

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Tuesday page 13 story, "Multicultural sorority celebrates 10th birthday," incorrectly states the name of the organization benefiting from the event. It is the National Conference for Community and Justice. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Fifty high school seniors win prestigious scholarship

UNC and Duke University announced Tuesday next year's class of Robertson Scholars.

Fifty high school seniors received the honor, which includes enrollment at both universities through a merit scholarship.

Twenty-one students were awarded the scholarship at Duke and 22 at UNC. Seven students were offered the scholarship by both schools and can decide between UNC and Duke.

Decisions were based on academics, leadership, community service and an ability to work with others.

Next year's recipients come from all over the U.S. Others are from China and the Philippines.

Winners from North Carolina were: Joseph Ethan Glaser-Reich, from Charlotte Latin School; Amanda Michelle Johnson, from the N.C. School of Science and Math; Alexander Carlson Killka, from South Mecklenburg High School; and Matthew Shelton Price from William G. Enloe High School.

To see a full list of the recipients, visit www.unc.edu/news.

Spike Lee lecture tickets to hit box office next week

Student tickets for the upcoming lecture from award-winning film director Spike Lee will be available at the Memorial Hall box office beginning at 10 a.m. April 16.

The tickets will be free and will be limited to two tickets per One Card and two One Cards per student.

General public tickets will be available beginning April 20 and will cost \$5, Carolina Union Activities Board President Erika Stallings said.

Tickets are reserved seating.

CITY BRIEFS

Police looking into three linked incidents of arson

Chapel Hill police believe three incidents of arson at office buildings that occurred early Sunday morning might be related, police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

Two incidents of arson were reported to the police department at 4:31 a.m. and 5:28 a.m. at The Center at 1506 E. Franklin St., according to police reports. Another incident of arson occurred at 5:28 a.m. at 609 Conner Drive.

In each incident, landscaping pine straw was piled against a building and set on fire. No permanent damage was sustained, Cousins said.

"Because all three incidents are similar because they were started with pine straw and did not involve the use of an accelerant, and they are close together, we believe they're related," Cousins said.

Brian Curran, interim chief of police, said conditions in the area are so dry that a fire would not need to be started and sustained by an accelerant — any substance used to speed up the spreading of a fire.

Curran said the police department's investigation unit is working with the fire marshal on the case.

"There's not a lot in terms of investigation unless someone saw and tells us," said Caprice Mellon, the fire department's deputy chief of operations.

Four car break-ins reported Monday on Drew Hill Lane

Four incidents of breaking and entering and larceny from a vehicle were reported Monday. All incidents occurred on Drew Hill Lane, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

In two of the incidents, reports state an unknown suspect used a pry tool to gain entry into the driver's side door. In one incident, the front passenger side window was broken, and in the last incident, the driver's side window was broken.

A Jensen car stereo valued at \$3,000, a Kenwood DVD player valued at \$3,000 and two stereos valued at \$200 each were among the items listed as stolen, reports state.

STATE BRIEFS

Decision in Duke lacrosse case could come today

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper could announce as early as today whether he plans to bring the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case to trial or drop the remaining charges against the three indicted players, a person close to the case said Tuesday.

The attorney general's office has said for several weeks that prosecutors were close to completing their investigation.

— From staff and wire reports

Smith inspires RA award

Recipient must build community

BY GREG MARGOLIS
STAFF WRITER

For Keith Shawn Smith, being a leader was more about being a friend.

The sophomore resident adviser, who died last year, was known for creating a tight-knit community and engaging his residents outside the dorm.

"The biggest part was making sure you had friendships down the hall," junior Alan Kneidel said

of Smith, who was his resident adviser last year. "That just created a trust that really brought us all together."

About a year after Smith's death, University officials are planning to give out the Keith Shawn Smith Award for Community Development and Mentorship.

Larry Hicks, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education, said the award will be given annually to the RA who meets Smith's example.

"(What) we like to see is for that resident adviser to build a strong community," Hicks said. "And basically Keith Shawn exemplified



Keith Shawn Smith has been praised for his ability to create a tight-knit community of residents.

Hall Association president, the chairman of the Housing Advisory Board and the president of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

The award is the first resident-chosen award for an RA, Hicks said.

Nominations are due by April 23, and the committee will select the first recipient of the award in May. The winner will receive a \$250 prize and a plaque from the housing department, Hicks said.

The nomination process includes a short essay, three recommendation letters from other residence

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exactly what we were targeting."

Smith died after crashing through a third-floor window in Stacy Residence Hall last February with then-freshman Tyler Downey.

Students may nominate an RA for the annual award, and the winner will be selected from a committee — which includes Hicks, the Residence



Cameron Park Elementary School first-graders Thomas Sikes (clockwise from left), Karla Rorie, Megan Bishop and Brian Werden spread out a mix of homemade lunches and school-bought lunches in the cafeteria on Monday. Schools want funding to make school lunches healthier.

A HEALTHY MANDATE

Funds lacking for healthier options

BY EMILY GALLIMORE
STAFF WRITER

You can lead students to the lunch line, but you can't make them choose healthy food.

Faced with meeting state-mandated child nutrition standards in time for the 2008 school year, elementary school cafeterias in both Orange County school districts have stopped stocking popular snacks like Twinkies and Moon Pies.

"We kind of bit the bullet — we have to implement these by next year," said Joe Otranto, child nutrition director for Orange County Schools.

The standards, enacted by the N.C. State Board of Education in October 2006, require that

cafeterias purchase healthier but more expensive items like legumes, whole grains and green vegetables.

Without the money generated from student purchases of snack food, the school systems' revenues have dropped greatly, Otranto said.

The increased costs associated with healthier foods have created a budget crunch, and districts across the state are asking for state funds to meet the standards.

"Hopefully the state will pick up the gauntlet," Otranto said.

A bill in the N.C. Senate would appropriate \$15 million in state funds, or about \$25 per

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A bill is being considered in the N.C. legislature that aims to provide districts with extra funding for healthier school lunches.

Town offers video streams

Meetings can be viewed online

BY DIONI L. WISE
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Chapel Hill Town Council meetings now are only a click away for town residents. Real-time feeds of the meetings can be accessed anywhere an Internet connection is available.

The town implemented its real-time online stream last month. Residents can view the next live stream during today's meeting.

"I think it's a significant step in the right direction toward citizen access and open meetings," Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom said. "I'm pleased that we've gotten to this point."

The town purchased the Web stream software from Granicus Inc. for more than \$25,000 to cover the costs of new equipment and software licensing.

The town has been using the software since September to post video of the meetings, but real-time video was available for the first time March 26.

Town Clerk Sabrina Oliver said she has heard positive feedback.

She said she thinks residents like being able to view meetings at their leisure and listen to what was said.

"And it's real helpful if you're trying to do research," Oliver said. "It's so much easier online, instead of going to the Clerk's office to watch a DVD."

Oliver saw a demonstration of the Granicus software at an International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference a few years ago, she said.

When she returned to Chapel Hill, Oliver proposed implementing the live Web stream here to then-Town Manager Cal Horton.

The Town Council approved the project in its June 2006 budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

"Essentially the council wants to

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How to watch council meetings online

- > Go to www.ci.chapel-hill.nc.us.
- > Click on the "Streaming video" link.
- > Click "Video" to watch the most recent meeting.
- > Windows Media Player is required to view streaming video.
- > Archived videos also are available on the Web site.

Upcoming events

- Business meeting:** 7 p.m. today
- Public hearing:** 7 p.m. Monday
- Business meeting:** 7 p.m. April 23

Aldermen review Carolina North

Provides support, caution for future

BY ALEX HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Carboro's Board of Aldermen discussed the development guidelines set forth in the Leadership Advisory Committee's final report on Carolina North on Tuesday night.

The Leadership Advisory Committee is a group made up of University and community representatives charged with forming a plan for Carolina North, the University's proposed satellite research campus.

The Leadership Advisory Committee outlined several aspects of the campus, including general land use and housing issues, environmental principals and fiscal equity.

James Carnahan, chairman of Carboro's planning board, said he is satisfied with the report's conclusions.

"I think there are some really good principles that came out of this," he said.

Carnahan said the group is pleased the University committed to an additional school site near Bolin Creek in Carboro.

Alderman Dan Coleman, who

served on the Leadership Advisory Committee, said he is happy with the expected job growth the site will bring to town.

Mayor Mark Chilton also participated in LAC meetings.

Carnahan cited a statistical projection showing that for every University job offered at Carolina North, three more will be generated by the influx of residents, resulting in 80,000 to 100,000 new jobs.

"It's a huge growth generator," he said. "Many of the jobs that will be at Carolina North will be many of the jobs that members of our community will be qualified for."

Alderman Joal Hall Broun said she is concerned with the University's lack of commitment to maintaining affordable housing.

"If you're going to add a school, you're going to add more pressure on the housing affordability, because people are going to flock here," she said.

The committee presented its final report, almost a year's worth of work, to Chancellor James Moeser on Jan. 31.

Carolina North will extend into both Chapel Hill and Carboro, which led Moeser to emphasize involving both towns in the early

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Town may alter public art financing

BY DAVE PEARSON
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Chapel Hill might make history with a proposed plan to restructure who foots the bill for public art.

Residents will have a chance to put in their two cents about what's called the percent-for-art, a possible 1 percent increase in funding for public art, at the Town Council's public hearing tonight.

Municipal building projects currently have 1 percent of their total budget earmarked for financing public art, such as decorative benches.

But Janet Kagan, from the Public Art Commission, said that the amount is insufficient and that the words "maintenance" and "conservation" must be kept in mind when considering public art.

Dick Robinson, chairman of the PAC, said the 1 percent increase would cover expenses beyond just installation of public art.

"This would be a much more rational way of addressing those overhead costs," he said.

He also said the increase in funds would allow the town to attract more recognized artists and allow for more programs to help emerging artists.

The present rate of 1 percent applies only to municipal capital improvements, such as the expansion of the Chapel Hill Public Library, but another aspect of the proposal will extend the 2 percent earmark to private developments as well.

Robinson said there are two ways in which percent-for-art could be

applied to private developers — one would allow developers to voluntarily donate to public art projects and the other would be a town mandate forcing developers to contribute.

Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said methods to encourage private developers to participate in public art might include incentives such as waiving certain fees levied against them.

"I think we'll come up with a creative way to involve participation," Kleinschmidt said.

Kleinschmidt made it clear that the 2 percent is included in the cost.

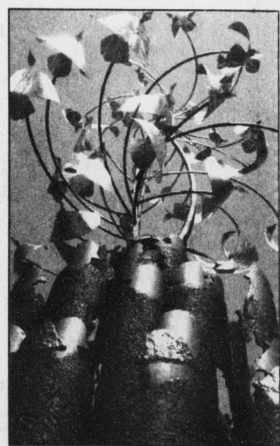
"There already has to be a floor in the lobby, right?" Kleinschmidt mused, saying the PAC looks for projects that have opportunities for artistic expression.

If the town decided to mandate private developers to fund percent-for-art at the increased amount, Kagan said Chapel Hill would need special permission from the state legislature for enforcement.

N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange said some locally focused legislation is able to pass without a lot of scrutiny, unless it can be perceived as a tax, as the percent increase might be seen to some.

Kinnaird said comparisons to other municipalities with 2 percent appropriations to public art, such as Santa Monica, Calif., would hinder the legislation's chances of passing.

"Anything they do in New York or California will kill a bill," she said, adding that the state legislature pre-



A sculpture by Mark Roig at Chapel Hill Fire Station #5 is one of many commissioned by the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission.

fers to share values with its neighbors in South Carolina and Virginia.

Kagan said that mandating private funding for public art has no legal precedent and that the town's approach to financing it is unique.

"Chapel Hill's percent-for-art program, in the context of the contextual plan, is the first known example of a municipality embedding public art in planned policies," she said.

"It stands out in a positive way

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