

CITY BRIEFS

Local Sierra Club to host municipal elections forum

The Orange-Chatham chapter of the Sierra Club will host an election forum for Chapel Hill Town Council and mayoral candidates at 7 p.m. today in Town Hall.

The public is invited to hear candidates' positions on environmental issues affecting the area, including watershed protection.

The club will announce its endorsements after votes by several committees.

STATE & NATION

Sheehan arrested in anti-war protest Mon. at White House

WASHINGTON D.C. — Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who became a leader of the anti-war movement after her son died in Iraq, was arrested Monday along with hundreds of others protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan, carrying a photo of her son in his Army uniform, rallied with other protesters in a park across the street from the White House and then marched to the gate of the executive mansion to request a meeting with President Bush.

The protesters later sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House — knowing they would be arrested — and began singing and chanting, "Stop the war now!"

Police warned them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and quickly was subdued by Secret Service agents.

Sheehan, 48, was the first taken into custody. She smiled as she was carried to the curb, then stood up and walked to a police vehicle as protesters chanted, "The whole world is watching."

Sgt. Scott Fear, spokesman for the U.S. Park Police, said that about 370 protesters were arrested during the four-and-a-half-hour period.

All but one were charged with demonstrating without a permit, which is a misdemeanor. One person faced a charge of crossing a police line.

Jury convicts England on six counts in Iraqi prison case

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Pfc. Lyndie England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts.

England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy, four counts of mistreating detainees and one count of committing an indecent act.

She was acquitted on a second conspiracy count.

The jury of five male Army officers took about two hours to reach its verdict. Her case now moves to the sentencing phase, which will be heard by the same jury beginning Tuesday.

England tried to plead guilty in May to the same counts she faced this month in exchange for an undisclosed sentencing cap, but a judge threw out the plea deal. She now faces a maximum 10 years in prison.

England, wearing her dark green dress uniform, stood at attention Monday as the verdict was read by the jury foreman. She showed no obvious emotion afterward.

Bush urges Americans to cut back on travel, conserve gas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush urged Americans on Monday to cut back on unnecessary travel to make up for fuel shortages caused by Hurricane Rita. He prepared to take his seventh trip to the Gulf Coast.

Bush said the government was ready to release fuel from its emergency oil stockpile to alleviate high prices. And he suggested that he would name a federal official to oversee the reconstruction of the Gulf Coast — after local officials first produce a vision for their rebuilt communities.

The president spoke after he attended a meeting at the Energy Department in which officials told him they still were trying to assess the damage to oil production and refineries in Rita's path.

Bush said he would get a personal report from local officials Tuesday when he visits the area around the refinery towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas.

Meanwhile, he encouraged motorists to conserve energy and said he has directed federal agencies to do the same.

— From staff and wire reports.

Committee OKs fee hikes

Campus recreation sums increased

BY LINDSAY MICHEL
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Promises of continued improvements to student services won over the Student Fee Audit Committee during its meeting Monday.

The committee approved a \$2 permanent fee increase to the campus recreation general fund, a one-time \$2 fee increase for the Student Recreation Center and a one-time \$3 fee increase for the Language Proficiency Exam.

This would bump the fees for next academic year up to \$36, \$14 and \$35, respectively.

The fees will go before the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees, the Board of Trustees and eventually the UNC-System Board of Governors before they are officially added to students' bills.

The SRC needs money to fund

reclassified positions, increased student wages and the upkeep and replacement of exercise equipment, according to the request reviewed by the committee.

Lauren Mangili, director of the SRC, said cardiovascular workout machines have a lifespan of five to seven years, and the SRC replaces seven to 10 pieces of equipment each year.

The SRC and the newly opened Rams Head Recreation Center are funded by separate fees, and there will not be a fee increase for Rams Head for next year.

Mangili said that because the SRC is a relatively old facility, it requires more housekeeping attention.

The facilities are cleaned by UNC Housekeeping Services, but Mangili said the department requires more attention than it receives now.

The SRC receives the standard level of cleaning, the costs of which are covered by the University's general budget.

"It just requires more maintenance than the University is willing to cover as a regular level of service," Mangili said.

If the center requested more detailed cleaning from the University, it must pay more — an option Mangili said she is not interested in.

It would cost about \$500 to fund the deep cleaning the center desires, Mangili said.

Officials will take bids from outside cleaning services before they outsource the service.

Marty Pomerantz, director of campus recreation, said the potential raise in the campus recreation fee will help to increase the Sport Clubs Program budget, improve public safety, increase quality of sports officiating and increase the pay rate by six percent to employees — which affects

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more than 500 students.

During his term as student body president last year, Matt Calabria made a point to increase the amount of money allocated to sport clubs.

And the initiative will continue next year, Pomerantz said.

The club's executive council will receive \$28,000 to give out next year if the increase is passed.

The language proficiency test, administered by teaching assistants, requires a fee increase because of past miscalculations.

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Masala begins week of events

Will feature date auction, dancing

BY MEREDITH KING
STAFF WRITER

Sounds of hip-hop and Latin music combined with the smells of Indian food in the Pit on Monday to provide students with a truly global experience.

Masala, UNC's umbrella organization for multicultural groups, used the day to kick off its promotional week.

Several of Masala's 15 cultural groups set up tables in the Pit to bring a taste of international experiences to UNC.

Students and faculty lined up at the Association for India's Development table, where they could purchase Indian food from Sitar India Palace.

All of the proceeds from the food sales went to Hurricane Katrina relief.

"We were going to go to Top of Lenoir for lunch, but we figured it would be more exciting to get Indian food and donate to Katrina relief," said senior Whitney LaPlante.

Sophomore Sarah Schuyler sat in the Pit with LaPlante and a take-out container of Indian food.

"I have no clue what it is, but it's really good," she said.

Students were snapping Polaroids at the Organization for African Student's Interests and Solidarity booth while dressed in traditional African attire.

"We brought some of our native attire for people to try on and take pictures," said Abisoye Abisogun, who was working at the booth. "These are all authentic fabrics and garments from Africa."

At the table hosted by Sangam, a South Asian cultural group, students could help themselves to a lollipop with a fact about Asian culture attached to the stick.

They also had the opportunity to play tic-tac-toe by answering questions about Asian culture and geography to earn cut-out X's and O's. Students who won the game received a free mango drink.

The rest of the week is packed with activities sponsored by Masala.

This afternoon, students again will be able to find arts, crafts and games in the Pit, sponsored by Masala groups such as the Black Student Movement, the Asian Students Association, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi and the Arab Students Organization.

Masala also will sponsor a date auction from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Pit. The event will feature members from all 15 of their cultural organizations.

The proceeds from the event will go toward Carolina Covenant, UNC's need-based scholarship program.

Several different cultural dance groups — such as Bhangra Elite, Que Rico and Mezmerhythm — will host dance lessons Thursday afternoon.

As a finale to their week, Masala will kick off Parents' Weekend with a show at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

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"The laundry room is way over capacity. It's not terrible, but it certainly has been different since they arrived." HITOSHI AKABANE, GRADUATE STUDENT



A.J. Manwaring (left) rides his toy bike at the Baity Hill playground while mother Meg Manwaring (center) and friend Francine Bednar watch Saturday. All three live at the complex, which houses both student families and undergraduates displaced by Cobb Residence Hall construction.

FAMILIES FEUD WITH STUDENTS

BY KATIE CLINE
STAFF WRITER

Bales of hay in the elevators, broken bottles and late-night loud music were not what married students in Baity Hill expected when they moved in this summer.

But when the students assigned to Cobb Residence Hall were relocated to the campus apartments at the beginning of the semester, the family housing turned into more of a dormlike environment for some.

"You can hear a lot more commotion than if it was just families," said married student Chrissy Overcash, a senior dental hygiene major.

Three instances where hay was put into the elevators in building 1900 of Baity Hill have been reported this semester, Jennifer Lewitas wrote in an e-mail to Cobb residents. About 150 Cobb students and 17 families live in the building, according to the e-mail.

Other problems addressed in the e-mail include vomit stains in the building and signs that have been torn down.

But despite these problems, as well as the

lack of parking and laundry facilities, some residents said they have been able to tolerate the nonmarried students living in Baity Hill.

"The laundry room is way over capacity," said Hitoshi Akabane, a business graduate student who lives in Baity Hill with his wife. "It's not terrible, but it certainly has been different since they have arrived."

But noise has been a problem late at night, said Jennifer St. Clair, a graduate student who lives with her son.

Though the building has quiet-hour restrictions at night, some students rarely follow them, residents have said.

Many families said they chose to live in Baity Hill as opposed to a traditional apartment because of the close proximity to campus and the rates offered to married students. They also liked the idea of a family environment.

"Mainly because it was supposed to be student families," St. Clair said. "I felt like I would be moving where at least one person in the family would be in the program."

Nonmarried students were relocated to Baity Hill when renovations to Cobb were not

completed in time for them to move in at the start of the semester. Cobb Residence Hall will reopen to students in November.

When reassigning Cobb residents, housing officials said they took into consideration the families already living in the apartments.

"We targeted buildings with fewer married students and children in it," said Rick Bradley, assistant director of housing and residential education. "Graduate students have been understanding and accepting."

There are 470 families spread throughout nine buildings, he said.

No families have decided to leave because of the addition of Cobb residents, Bradley said.

Married students said they understand that Cobb residents also are inconvenienced by the arrangement.

Business graduate student Byung Ju said he usually does not mind the noise.

"It's just the sound of the life they are living."

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Danner brings fresh outlook to campaign

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
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Jeff Danner thinks his questioning nature will help the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education take a different approach to tackling complex issues.

Danner is one of four candidates vying for three available seats on the city school board in this fall's election.

Although he is a newcomer to the race, he is no stranger to local education issues.

"I've known always that he was just passionate about education," said Robert Newton, Danner's campaign manager.

"He was raised that way, and it was just in his genes."

Danner, a process development manager for a biotherapeutic company, moved to Chapel Hill with his wife and two children about five years ago.

"We moved here for the school district, and we've been very



Candidate Jeff Danner has a thorough background in chemistry and now wants to oversee schools.

pleased," Danner said. "My children have had good teachers and Seawell is a very well-run elementary school so I think our personal experience has been very good."

While he said he is pleased with the district, there's still more that can be done to build upon the status quo.

"I think what we really need is a school board that really is able to do two things — review all of the issues coming for it from a very data-driven and analytical perspective," he said.

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Jeff Danner

- Thinks the best way to have all students achieving at the same level is by not only providing the necessary support system, but also by looking to other school districts for ideas.

- Is concerned that sometimes teachers' voices aren't heard and says the school board needs to be cognizant of their concerns.

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SOURCE: JEFF DANNER
DTH/LEANNOR GOULD

Frances Dancy

- Is focused on the increase of business and large industry in the town to draw residents back into the community for work and entertainment.

- Is committed to retaining the environmental and historic richness of the area through regulation and filtering the incoming development through Board review.

Find out more
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SOURCE: FRANCES DANCY
DTH/CALLIE MCLEAN

Dancy hopes to guide Hillsborough growth

BY LAURA OLENIACZ
STAFF WRITER

For 15-year resident Frances Dancy, Hillsborough is a source of historical richness and growth for Orange County.

And by running for her seat on the town's Board of Commissioners for the third time in November, Dancy, the Mayor Pro Tem, hopes to help the town's resources grow.

Dancy said her primary asset — experience — will help her focus and act on important issues for the town: economic growth and environmental regulation.

"I really don't want us to be a bedroom community," Dancy said of the growing town of 5,700 people. She said the town's recent growth is yet to balance with business and industrial opportunity.

Hillsborough has seen an outflow of major industry in recent years, and many residents commute to jobs outside the town, including positions at the University.



Incumbent Frances Dancy says Hillsborough needs to offer developers firm future plans.

Dancy, a 1978 North Carolina Central University graduate, is an employee at the Carolina Population Center at University Square on Franklin Street.

"This takes tax dollars away from Hillsborough," she said.

She noted that the townspeople tend to spend their money in other communities, shifting funds that could be used for town improvement to surrounding areas.

She said the best way to approach town development is to construct a master plan of needs and priorities. "We have no documents (for the

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