

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Tickets for Bill Nye speech gone in about two hours

Free tickets for the April 27 appearance by Bill Nye, the science guy, became available at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Hall box office Wednesday and were completely distributed before 12:30 p.m., an organizer said.

Ethan Lin, public relations chairman for the Carolina Union Activities Board, said leaders were surprised by the pace.

"We knew there was a lot of anticipation and a lot of demand, but I don't think anyone expected it to sell out this fast."

CUAB is one of 11 sponsors for the speech, for which Nye is slated to receive \$20,000. Lin said that as part of the arrangement with Nye, about 180 seats in Memorial Hall have been reserved for area school children.

STATE & NATION

Appeals court: Dorrance's comments not harassment

RICHMOND, Va. — A divided federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld a judge's decision to dismiss a sexual harassment lawsuit against University of North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance.

In a 2-1 ruling, the court rejected Melissa Jennings' claim that Dorrance's vulgar language and inappropriate comments to players created a sexually hostile educational environment.

Jennings, a walk-on reserve goalkeeper for two seasons, alleged that Dorrance harassed team members by asking about their sexual activity. She claimed that during a one-on-one meeting to discuss her academic and athletic progress, Dorrance bluntly asked about her sex life.

Dorrance denied making the remark but acknowledged in an apology letter that he participated in sexual banter of a "jesting or teasing nature" with groups of players.

Former death row inmate, Gell, faces new charges

WINDSOR — A man who was sentenced to die, then freed after prosecutors at his murder trial were shown to have hidden exonerating evidence, was charged Wednesday with having sex with a teenager, authorities said.

Alan Gell, 31, is charged with 14 counts each of statutory rape and indecent liberties with a minor for allegedly starting a relationship last year with a 15-year-old girl, authorities said. He also was charged with cocaine possession.

Bertie County Sheriff Greg Atkins said the girl, now 16, is pregnant and a paternity test showed Gell was the father.

Gell's mother, Jeannette Johnson, said in an interview that the girl told her son she was 17. Johnson also said officers found cocaine residue in a closet of a mobile home she had bought at auction for her son. She said as many as six officers searched the dwelling for eight hours in February.

Prominent lawyer hired to represent Duke boosters

DURHAM — A small group of boosters and others close to the Duke University lacrosse team has hired President Clinton's former lawyer as part of an aggressive public relations effort to argue that the players did not rape a woman at an off-campus party.

Bob Bennett, a former federal prosecutor and Washington attorney who represented Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, is serving as a spokesman for a group calling itself the Committee for Fairness to Duke Families.

He is not expected to represent any players, but he has joined the chorus of those who fear for the reputation of the team and the university.

State says prisoner will be monitored during execution

RALEIGH — State prison officials said Wednesday they will add a special monitor for the scheduled execution for a man convicted of a Martin County killing.

Willie Brown Jr. is scheduled to be put to death April 21 for the 1983 slaying of a woman during a convenience store robbery. His attorneys had asked a federal judge to stop the execution, citing evidence that during injection executions the prisoner might wake up but be paralyzed and endure pain.

U.S. District Court Judge Malcolm Howard gave the state until noon Wednesday to assure him the prisoner would be monitored so he could be put back to sleep if necessary. Howard said he would stop the execution if the state couldn't make that assurance.

-From staff and wire reports

UNC amps language classes

Students given two Indian choices

BY ASHLEE SADLER
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Due to India's rising importance in the global economy, a need for fluent speakers of Bengali and Tamil has emerged.

To accommodate the growing demand, UNC-Chapel Hill, as well as N.C. State and Duke universities, has implemented programs to teach the two Indian languages at the elementary level starting in the fall.

The three institutions will connect their classrooms through video conferences, said Dwight Stephens, director of critical languages for the N.C. Center for South Asia Studies.

"The students will interact with each other, the instructor and the (teaching assistant) that will be there, in a virtual setting," he said.

To register for Bengali classes, students will have to go through the interinstitutional enrollment procedure because the Bengali instructor will be based at N.C. State. These forms can be picked up in Hanes Hall or downloaded at regweb.unc.edu/resources/rpm03.php.

The introductory Tamil class will be based at UNC, so students can enroll through normal registration.

Stephens said this is not the first

time students at the three universities have had the opportunity to enroll in classes together — but now it's easier, he added.

"It's really impractical to drive or take the bus to another university," he said. "Not many students can do it because it takes so much time. But this video conference allows students to learn together, but each on their own campus."

Sophomore psychology major Katie O'Toole, who is enrolled in an Italian course, said she thinks learning the languages is a useful skill.

"Being able to speak an Indian language would be beneficial since the U.S. will probably be working with them more and more in the future," she said.

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DWIGHT STEPHENS, DIRECTOR

It is necessary to include these languages in the college curriculum even though they are not commonly known, said Haimanti Banerjee, coordinator of the South Asia Center at the University of Pennsylvania and a Bengali lecturer.

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Law school meets hopeful

Perschbacher vies for UNC deanship

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Quoting The Beatles, a candidate to be the next dean of UNC's School of Law explained that money can't buy love — but it can make a better law school.

In line with the candidates before him, Rex Perschbacher, dean of the University of California-Davis law school, set generating greater resources as one of his top goals for UNC's law program.

Perschbacher is one of five finalists competing for the position in the school's latest search for a dean.

Provost Robert Shelton, a former vice chancellor for research at UC-Davis, will decide which candidate will be the next dean.

Speaking to a group of about 60 people, Perschbacher highlighted the importance of upholding UNC's reputation and of obtaining resources at a low cost for students.

"Reputation is something that can't be bought or built in a day or a week or a decade," he said.

Every public law school should follow UNC's dedication to service and its state, Perschbacher said.

The dean also should publicize the school's successes for peer institutions across the nation to view UNC as a model, he added.

While promoting the school, Perschbacher said, the dean should ask for help primarily from the state and from alumni.

Though he said that students probably would see a slight increase in fees, he added that they would not be the primary dispensers.

"There really is not an unlimited number of resources," he said.

Perschbacher also said he would pursue other fundraising tactics — methods he uses at UC-Davis.

In highlighting his current deanship, Perschbacher said he was successful in increasing faculty but not as successful in increasing student financial support.

He emphasized that his career at UC-Davis was a learning experience that would make his work at UNC more efficient.

"I've learned some lessons along the way," he said. "In fact, look at all those lessons you didn't have to pay for."

Perschbacher said his qualifications are based on his personal experience as a dean and on his interest in UNC. On his two-day visit, he said he heard only positive comments that increased his interest.

"Who wouldn't want to be the next dean at Carolina Law?"

Gene Nichol vacated the post

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"Out of every other holiday, Passover is my favorite. I just love the symbolism that goes with it." RICKY GREEN, UNC-G FRESHMAN



Graduate student Jonathan Kropko (left) pours and passes cups of grape juice, representing wine, to UNC-Greensboro students Hope Wright and Ricky Green, who came with other Greensboro students to celebrate the annual Passover seder at N.C. Hillel on Wednesday.

DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NIGHTS

BY BETHANY BLACK
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For many University students, the Passover seder at N.C. Hillel was too good to pass up.

About 250 students and community members gathered at Hillel's annual Passover seder Wednesday evening to celebrate the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

Numerous rituals compose the seder, including readings from the Haggadah. The name of the text means "the telling" and describes the Exodus story.

"For me, it's just a great congregation and community," said Leia Charnin, a junior from Charlotte. "It's kind of the place to be in Chapel Hill for Passover."

Brooks Jaffa, a freshman from Charlotte, found himself at Hillel for the sense of community that he grown up with.

"I've always had fond memories of the seder growing up, and I can't go home this year," he said.

Ricky Green, a freshman from Durham who attends UNC-Greensboro, drove to Hillel's seder with several other Greensboro students. "I didn't have anywhere else to go," he said.

"Out of every other holiday, Passover is my favorite," he added. "I just love the symbolism that goes with it."

Passover is the most widely observed ritual by Jews, said Or Mars, executive director of Hillel.

"If people don't do anything the rest of the year, there's a good chance they'll go to a seder," he said.

Mars said the seder is essentially a learning experience.

"The whole idea of the seder is not so much to know it as it is to be taught it," he added.

Part of the seder's teaching is exemplified by the Four Questions, one of the first rituals of the evening.

Usually asked by a child, the questions yield responses that explain how the evening's rituals make it different from all other nights.

Starting on Passover, Jews also face dietary restrictions: They cannot eat bread products with leavening in them for eight days and instead eat matzah.

"The thinking behind it is that as the Israelites were being chased, they didn't have enough time to let their bread rise," Mars said.

The restriction can pose a problem for students, who said they often have to get creative with their meal plans.

"It's going to be harder to follow at school

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Cassidy seeks top CAPS post

Leader is second to interview for job

BY ROBBY MARSHALL
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Counseling and Psychological Service has had its second session.

Jennie Cassidy, the second of five candidates bidding to become UNC-Chapel Hill's new CAPS director, touted her qualifications at a forum Wednesday.

"I believe in working hard, and I believe in playing hard," she told the 10-person audience.

Candidates are vying to replace John Edgerly, and officials hope to make a transition July 1.

The forum was just one of the day's many interview activities for Cassidy, the associate director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Appalachian State University.

Cassidy said that she has looked to UNC-CH as a leader in the field and that she would be excited to run the program.

"This is Carolina," she said. "It's the flagship institution. I'm in the state system right now, and this is looked at as being it."

The other finalists are:

■ Edward Morris, director of the student counseling center at Salisbury University, who interviewed Monday;

■ Allen Hamrick, associate

director of counseling and psychological services at UNC-CH, scheduled to interview this Monday;

■ Kathy Hotelling, director of the counseling and student development center at Northern Illinois University, set for Tuesday;

■ Christopher Flynn, director of the counseling and career services center at Loyola University at New Orleans, will interview April 20.

A committee composed of students, faculty and staff has the task of nominating one of five candidates for approval by Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Cassidy stressed that the goal of a program like CAPS is to help students — both emotionally and academically.

"Our first purpose is to address the mental health needs of students," she said. "The second purpose is to contribute to the educational mission of the University."

Since earning her doctorate of philosophy from the University of Akron in 1994, Cassidy has accumulated experience training interns and graduate students.

"I see lots of people who are eating disordered who want to be a nutritionist or want to go into exercise sports science," she said. "It's prob-



Jennie Cassidy stressed the need both to address mental health and add to the mission of education.

ably not the best path for them."

The opening of the CAPS top spot coincided with the Jan. 1 overhaul of all University health service departments, which merged CAPS, Student Health Service and the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors.

A search for an assistant vice chancellor for campus health services — who would oversee all departments under the umbrella — also is ongoing. Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, is serving in the position for the interim.

Payne said he hopes the CAPS director and new vice chancellor will be chosen quickly so they can get acquainted before next year.

"This is an important position," he said of the CAPS post. "The right fit is just as important as the skill set and academic credentials of the candidate."

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Groups to host vigil for murdered woman

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BY NICOLE LUKOSIUS
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A Chapel Hill woman found murdered in her apartment last week will be remembered today at a vigil on Franklin Street.

Keara Lynne Hart was found stabbed to death in her apartment April 6. Damego Demon Lee, 32, who shared a Pritchard Avenue Extension address with Hart, was charged with first-degree murder.

The vigil, which is being hosted by the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County and the Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Chatham County, will begin at 6 p.m. at the Franklin Street post office.

"We're inviting the community to come together as a group and send a strong message that we're not going to tolerate this in the community," said Ronnie Bower, community education coordinator for the Orange County center.

Flowers and candles will be handed out at the vigil as representatives from the prevention center open the ceremony.

Representatives from the Chatham County center will conduct the closing of the ceremony, said Kathy Hodges, group co-director.

ATTEND THE VIGIL

Time: 6 p.m.
Date: Today
Location: Franklin Street post office

"We are going to remember the person who died and talk about how we can move forward in preventing these tragedies so no other family has to suffer," Hodges said. "We want to make it known how important it is to talk about domestic violence."

According to a press release from the center, there have been 13 domestic violence homicides in North Carolina this year.

Bower said there will be opportunity for public involvement at the vigil.

The centers last held a vigil in response to the murder of Shennel McKendall, a UNC Health Care employee, in December 2004.

McKendall was murdered by her estranged husband, Randy Lemer McKendall, after an ongoing domestic dispute.

Two vigils were held, one in Chatham County where McKendall lived and one in Orange County where she worked.

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