

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Department of Chemistry selects new chairman

Holden Thorp, director of Morehead Planetarium and Science Center since 2001, has been tapped as the new chairman of the Department of Chemistry.

He also will serve as a Kenan professor, an endowed faculty position. Both appointments are effective July 1.

Thorp earned his bachelor of science degree at UNC and graduated with highest honors in chemistry in 1986. He then attended the California Institute of Technology and graduated with his doctorate in 1989. He started working at UNC in 1993 as assistant professor of chemistry and now serves as a professor of chemistry.

Thorp is filling the position of James Jorgenson, who will complete his five-year term as chairman of the department June 30. Jorgenson, W.R. Kenan Jr. professor, will continue to teach and conduct research in chemistry at UNC.

Jeff Hill, the Morehead Center's marketing and business ventures director, will serve as acting director until a permanent one is hired.

CITY BRIEFS
Dual-language program to offer information sessions

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the dual-language program of the city school district will have the chance to learn more about the program before they apply.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will hold information sessions for parents of rising kindergartners to find out more about the program and application process.

The sessions will feature a slide-show presentation and video about the program. Applications will also be available to parents.

The next session will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lincoln Center.

The dual-language program, which began in 2002, now allows students in kindergarten through second grade to learn in two languages.

Carrboro Elementary School offers a Spanish/English program to students in its district. The Chinese/English program at Glenwood Elementary School is available to students throughout the entire school district.

Each program accepts 12 English-speaking applicants and 12 applicants whose primary language is Spanish or Chinese, depending on the program.

Applications also are available from the district's registrar at the Lincoln Center. The deadline for applications is April 29.

In May, the district will hold a lottery to select applicants to fill the slots and a waiting list.

Speaker's talk to center on violence in Colombia

The Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education will host a video presentation and discussion of violence in Colombia at 5 p.m. Sunday.

As a follow-up to the Jan. 30 presentation of "War Takes," Juan Ricardo Aparicio, a doctoral student in anthropology at UNC, will present and discuss "Coping with Violence in Colombia."

The event is free and open to the public. More information can be obtained by calling 933-0398.

STATE & NATION
North Korea announces that it has produced nukes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea announced for the first time Thursday it has nuclear weapons, and it rejected moves to restart disarmament talks anytime soon, saying the bombs are protection against an increasingly hostile United States.

The communist state's statement dramatically raised the stakes in the 2-year-old nuclear confrontation and posed a grave challenge to President Bush, who started his second term with a vow to end North Korea's nuclear program through six-nation talks.

"We ... have manufactured nukes for self-defense to cope with the Bush administration's ever-more undisguised policy to isolate and stifle the (North)," the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

The claim could not be independently verified. North Korea expelled the last U.N. nuclear monitors in late 2002.

CALENDAR

Today — Habitat for Humanity will be accepting donations from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at W.B. Yeats Irish Pub, located at 306 W. Franklin St. The event will feature live music, and donations will be collected at the door.

— From staff and wire reports.

Grad students' voices lost

BY SHARI FELD
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Jen Bushman said Tuesday's student body elections were a disappointment.

With about 7 percent of graduate students turning out to vote, the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation said upper level students don't realize the influence they could have.

The decisions that elected student leaders make — taking stands on tuition, transportation and basketball ticket distribution policies, for example — have more of an impact on graduate students' lives than they realize, Bushman said.

"The thing about being a graduate or professional student is that unless it's directly relevant to why you're here, a lot of people won't pay attention," she said. "It's hard to get graduate students involved in things — not because they don't care, but because time is just so valuable."

Although the GPSF president is a visible and direct representative of the population, many graduate students don't understand that the student body president also represents them. In fact, the student body president is arguably the only member of the

Board of Trustees who fights continually for students' interests — the GPSF president does not sit on the BOT and is unlikely to do so anytime in the near future.

"It seemed like (the elections) catered mostly to undergraduate students," said journalism graduate student Carrie Leonard. "It didn't seem like it had anything to do with me."

Leonard said she didn't vote Tuesday because she was too busy to make an informed decision. "As a graduate student

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16 MISSIONS, ONE VISION

Part 5 of a 16-part series profiling the campuses of the UNC system.



TODAY:
FSU

School tries to separate from city

BY KAVITA PILLAI
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Founded in 1867, Fayetteville State University has evolved from a small black college to one of the leading HBCUs in the state.

And as one of the UNC-system's focus-growth schools, the university is in the midst of major change and growth that will take its already well-regarded programs to the next level — and, in the process, aid some of the state's most struggling sectors.

FSU, which joined the UNC system in 1972, soon will offer a master's degree in teaching, an expansion of its existing program geared toward mid-career professionals interested in a new start.

Marion Gillis-Olson, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the university is creating or expanding programs that will directly aid struggling areas of the economy. "We're long sought-after as a producer of high quality teachers," she said. "And of course there is a teacher shortage in the state."

FSU is one of the original six schools the UNC-system Board of Governors picked to offer a doctorate in educational leadership, which allows the school to graduate future school administrators and superintendents.

And the university recently was named by Black Issues in Higher Education as a leading producer of black graduates with master's degrees in mathematics.

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Store's owner says it'll work with officials

BY ADAM W. RHEW
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A local economic advisory board is prepared to take action in order to fill a vacant downtown building, despite claims from the property owner that it will take steps to improve its appearance.

Members of the Chapel Hill Downtown Economic Development Corporation have expressed concern about the vacant Wicked Burrito restaurant, located at 214 W. Franklin St.

At its meeting Wednesday, the group agreed to forward to the Chapel Hill Town Council a resolution to condemn the property, which is owned by a subsidiary of Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon, based out of Wichita, Kan.

But Lone Star Executive Vice President John White said his company only became aware of the property's condition after the corporation's discussion Wednesday.

"That's the first we heard of it," he said. White said the company sent a representative to Chapel Hill on Thursday to evaluate the condition of the property. He emphasized that the company is still interested in using the building, but declined to comment on its specific plans.

But the building, which has been vacant since January 2000, is now in disrepair, corporation Chairwoman Andrea Rohrbacher said. "It is an extreme eyesore to the central business district of

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DTH/GILLIAN BOLSOVER

Jane Maske creates a watercolor painting of a dream she had last year at the Dreamworks community art project Thursday afternoon while artist Carol Buxton Hamon chats with Susan Williams. Williams created a collage on the theme

"Light on My Feet." The project was organized by the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission. It was held at the Cornucopia House, a cancer support center, and was part of a series of art workshops geared toward creating art on the theme of dreams.

Americorps to see cuts, more workers

BY CAROLYN SOROCK
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With President Bush's proposed 2006 budget, Americorps would be able to expand its program by taking on 2,500 more volunteers, even as overall funding for the service program would decrease.

The budget appropriates \$421 million to Americorps, a cut of 2.3 percent.

Lynn Blanchard, director of the Carolina Center for Public Service, expressed some apprehension about Bush's cuts.

"If you think of 2 percent, it isn't much, but when you think of the number of programs (supported by Americorps), it could mean a lot," she said. "It is something that would be felt."

But the proposed budget does include a 2.1 percent increase for the National Service Trust. The trust provides money for educational grants to be earned by students in the Americorps volunteer programs.

Because of the increase in available scholarship money, Americorps can take on 2,500 more volunteers, said Sandy Scott, a press secretary for Americorps. This year, there are 72,500 Americorps volunteers.

Blanchard said her program could benefit from more volunteers.

"We anticipate filling 20 slots (of Americorps volunteers) for next year," she said. "And we've been offered 10 to 20 extra slots for potential volunteers, if interest is shown."

Scott said it isn't known which Americorps programs will suffer from the overall cuts.

"Only the competitive grants will be affected (by budget cuts), so we have no way of knowing which organizations will benefit from the grants until the winners of the grant competitions are announced," Scott said.

After Americorps reviews the qualification for each volunteer organization, it will announce which programs will receive grants in summer 2006, and no programs are in danger of being cut until then.

One of the programs that will be competing for a grant in 2006, Chapel Hill's TEACH Early Childhood Corps, currently serves 800 young children with 13 volunteers from Americorps.

Anna Severens, director of TEACH Corps, said she plans to recruit 20 volunteers from Americorps for her program for next year. In response to the budget changes, she expressed hope

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Black history exhibit to open

BY BRANDON REED
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Chapel Hill will kick off a month-long exhibit tonight at Town Hall to celebrate local black history.

The exhibit includes photographs, newspaper articles, arrest reports and a collection of other items that chronicle black history in Chapel Hill from the civil rights movement to the present day.

The reception is free and open to the public, and it will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This year it's much more of a historical exhibition," said Kate Flory, executive director of the town's Public Arts Commission.

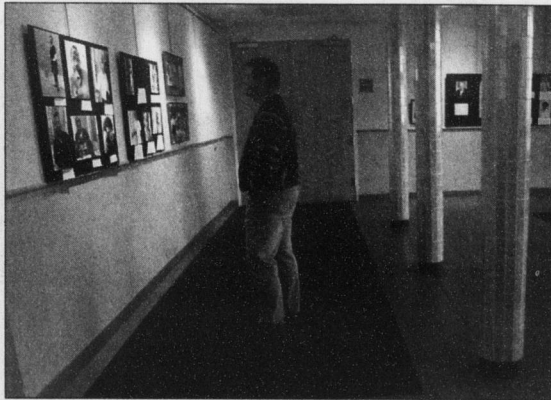
Every year, Chapel Hill displays the artwork of prominent black artists in Town Hall during Black History Month. This is the first year that local history will be the focus.

"It's been a major topic of discussion lately," Flory said. "Out of (the renaming of Airport Road) meetings came a real desire to be more in touch with our local black history."

Flory said the town started with a few contributions on local black history and was then flooded by hundreds of donated items. Items were still coming into mayoral assistant Emily Dickens' office Thursday.

Dickens said the sheer volume of material forced the opening of the exhibit to be delayed from the beginning of the month.

"If we're going to do something,



DTH/CARTER MURPHY

Spence Wright browses part of a monthlong exhibit of items dealing with black history in Chapel Hill at Town Hall on Thursday afternoon.

we're going to do it right," she said.

She added that she spent many afternoons talking with people in their homes about the stories behind the items they donated and that she wants to show the town's rich black history to the public.

Many local residents might not be aware of events that happened one or two generations ago, she said.

"If you don't know your past, you won't know your future," said Fred Battle, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Battle added that Black History

Month is important because society needs to be reminded of the legacy that individuals created so things could be the way they are today.

Few city schools students or their parents are old enough to remember much about Lincoln High School, Chapel Hill's all-black school, because it closed in the late 1960s, Dickens said.

"(The exhibit) is a reflection of learning, a lot of which we don't get in our everyday history classes," Battle said.

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