

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Pope, 81, former trustee, GOP philanthropist, dies

John William Pope, a former University trustee and philanthropist, died of cancer Saturday at his home in Raleigh. He was 81.

Pope served as a trustee from 1985 to 1992 and gave the school almost \$468,000 during the past two decades, excluding athletic donations.

He and his family also donated heavily to conservative candidates. The state Republican Party's Raleigh headquarters is named for the Pope family.

Pope took over the family's Variety Wholesalers Inc. when the business was a five-store chain in the late 1940s. He ran it until last year, eventually expanding the privately held company to more than 500 stores in 14 states with 7,500 employees. In 2005, the stores had revenue of more than \$500 million.

UNC receives accolades for academics, affordability

For the third straight year, UNC finished 27th among top American colleges, according to the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings.

The issue, which hit newsstands Monday, also ranked the University first among public campuses for the second consecutive year in the magazine's "Great Schools, Great Prices" list.

UNC also finished fifth among top public universities — the same as last year. The rankings are determined by responses to opinion surveys and objective data such as student retention rates and faculty resources.

The University also was named one of 25 elite "New Ivies" in the latest issue of Newsweek magazine.

Construction worker killed on the job at Kenan Stadium

A construction worker was electrocuted Aug. 9 while working on a light bank on the south side of Kenan Stadium.

Leland Williams, 31, was about 50 to 60 feet above the ground at the time but did not fall.

Williams was a Burlington resident and an employee of Kemco of Burlington Inc.

Calls seeking comment from the company were not returned.

Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Applications due to change residence status for tuition

Students who would like to change their residence status for tuition purposes for fall semester 2006 must submit their applications by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Those hoping to gain in-state status should turn in their application to the admissions office through which they were last admitted.

First Carolina United camp focused on leadership skills

About 50 students attended the first Carolina United, a camp, modeled after Anytown, U.S.A., that aimed to teach about the relationship between diversity and leadership.

The program was held from Aug. 13 to Aug. 17 at the Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Efland. Student Body President James Allred was among the students who attended.

Participants discussed current affairs, shared personal stories and learned how to plan focused events.

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Special Olympics registration for fall sports now open

Registration is now open for Special Olympics Orange County fall sports.

Sports include soccer, golf, bocce and cycling. There are programs for athletes of all ages and skill levels.

Practices will be held for an hour to an hour-and-a-half either weeknight evenings or Sunday afternoons.

For more information, or to register or volunteer, contact Colleen Lanigan at 968-2787, ext. 204, or clanigan@townofchapelhill.org. Applications are due Aug. 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
DTH accepting nominations for interesting people

The Daily Tar Heel will be featuring a monthly profile of a community member with an interesting story to share.

The DTH is accepting nominations for students, faculty or staff members people want the community to know about. Profiles will be published on the first Thursday of each month.

E-mail nominations to features@unc.edu.

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New tuition plan in works

Bowles to propose predictable policy

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After a year with practically guaranteed tuition increases, the annual tuition policy debate soon could become even more predictable.

UNC-system President Erskine Bowles, who has been considering the issue of tuition policy since taking office in January, is preparing a formal proposal that would create a four-year tuition framework.

The system president's proposal will set yearly maximum tuition increases at each campus for the next four years. All tuition requests that do not exceed the set limit would be automatically approved.

"It's that 'up-to-level' that's so

hard to get our arms around," said Jeff Davies, chief of staff to Bowles.

Bowles will present his proposal to the tuition policy task force Sept. 7. If the task force accepts the proposal, the full Board of Governors will vote on the proposal at their meeting the following day.

"The jury's still out until the president's made his case," said Hannah Gage, co-chairwoman of the task force.

The task force originally formed last year in response to a failed legislative provision that would have limited UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University control over their own tuition increases.

Members' efforts led to a one-year

policy that placed caps on campus' requests while guaranteeing approval of requests within the guidelines.

The goal, now, is to have a four-year plan in place by the end of September, when each UNC-system school forms committees to work on their tuition requests.

Davies said that Bowles hopes each campus will not automatically come to the board to request the maximum hike, but instead will weigh its needs against the burden increases impose on students.

Derek Pantiel, president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, said predictability would be beneficial because students would know in advance the maximum amount that tuition could rise in the next four years.

"I'm not for tuition increases

whatsoever — that's not me," Pantiel said, adding that it might be possible to keep increases low if the N.C. General Assembly continues to adequately fund the universities.

A new player in the tuition debate, Pantiel aims to keep tuition affordable for all students. "We want to keep it as low as possible — to a bare minimum."

If Bowles' predictability model is adopted, it will operate as a pilot program. After four years, the BOG will assess the plan's success before determining a permanent policy.

Gage said she's glad the president took his time with the plan. "I think it will be a very thoughtful policy when it finally comes out."

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Student health options altered

Shift in hours among changes

BY ERIN ZUREICK
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More changes are on the way this fall for students who seek medical attention on campus.

During the past year, campus health services were reshaped, and now officials are moving to implement policy adjustments.

A shift in operating hours this fall will allow more students to receive treatment during peak hours, and officials also hope to increase student-outreach efforts.

After-hours services will be shortened — the mid-campus building now will close at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday — though weekend hours will remain the same.

"For many people the service won't change as far as a day-to-day basis," said Mary Covington, who is serving as the first assistant vice chancellor for campus health services.

During the fall and spring semesters, only 135 students used the service between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., prompting the change, said Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

The number of staff will be concentrated during peak hours to accommodate student demand during the busy afternoon hours.

"We think this is a reasonable approach that will end up serving the students better," Covington said.

The hour switch means space probably will be tight, and officials must find creative ways to avoid crunches, Payne said. Providers sharing examination rooms and offices could be one solution.

Officials are engaged in conversations to determine feasible options for expansion.

Students who require medical attention when the building is closed can call HealthLink and receive treatment advice. If a student is advised to go to the emergency room the University will reimburse a student for up to \$500 after insurance is filed.

Health officials will receive a list of students who called the service the previous day so they can check up on sick students.

Students who call during regular hours will be steered to see one health provider instead of many to add more personal attention.

"We don't want to give people the impression we're just running people

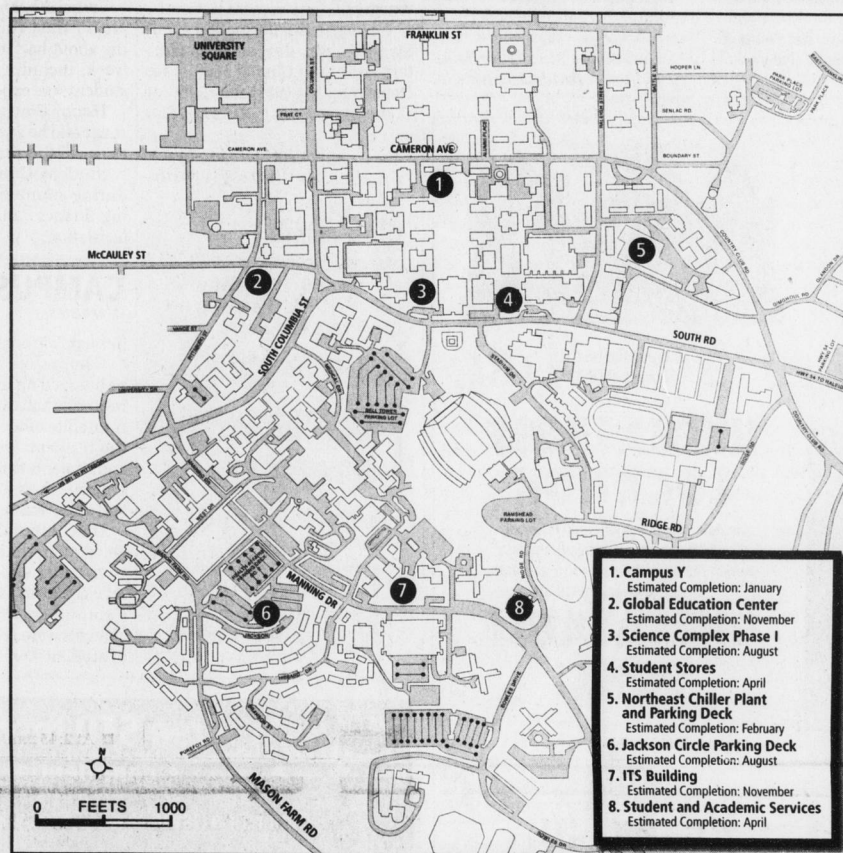


Mary Covington will lead the new Campus Health Services.



Kathy Hotelling will direct UNC's Wellness Services.

Construction blankets campus



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BY ERIN ZUREICK
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The paint has just begun to dry on the new walls of Chapman Hall.

Nestled between Carroll and Venable halls, the new physical sciences building soon will house lecture halls and labs. Coupled with nearby Caudill Labs, which is nearly complete, the buildings are part of UNC's planned science complex.

And the two projects, which are seeing the finishing touches, are part of the largest construction boom in University history.

Summer of bulldozers

Campus officials said the summer's flurry of activity was probably the largest push the construction blitz has seen.

Raleigh Street opened last week after being closed most of the summer. Ram Village, the student apartment complex on South Campus, will house students for the first time this year. Two new parking decks are open, increasing parking by about 1,270 spots.

And that doesn't even include the slew of

projects that are set to wrap up this year.

"It's been our busiest summer ever," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction. "We're really at the peak of the capital program now. Next year it will start tapering off some."

Runberg said about 1,500 people worked on projects during the summer months — up from a more typical amount of 1,200 workers during fall and spring semesters.

"The degree of work that's gone on to minimize and get this stuff done before students get back so that they don't experience what we've been through all summer is really amazing," said Chancellor James Moeser. "It's really a Herculean effort that's gone on."

A lasting impression

Moeser said he's worried the construction boom might deter prospective students. But overall he said he thinks students are understanding of the temporary inconveniences.

"They also see a dynamic place that's undergoing change," he said.

And new facilities also can be a powerful

recruiting tool for prospective faculty and researchers, officials said.

Provost Bernadette Gray-Little said the new facilities and renovated classrooms and buildings can help retain and rope in qualified faculty. "I think it boosts morale for people who are already here," she said. "They're also a definite asset in recruiting new faculty."

Shifting south

With the heart of campus running out of room for expansion, projects located on the University's southern end are beginning to dominate the development plan.

During the 2006-07 school year, several high-profile projects will be completed, including the Global Education Center, the Student Academic Services Building and a new Information Technology Services Building. All are located on South Campus.

With the opening of Rams Head Dining Hall in spring 2005 and the recent completion of Ram Village, this southern shift is

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Reported violence causes club closings

Police chief cites safety concerns

BY JESSICA SCHONBERG
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Those who get their dancing fix at local clubs now have a few less options as they migrate downtown.

Chapel Hill police Chief Gregg Jarvis sent a memo to Town Manager Cal Horton asking that Avalon's business license not be renewed after a club patron was killed in the parking lot of neighboring Keys Food Mart early July 29.

Kedrain Monta Swann, 26, of Durham was shot by an unknown suspect multiple times with an assault rifle, according to Chapel Hill police reports. Days later Avalon's business license expired.

In his memo to Horton, Jarvis documented 25 serious criminal acts at Avalon or in the adjacent streets and parking lots in the past 15 months. Fifteen of the 25 were on Avalon's premises.

In the memo, Jarvis said he's

met with five downtown establishment owners in the past three years to discuss public safety concerns. He also said he plans to meet with the owner of Players this month.

The report indicates that the incidents decreased after the meetings everywhere except Avalon and the location now occupied by Chi Hi.

Chi Hi owner Frank Allen said the club is being renovated and will reopen this fall as two, more upscale nightclubs with increased security.

Doyle Alley, deputy administrator for the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, said Chi Hi's state ABC permit was suspended in early July because of "acts of violence occurring in and around the business."

Jarvis said owners and managers need more oversight of their clubs.

He cited admitting fewer people, raising prices, changing the dress code and membership requirements, increasing security, and hiring different promoters as possible ways to handle the crowds.

He also stressed the importance of

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Student government stays busy

BY MAC MOLLISON
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Student government leaders remained active this summer, continuing their work on campus issues.

Executive branch members worked to implement Student Body President James Allred's platform points.

They encouraged campus administrators to add more academic advisers. Five full-time advisers were added in June to the academic advising program.

But Allred said the work isn't finished yet.

A task force to study the effectiveness of advising strategies is in the works.

"The real crux is taking those advisers and making sure we're using them as effectively as possible," Allred said.

Among other changes Allred supported were longer hours for Campus Health Services and a new printing system — major components of his campaign platform.

Executive branch leaders and campus officials also have been working to revamp the course registration system.

Allred said he expects any changes to be finalized this fall in time for spring registration.



Student Body President James Allred addresses a crowd during Fall Fest. Allred stayed on campus this summer to implement his platform points.

"What we're trying to do is balance the constraints of the current technology with the demands of the students, so that registration be easy but also fair."

He said he doesn't want students with higher grade point averages or students who have earned more credits to register before others. Those changes were among past proposals to make registration flow more smoothly.

Allred has made more visible

summer programs than his predecessor. Last year's student body president Seth Dearnin's summer months were marked by an unsuccessful attempt to implement wireless Internet service off campus in Chapel Hill.

Matt Calabria, who preceded Dearnin, explored the possibility of implementing a campuswide file-sharing program.

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