

CAMPUS BRIEFS
UNC students awarded
Stone Center fellowships

Two UNC students were the first recipients of funds from the Eli T. Ullum Undergraduate International Studies Fellowship to study abroad. The funds were administered by the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

The recipients were sophomores Christina Lee and Clayton Perry. Lee, a sociology major with a minor in French, will study this fall in Bamako, Mali. Her program, "Gender and Development," is sponsored by the School for International Training.

Perry, a political science and sociology double major, will study in Accra, Ghana, this fall. He is participating in the Burch Field Research Seminar titled "Performance, Development and the Legacy of Kwame Nkrumah." The seminar will include two main components: fieldwork interviews and a public performance.

The fellowship, which was established this year, gives \$2,500 to students pursuing academic research or study in an international setting.

NATIONAL BRIEFS
Commission suggests fund
to watch natural resources

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Citing a dire need to protect ocean resources from exploitation and pollution, a presidential commission is urging the creation of a federal oceans trust fund from oil and gas royalties.

The recommendation is one of dozens in the commission's nearly 500-page draft report, the first such sweeping review of U.S. ocean policy in 35 years.

The Ocean Policy Trust Fund — similar to the Highway Trust Fund for transportation projects — would come from the annual \$5 billion in bonus bid and royalty payments made to the U.S. Treasury for offshore oil and gas drilling, and from "new uses of offshore waters," the commission said.

Up to \$4 billion of that would be fair game for the fund, along with "any future rents from permitted uses" or "newer emerging uses in federal waters," the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy stated in a report issued Tuesday. The panel said that \$1 billion intended for land and water conservation, national historic preservation and coastal states would be unaffected.

Fewer full-time workers
to see cut in overtime pay

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With an eye toward November's election, the Bush administration is revising its planned overhaul of the nation's overtime rules to reduce the paychecks of far fewer white-collar workers logging more than 40 hours a week.

The plan, to be previewed Tuesday by Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, also would make more white-collar, lower-income workers newly eligible for overtime, said Republican officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are identified as jobs that will not lose overtime eligibility.

Department spokesman Ed Frank did not return multiple messages seeking comment Monday.

The changes come at a time when jobs and pocketbook issues are among the top voter concerns. President Bush has improved his standing in polls on domestic issues, but questions linger about the strength of the labor market and his plan to create jobs.

Witness in Oklahoma City
bomber case to testify

McALESTER, Okla. — The prosecution's star witness in the Terry Nichols murder trial will be allowed to testify about the alleged conspiracy between Nichols and Timothy McVeigh to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Nichols' attorneys had asked the judge to prohibit conspiracy testimony from witness Michael Fortier because he wasn't charged as a conspirator.

Judge Steven Taylor said evidence in Nichols' trial indicates there was a conspiracy between McVeigh and Nichols. He also said that previous federal testimony from Fortier indicates he was part of that conspiracy.

Fortier, serving 12 years in prison for knowing about the bombing plot but not telling authorities, was brought to the courthouse under heavy security Tuesday and was expected to testify later in the day.

In a hearing after the jury was sent home Monday, attorneys for Nichols claimed that the prosecution is withholding evidence that is crucial to his defense.

From staff and wire reports.

Class officers rev up for final year

Early initiative to increase input

BY JENNY RUBY
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Recently elected senior class officers are exploring new ways to increase student awareness and participation, especially in the choice of next year's Commencement speaker.

Many of this year's graduating seniors voiced their frustration last

fall with their inability to express an opinion regarding the selection of a Commencement speaker.

Senior class President Jovian Irvin said members of next year's senior class will see increased opportunities to give feedback on issues that are important to them.

"We realize a lot of times you don't hear what's going on," Irvin

said. "We want to make sure they have as many opportunities to voice their opinions as possible."

Senior class officers created an AOL Instant Messenger screen name, "SeniorMarshals05," to increase communication between seniors and the officers.

Seniors can use the screen name to offer suggestions for the Commencement speaker and to find information about upcoming events.

"A lot of people use Instant Messenger to read away messages out of boredom or to find out what's going on," Chief Marshal David Ruskey said.

"This is a really easy, really convenient way to solicit opinions."

The screen name has been operational for only a few weeks and already has been viewed 1,172 times. Students have offered more than 100 suggestions for next year's Commencement speaker,

Ruskey said.

"We've gotten a surprisingly huge response in such a short time," he said. "We're really excited about that."

Irvin said that senior class officials will also solicit input by sending fliers to off-campus apartment complexes where students live.

This year, many students were confused about the role of the sen-

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DTH/KATHY SHUPING

Senior Katie Welch spent her four years at UNC accomplishing a list of priorities she set for herself as a freshman, such as completing a business major and studying abroad in Australia. After graduation, Welch will move to Columbus, Ohio, to work at an accounting firm.

Senior's balancing act: The full college experience

Katie Welch accomplishes list of goals at UNC

BY JERMAINE CALDWELL
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All business but all smiles, senior Katie Welch bounces right up each step of Graham Memorial Hall.

"Sorry I'm late," she says, sliding from the sun into the shade, her soft blue eyes and slender dimples serving to disarm as she approaches. Promptness isn't her strong suit, but this isn't for a lack of sticking to scheduling; it's quite the opposite.

Being early equates to waiting around. And those are valuable minutes Welch could manipulate into soaking in what she will soon be without: Chapel Hill, time with her twin brother, moments with friends and the connection with UNC campus life.

Welch, a business major from Winston-Salem, extracts as much as she can from each day, each educational chance and every experience. Throughout the past four years, she says, UNC hasn't disappointed as a provider of such opportunities. Welch has kept up her end of the bargain, too. This equation makes for a college career she characterizes as an "effective four years."

Secluded and shaded, Welch evaluates the years gone by, her black cotton dress

keeping her cool and comfortable. "My best decision academically was, by far, coming to Carolina," she says without doubt.

Four years ago, Welch's list of academic adventures to accomplish bordered on a wish list — desires soon to be dampened realities of college.

As of March 2001, she placed her priorities as follows: political internship in Washington, D.C.; going Greek with the greatest of ease; heading to Australia for academics abroad; beginning life in the Kenan-Flagler Business School; keeping her courses fulfilling rather than obligatory and — oh, yeah — generally not freaking out.

With unwavering optimism and dedication, Welch was able to whisk her way through college life, checking off the wishes she set out to tackle and remembering all along not to worry too much about life.

Welch knocked down desires like bowling pins in an early frame in the game of life, picking up one exciting experience after another.

Dabbling in D.C. politics was over and done with by the end of her first college summer. Next up was moving into the Kappa Delta house. "I'm sure there's not a 100-percent-perfect place to live," Welch offered in 2001. But she was confident then. "You really can't go wrong."

She makes a strikingly similar statement three years later; it's a parallel that shows positivity always wins out for Welch.

"It's living with 40 girls," she says about the house. "In all fairness, they're 40 of your best friends. Never a dull moment."

Next up was Australia for academia down under. Welch was not destined to leave UNC without traveling outside the United States for a slightly different kind of education.

So she traveled abroad, returning richer and satisfied. "It was awesome. I loved it," she says. "It was really a refreshing experience. The culture is real laid back."

Her trip abroad was the first extended period of time Welch remembers being away from her twin brother, Kent, since birth. Both enrolled at UNC, but never fretted

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EXIT Carolina



In 2001, Katie Welch planned to pursue politics and business.

Board vote makes APS ouster official

County to run shelter after June 30

BY SHANNAN BOWEN
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The Orange County Board of Commissioners made it official Tuesday that the county government will take control of the Orange County Animal Shelter when its contract with the Animal Protection Society ends June 30.

The unanimous decision was reached after a county-appointed task force reviewed a report by the Humane Society of the United States on APS's shelter management and made a recommendation on future operations.

APS faces criticism for alleged shelter mismanagement and fiscal irresponsibility, along with lawsuits filed by critics Elliot Cramer and Judith Reitman.

But many board members and residents also have concerns about the future involvement of APS with the shelter, along with questions about the county management's structure.

In addition to the county running the shelter, the board will find ways to transfer qualified APS staff

to the county shelter and to purchase equipment needed to begin shelter operation.

According to initial cost estimates for the county-run operation, APS would continue to provide veterinary services, such as spaying and neutering, at a cost of \$132,000 per year.

But APS President Ann Petersen clarified that under a county-run model, shelter animals are owned by the county and could not receive veterinarian services through APS at a lower cost than it offers the public.

Instead, she said, the county would pay double the rate, or \$22,000 per month, for these services.

"It's not that we don't want to help," she said. "But state law prohibits us to cooperate."

Petersen said it would not be fair to offer its services to the county for a cheaper price than what the public pays.

Cramer suggested that the

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Center marks 30 years of service

Reinforces duty to fight violence

BY MEREDITH MILLER
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Citizens, volunteers and public officials gathered at the Chapel Hill Sheraton Hotel on Tuesday evening to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

Before the ceremony began, guests sipped lemonade, sampled appetizers and engaged in conversations while the Stephen Levitan Trio played music in the background.

This party atmosphere seemed odd in light of the subject matter that brought everyone together: sexual violence.

Mary Cason, former Rape Crisis Center board president and chairwoman of planning for the 30th anniversary event, acknowledged in her opening comments the difficulty of celebrating such an event.

"We do not and cannot celebrate the need for this event, but we can celebrate the people who help us fulfill our duty," she said.

Displays that revealed startling statistics about violence against women reminded guests of the



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Ann Bajwa, right, who was sexually abused as a child, listens during the 30th anniversary celebration for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

center's missions. Scrapbooks documenting the center's history were also available for guests to peruse.

"Thirty years is quite a milestone, not only to have been open since 1974, but also to have grown since then and maintain funding," said Vanessa Miller, a center volunteer, as she looked through the collection of pictures on display.

At 6 p.m., everyone sat down for speeches, including one by N.C.

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall. "I am here to celebrate the determination of the women and men of this center," she said before discussing the frequency of violence against women. Throughout her speech, Marshall asked audience members to mold their anger about sexual violence into action.

"Don't give up the fight," she said. Marshall also stressed the

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