

STATE & NATION

N.C. House passes bill to ban Social Security as school ID

A bill barring UNC-system schools from using Social Security numbers as identification passed unanimously Tuesday in the N.C. House.

The bill — introduced by Rep. Jeff Barnhart, R-Cabarrus — will be sent to the Senate today for its first reading. If passed by the Senate, all system schools will have to enact the bill by fall 2007.

UNC-Chapel Hill now uses an alternate number to identify students. Other schools in the system are starting the Banner Project program, which generates random numbers to use for student identification.

The bill was introduced to help prevent the crimes of fraud and identity theft on college campuses.

CITY BRIEFS

Dukes still awaits trial for multiple Chapel Hill thefts

The man who was arrested in November in relation to eight breaking and enterings around Cameron Avenue is still awaiting trial.

Anthony Jerome Dukes, facing 15 felony charges related to breaking and entering and larceny, was scheduled to appear in Orange County Superior Court on Tuesday.

Dukes previously was represented by Public Defender Susan Seahorn, but with her withdrawal from the case, Dukes' new attorney is Amos Tyndall.

The case has been postponed until May 24 because Tyndall was trying another case in Alamance County.

Dukes was arrested Nov. 10 after he was spotted at 217 Vance St., which was a house he had reportedly broken into a few days earlier.

The break-ins also occurred around Kenan, McCauley, Ransom and Vance streets, in addition to Cameron Avenue.

Police reports state that the amount of goods stolen totaled \$23,000. Dukes has been in custody in Orange County Jail since his November arrest.

County rape crisis center seeks summer volunteers

The Orange County Rape Crisis center is looking for volunteers.

The center is accepting applications for summer volunteer training classes, and the deadline is May 9. Training will begin in mid-May.

Volunteers answer the center's 24-hour crisis/response line and present educational programs.

The organization encourages men and women with diverse backgrounds and experience to apply.

For more information, visit <http://www.ocrc.org>.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC fund-raising dinner to feature Reno, Smith, Friday

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, former UNC basketball coach Dean Smith and UNC-system President Emeritus William Friday will appear at a fund-raising dinner Saturday in Chapel Hill.

The proceeds from the event will aid UNC-CH's research efforts to treat Parkinson's disease, tremors, dystonia, Huntington's disease and other movement disorders.

The dinner will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Friday Center.

CALENDAR

Thursday — Juniors Clayton Perry and Christina Lee, the first recipients of the Undergraduate International Studies Fellowship, will host an informal discussion to reflect on their semesters abroad.

The talk will be held at noon in the multipurpose room of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

Lee and Perry each received \$2,500 last semester for international academic pursuits from the Stone Center.

Lee traveled to Mali to study issues of gender and development, while Perry examined the sociopolitical legacy of Kwame Nkrumah, a politician in Ghana and an influential founder of Pan-Africanism.

Friday — The sixth annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research will be held at the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, in Graham Memorial from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will showcase original research by undergraduates in all disciplines. Students will present their work and findings at the event.

— From staff reports.

Downtown body to eye members

BY MEREDITH LEE MILLER
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Replacing its chairman, finding a niche and clarifying open meetings laws made the first year chaotic for a local economic development group.

And just as the Downtown Economic Development Corporation seems to have gotten its bearings, the group is preparing to face more change.

Members of the group must decide soon if they need to have such high-ranking University and local officials on the board.

The corporation — convened last July to represent jointly the interests of the town, the University and the private sector — was scheduled to discuss how it should reappoint its members at its 7:30 a.m. meet-

ing today.

The mayoral task force that helped build the corporation suggested appointing high-ranking officials from all sectors during the group's early years to guarantee that the group's work is valued until it becomes entrenched in the area.

Roger Perry, a member of the University's Board of Trustees; Nancy Sutenfield, UNC's vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy are among the current members.

Interim Executive Director Nick Didow said the board's current makeup is crucial to its success.

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this," Didow said.

Perry and Sutenfield are scheduled to serve until 2006 and 2007, respectively. Foy, who was appointed by the council in February following the downtown group's hiccup with the state's open meetings law, is expected to serve until 2006.

The three other town appointees are set to serve until 2007.

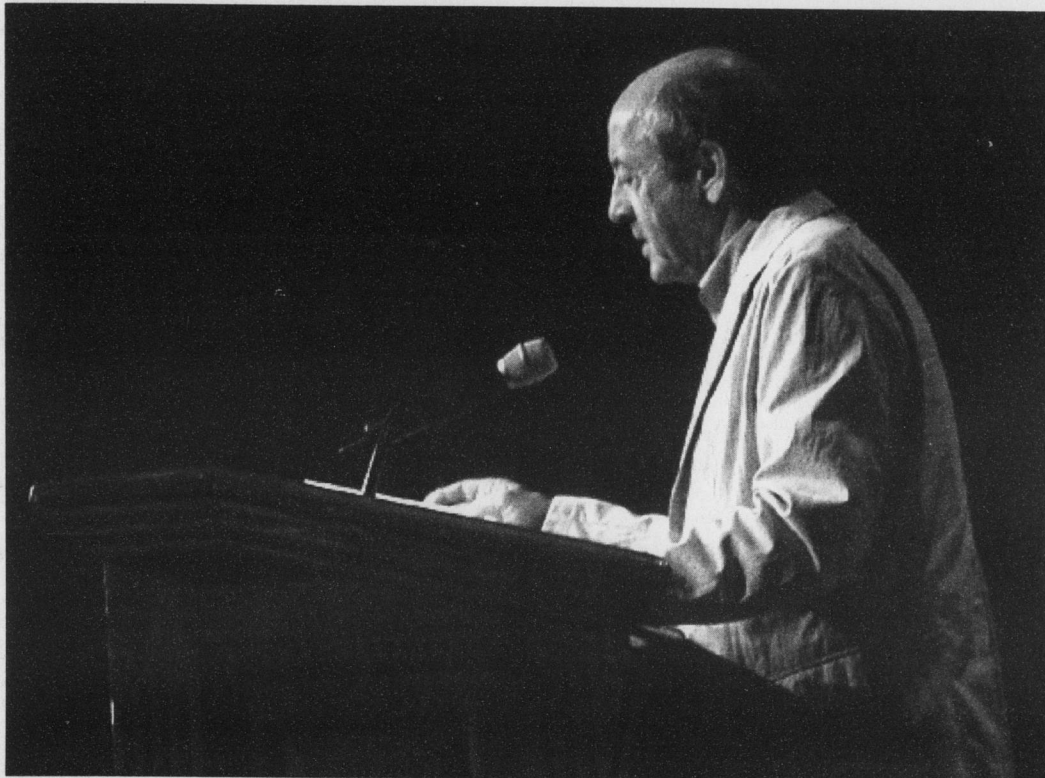
The seventh member, Betty Kenan, was appointed by the corporation's members to a one-year term

that expires in June. Kenan said she is unsure whether she will be reappointed. "I serve at the pleasure of the rest of the board," said Kenan, who also owns the University Square shopping complex.

Foy has said he will stay on the corporation only if he is needed. After he was appointed, he said he would not have to be so involved once the group matures.

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"I'm a fan of his work, and it's great to see a personality behind that." SCOTT DILL, ENGLISH TEACHER



Former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins shares some of his work with a sold-out crowd in the Great Hall of the Student Union on Tuesday night. Collins, who was poet laureate from 2001 to 2003, explored topics such as writing, companionship and mortality in his selected readings.

VERSED IN POETRY

COLLINS BRINGS HIS UNIQUE WIT TO THE GREAT HALL

BY BECCA MOORE
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Mice incinerating a house. Disgruntled house pets visiting from beyond the grave. Even the tried-and-true tactic of honoring women via the simile.

All of these were part of former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins' reading Tuesday to a sold-out crowd in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

Collins entertained and touched the crowd with 24 poems in the course of an hour.

Some were comfortably funny depictions of everyday activities. Some caused the crowd to take pause at the powerful last verse, the "oh" audible throughout the room.

Either way, Collins read them in a paced and deliberate demeanor, and his perfectly dry delivery sounded eerily similar to that of actor Kevin Spacey.

In the poem "The Trouble with Poetry,"

Collins slyly remarked that the trouble with poetry, in fact, "... is that it encourages the writing of more poetry."

In "Litany," he joked about how women are compared too often to the many wonders of the world through similes and are probably "sick of them."

"Dharma," a poem about Collins' faithful companion, briefly explored the noble yet carefree life of his dog.

The dog "provides a finer example of a life without encumbrance," he read, and then compared his pet to both Thoreau and Gandhi.

Collins stuck with the canine theme in "The Revenant," a quirky work about a dog that has been put to sleep and that returns to tell his owner he never liked him.

"Sorry, cat people — it turns out that you are the hacks in the afterlife," he said after the poem.

Throughout the reading, Collins shifted from more light and humorous topics to those that were more somber, such as death, mortality and silence.

"Building With Its Face Blown Off" explored the vulnerability of a room after a wall has been ripped away by a violent explosion. Collins prefaced the work by noting that it was the type of photo he's seen too often in his lifetime.

"The Country" focused on perspectives of city life and life in the country. Collins read about laying awake at night, imagining a mouse igniting a "strike anywhere" match while crawling through a pipe — and subsequently torching a country house.

Collins, who has been praised for his accessible but universally affecting poetry, held the title of national poet laureate from

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N.C. teaching program may be national model

Teaching Fellows may curb scarcity

BY KRISTIN PRATT
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The push for education reform in Congress intensified with the proposal for a national Teaching Fellows program, based on North Carolina's model, in an effort to relieve the nation's teaching shortage.

U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., proposed expanding the Teaching Fellows Act to the national level April 21 to curb the teacher shortage. The legislation is part of the Higher Education Act, which is up for reauthorization this year.

"The concept and idea has potential for helping with the teaching shortage," said Laura Pottmyer Soto, director of N.C. State University's Teaching Fellows program.

Recruitment and retention have been problem spots, and Price said he hopes the national program would help alleviate both.

"The national program will help as long as people acknowledge there is a real problem," said

Howard Machtinger, director of the UNC-Chapel Hill Teaching Fellows program.

"Retention currently does not get enough attention," he said.

Within the first five years of teaching, 30 percent of teachers quit the profession — a number that jumps to 50 percent in urban areas.

Machtinger said there is not enough accompanying support for new teachers, which contributes to the low retention rate.

Price's bill would provide scholarships and mentoring programs to help recruit high school seniors and undergraduate freshmen, as well as students in community colleges.

"The extracurricular program would help socialize them into the teaching program," he said.

Price said the fellowship needs to be more than money for the students, and mentoring programs would help provide the extra stimulus to retain teachers.

"North Carolina made the move to that approach," he said. "I hope the federal program would have that same feature."

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Schools spokeswoman to retire

BY KATHRYN REED
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Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, has seen the district grow from nine total schools to nine elementary schools alone.

And after 23 years with city schools, Hoke will retire at the end of this school year.

"I still have trouble using the 'R' word," she said. "I'm far too young."

In addition to serving as the district's spokeswoman, Hoke supervises the Volunteer and Partner Program, the elementary and middle after-school programs and the parent involvement office.

She is also the receptionist in the district's print shop and a liaison for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works with public schools and the community to improve education in the district.

"Kim knows everything about the district," said Robin Nucilli, publications assistant and secretary for city schools. "I'll miss her guidance. She's just a great person."

Hoke said her widespread involvement with the schools has been both rewarding and challenging.

"The most positive thing has been being able to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of students and staff," she said.



Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, talks on the phone in her office Tuesday. She will retire at the end of this school year.

"By the same token, the most difficult times have been when we've had student or staff problems, deaths. Those are always wrenching."

Hoke came to the district in June 1982 from a position as the communications director for Granville County Schools.

She said she has seen a number of changes in the community since then, the most notable of which

Congress approves new crop of leaders

Executive branch fills outside posts

BY KATHRYN BALES
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Two dozen student government appointees were approved at Tuesday's Student Congress meeting with a monotonous chorus of "I think the ayes have it" from Speaker Luke Farley.

Though Congress members expressed a few concerns, the executive branch's 24 external appointments were approved without opposition.

"Each of the different positions has different qualifications, but we want people who will represent the student body in a really supportive way," said Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston.

The appointments included positions on the Student Supreme Court, Student Fee Audit Committee and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor.

Johnston said the appointments mark Student Body President Seth Dearmin's interest in grassroots student government.

"We want to reach out and get different perspectives and not just have the same people in student government and on the committees as there always have been," he said. "We wanted to really get away from that."

Many appointees said they will strive to supply these unique perspectives.

"We can be the intermediate between the student body, the rural community and the Christian community, which I represent," said Jennifer Reardon, who was appointed to serve on the chancellor's advisory committee. "I hope to address the hot topics that Carolina's facing with new perspectives."

Although Johnston was responsible for the initial search for and selection of appointees, his candidates first had to garner approval from a Congress committee and then from the entire body.

The appointees are confident in their credentials. Kelly Short, a freshman appointed to both the associate justice post and to the student legal services board of directors, said she feels qualified for her positions.

"I've always had a strong passion for law, and I carried student government positions in high school," she said. "I have the responsibility, passion and dedication, and I will try to be fair and open-minded."

The new student government members have many goals for their positions and their interactions with Congress.

"(The Student Supreme Court) will be putting restrictions on their power to make sure they are working within their rights and in the cases that come before us," Short said. "We will be upholding the laws that they've passed."

Freshman Matt Hendren, appointed to the chancellor's advisory committee, said he aims to aid

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