiences will have the pleasure of being captive in front of their own computers. It is the second year Dance Marathon has held an online auction, and at <http://www.unc-marathon.org> the selection is impressive.

Everything from food to entertainment to requisite Tar Heel paraphernalia are available for the bidding: a \$50 gift certificate to Top of the Hill, video rentals and jewelry. For television junkies, there are autographed posters of cast members from "Buffy the

Vampire Slayer," signed copies of "Grounded for Life" scripts, a "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" script and posters of professional wrestler Macho Man Randy Savage.

Sophomore Shailika Shah, Dance Marathon's community events chairwoman, and three subchairmen have been collecting items since September for this year's auction.

Shah is pragmatic about the success of the auction. "We can do everything in our power to make it known, but it still depends on people getting online and bidding," she said.

That seemed to be the crux of the matter: student involvement.

"It all comes from the students, and it's incredible how far it goes," said junior Alison Ross, fund-raising projects chairwoman. She also is heading up the canning drive.

The canning doesn't involve fruit, pectin or gathering nonperishable items. Instead, slotted cans are used to collect spare change at the Smith Center, Wal-Mart and the Franklin Street post office. Money is donated during approximately 10 separate canning drives throughout the year and can bring in thousands of dollars.

"We are so lucky that we actually see the money in our hands," Ross said. "And we also

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Caution dictates company actions

Saffelle regains footing after fire

BY EMMA BURGIN AND CHRIS GLAZNER
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At the Saffelle company's new warehouse in Hillsborough on Friday, an employee dragged her cigarette across the sidewalk several times and ran it under tap water before throwing it away.

Her caution seemed appropriate after a fire Feb. 7 destroyed the janitorial supply company's 24,000-square-foot building in Carrboro, causing several million dollars in damage.

Carrboro Fire Chief Rodney Murray said the investigation is still underway. "We're not any farther along. We just started digging the building out Tuesday afternoon."

The department asked for help from the State Bureau of Investigation and the N.C. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms because of their ability to deal with large commercial buildings.

"It gives us another set of eyes to look through and additional manpower," he said. "It's time consuming to dig through debris. The more assistance you have, the quicker you can move through that process."

In addition to damages to the company's business, there still are concerns about chemical runoff into University Lake, a primary water source for Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

After the fire, OWASA switched its water withdrawal from University Lake to the Cane Creek Reservoir as a precaution.

OWASA received phone calls from homeowners in the area complaining of sudsy water and chemical smells, said Rachel Monschein, laboratory supervisor at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant.

She said the plant has run extensive tests on the lake, but it won't receive results for about two weeks.

"We're going to not return to University Lake as a source until we get those test results as a precaution," Monschein said. "In summer, there's more outdoor water-

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Senior plans for job, future travel

BY MICHELLE JARBOE
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The end of the year already has caught up with senior Sean Michnowicz, and the path beyond graduation seems obscured by indecision.

Plans for graduate school no longer fill Michnowicz's mind; he didn't apply. After evaluating several universities whose graduate programs might take his peace,

war and defense studies a few steps closer to a career in counterterrorism, Michnowicz decided time taken off might be time well-spent. His leave expires May 31, and he plans to leave Chapel Hill before then, perhaps making his way toward Austin, Texas, or Seattle. Though both cities host major universities in which Michnowicz has been interested, education has taken a back seat to money in the bank for the 22-year-old from East

Haddam, Conn.

"There's a difference between a job and a career," Michnowicz said. "I'm just looking for a job, something to pay the bills."

And he's aiming to travel, not only within the United States. For Michnowicz, who said he becomes restless living in the same place for years, a Winter Break trip to India further fueled his fire for international forays.

"It's not what I did," he said. "It's still what I haven't done."

Michnowicz left New York City on Dec. 22 and arrived in Chennai, India, on Dec. 24 around 1 a.m. He slept during most of the flight and awakened to a culture whose sights and sounds he'd previously experienced only through film, music and language.

"When we flew into Bombay, you could see the squatter settlements, which go about three-fourths of the way around the international airport," he said.

Noting the contrasts between opulent wealth and extreme pover-

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W. Rosemary gets attention

BY MEREDITH MILLER
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New developments on West Rosemary Street might bring new life and attention to a part of downtown that business owners say does not get as much notice as Franklin Street.

At a recent Chapel Hill Town Council public hearing, developer Tom Tucker expressed concerns that Rosemary Street does not receive as much funding for sidewalks and lighting as Franklin Street.

Tucker, who serves on the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission, said owners on Rosemary Street have contributed to the Downtown Service District Tax but have not seen any results.

"I have a hard time understanding how they expect to encourage development," he said.

Charles House, chairman of the Downtown Commission, said Franklin Street gets more attention because it has a more visible presence in the town.

"Rosemary is equally as important as Franklin, but it is not as developed," he said.

House said Franklin Street, due to its retail business and proximity to the University, has more pedestrian travel, which explains



Customers Satish C. and Santosh Agarwal have dinner at Oriental Garden, a Chinese restaurant located at 503 W. Rosemary St.

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why certain amenities such as sidewalks are installed there. He said these amenities will be seen on Rosemary Street eventually.

"There is no intention at all to slight the Rosemary district," he said.

Tucker is developing Rosemary Village, a major project for the West Rosemary area, which will include 38 condominiums and seven retail shops.

Tucker has been working on the project's design for four years and

said it would consist of upscale shops, including a facial spa, a coffee shop and an art gallery.

The project site is located on West Rosemary next to Mama Dip's Kitchen and is expected to be completed by summer 2005.

Judy Bosniadis is a sales and marketing executive with the Rosemary Village project.

"(Rosemary Village) will bring a revival to the area," she said. "I feel

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