

CITY BRIEFS

Local initiative aids Katrina victims in North Carolina

Several locations around Chapel Hill are accepting suitcases full of clothes, toiletries, new undergarments and other essentials as hurricane relief donations as part of Margie and Tom Haber's Suitcase Brigade initiative.

The Salvation Army will distribute the suitcases to Hurricane Katrina victims relocated to North Carolina. Bring suitcases to Julian's, on Franklin Street; WCHL, off of Weaver Dairy Road; or the Home Team, across from Eastgate Shopping Center.

Chapel Hill, Carrboro schools to have delayed start today

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will operate today on a delayed opening schedule. Elementary schools will open at 9:20 a.m., middle schools will let in at 9:50 a.m., and high schools will open at 10:15 a.m. The next delay is scheduled for Oct. 20.

STATE & NATION

New commission to address global higher-learning needs

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced this week the creation of a commission to focus on the needs of the higher education community.

The Commission on the Future of Higher Education will address the need to maintain the nation's presence globally.

"It is time to examine how we can get the most out of our national investment in higher education," Spellings said Monday during a speech at UNC-Charlotte. "We have a responsibility to make sure our higher education system continues to meet our nation's needs for an educated and competitive workforce in the 21st century."

The 19-member commission includes former N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt.

Johnson pleads guilty to assault, accessory charges

RALEIGH — One of two brothers charged in the deaths of two men during a tailgating party last year outside of a North Carolina State University football game pleaded guilty Wednesday to assault and accessory charges.

Tony Harrell Johnson, 21, faces up to 29 years in prison after pleading guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and accessory after the fact of felony murder. The News & Observer reported on its Web site.

The plea comes about a month after Johnson's brother, Timothy Johnson, was sentenced to life in prison for the deaths of 2nd Lt. Brett Harman, a Marine Corps officer stationed at Camp Lejeune, and Chicago businessman Kevin McCann, both 23.

A jury found Timothy Johnson guilty of first-degree murder in McCann's death and second-degree murder for shooting Harman near Carter-Finley Stadium during the Wolfpack's 2004 football opener.

Tony Johnson fought with the men twice that day, with the second encounter leading to the fatal shootings by Timothy Johnson.

Tony Johnson was scheduled Wednesday for sentencing Oct. 20.

Potential jurors screened today for Iraqi prison case

FORT HOOD, Texas — Officers were screened as potential jurors Wednesday as the court-martial got under way for Army Pfc. Lynndie England, one of the most visible figures in the scandal over the treatment of inmates at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

England broke with the pattern of her co-defendants Tuesday by opting for an all-officer jury. Selection began Wednesday, and opening remarks by prosecutors and defense attorneys were scheduled for the afternoon. The first witnesses in the case are expected to testify Thursday.

A military judge ruled Tuesday that prosecutors may use a statement England gave to investigators implicating herself.

England is being court-martialed on seven counts of conspiracy and prisoner abuse and faces up to 11 years in a military prison if convicted. The 22-year-old reservist from rural West Virginia is shown in a number of graphic photos taken by Abu Ghraib guards in 2003 that shocked the nation when they were disclosed last year.

Capt. Jonathan Crisp, her lead defense lawyer, has said he plans to base much of his defense on England's history of mental health problems that date to her early childhood. He said he also will focus on the influence exerted over her by Pvt. Charles Graner, the reputed ringleader of the abuse.

— From staff and wire reports.

College newspapers fight for rights

BY ERIN FRANCE

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The U.S. Supreme Court received a petition Tuesday to review a case from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that could affect free press policies on college campuses nationwide.

The 7th circuit overturned a lower court decision this summer that ruled in favor of Margaret Hosty, who sued Patricia Carter, then dean of student affairs and services at Governors State University in Illinois, for censoring the school newspaper.

The move was criticized by several First Amendment watch groups. Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said the case has a 50 percent chance of reaching the Supreme

Court because of the confusion the appeals court ruling caused in the lower courts.

"That directly enhances the chance that the Supreme Court will hear the case and overrule it," he said. "The justices will recognize this case as important."

Goodman said he is hopeful that the court will hear the case because it is in direct conflict with its ruling in *Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia*.

He said that in the case, *UVA*, had attempted to restrict access of student funding for student publications that contained political or religious matter but that the Supreme Court upheld students' First Amendment rights.

Goodman said he expects similar

cases concerning free speech in colleges to arise, but not anytime soon.

Ruth Walden, associate dean of graduate studies in the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said she doubts the Supreme Court will review the Hosty case.

"The court agrees to hear typically about 1 percent of the cases brought to them," she said. "That's a real crapshoot."

Walden also said the discussion by First Amendment groups has been misdirected, noting that the appeals court ruled that the school administrator could not be held personally responsible for the newspaper's censorship.

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Student press regulation

Student journalists at Governors State University asked the Supreme Court to reconsider college administrators' censorship rights of school-sponsored media.

1972

Healy v. James

The Supreme Court decided that universities could not refuse to recognize controversial campus groups or speakers.

1988

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier

The court ruled that administrators have the ability to censor school-sponsored publications at the high school level.

1973

Papish v. Board of Curators of University of Missouri

The court extended the strong First Amendment protections recognized in the Healy case to a college newspaper.

2005

Hosty v. Carter

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling extended the Hazelwood decision to allow college administrators the right to censor school-sponsored publications.

SOURCE: STUDENT PRESS LAW CENTER

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"There is a big difference having a freestanding structure than just having a room in the Union." BRANDON HODGES, BSM PRESIDENT



Pikv Patnaik, right, takes a conga drum lesson at an Afro-Cuban drum session Wednesday evening at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center.

Marching to its own beat

BY KATHERINE EVANS

STAFF WRITER

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History celebrated the end of its inaugural year this month — but the birthday was years in the making.

Controversy and struggle marked the decade leading up to the center's construction, but leaders say this past year has been mostly smooth sailing.

"(The center has) contributed positively to the academic climate," said Director Joseph Jordan. "It's really kind of enhanced the idea that we are all working together."

To examine and promote African Diaspora and African-American cultures, the center has relied on a three-pronged approach of scholarly initiatives, cultural programming and community service.

This year's programs will revolve around a focus of black popular culture and struggle, beginning with a symposium Sept. 22.

"It's basically an umbrella which ties in a lot of different events," said Damien Jackson, the public relations officer for the center. "We're going to examine how art acts as resistance when it comes to black popular culture."

But the scope of the center's influence reaches far beyond traditionally African-

American departments or organizations. In fact, leaders say, the center could not have succeeded without the interdisciplinary and interdepartmental support it received.

Jordan said the crowning achievement of the year was not so much the programs offered by the center but the community spirit these programs fostered.

"We're more pleased with the way that the University community has embraced us and with the collaborative relationship we've been able to build," he said.

William Ferris, an associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South who collaborated with the Stone Center last year, said its inaugural year should be counted as a resounding success and a credit to the University.

"It makes me enormously proud to show visitors the Stone Center," he said. "As a white person, it's very important for me to deal with my heritage and bring that perspective into my classroom."

The continent-spanning scope of the African Diaspora itself, Jackson argued, also broadens the center's reach.

"When your scope is the globe, you have a lot to draw from," he said.

Programs for the fall semester will focus on the South American aspect of the African Diaspora — from Latin films to lectures by Afro-Peruvian activists. Spanish translation will be available at all programs by request.

Arturo Escobar, who is associate director of the Carolina and Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, said his group worked with the center to establish resources for growing scholarly interests in Afro-Latin American studies.

He said that while the center obviously deals with questions relating to black identity, any inquiry into race, ethnicity and the history of marginalized groups has wider application.

"Everyone should be interested," he said. The building itself helped spur interest, and leaders said many groups took advantage of its facilities — although the center's location is a little off the beaten path, between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower.

Though the Stone Center is the only campus facility of its kind dedicated to a specific culture, it might be paving the way for other kinds of cultural centers.

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Who is a student with a chance?

College champ to get \$100K

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON

STAFF WRITER

Television viewers have seen North Carolina rivalries unfold on the hardwood, the 50-yard line and even the diamond.

Next month will be no different — just add podiums and subtract the balls.

Four local college students will compete in Raleigh's RBC Center against 11 other students Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 for a \$100,000 grand prize in the 2005 Jeopardy! College Championship. The 10 episodes of the show will air between Nov. 7 and Nov. 18.

Sophomore Chris Chilton is a contestant on Jeopardy! next month.

Sophomore Chris Chilton will represent UNC-Chapel Hill, and three others will play for Duke University, N.C. State University and N.C. Central University: Qinxian He, Peter Ellis and Malisha Butts, respectively.

"We definitely wanted to have local representation," said Grant Loud, a Jeopardy! promotions manager.

The UNC-CH sophomore English and Latin double-major said he learned he was a finalist after being greeted by an ABC camera crew outside his Latin class.

Chilton's journey began at The Streets of Southpoint on Aug. 27 — the third stop of the Jeopardy! "Brain Bus" in the state.

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Local 506 to host benefit for Katrina

Proceeds will go to Red Cross

BY MARTA OSTROWSKI

STAFF WRITER

Locals have offered free gas, proceeds from ice cream sales and Mardi Gras beads to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims — now they'll try to do it through song.

Local 506, in coordination with area record label Yep Roc Records, will host a benefit for Hurricane Katrina on Friday at 9 p.m. The event is one example of the many that have been organized by the music community in Chapel Hill and the surrounding area as Cat's Cradle and the Arts Centers are organizing their own events.

The club hosted a similar benefit in January to help support tsunami victims and raised \$2,000.

Proceeds from the event, for which there is an \$8 cover charge, will go to the Red Cross, said Glenn Boothe, owner of Local 506.

The venue operates on a membership basis, and only members will be admitted, but Boothe said anyone can obtain a membership for \$3. He added that members also can sign in guests as an alternative option to paying the fee.

The night will feature acts such as Chris Stamey, Cities, American

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Travel experiences enrich education

BY SCOTT BURR

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You've heard the statement, "You learn more outside the classroom in college than inside."

This is because four years of freedom shapes you in ways that economics never can. Personal growth outside the classroom complements your intellectual growth inside.

TRAVEL DIARIES

A series on travel complementing education

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scious way.

Travel embeds a sense of intellectual curiosity that remains with you forever, while taking the abstract knowledge we learn in class and transforming it into reality.

This is as stark a difference as thinking about making a five-course meal versus its actually being right in front of you waiting to be devoured. Travel is the invisible chef.

As an international studies major, I have taken eight classes in five disciplines discussing globalization. What I learned is that the term means nothing, because it means everything.



Senior Scott Burr spent his summer abroad witnessing first hand the trends he has read about in class.

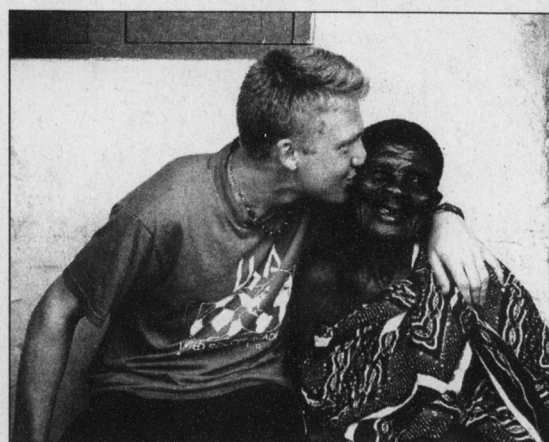
Each class defined the term differently, but all were the same in their ambiguity. They were long and boring, and quite frankly, I didn't care.

It wasn't until I was in the middle of China glued to the train window and saw a huge Wal-Mart from the train window that I began to care.

In class I learned about the spread of multinational corporations, but it was a concept. Now it was reality as I sped through the Chinese countryside halfway around the world.

It wasn't until I spoke to my host father, who has lived in the small, poverty-stricken town of Akrofonso, about the struggle of implementing structural adjustment programs in Ghana that I began to understand.

I learned of the World Bank's structural adjustment programs for highly indebted countries in a political science class, but at the time it was little more than another homework assignment. Now, it meant everything as the man shook his head and said, "We have no health care because the govern-



COURTESY OF SCOTT BURR

During his 10-week stay in the small poverty-stricken village of Akrofonso in Ghana, senior Scott Burr lived with his host grandmother, Nana.

ment can't spend money."

It wasn't until I was fighting to understand an excited Japanese student speaking of his love for Eminem that I began to wonder.

In anthropology class my teacher spoke about the spread of ideas and the spread of pop culture. I didn't really care. Now, I was stunned by this guy's love for Eminem because he barely spoke a word of English.

How can you like Eminem if you can't even understand him?

But travel is much more than the reality it gives to the abstractions of the classroom. It is the interactions with local people that have really inspired me to keep learning about why the world is the way it is.

In Japan, the host father of my

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