

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Students can raise money by clicking on link twice a day

Beginning today, students can help raise money for microcredit loans given to people to help them exit poverty.

For the Carolina Click Drive 2008, students click a link twice a day and a sponsor donates 50 cents each day.

Last year the drive raised more than \$5,000. The campaign lasts until March 17.

Students must sign up for a list-serve, which will send out an e-mail with instructions. Students will receive a daily e-mail with the link.

To register, send a blank e-mail to enix@email.unc.edu.

Women pay less for cookies to make up for wage gap

Men have to pay 25 cents more for cookies that women in a bake sale held by the Carolina Women's Center in the Pit today.

Cookies are \$1 for males and 75 cents for females to make up for the gender wage gap in the U.S. The sale begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m.

The bake sale is the kick off for a week of Valentine's Day events.

For information about upcoming events visit vweek.wetpaint.com/page/The+Week+At+a+Glance.

Kabul University professor visits UNC to solicit help

Zalmai Zaheeb, the vice chancellor of student affairs of Kabul University in Afghanistan, spent Friday afternoon touring campus and discussing the needs of his university with UNC officials.

Zaheeb said that universities in Afghanistan are not nearly as well equipped with faculty or technology as U.S. universities and that one of the aims of his trip is to improve education conditions for Afghanistan.

His trip included visits to numerous universities across the U.S. and is also an opportunity for UNC to bring more international students to campus.

UNC's number of foreign transfer students amounts to only about 1 percent of about 26,000 students.

Zaheeb said he felt confident that the two universities would be able to assist each other's needs.

Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

CITY BRIEFS

Winds cause power outages; 3,900 without power locally

High winds caused power outages in Chapel Hill and throughout the state Sunday.

As of Sunday afternoon, power was out for about 3,900 Chapel Hill customers of Duke Energy. Only 24 were still without power as of 10:16 p.m.

"Trees are blowing down everywhere," customer service representative Rick Boggs said. "It's almost like a hurricane coming through."

An evergreen tree hit a power line in front of the house at 604 S. Columbia Ave. and started a brush fire Sunday afternoon.

"We were in the house and the lights were flickering and they finally went out and we heard a big crack," house owner Judith Rizzo said.

Eight firefighters responded to the scene and put out the fire before any damage was done to the house.

Commissioners identify 2008 goals in marathon meeting

The Orange County Board of Commissioners spent seven hours bonding with county department heads in their annual retreat, which this year focused on linking major county goals and issues.

The commissioners were distributed among four tables filled with county staff. They worked together throughout the day, meeting with the other groups to share ideas.

Participants went into the workshop full force, starting immediately with a 242-item to-do list, with such goals as "balance the budget" and ones focused on the waste-transfer center site search.

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Black History Month marked with speeches and songs

C.W. Stanford Middle School celebrated its first Tribute to National Freedom Day and kickoff to Black History Month on Friday. The event included songs performed by the school's music groups, as well as poetry from famous black poets.

"This kind of started out as a seventh-grade lesson plan, but it snowballed into something bigger," said seventh-grade social studies teacher Brenda Green.

There were three guests of honor at Friday's celebration. Former NFL player Dewayne Washington and Orange County judges Beverly Scarlett and Carl Fox spoke. All went to Orange County schools.

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— From staff and wire reports

Congress cuts group requests

Committee whittles down budget

BY MATTHEW PRICE
STAFF WRITER

The Finance Committee of Student Congress spent more than 30 hours in a Student Union conference room this weekend amending next year's budget requests for student groups.

The committee had to cut \$697,000 in requested funds by almost 50 percent to meet a budget of \$364,000.

Student group representatives each received about five minutes to justify requests to the committee, which made cuts and amendments.

The amended fund requests from this weekend will be passed on to a full Congress meeting that

begins the weekend of Feb. 29.

"Overall, it's kind of easy to decide what to cut and by how much," said Pedro Carreño, Finance Committee chairman. "Some groups don't follow our general funding rules, and other groups just have to prioritize their needs better."

After each representative explained a request, committee members asked questions and often heavily cut or recommended cheaper options. General funding rules come from Title V of the Student Code.

The Code takes into consideration the importance of the request to the organization and the uniqueness of the program. It also prohibits funding for any social or political events. Some requests were cut com-

pletely, rather than being reduced. "We're generally not going to pay for staplers and markers," Carreño said to several groups requesting office supplies. "All of those things are in the student government office, and any group is free to use them."

Many groups stressed the importance of student government funding for their projects.

"This money is very important to us; it's the bulk of the funding for big projects," said Derek Belcher, UNC College Republicans treasurer.

The College Republicans had its \$35,280 request cut to \$12,080. The group asked for \$35,000 to bring financial expert Ben Stein to campus next spring. "Of course, we didn't expect that we would get the full amount we requested," Belcher said after the meeting.

Carreño said money for speakers

constituted the largest category of funding requests, about 21 percent. Printing fees came in second.

Student groups can contest the recommendation of the finance committee at the full Congress meeting.

Black Student Movement's funding request was cut from \$30,000 to \$12,000.

"We have to contest this decision. There is no choice," BSM President Derek Sykes said. "We need this money for the programming, and without the programming that we provide, the campus would be a very different place."

Objecting groups have the coming weeks to further specify requests and will receive 15 minutes to present their findings to Congress.

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Budget may cut student loans

Drops Perkins, adds Pell Grants

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Bush's 2009 budget proposal would cut some federal student loan programs in order to channel funds toward an expansion of Pell Grants, while recently passed congressional legislation excludes such cuts.

Bush's proposal would eliminate the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the oldest federal need-based program, as well as the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program, aimed at students with exceptional financial need.

Those cuts would fund a \$2.7 billion expansion of annual Pell Grant appropriations. According to the proposal, the maximum award for the need-based Pell Grant would increase by \$69 to \$4,800.

Shirley Ort, director of UNC Scholarships and Student Aid, praised Bush's proposal to increase the Pell Grant, but said eliminating the Perkins Loan program and scaling back the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant might hurt the very students the president is trying to help.

Last year 270 UNC undergraduate students received about \$2,500 each from Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, she said.

"We would have to scramble to come up with that kind of money to fill the gap," Ort said.

The impact of eliminating Perkins Loans would vary from campus to campus, said Steve Brooks, executive director of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, the state financial aid agency.

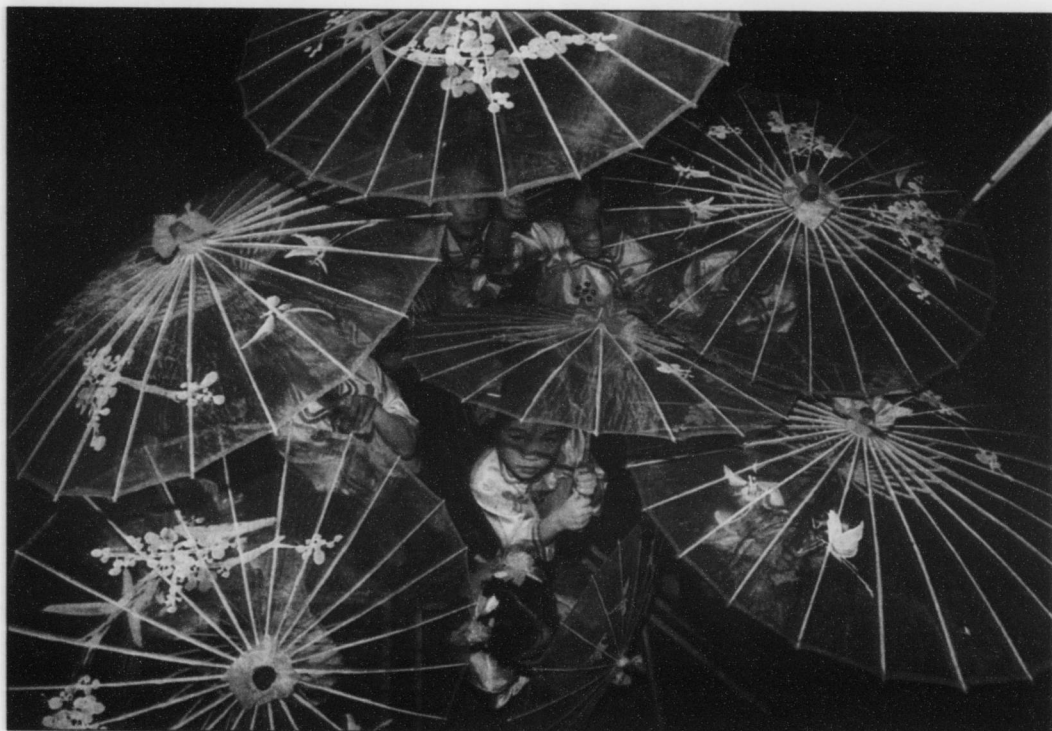
"In general, some students would be able to borrow from more expensive sources with high interest loans, but others would be left short," he said, adding that availability of loans offered through College Foundation of North Carolina, a state nonprofit, would not decrease.

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Proposed changes in higher education budget

- Bush proposes eliminating the Perkins Loan and The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Act.
- 2,643 UNC students received a total of \$8 million in Perkins funding this year.
- The Pell Grant would receive \$2.6 billion in increased funding, expanding the maximum award to \$4,800.
- The College Cost Reduction and Access Act, signed into law last September, would raise Pell Grant maximums without cutting the Perkins loan.

"We are first-generation immigrants, so the culture is deeply rooted. We feel that she should know about where she comes from." CONGHE SONG, CHAPEL HILL RESIDENT



A children's dance class from the Chinese School at Chapel Hill has some fun backstage just before their performance to celebrate the Chinese New Year on Saturday at Chapel Hill High School. The Chinese New Year began on Feb. 7 and will last for 15 days.

RINGING IN THE RAT

BY ANASA HICKS
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Some small children sang clearly, others had wobbly voices, and some just stood on the stage, looking for their parents in the audience.

The 4-year-olds sang in the Spring Festival Performance at Chapel Hill High School on Saturday. Members of the local Chinese community came together to celebrate the year of the Rat with singing, dancing, music and a Chinese-language jeopardy game.

Conghe Song's daughter, Victoria Song, performed in an umbrella dance.

"Chinese New Year is a part of our culture," he said. "We are first-generation immigrants, so the culture is deeply rooted. We feel that she should know about where she comes from."

The performance was presented by the Chinese School at Chapel Hill, which started in 1993. More than 300 students are enrolled in the Saturday classes.

Outreach Specialist Weihua Xie said

Chapel Hill has a 12-percent-Asian population, mostly Chinese, but Chinese language courses are not offered in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School district past middle school.

"We try to let them have a chance to study language, culture, heritage," Xie said. "It's an opportunity to perform what they've learned all year."

The day was clearly about community. Parents stood on stage to fix hair, wipe away smudged makeup and make sure the youngest children didn't get lost. During every performance, dads knelt at the foot of the stage, recording their children's performances with video and digital cameras.

The 7- to 8-year-olds danced to a Chinese folk song about the New Year. With grace and control, they moved as one to the slow music.

Claire Yin, a third-grader at Glenwood Elementary School who performed in the fan dance, has been dancing for three years.

"I like to dance because you feel really free, and you just dance everywhere," she said.

Laura Zhou, a sophomore in high school and master of ceremonies, has been going to Chinese school since she was five.

"My favorite part of the New Year is getting together with friends and then eating a lot of good food," Zhou said. "It's a really good cultural experience. We shouldn't forget our heritage."

On New Year's Eve, parents and grandparents in China leave hong bao, which means red envelope, with money under the pillows of the children. Xie said teachers gave students hong bao with \$2 dollars inside at Chinese school Feb. 2.

Event after about 20 performances, audience members and the performers were still energetic and cheerful.

"It's a chance for people to get together and be playful and a chance for the kids to perform," Song said. "It's a community event."

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Fashion trendsetter turns 90

BY JESSICA STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Give Milton Julian a swatch of fabric, and he can tell you which company in England produced it.

Julian owned the Franklin Street Milton's Clothing Cupboard from 1948 to 1990 and sold to everyone from college students to jazz singer Nat "King" Cole, basketball star James Worthy and former governor Terry Stanford.

As he turns 90 today, Julian still remembers the names of customers from decades ago and calls his son after making a good sale.

"I wanted to be Johnny Appleseed and spread the clothing around," he said.

A Brockton, Mass.-native, Julian brought the Ivy League look down south, including the flat-front khaki pants and alligator belts, his son Bruce Julian said. Milton Julian owned six stores in North Carolina, Georgia and Texas that have since closed.

He shares his love of clothing with other family members, including brother Maurice and nephew Alexander Julian, who helped design the men's basketball uniforms and owns a shop of his own on Franklin Street.

Milton Julian used unique promotions to attract customers to buy his preppy looks.

In the 1950s and '60s he hid



Milton Julian celebrates his 90th birthday Sunday in Carrboro. Julian is well known for the men's clothing store he used to run on Franklin Street.

turtles all over campus, some of which students could trade for ties at his store.

"Some of the women won, but they didn't want to part with their turtles," Julian said.

For the All-Night Screaming Zonker Sale, students lined up on Franklin Street an hour before opening to search for the \$5 suits hidden in the stocks of clothing.

The sales would get better every hour.

"My job as the head of stock was to go up on the roof and throw free clothes off," said Bruce Julian, who

now owns a menswear store in Charlotte.

Julian's seven children all helped at the store, and today he boasts of 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one more on the way.

"We all at some point worked in Dad's store," Shannon Julian said. "All of us grew up in the back of that store."

Harvey Cannon started working part-time for Julian in college and considers him a mentor, friend and

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Chapel Hill to discuss towing rule changes

BY ROSE ANNA LAUDICINA
STAFF WRITER

No one likes to get towed. And with a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. today, the Chapel Hill Town Council is giving the public a chance to voice its opinions on the current parking and towing ordinance.

Resident opinions could help sway the town to amend the current ordinance, clarifying rules for towing companies by placing a cap on towing prices and requiring companies to accept all forms of payment.

"We want a consistent system in place where folks would know what to expect if they get their cars towed," said Chapel Hill police chief Brian Curran, who drafted the proposed ordinance changes.

Some towing operators will also attend the meeting.

"When we proposed the ordinance change, we didn't want the council to vote on it just by our say-so," Curran said.

George Samuel King, the owner of George's Towing and Recovery, said he will attend the meeting to oppose the possible change to the ordinance, which he said is an unfair punishment for towing companies.

"I don't think they should tell me what to charge," King said. "I am an entrepreneur, and it is unfair

Amendment to town towing ordinance:

- Towing companies can't charge more than \$100 for towing or removal or more than \$20 per day for storage fees.
- Towing company must release vehicle to owner if owner comes before vehicle is towed.
- A fee can only be charged if the vehicle is attached to the truck when the owner arrives. If the vehicle is attached, the towing company can't charge more than \$50 for removal. Fees are all-inclusive and payable by cash, check or credit card.

ATTEND THE HEARING

Time: 7 p.m. today
Location: Chapel Hill Town Hall
Info: www.townofchapelhill.com

to set regulation when they don't know the circumstances of running the business."

The public hearing is held in response to a resident's petition filed Oct. 24 regarding the town's ordinance on towing from private

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