

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Preparation for 10th annual UNC Dance Marathon begins

UNC Dance Marathon organizers will be in the Pit this week, recruiting moralers and volunteers for the 10th annual event.

Students can sign up for either job every day in the Pit this week.

Moralers pledge to stand on their feet for six hours to bring inspiration to the dancers, who commit for 24 hours. Volunteers work in shifts of three hours and are responsible for tasks including stage maintenance and meal distribution.

The marathon, which aims to make a difference in the lives of patients and families at N.C. Children's Hospital, starts Feb. 23 and ends Feb. 24.

Michael Bucy founded the marathon in 1998, aiming to unite the UNC campus with the common goal of helping others.

Last year the organization received more than \$236,000 for the Kid's Fund and the marathon featured more than 800 dancers and 600 volunteers and moralers. The event increased the total fundraising for the N.C. Children's Hospital by \$1.3 million.

Restaurant will donate to Carolina for Kibera today

Top of the Hill on Franklin Street will donate today \$1 of every purchase of "charity beer" or homemade soda to Carolina for Kibera.

Carolina for Kibera is an international nongovernmental organization that aims to fight poverty and prevent violence in the lives of youth through community-development work in the Kibera Slum of Nairobi, Kenya.

This year's senior class is endorsing Carolina for Kibera as the organization for the Senior Class Campaign. The organization was founded in 2001 by Rye Barcott, a then-undergraduate at UNC.

Donations for Carolina for Kibera can be submitted at cfk.unc.edu/support.php.

CITY BRIEFS

Public hearing scheduled to discuss towing regulations

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to change the ordinance that regulates towing from private property.

The proposed changes to the ordinance would prohibit towing companies from charging owners more than \$100 for the towing. If the owner returns to the vehicle before the tow truck attaches the vehicle, a fee of no more than \$50 is allowed. If the vehicle is not hooked up when the owner returns, the towing company is not allowed to charge them.

The council approved the public hearing during its consent agenda Monday. The public hearing is scheduled for Feb. 11.

John Edwards' daughter hit by drunk driver in Chapel Hill

A car driven by the daughter of Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards was hit by another auto, but she wasn't injured.

The other driver, Carol Small of Durham, was cited by police for driving while impaired. The accident occurred while Cate Edwards was driving in downtown Chapel Hill on Friday afternoon, according to a police report.

"She was hit from behind by a drunk driver," Edwards said when asked about the accident following a town hall event in Pawleys Island, S.C. "She's doing fine."

In 1996, the Edwardses' 16-year-old son, Wade, died in a car accident. Wade Edwards was driving with a friend to the beach in North Carolina when a strong wind blew his Jeep off the road and it flipped over.

Grant for group addressing health concerns awarded

The Chapel Hill-Healthy Carolinians of Orange County and the Orange County Health Department received a \$30,000 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem.

Healthy Carolinians of Orange County Coordinator Bobbie Jo Munson said the funds will go toward enhancing the partnership and addressing Orange County's leading health concerns.

"The grant ... will give us additional resources to maintain and expand our partnership so we can continue to address priority health needs in our community," Munson said in a press release.

Healthy Carolinians of Orange County was founded in 1996 and serves all Orange County residents by partnering with agencies and citizens throughout the county to advocate, guide and assist in developing strategies to promote healthy lifestyles and improved health for all residents.

— From staff and wire reports

Moratorium expires Jan. 31

Town's Northern Area can develop

BY TED STRONG
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The development moratorium in northwest Chapel Hill will expire Jan. 31.

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday night not to fight the expiration and to put in place new plans to permanently shape development in the area.

All new development applications in an area between Homestead Road and Interstate 40 along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard have been temporarily halted since last May.

No one at the meeting spoke in favor of extending the moratorium, a move town staff wrote might not be legally supportable in the first place.

"I think it has served its purpose," said Scott Radway, a former member of the planning board.

The new plan calls for an influx of development opportunity areas, which will allow for high-density zoning, while squashing older plans to put more restrictive zoning on much of the rest of the land.

Down zoning could be expensive for the town and bad for commercial growth, said Bill Bunch, chairman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

"Our fiscal health should also be a consideration," Bunch said.

But zoning is a blunt instrument that can "get developers to the table," said Michael Collins, who is a member of the planning board but was not speaking on its behalf.

Town staff recommended

against the zoning, as recommendations from the task force that studied the area will be entered into the town's long-term planning documents. Most developed areas would already require extra permitting, so proposals will have to conform to those long-range plans.

The council also voted to aggressively pursue a realignment of University Station Road, which will connect with a new entrance to Timberlyne Shopping Center off of Weaver Dairy Road.

The realty company that owns Timberlyne sent a lawyer, Eric Vernon, to express its support for the proposal.

In order to make more strategic long-term planning in the area possible, the council also decided to approve staff plans to purchase new modeling software.

The software is designed to show more concretely the traffic, visual and other impacts of new zoning designations.

Plans to create a specific committee to look at further zoning in the area, particularly transit-oriented zoning, were scrapped in favor of integration of that process into the overall strategic planning of the town.

Del Snow, who chaired the task force, urged the council to get the software up and running as quickly as possible.

"You still do not have the framework on which to advance," she said.

She also pushed for improvements in public infrastructure to support the needs created by development.

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Farmer market ruling tonight

Feuding groups want new space

BY ALEX KOWALSKI
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After more than a year of dispute, two feuding groups of farmers in Hillsborough will find out tonight who will occupy the county's newly constructed Public Market House.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners might choose the existing Hillsborough Farmers Market or the newly formed Farmers of Orange to manage the market.

In the agenda for tonight's meeting, staff have recommended a third option — that the board decide to have a county-run market.

The market house, near the Hillsborough courthouse complex, is scheduled to open as early as March, according to the agenda.

In October, County Extension Director Fletcher Barber Jr. set forth standards for possible occupants of the Public Market House, including that they must have a board of directors, a market manager and liability insurance.

Ben Bergmann, a member of the Farmers of Orange, said the group became officially incorporated Jan. 4 by the state in an effort to meet the county guidelines.

The 13 farmers and artisans comprising Farmers of Orange split from the Hillsborough Farmers Market after a prolonged effort to change the way the original group is run because they wanted to have an elected board of directors to manage the market.

The Hillsborough Farmers Market is unincorporated.

Bergmann said he thinks his group deserves to run the new market.

"For me, it's just about as clear as it can be," he said.

Bergmann said the group that split from the Hillsborough Farmers Market tried three times to meet the county's standards during the feud.

"Instead of being rewarded for all the patience and effort — we've been at it for two years, it's taken a lot of time and our money — we might not get it," he said.

Multiple attempts to contact representatives from the Hillsborough Farmers Market were unsuccessful.

Mark Daniele, a horticulture extension agent who worked for the county on the issue, said he looked at other farmers' markets in the area.

He is not sure what decision the commissioners will make, but he said farmer-operated markets have been successful.

"The Carrboro market is run by the vendors and it seems to work," he said.

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ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 7:30 p.m. today
Location: F. Gordon Battle Courtroom, 106 East Margaret Lane, Hillsborough
Info: co.orange.nc.us



Sarita Allen and Rhonda Coleman, first grade teachers at Seawell Elementary, shop at the new East Chapel Hill Rotary Club supply store Monday. Allen said she felt like "a kid in a candy store," adding that there was so much to choose from that it was hard to decide what to get.

TEACHERS VOUCHERED FOR

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
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With \$100 vouchers in hand, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools teachers set out Sunday to stock their classrooms with colorful index cards, markers and a variety of math learning materials.

In what was described as a "wonderful partnership" by teachers and organizers alike, the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation cut the ribbon Sunday for a teacher supply store, which is full of materials teachers might otherwise have to pay for out of pocket. The store is open to the 129 kindergarten through second-grade teachers in the school district.

"This is one of the nicest things that they've done for us," said Pam Peterson, a second-grade teacher at Mary Scroggs Elementary School. "I spend probably more than \$500 a year out of pocket."

With an increasingly tightening budget and 80 percent to 85 percent of it appropriated for staff salaries and benefits, school supplies often are the first thing cut from the budget, said Stephanie Knott, district spokeswoman.

"Supplies can be cut without losing jobs," Knott said.

The East Chapel Hill Rotary Club opened the store in response to last year's school foundation planning process, when teachers and parents expressed a need for it. Similar supply stores exist in Charlotte and Durham.

"We ... just really felt that the teacher supply store was the best fit for our club and the community where we could make a difference," said Gary Hill, a member of the Teacher Supply Store Committee within the Rotary.

The Rotary came up with about \$15,000 from its own year-round fundraisers and corporate sponsorships, Hill said. They then bought school supplies at discounted rates from the Franklin Street Staples and from A Sea of Learning, an educational store near The Streets at Southpoint.

While this is just the first year of the school supply store, Hill said the Rotary plans to run it at the beginning of every semester, recruit more corporate sponsors and expand the voucher program to teachers of all grades.

"We are going to, in the next coming years, touch every teacher in the school sys-

tem," Hill said.

The Rotary distributed a survey among the district's kindergarten through second-grade teachers in the fall asking them what supplies they needed and wanted most.

Knott said the teachers she had spoken with liked the Rotary's process of opening the store, from the surveys to the final outcome.

"They're really finding that the supplies that are out here today are meeting the needs they have in the classrooms," Knott said.

Teachers have access to other funding sources, such as from the PTA and Public School Foundation grants, besides their annual allotment, said Pam Hemminger, chair of the board of education.

"I know teachers do end up spending money out of pocket," Hemminger said. "We wish they didn't have to."

Peterson said the district provides basics, but she was excited about the wide array of materials the supply store stocked.

"They'll give me white paper, but it's fun to have colors."

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Class teaches business of art N.C. in-state residency applications due today

BY BRYANNA SCHWARTZ
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Cupcakes led Kelley Gill to enroll in UNC's first artistic entrepreneurship course — BUSI 509.

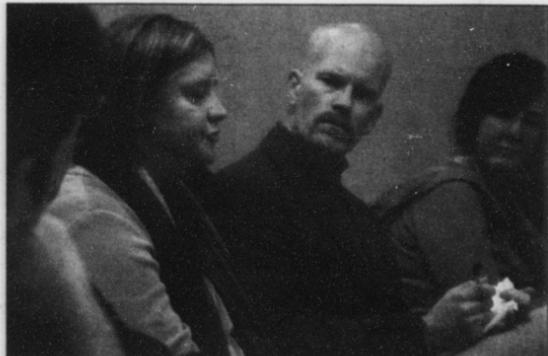
After baking vegan, gluten-free and special-diet cupcakes for fun, Gill said she realized the demand for these types of desserts in the community.

Before long, she had requests flowing in for custom-designed cupcakes, and she decided to start a business out of it. But her business knowledge was limited.

"I decided 2008 was the year to focus on the business side," Gill said. "I've done a lot with the arts side, but I want to learn more about how to set up a business."

This spring, UNC opened two classes — one for graduate students and one for undergraduates — on artistic entrepreneurship, making it one of the first schools in the country to offer this type of course.

The undergraduate course is an introductory class to the new arts entrepreneurship track for entrepreneurship minors. The graduate student course allows students to have a concentration in the artistic field while earning a certificate in



Instructor Greg Hohn listens to Debbie Randolph in an innovative course designed to bridge the gap between art and business practices.

entrepreneurship. "A lot of times students pursue passions that they don't know how they will use after college," said Raymond Farrow, executive director of the Kenan-Flagler Business School. "People give up passions because they need to make a living. Entrepreneurship can teach you to take what you care most deeply about and develop it into a business."

Patrick Vernon, associate direc-

BY MEGHAN PRICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Graduate student Rebecca Morgan considers herself a girl without a state.

Despite giving up her driver's license and insurance in Florida, moving to a house in Chapel Hill and getting a job nearby, she isn't considered an N.C. resident.

"I love Carolina, and I don't want to seem bitter, but it's kind of a bummer because I gave up all my rights ... in Florida," said Morgan, who also plans to be a teacher in North Carolina after graduating.

And she isn't alone. About 40 percent of graduate students are out-of-state. Of the 928 students who applied for N.C. residency for the 2006-07 school year, 62 percent — or 576 students — were approved. The 352 others were denied.

To apply for N.C. residency for this semester, students must turn in their application by 5 p.m. to the admissions office.

Only 29 of UNC's out-of-state students — who make up 17.6 percent of the nearly 18,000 undergraduates

— applied for residency last semester. About half of those, just 15, were reclassified as residents.

To determine residency, University Registrar Alice Poehls, the official chairwoman of residency, said the University abides by state law, a residency manual that was created by the state and local rules that define how the process is carried out.

"The law affects all of the public institutions in North Carolina under the offices of the Board of Governors," Poehls said. "I don't think a lot of people understand that."

Students must demonstrate that they've lived in North Carolina for a full year and that they intend to stay after graduating.

While the law itself isn't under review, the manual, last revised in 1985, is again under revision.

The University also is adjusting its own process of implementing the guidelines.

Linda Dykstra, dean of the Graduate School, said where a stu-

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