

CITY BRIEFS

Board of education seeks to promote healthy lifestyles

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will be reviewing a survey tonight to look at ways to promote healthy lifestyles in the schools.

In June, district officials received the results of the 2005 CHCCS Middle and High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which was done by the Center for Assessment and Research Alliances at Mars Hill College.

The survey collected data about tobacco, drug and alcohol use, unhealthy habits and sexual and violent behavior.

In area high schools, reports revealed that students consider harassment and bullying to be less of a problem than what has been reported at the statewide level.

However, reports say area high school students engage in more underage drinking than they do at the state level.

The board will pick up this issue and others at its 7 p.m. meeting today at Rashkis Elementary School.

City bus sports new features, expected to operate longer

A city bus is going to hit the streets of Chapel Hill on Friday with a brand new look.

The bus is the first of 13 Chapel Hill Transit buses to be refurbished by Complete Coach Works of Riverside, Calif.

The new look will include a passenger back, wheelchair lift and bicycle rack.

The bus also will have a new engine.

The bus will begin its route at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Most of the funding for the \$2 million refurbishment was secured by U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., through the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

Nine to 12 years will be added to the lifespan of the buses as a result of the refurbishment, experts say.

WORLD BRIEFS

Smugglers sneak weapons into Gaza after Israelis leave

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Palestinian gunrunners smuggled hundreds of assault rifles and pistols across the Egyptian frontier into Gaza, dealers and border officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The influx confirmed Israeli fears about giving up border control and could further destabilize Gaza.

Black market prices for weapons dropped sharply, with AK-47 assault rifles nearly cut in half to \$1,300 and even steeper reductions for handguns.

News of the smuggling came as Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas tried to impose order following the Israeli troop withdrawal from Gaza this week.

Militant groups scoffed at a new Palestinian Authority demand that they disband after parliamentary elections in January, saying they would not surrender weapons.

Israel voiced concern about chaos along the Egypt-Gaza border in the three days since its pullout, sending messages to the United States, Egypt and the Palestinians.

"We will not put up with this," Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said.

U.S. refuses North Korean nuclear reactor demand

BEIJING — North Korea insisted Wednesday it should get a nuclear reactor to generate electricity in exchange for abandoning atomic weapons development.

But the main U.S. envoy at disarmament talks said Washington, D.C., and its partners have no intention of meeting the demand.

After his first one-on-one meeting with the North Korean delegation at this round of six-nation talks on the communist nation's nuclear program, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the sides "did not make a lot of progress."

The talks resumed Tuesday after a five-week recess, and also include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

The last session failed to yield an agreement after 13 days of meetings, and no end date has been set for the current negotiations.

Under the offer on the table, North Korea would receive economic aid and security guarantees from Washington, D.C., along with free electricity from South Korea for dismantling its nuclear weapons program.

— From staff and wire reports.

Moeser set for annual speech

Will address campus globalization

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
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Making resolutions is common for most at the start of a new year. Chancellor James Moeser is no exception.

He will deliver his fifth State of the University address at 3 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union, outlining his goals for the campus.

"I think it's a healthy thing for people to make a yearly plan and to articulate it publicly," said Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty.

"Some people do it on their birthdays, some people do it on New

Year's," she said. "This is the forum in which he chooses to do it."

Moeser gave the first State of the University address in 2001, and it has since become a marker of the start of each school year.

"It gives the chancellor an opportunity to review the state of the University, what we've done in the past year — his joys and his sorrows, if you will," said Provost Robert Shelton. "It also gives him the opportunity to tell his broad plans for the upcoming year, where his direction is going."

Officials said that Moeser will talk about a variety of issues but will

focus on the globalization of North Carolina and how this will affect serving the people of the state.

Moeser also traveled to Singapore during the summer, and campus leaders said they expect him to tell of his experiences abroad and describe how students can benefit from such adventures.

"I think the chancellor's big emphasis is making sure our students have international experiences," Shelton said.

In the past, Moeser has used the speech — most of which he writes himself, administrators say — as an outlet to deliver major announcements and goals to the campus.

Two years ago, he unveiled the Carolina Covenant — a nation-

ally groundbreaking initiative that allows low-income students to graduate from UNC debt-free.

Last year, Moeser defined his seven-point plan to direct the UNC's resources toward academic excellence, especially in the areas of faculty recruitment and retention.

"It lets him speak to multiple audiences," Shelton said. "I see him regularly, so I have a good sense of where his priorities are. This is a chance for the faculty and the students to see that as well."

More than anything, however, University leaders said the speech provides a forum for the campus to come together.

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Funds can be used, AG says

But uses found 'problematic'

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N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper declared Monday that a nearly \$14 million reserve fund, which was divided and placed in three state agencies, is legal.

"We have been unable to identify any specific violation of law or regulation in the process outlined by the (State Auditor's) Report," stated Cooper's advisory opinion.

But Cooper, while upholding the legality of their actions, criticized their methods, saying even the appearance of impropriety still is a matter of serious concern.

"... It is clear that the manner in which state money was directed is problematic for its secrecy, its lack of accountability and its end-run around the legislative process," the report states.

Regardless of accountability, nearly \$13 million already has been allocated to programs throughout the state. House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, former House co-speaker Richard Morgan, R-Moore, and Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight, D-Dare, had discretion over the allocation of funds.

The creation of a new state job also raised eyebrows when it was summarily filled by former Rep. Mike Decker, who switched political parties in 2003 and thus allowed for the continuation of a co-speakership in the House. Political favoritism was suspected.

Cooper's report found that two other candidates were interviewed for the position before Decker was hired. While this did confirm that the position was not gift-wrapped

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Wanda Thomson, a housekeeper, cleans a sink in Winston Residence Hall on Wednesday during International Housekeepers Week.

IN-HOUSE CHANGES

During appreciation week, housekeepers question procedural changes

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This week marks International Housekeepers Week, sponsored by the International Executive Housekeepers Association Inc.

But a new pilot program that will be tested the first week in October has UNC housekeepers questioning whether the appreciation will last longer than Friday.

The new cleaning system, proposed by facilities services officials, places housekeepers in teams in which each worker has a specific task.

"It's caused us a great deal of anxiety," said David Brannigan, groundskeeper and delegate to the employee forum.

As it stands, housekeepers are assigned a zone to clean. During an eight-hour shift, the worker is responsible for vacuuming, tending to bathrooms and completing all the cleaning duties in the area.

With team-cleaning, each worker becomes a specialist in only one task — something housekeepers say would be tough to deal with.

"So for eight hours you will be cleaning restrooms," Brannigan said. "That means if you get this job you'll get mighty sick of clean-

ing bathrooms."

But officials said they proposed this change with the housekeepers in mind.

"We really aimed this at the housekeepers themselves," said Jim Alty, director of facilities services.

Alty and Bill Burston, director of housekeeping services, presented the system to employees in August after they received poor feedback from customers.

"So we have to find something to correct that," Burston said.

Alty, who came to UNC from the University of Texas-Austin in June 2004, said the system was resisted when it was introduced there. But, he said, the difficulties at UT were caused by a lack of communication.

"So we're trying to do it the right way this time," he said. "And human nature is whenever you change things, there's opposition to it."

Some housekeepers said they don't understand the need for change and are wary that officials will expect housekeepers to do more work, Brannigan said.

A booklet, "447 Cleaning Times," published by the International Sanitary Supply Association Inc., was presented to housekeepers during a meeting last month.

The booklet shows market standards for how long it takes to do various tasks — detailing everything from filling a bucket to sweeping different rooms with specific equipment.

"Basically, it's breaking down all work into itemized, time-tested segments to ring out as much work as they can from the workers," Brannigan said.

But Alty said this is not the case. "There's no stopwatches involved in this process," he said. "It's for realistic expectations."

The pilot program, which will be performed in the new Bioinformatics building by 120 housekeepers who volunteer for the test-run, will be assessed by customers, employees and administrators.

Alty said that if the pilot program is a success, the method will be slowly integrated across campus to ensure adjustment time.

Brannigan said appreciating housekeepers should come from listening to their everyday concerns.

"We have to ask, 'Is that how we want to treat our housekeeping staff if we want to be the No. 1 university in the nation?'"

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Greek community has religious side

BY EMILY FISHER
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In an age of increasingly politicized and polarized religion and skepticism, Emily Pressley just wanted to hand out free lemonade and Blow Pops to students.

It was part of her sorority's yearly Random Acts of Kindness project, but when passersby found out the group was Christian, she says some were cynical.

"We always get the question, 'You mean you can be a Christian and be in a sorority?'" Pressley says. "They are viewed in a negative light. When I first came (to UNC), I said there's no way I'm joining a sorority."

That was last year, and now she's the president of that group, Phi Beta Chi, a self-proclaimed "social sorority with Christian ideals."

The sisters of Phi Beta Chi, along with several other Christian fraternities and sororities, have proven that being Greek and being Christian at UNC are traits that are not mutually exclusive.

Like many of the more traditional sororities, Phi Beta Chi consid-

ers itself to be largely community service oriented.

Fifty to 60 girls rush every year, and the group cooks breakfast at the Inter-Faith Council and visits with children in the UNC Hospitals pediatric playroom, among other things.

And though they all worship on Sundays, they don't sit in the same pews.

Both Catholics and Protestants are in the group, Pressley says, and there are some girls who rush without ever having gone to church.

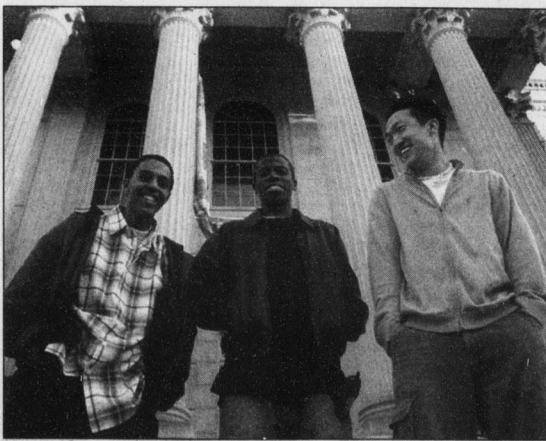
But some Christian groups have run into problems with their requirements for membership.

Last year, Alpha Iota Omega went to federal court last year when members refused to sign the University's nondiscrimination policy.

AIO's status as a campus organization was revoked before a judge ordered it be restored pending the conclusion of the legal proceedings. Jonathan Park, a senior public policy major, is AIO's president and makes up half its membership.

"We're not a social fraternity, we're more of a fraternity that seeks to build each other up through the Christian faith," Park says.

Before the group's status was temporarily revoked, Park says



Carlton Myrick, Trevor Hamm and Jonathan Park (left to right), members of the Christian fraternity AIO stand outside Wilson Library in March.

they would meet together to pray for each other, the campus and the community.

The group's first order of business is to increase membership. AIO is proceeding cautiously, Park says, because they want to make sure they have legitimate status as a fraternity.

There is one other Christian

fraternity on campus, Chi Alpha Omega. With about 10 brothers, the fraternity is looking for members too, President Mark Longwill says.

But recruitment hasn't proven easy. "I think Christian fraternities have it hard because those two words don't usually associate

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Teen to be transferred to hospital

Sapikowski still awaits murder trial

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Following a judge's orders, Adam Sapikowski will be moved from his cell at the Orange County Jail.

The Chapel Hill teen charged with murdering his parents will be relocated and held in custody at a hospital due to concerns about his mental well-being.

Court officials did not provide further details about the hospital.

Sapikowski, 17, appeared in court Wednesday in a bright orange jumpsuit for a placement hearing.

The hearing followed a recent motion filed concerning the teenager's emotional state.

"There is evidence that he may suffer some mental illness and may be in danger of himself and in need of treatment," Superior Court Judge Wade Barber told the courtroom.

Barber noted the situation is unusual because Sapikowski still is a minor and is being held without bond.

Sapikowski's attorney, Public Defender James Williams, requested bond for the teen at a previous hearing in June.

District Court Judge Charles Anderson denied the request for several reasons, including evidence that he could be a flight risk.

A grand jury indicted Sapikowski this summer, and he faces two counts of first-degree murder.

He's been in the Orange County Jail for more than three months.

He was arrested in May after confessing to shooting his parents, James Sapikowski, 52, and Alison Sapikowski, 49, in their Chapel Hill home.

Investigators believe the shootings occurred near the end of



Adam Sapikowski was moved from Orange County Jail

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