

Local earns regional renown

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And the winner for regional leadership by an elected official is ... Bill Strom.

For the first time in history, an Orange County resident was honored with the Goodmon Awards.

Granted, the award has only been in existence for four years.

The prestigious award is given to those who demonstrate outstanding regional leadership by Leadership Triangle, an organization created to educate and promote regionalism across the Triangle.

Strom played a significant role in providing the new express transportation service for commuters within the Triangle.

The award came as a surprise to Strom, who's been a member of Chapel Hill Town Council for six years.

"I was absolutely stunned, honored and appreciative," he said.

Strom said he hopes that as the Triangle develops, government can maintain and provide for its residents.

"I think it's the job of government to have proper infrastructure for things such as transportation, water



Town Council member **Bill Strom** wins a leadership award for his work with Triangle transit.

systems, housing and open space," he said. "The problems cut across the region, and we need a collaborative effort to be out ahead on issues."

Tom Jensen, a senior political science major who serves on the Chapel Hill Planning Board and is chairman of Students for a Progressive Chapel Hill, nominated Strom for the award.

"Bill has just been a tremendous leader across the region," he said.

"Now there's an express bus service between Raleigh and Chapel Hill during rush hours. Before this service was implemented there was no convenient transportation system. Bill really pushed for that."

Winkie La Force, executive director of Leadership Triangle, said that the award is for an elected official who has made cross-jurisdictional progress, and that Strom has worked continually on projects that benefit

regions across the Triangle.

There are four categories for the award: individual, elected official, organization and partnership.

Jim Goodmon, for whom the award is named, is the founding chairman of the N.C. Partnership for Children and an emeritus member of Triangle Leadership's board of directors.

The Orange County-based Child Care Services Association, Father David McBriar of Raleigh and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle also won awards.

La Force said the nomination process takes about a month. Leadership Triangle sends notices to about 1,000 people and a committee then sends recommendations to Goodmon and Queron Smith, the vice president of Mechanics and Farming Bank for Leadership Triangle.

From there, La Force said Goodmon and Smith decide on the winners.

The awards ceremony will be a luncheon held at noon Thursday at Bay 7 of the American tobacco historic district in Durham.

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Film scales UNC's political culture

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You wouldn't think the wall separating McCorkle Place and Franklin Street could serve as a political forum for University students.

But one UNC professor shows how pivotal that location was for political thought in his documentary set in the '60s.

Gorham Kindem's "Beyond the Wall" will be shown at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Varsity Theatre. A question and answer session with the filmmaker will follow.

The film, which received the Grand Festival Award at the 2005 Berkeley Video and Film Festival, outlines the events surrounding the N.C. Speaker Ban law between 1963 and 1968.

It prevented known communists from speaking on state university campuses, and the film links the law to claims of infringement of civil liberties in a post-Sept. 11 terrorist attacks world.

Kindem's focuses on how students protested the ban and the "across the

MOVIE REVIEW

"BEYOND THE WALL"

★★★★

wall talks" in March 1966.

For the talks, communists Herbert Aptheker and Frank Wilkinson spoke to University students on the Franklin Street side of the wall, which didn't break the law and allowed people to protest the ban.

The documentary doesn't confine itself to the University and thoughtfully places the situation on a national scale, connecting the area to more celebrated free speech movements, such as Mario Savio's at the University of California-Berkeley.

"Beyond the Wall" takes images from the '60s, such as the civil rights movement and Bob Dylan, and illuminates the town's national importance during that time.

The first half of the film explores the law and the free speech movement, incorporating multiple interviews and an abundance of primary sources — which aids the audience's

understanding of the political climate and illustrates what the University was like back then.

As the documentary continues, it shifts to the present, examining America's free-speech ideology and the Patriot Act.

People involved in the free-speech movement give their perspectives on the current federal act.

The way in which Kindem ties the past to contemporary America is pertinent yet sometimes overbearing. The documentary could have done without it.

But for anyone involved in the UNC community, the film relays the importance of awareness within American political culture.

Though cumbersome at times, "Beyond the Wall" has intuitive historical appeal.

After seeing "Beyond the Wall," the stone line that separates Franklin Street and the campus will take on a whole new meaning.

Contact the A&E Editor at artsdesk@unc.edu.

POLICE LOG

■ A Chapel Hill resident was found dead at 9:39 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim was discovered in the bedroom of his Old Mill Road apartment by a co-worker, reports state.

The case is under further investigation, according to reports.

■ A Chapel Hill apartment was the site of an armed robbery at 12:16 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The unknown suspects entered the apartment and held up three people at gunpoint and then fled from officers, reports state.

The suspects stole a number of items, including a hooded black coat valued at \$100, a Motorola two-way radio valued at \$15, three cell phones each valued at \$100,

clothes valued at \$50, several credit and debit cards, two wallets and \$110 in cash, according to reports.

■ Ramin Joe Wilkerson, a Chapel Hill resident and lawn caretaker for Carolina Realty, was arrested on charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering at 3:21 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Wilkerson entered the storage building behind Breadmen's restaurant, 224 W. Rosemary St., and was found inside the building by Chapel Hill police officers, reports state.

He was taken before an Orange County magistrate and released on a written promise to appear in court, according to reports.

■ Chapel Hill resident Omar Jah was arrested at 6:29 p.m.

Wednesday on a disorderly conduct charge, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Jah, was discovered by Chapel Hill police in Village Plaza at 99 S. Elliott Road, shouting and cursing and was determined to be intoxicated, reports state.

■ Lilian Del-Carmen Alarcon, of Carrboro, was discovered by police trespassing at 8:31 a.m. Wednesday at University Square, 125 W. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Alarcon, an employee of Wendy's in UNC Hospitals, was approached by Chapel Hill police officers and arrested on charges of trespassing and resisting arrest, reports state.

Alarcon received a written promise to appear in court Jan. 16, according to reports.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The annual "500 Works of Art Under \$50" will be held from 11 a.m. to midnight today at the Kirk Adam Gallery in Raleigh. Evening reception music will be provided by Lactose Quervo.

■ The Carolina Photography Association's black and white photography contest deadline is at 1:30 p.m. today. Bring entries to the CPA darkroom in the back of the Student Union. E-mail cpa@unc.edu for more information.

■ "The Art & Music of Jerry Garcia," a special art exhibit and book release celebration, will hold its opening reception today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro. The exhibit is presented by Temple Ball Gallery and will run until Dec. 30.

■ The December Artists' Salon, sponsored by the Orange County Arts Commission, will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro. This month's salon will be a holiday special featuring pop-up books by Pamela Pease and light refreshments.

■ The Cary Players and the Town of Cary will present "A Christmas Story" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Old Cary Elementary School Auditorium. Tickets, available in advance or at the door, are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for students and \$5 for children ages 5 and younger.

There also will be performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, and at 3 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 11. Call 469-4061 for more information.

■ CHiPs, UNC's sketch and improvisational comedy team, will hold a show at 8 p.m. today in Hamilton 100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$6.

■ St. Thomas More School, 920 Carmichael St., will host its "Holiday Shoppe" craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the school gym. Choose from a wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items.

■ The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday at Morehead Planetarium.

The event, sponsored by The Chapel Hill News, will proceed west on Franklin and Main streets toward Carrboro Town Hall.

Holiday Lane, which will be in front of the News' offices on West Franklin, will feature, among other things, a performance from the Chapel Hill High School band and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

■ The Tar Heel Voices will present a fall concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in Hamilton 100. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

■ The ninth annual William Lanier Hunt Campus Walk will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Assistant N.C. Botanical Garden Director Emeritus Ken Moore will be the guide on a winter walking tour of campus, recalling the horticulturist Bill Hunt's fascinating stories about plants and people of the past. Call 962-0522 to register.

To make a calendar submission, visit www.dailytarheel.com for a list of submission policies and contacts. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

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