

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Relay for Life brings in four regional conference awards

UNC's Relay for Life topped the charts at a statewide relay conference, bringing home four awards. After raising a grand total of \$255,454 for last year's event, the committee was honored with an award for outstanding college/university event, along with top online fundraising college.

With a planning staff of 94 people this year, the committee is aiming to raise \$250,000 this year, said event chairwoman Amy Bugno.

"There's a lot of thought and planning that goes into it," she said.

Photojournalist to give talk, show documentary today

Photojournalist for National Public Radio and the senior producer of "The Story," Greg Kelly, will give a presentation at 7:30 p.m. today in 33 Carroll Hall.

Kelly's documentary, "Beyond Words: Photographers of War," focuses on famous photojournalists and their reactions to working in war times. The documentary shows the positive and negative effects of war.

The event is sponsored by the UNC student chapter of the National Press Photographers Association.

Congress' finance committee will elect new vice chairman

The vice chairman of Student Congress' finance committee stepped down Monday, according to an internal e-mail sent to the committee.

C.P. Helms, former vice chairman, left the position for unknown reasons said committee chairman Pedro Carreno. He said the committee will choose the next vice chairman from current members.

The committee hopes to have a new person selected tonight.

DTH advertising staff hires new staff for next semester

The Daily Tar Heel's advertising staff will almost double in size as it welcomes 10 new staffers to the team. New executives will begin training next week and will begin taking over sales responsibilities in the spring and fall.

CITY BRIEFS

Wachovia Principal of the Year selected for OCS district

Clara Daniels, principal of A.L. Stanback Middle School, has been selected as the 2008 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Orange County Schools in a program sponsored by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, The Principal's Executive Program and the Wachovia Corporation.

Daniels now moves on to compete with other local award recipients from the central region of the state. After the state selection process is completed, one principal will be selected as the Principal of the Year.

A veteran of 30 years in North Carolina's public school system, Daniels has held numerous positions in the field of education.

Regional award recipients will be selected by February 2008, and the state Wachovia Principal of the Year will be announced in April 2008.

STATE BRIEFS

N.C.-based Blackwater USA bodyguards given immunity

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The State Department promised Blackwater USA bodyguards immunity from prosecution in its investigation of last month's deadly shooting of 17 Iraqi civilians, The Associated Press has learned.

The immunity deal has delayed a criminal inquiry into the Sept. 16 killings and could undermine any effort to prosecute security contractors for their role in the incident that has infuriated the Iraqi government.

"Once you give immunity, you can't take it away," said a senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation.

A State Department spokesman did not have an immediate comment Monday. Both Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd and FBI spokesman Rich Kolko declined comment.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's soccer program receives \$1 million donation

The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust announced Monday a gift of \$1 million dollars to endow scholarships and the operating budget of the women's soccer program.

Richard M. Krasno, executive director of the Trust, made the announcement Monday. The endowment will be made in the name of William R. Kenan Jr., in honor of Braxton Schell, an attorney in Greensboro, N.C., and Carolina alumnus.

—From staff and wire reports

Committee hosts forum today

BY KELLEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

The chancellor search saga continues today as faculty, staff and students will be able to voice their opinions during a three-hour forum at the Carolina Inn.

The 21-member chancellor search committee has designated one hour to hear comments on the qualities and qualifications each constituent group desires in the next chancellor, who should take office July 1. Faculty will begin the forum at 1 p.m., followed by staff and students.

But more than 200 classes will be in session from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. today, preventing many professors from attending the faculty-designated time slot.

Psychology professor Beth Jordan said she was disappointed she won't be able to attend the forum because she has to teach a class at that time.

"I can't just cancel class to go to something like this, even though I think the forum is important," Jordan said.

ATTEND THE FORUM

Time: Today; 1 p.m. UNC faculty members; 2 p.m. UNC staff; 3 p.m. UNC students

Location: Chancellor's Ballroom at the Carolina Inn

Info: www.unc.edu/chan/search

She said she thought the forum will be a good opportunity to learn what other faculty are thinking about the chancellor search.

But some professors are unfazed that teaching will prevent them from attending.

Jean DeSaix, a lecturer in the Department of Biology, said she also teaches class during the hour designated for faculty comments.

But DeSaix said she isn't worried because faculty will be able to speak at any time during the forum, not just during the allotted time slot.

DeSaix also said the forum is just one of many ways for faculty

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J.J. Raynor, a junior economics major, participates Monday night in the student advisory board to the chancellor search committee.

Locals protest arms laws

BY SERGIO TOVAR
STAFF WRITER

A group of 32 local residents gathered on Polk Place on Monday to protest lax gun laws and to honor the lives of those who died during the April Virginia Tech shootings.

Protesters stood in silence for three minutes to honor the victims of the shootings. The three minutes represented the length of time it took gunman Seung-Hui Cho to be approved for his guns.

During the demonstration, residents wore black clothing, as well as maroon and orange ribbons, Va. Tech's colors, around their necks.

"Our focus was to recognize and remember the 32 people who were killed at Va. Tech," said Connie Padgett, UNC-32's organizer.

The shootings have brought the issue of gun control into the national spotlight, but Padgett said there is still room for reform.

"Since the Va. Tech shooting, nothing has been done about gun laws," Padgett said.

In North Carolina, laws require passing a background check before buying a firearm and a state-issued purchase permit, though there are exceptions.

But some people believe the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which investigates an individual's identity and record before authorizing a gun permit, is not working properly.

Various factors, such as a criminal record, being declared "mentally defective" or being committed to a mental institution, can make a person ineligible to purchase a gun.

Cho was legally declared a "danger to himself and others," which should have precluded him from purchasing a gun, but privacy laws concerning medical records have caused inconsistent reporting to NICS.

And mental health is not the only factor that can go undetected.

According to the Government Accountability Office, during a five-month period, 35 of 44 applicants for a gun whose names matched a Terrorist Watch List Record, were allowed to purchase a gun.

Abby Sprangler, the organizer of the first protest of this kind in Alexandria Va., said the system of gun control is inefficient.

"We're outraged about our lax gun laws in the U.S. that allow criminals and dangerous individuals to get guns," she said.

Sprangler said that improving the background system, closing the gun show loophole and reinstating the assault weapons ban and the federal ban on high-capacity magazines — the ammunition storage — could prevent unfit individuals from acquiring guns.

During a gun show, an individual can buy a gun from a provider without a license, though this practice is outlawed in 17 states, including North Carolina.

Sprangler said the only way to change these and other gun laws is to talk to local representatives.

"The bottom line is that we want these protests to become deafening — to make the American voice heard loud and clear," she said.

But others don't think gun control laws should be tougher.

"If we gradually legislate away our constitutional right, we won't

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DRESS TO DISTRESS

Don't abandon all hope for your killer outfit

BY ALLISON MILLER
SENIOR WRITER

If the best costume idea you've come up with is to dress like yourself, don't worry, it's not too late.

These ideas can help you put together an inexpensive and unique last-minute costume.

Search your closet.

Senior Julie Jacobson said her 2006 Halloween costume was inspired by one of the more interesting accessories she owns — a pair of furry white boots.

But she said her Coca-Cola polar bear costume wasn't always recognizable.

"Most people thought I was a snow bunny," Jacobson said.

Look to movies and TV.

Dressing as a favorite movie or TV character is another quick costume idea. Pop culture icons and news headlines can provide a quick yet recognizable character to mimic.

In 2005 senior Ryan Scotton decided at the last minute to dress up as Elijah Wood's character, Kevin, who he described as a "lit-

tle cannibal," from "Sin City."

This year Scotton plans to dress as the title character from the TV show "House M.D."

Ask your friends for ideas

This time your roommate's lame suggestions might actually be of use as you struggle to find an idea.

Last year, sophomore Briana Duggan borrowed her roommate's idea for a costume. "My roommate told me how she always wanted to be Sandy Olsson from 'Grease,'" Duggan said.

Contact the Features Editor at features@unc.edu.

Cook up a last-minute costume:

Julie Jacobson, senior:
COCA-COLA POLAR BEAR
Halloween 2006

Ingredients:	Prep time: about 5 minutes
- Red scarf from a roommate	
- White boots from closet	Instructions:
- Coke bottle from Student Stores	- Use face paint to paint nose black and paint black dots on face.
- Black face paint from hallmate	- Carry the Coke bottle.
- White clothing from closet	
- White gloves from closet	



Ryan Scotton, senior:
KEVIN FROM SIN CITY
Halloween 2005

Ingredients:	- Converse shoes from friend
- Sailor-style shirt from Time after	- Aviator sunglasses
Time on Franklin Street	Prep time: quick shopping trip
- Plaid flannel shirt from closet	Instructions:
- White tape from Student Stores	- Use white tape to make a zig-zag across the shirt.
- Jeans from closet	- Don the claws.
- Claws from Party City	

Briana Duggan, sophomore:
SANDY FROM GREASE
Halloween 2006

Ingredients:	Prep time: about 30 minutes
- Black leggings from closet	
- Red lipstick from makeup bag	Instructions:
- Dark shoes from friend	- Assemble the outfit.
- Black shirt from closet	- Use Sharpie or face paint to create an "I love Danny Zuko" tattoo on arm.
- Sharpie from backpack (could also use face paint)	



Herzenberg inspires others

First openly gay official led way

BY MAX ROSE
STAFF WRITER

When openly gay politician Ernie Fleming ran for Warren County commissioner last year, the local newspaper ran an editorial that warned of a "moral tsunami."

But that did not prevent Fleming from being elected.

For years, Joe Herzenberg was the only openly gay elected official in North Carolina, but after his Sunday death, many still follow the road he paved.

"(Herzenberg) pried that door open and kept that open by himself in order to keep alive the promise of full participation," Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said. "He made it possible to get enough people that it's never going to close again."

man for Victory Fund, a national organization that helps get gay and lesbian candidates elected.

Now there are at least six gay elected officials in the state, including Kleinschmidt and Orange County Commissioner Mike Nelson.

Herzenberg died Sunday in Chapel Hill at age 66, but his impact extends beyond the town's borders.

Julia Boseman, D-New Hanover, was the first openly gay state senator in North Carolina, and openly gay people also have been elected in and Cabarrus County and Boone.

"We've seen people getting elected in areas that are not liberal bastions, and I think that's an indication that voters are willing to look beyond a voter's sexual orientation," said Ian Palmquist, executive director of Equality North Carolina.

Two gay candidates are running in 2008 for statewide office in North Carolina. Jim Neal is a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and John Arrowood is running for the Court of Appeals.

"Joe Herzenberg was an inspiration to everyone who is interested in making our society a better place

to live," Neal stated in an e-mail. "He was one of those leaders who broke down barriers."

But openly gay candidates sometimes still have difficulty getting voters to look past sexual orientation.

Dison said 25 percent to 30 percent of voters will not vote for an openly gay candidate, according to a Victory Fund national survey.

"There are still a lot of people who will immediately discount you when they learn of your sexual orientation," Dison said. "The people you see who do get elected typically run perfect campaigns."

Still, the number of openly gay leaders continues to increase. Victory Fund is endorsing 71 gay candidates in 2007, including Carrboro alderman candidate Lydia Lavelle.

Lavelle received financial support from Herzenberg for her campaign. Her partner, Alicia Stemper, said sexual orientation has not been an issue in the alderman race.

"That she is able to mention that she has a partner and raising chil-

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Officials attempt to lower water demand

BY DAVIS WILLINGHAM
STAFF WRITER

Plummeting lake levels and increasingly dire drought conditions statewide have prompted local municipalities to tighten restrictions on water usage.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Hillsborough and Chatham County water-supply systems are experiencing "exceptional drought" conditions, the most severe stage of drought.

But each municipality's leaders are coping with the drought with varying degrees of restrictions.

Last week's rain helped some of the areas hit hardest by drought, adding about 3.3 inches to the West Fork Eno Reservoir, which serves Hillsborough.

Hillsborough is under voluntary water restrictions, which recommend reducing water demand by 10 percent. The voluntary restrictions are proactive because the town has not yet reached levels that mandate restrictions.

On Oct. 18, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority's board of directors declared a stage two water shortage and announced a goal of reducing water demand by 15 percent.

Stage two restricts irrigation with OWASA drinking water to plant-selling businesses, bans the use of potable water to refill ornamental ponds and fountains and directs restaurants to serve water to customers only upon request.

"The decision to implement the restrictions was made after considering several factors: historical information about rainfall patterns, water supply at the given time of the year, water demand and how the drought is affecting stream flow to our lakes," said Greg Feller, public affairs administrator for OWASA.

OWASA was able to determine the appropriate level of response to the water crisis by referring to the water conservation ordinance, created in 2003.

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