

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Dr. Ernest Craige, 89, former UNC chief of cardiology, dies

Dr. Ernest Craige, UNC Hospitals' first chief of cardiology, died Thursday at the age of 89.

Craige graduated from UNC in 1939 and then received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1943.

He joined the faculty at UNC School of Medicine in 1952. Craige was named the first chief of cardiology when N.C. Memorial Hospital opened the same year.

Craige is survived by his wife of 61 years, four children and five grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Cedars of Chapel Hill.

Cancer center partners with Lance Armstrong Foundation

UNC'S Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center has joined the Lance Armstrong Foundation's LIVESTRONG Survivorship Center of Excellence Network.

The partnership gives the cancer center a five-year \$1.5 million grant, which will be used to develop programs for cancer survivors and services at the N.C. Cancer Hospital and throughout North Carolina.

Former Times, Dow Jones leader named to JOMC post

Penelope Muse Abernathy, former New York Times and Dow Jones executive, was named the Knight Chair in journalism and digital media economics for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Abernathy is now serving as vice president and executive director of industry programs at the Paley Center for Media in New York City.

She will assume her position July 1.

Scholars' Latino Initiative in philanthropic competition

The Scholars' Latino Initiative, a mentoring program that partners UNC students with N.C. high school students in Latino communities, is participating in an international competition called "America's Giving Challenge."

The challenge, sponsored by Parade Magazine, will award a \$50,000 grant to the four charities that finish the contest with the most donations.

SLI, one of the top 10 charities, is seeking \$10 online donations from the UNC community.

The contest ends at noon Thursday. Donations can be made by credit or debit card at www.unc.edu/sli.

See Thursday's edition of The Daily Tar Heel for more coverage of the mentoring program.

Dentistry faculty member featured in NIH health video

Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, professor at the UNC School of Dentistry, is featured in an educational video created by the National Institutes of Health, called "Women in Dental Research."

The 23-minute video features three female researchers and follows them through their daily duties.

Webster-Cyriaque is professor of dental ecology at UNC.

CITY BRIEFS

Warrants issued for teens in connection with break-ins

Chapel Hill police have obtained warrants for residents Issac Gant and Van Patterson in connection with a string of robberies in the Pinehurst area this month, according to the Chapel Hill police department.

The warrants for Gant, 16, and Patterson, 17, are for six counts of breaking and entering, three counts of felony larceny, three counts of larceny of a motor vehicle and three other charges.

Gant is of 707 Emory Drive and Patterson lives at 301 Simmerville Road.

Money from HUD will go to fight chronic homelessness

Orange County has received more than \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund its fight against chronic homelessness.

The money, part of more than \$3.4 million that HUD awarded throughout the Triangle, will go to five different agencies that work with the homeless.

The funds will allow Orange, Person and Chatham Mental Health to increase existing programs slightly, OPC community planner Vanessa Neustrom said.

"These funds allow us to continue providing permanent supportive housing to homeless individuals with disabilities," Neustrom stated in a press release.

—From staff and wire reports

UNC names budget priorities

BY ALICE MILLER
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Chancellor James Moeser has named the top four priorities of next year's budget, citing faculty, research, engagement and capital as areas to focus on.

"I believe these priorities are absolutely the best for the University," said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development. "They support the overall mission of the University and support our overall needs."

These topics were presented to the Board of Trustees last week. They will be sent on for further consideration to the Board of Governors, where they will be put on a list of the rest of the UNC-system schools' priorities.

UNC's budget priority list represents the University's most important upcoming projects and groups on campus. Usually the first two are the only to receive state funding.

As the final step of the request process, the N.C. legislature will determine how much to grant UNC for each proposed project.

For the faculty priority, officials are requesting about \$16.6 million.

The faculty portion of the budget focuses on goals such as obtaining distinguished professorship matching funds, a retention fund and support for graduate students.

"Faculty would, in general, wholeheartedly support these priorities," said Joe Templeton, chairman of faculty. "Anything we can do to make a more attractive uni-

versity to build a career at is a boost for our University."

The research budget emphasizes faculty salaries, as well as funding for graduate research and closing the commercialization gap fund, which helps faculty find the money to start companies and leads to increased research growth, Waldrop said.

In the last seven years, 41 companies have grown out of UNC.

Waldrop said it is too early to know any exact numbers of the budget for research.

For its third priority, UNC is asking for funding so that it can give back to the community.

"Engagement is really about how Carolina, through its expertise, reaches out and helps people in

UNC would like state funding for:

1. Faculty
2. Research
3. Engagement
4. Capital

North Carolina," said Mike Smith, vice chancellor for public service and engagement.

Next year's projects for engagement, which would cost about \$17.6 million, include providing health care, education and other services for underserved communities.

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Wright denies ethics charges

Must file brief to support his case

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The ethics investigation into the alleged mishandling of more than \$200,000 in campaign funds, donations and business loans by Rep. Thomas Wright, D-New Hanover, will soon become a maelstrom of legal briefings and legislative motions.

Wright and his lawyer for the ethics investigation, Irving Joyner, have until noon today to file a legal brief supporting the motions he filed Friday, asking for the dismissal

of all ethical allegations against him.

In the event that the allegations are not dismissed, Wright requested that the ethics committee suspend its investigation until the criminal trial for the same alleged misconduct is completed.

Joyner said he asked for a suspension of the ethics investigation to ensure that Wright receives a fair criminal trial.

"If you have an ethics investigation that is open to the public ... then he has to air out his defense," Joyner said. "It's going to be highly reported on; it would prejudice any defense or any opportunity to get a fair impartial jury."

UNC law professor Richard Myers said a suspension wouldn't be unusual. "It's not surprising that he is making the request."

Myers said he could not determine whether the ethics committee should grant such a request based on the facts of the case.

On Jan. 9, an N.C. House of Representatives committee found probable cause for eight ethical allegations against Wright.

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Up next for Wright

Today by noon: Wright must file a legal brief in support of his motions to dismiss the ethics allegations against him.

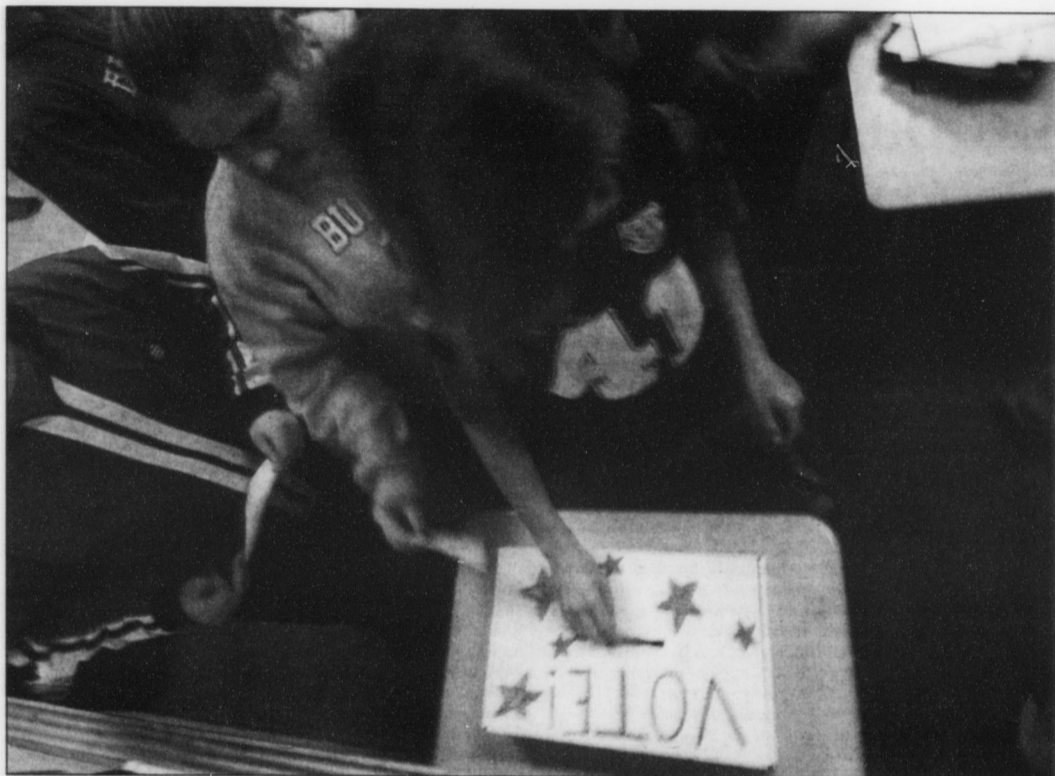
Feb. 7: The House Select Committee formed to investigate Wright's conduct will file a brief in response to Wright's legal brief.

Feb. 11: A hearing on Wright's motions to dismiss the ethical allegations against him and his motions to delay the ethics investigation.

March 3: The first of a two-day public hearing for Wright to defend himself against eight counts of misconduct. Wright's criminal trial also begins.

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JOE SHARP, EIGHTH GRADE TEACHER



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Eighth-grader Lowell Ringle places his vote during a mock presidential primary at A.L. Stanbeck Middle School in Hillsborough on Tuesday. Democrat Barack Obama won with more than 300 votes. John McCain scored the highest among Republican voters with 43 votes.

AREA 8TH-GRADERS PICK OBAMA

BY ROBERT C. GUNST JR.
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If students at A.L. Stanbeck Middle School had their vote, Sen. Barack Obama would be the Democratic presidential nominee.

Students in Joe Sharp's eighth-grade N.C. history class concluded their month-long analysis and research on the presidential primary process by casting votes Tuesday.

Student-made campaign posters lined the halls, and excitement filled the air as Sharp passed out ballot sheets Tuesday.

"I think Obama is a really good speaker and will change America," said Lindsey Freeman, a 14-year-old student in Sharp's class.

Sharp said students took a survey to understand the political parties and their stances on issues.

The class then participated in numerous class discussions about the candidates and important issues surrounding the election.

Students presented the candidates on the school-wide video announcements last week.

"We do this to encourage students to become voters someday," Sharp said. "One reason voter turnout is so low is because not enough attention is paid to the primaries."

This is the first time that the school has held a mock primary election. In 2004 stu-

dents participated in the national mock presidential election, which focused on the presidential race between Sen. John Kerry and George W. Bush.

Sharp compares the primary race to the men's college basketball tournament because of its competitive nature.

Many students said they would not have paid much attention to the primary election process if it were not for Sharp's class.

The ballot sheets included a list of the current top four Democratic candidates and the current top four Republican candidates. Students voted on only one of eight candi-

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Congress closes fund loophole

Body splits bill in compromise move

BY DAVID GILMORE
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Amid a year of tension between representatives of the legislative and executive branches, Student Congress passed two bills Tuesday night with the aim of fixing a loophole in the Student Code.

The provision called for Congress to approve all funding for student groups. Previously the student body treasurer could approve expenditures to those groups without Congress' direct approval.

A revised bill passed after student government officials compromised by splitting the bill and changing some language.

"I think it reflected compromise," Congress Speaker Tyler Younts said. "It fixes the loophole and won't bind our hands. It's flexible."

The original bill called for Student Body Treasurer Jordan Myers to report all expenditures to Congress.

"The bill has the potential to hamper the accounting practices," Myers said.

He and other representatives contested the wording of the original version because it would be more work for the executive branch.

"This bill would make paying bills inefficient," said Rep. Val

Tenyotkin.

Myers cited an example of paying debts in the summer when Congress convenes infrequently, making it difficult to approve his actions.

The approved bill split the original into two bills, with the first section saying that student government funds must be expended according to Title V of the Student Code, which governs financial affairs.

The second bill, which was more divisive, was revised so that the treasurer only has to get approval from Congress before transferring funds to student groups. External expenses, such as publications and phone bills, aren't included.

The treasurer bill became an issue because Myers had refunded the expenditures for Homecoming without Congress' approval.

Although there wasn't a major issue with that action, representatives said they thought it would be proactive to fix the Code now before it became a larger issue.

Myers and Younts have butted heads on a few occasions this year, namely on the process for determining student fee increases.

At the meeting, Congress also discussed student fees, passing

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the APPLES service-learning fee increase of 30 cents with a 7-6 vote.

A resolution for a referendum to increase the safety and security fee, which Myers proposed, calls for a 25-cent increase. Although an amended version passed 12-4, Younts and others questioned its need.

"The people that are proponents for it were putting forth a false argument," Younts said. "They said, 'If you're voting for this fee increase, you're voting against rape victims.' It's totally untrue. It's totally unfair."

But Myers said the increase will ensure that programs continue.

"I feel that this increase is vital for the future of the fund," he said.

"I believe that the increase is vital for maintaining and ensuring future initiatives and adequate funding for the victim's assistance program."

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Focus group discusses Union eating options

Late-night plans draw attention

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Alpine Bagel Cafe might have some late-night competition if student suggestions for uses of vacant Student Union space gain steam.

Students who participated in a Union focus group Tuesday discussed potential food options to fill empty and soon-to-be unused spaces in the Union.

Ideas presented at the meeting were diverse: Cook Out, Bojangles, a cafe or a snack bar.

Each idea met some opposition whether it was price, commercialization or an already abundant presence on campus.

"Coffee locations are already on campus," said Chase Beck, chairman of the student dining board. "When is enough enough?"

And some of this year's student body president candidates are giving the Union fair play in their platforms, citing a late-night coffee option as a contender for Union space.

No matter what goes into the Union, students will pay for the

renovation in some way.

Union Director Don Luse said the renovations will be paid for through student fees or other means.

"The purpose is to shape a facility that could meet today and tomorrow's student needs," Luse said.

He said the window for renovation in the Union would be two to three years. At this stage, officials are just collecting information.

While Union officials have decided to investigate adding new eating options, they are also trying not to take away business from other on-campus food venues, said Luse.

Scott Myers, director of food and vending, said it is important for students to say what they want for the space and on what they are willing to spend their money.

Myers said Alpine Bagel Co. is meeting some needs, mostly breakfast and lunch while they also have a "decent" dinner crowd.

Many students said they go to Alpine because it is the only place on campus to get food late at night.

"We don't want to steal from Peter to give to Paul," Myers said.

The process of deciding for cer-

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