

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Smith Center open to watch Saturday's basketball game

The North Carolina-Kansas basketball game will be shown on a 15-by-20 foot screen in the Smith Center Saturday.

Doors open for UNC students, staff and faculty with a valid One Card at 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., everyone else will be allowed in. Both semifinal games will be shown.

The building will hold 15,000 people. Enter through Entrance A. There will be no reentry.

Concessions will be sold, but alcohol is not permitted.

There will also be large televisions showing the game in the Student Union.

UNC official to be president of educational nonprofit

Don Luse, director of the Student Union, will be the new president of the Association of College Unions International.

Luse took office as the president-elect March 19 at the 88th annual conference for the nonprofit educational organization.

Luse has previously served as a member of the Education and Research Fund for the ACUI.

UNC geography professor gets environment fellowship

A professor in the geography department at UNC will be a 2008 Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellow, a competitive fellowship for academic environmental scientists.

Doyle, who also is part of the UNC Institute for the Environment, has been at UNC since 2002 and was one of 19 chosen.

The fellowship, which includes two weeks of training, focuses on honing skills to communicate scientific information to varied audiences.

Doyle's work involves research on river processes, infrastructure and its impact on the environment and the political economy of rivers.

Sex trafficking, action to be focus of two-day conference

A conference on sex trafficking begins at 4:30 p.m. today at the Friday Center.

"Combating Sex Trafficking: Prevention and Intervention in North Carolina and Worldwide," which is hosted by the Carolina Women's Center and other campus organizations, aims to raise awareness and help survivors.

Some of the topics at the conference include taking action specifically in North Carolina, child exploitation and the response of law enforcement and media to sex trafficking.

For more information and for a full schedule, visit womenscenter.unc.edu/08conference.

Employees discuss methods for salary increases, policies

The UNC Employee Forum met Wednesday to discuss sexual harassment policy, state personnel flexibility policy and wages.

Members of the forum passed resolutions encouraging additional funding for sexual harassment training, denouncing a state personnel act before moving on to salary talks.

There was an extended discussion of a resolution to increase wages that passed with one dissenting vote.

The resolution called for a pay increase of \$2,500 for many and a 1 percent performance-based bonus.

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Center teaches methods to deal with classroom conflicts

Classroom conflicts can range from big issues to minor details.

And any one of those conflicts can become a strain in a faculty-student relationship, if not addressed in a timely and proper fashion.

The Center for Teaching and Learning offered tips for how to manage classroom conflicts and addressed several issues that might result in conflicts Wednesday afternoon.

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CITY BRIEFS

Submissions accepted for Community Art Project

Submissions for this year's Community Art Project can be dropped off Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Chapel Hill Museum.

Anyone who lives, works or plays in Chapel Hill or Carrboro can submit a piece of art for the event. The theme for this year is "Elements," and any interpretation is welcome.

All submissions will be displayed in public places throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro during April and May.

— From staff and wire reports

Congress selects new leaders

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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The changing of the guard ran smoothly at the three-hour first meeting of UNC's 90th Student Congress session.

New leaders stepped up, and new members got their first real taste of student government.

"I feel kind of like a layman in a very technical process," said newcomer Matt James, a sophomore. "By going to more meetings, I'll be more aware of parliamentary procedure."

He added that he plans to read the full Student Code before the next meeting.

Tim Nichols, last session's speaker pro tem, was unanimously elected to be speaker by the 32 members present, taking over from this year's speaker Tyler Younts.

As soon as the result of the vote was announced, Younts gathered his belongings with a smile and left the room, leaving Nichols to begin his new role.



Tim Nichols, new speaker of Congress, wants to increase interaction with students.



Bryan Weynand is now speaker pro tem of Congress, the second highest position.

"It feels fantastic," Nichols said after the session.

He said Congress' most important goal this session will be to increase its advocacy for students. He also hopes to increase graduate student representation to reflect the student body more accurately.

"This is going to guide us to a successful Student Congress for the next year," Nichols said of his platform, which features increased interaction with the student body and new select committees to focus on constituents' needs.

Nichols also said he hopes to have a good relationship with the executive branch. New Student Body Treasurer Pedro Carreno was

Congress' finance committee chairman last session.

Sophomore Bryan Weynand was selected as the new speaker pro tem.

Also elected were the chairmen and members of Congress' three regular committees — finance, student affairs and rules and judiciary — as well as the chairwoman and members of the special ethics committee.

Mike Morrill was elected as finance committee chairman, Ben Mickey as rules and judiciary committee chairman and Meagan Jones as student affairs committee chairwoman. Charissa Lloyd will serve as ethics committee chair-

woman.

Lloyd said she has high hopes for this session, which includes many members who have never participated in Congress before.

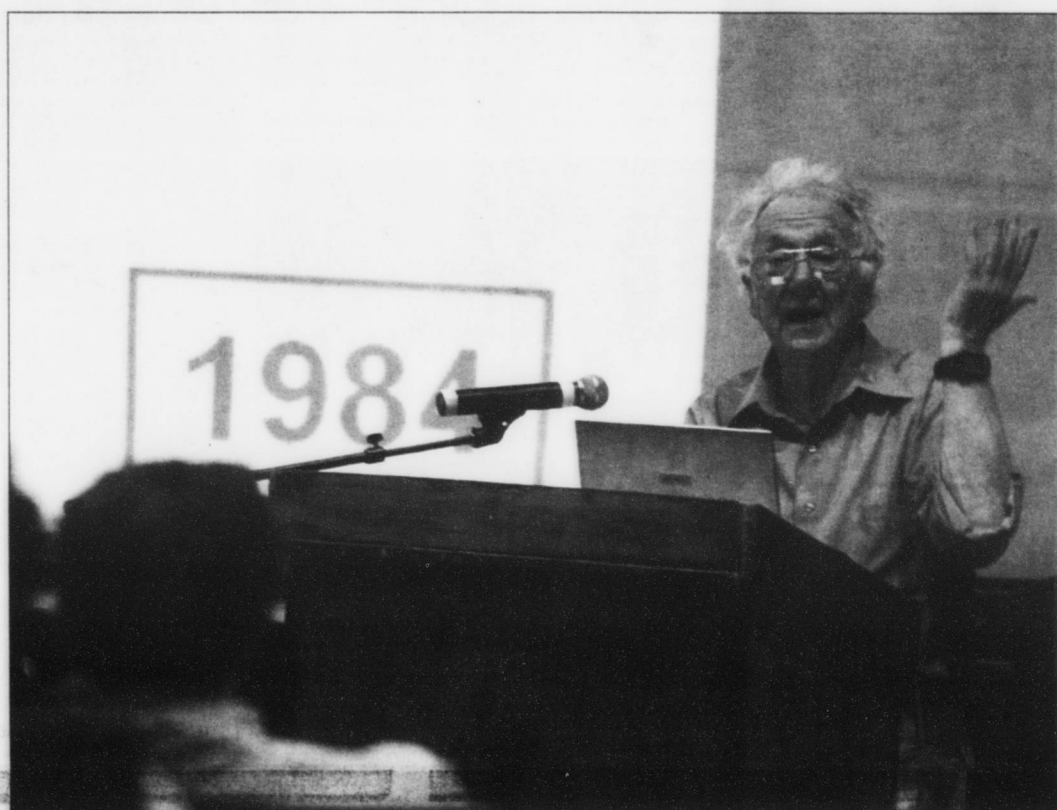
Twenty-eight of the 38 Congress representatives are new to the organization. There are 41 seats total in Congress.

"I was impressed with how involved all of the first-years wanted to be," Lloyd said, pointing out that first-year representatives ran for chairman positions of all three regular committees. "I think it's going to be a great year."

First-year members such as James still will have much to learn as the session gets underway.

But by the second hour of the meeting, even the newest of representatives had developed an important skill — calling "question" to end discussion and bring an issue to a vote.

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Nobel laureate Oliver Smithies, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at UNC, presents a lecture on his work to students who attended the event, which was organized by the Carolina Pre-Medical Association. About 150 students attended Wednesday's event.

SMITHIES IMPARTS ADVICE

BY ANDREW RYAN COSGROVE
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Nobel laureate Oliver Smithies imparted Wednesday some of his wisdom to students aspiring to achieve what he has accomplished.

Speaking to about 150 students, Smithies lectured from 50 years of his scientific notes, showing the audience images of handwritten research.

"It's an amazing opportunity to have a Nobel Prize winner speak to undergrads because it makes you realize what an amazing institution we are," said Suzanne Barakat, Carolina Pre-Medical Association president.

The event was organized by the Carolina Pre-Medical Association, and officials in the organization said they wanted Smithies to come speak to students and present his accomplishments.

"Who wouldn't want to know what someone on their own campus who won a Nobel Prize has accomplished," Barakat said.

"His accomplishments will advance treatments, and they will affect everyone no matter what your major is."

Smithies is credited with the invention of gel electrophoresis in 1950 and the simultaneous discovery of the technique of homologous recombination of DNA, along with Mario Capecchi of the University of Utah.

This method has become a more reliable way of altering animal genomes than the method that was previously used. It is also the technique used behind gene targeting and knockout mice.

During his presentation, Smithies spoke about the history of his research and how it was developed through time.

Using three words — "chance," "opportunity" and "planning" — to define the stages his research took, Smithies inspired the crowd with his hard work throughout the years.

But as Smithies went through his old notes on his experiments, he also gave advice to students in the crowd.

"If you take a life of science you better do something you like because many times the experiments don't work," he said.

"The most important thing in life is to do what you love."

Many students came to the event just to see and hear Smithies himself.

"It was just an honor to hear him speak and listen to his presentation," said Emily Williams, a sophomore nursing major.

"This is very motivating and inspirational. He motivates us to pursue what we want to do and keep up with the changes in the field of science because it is always changing."

Other students attended the event to hear about Smithies' research.

"I just wanted to hear him speak, but I also wanted to hear what he did and how he did it," said Beth Miller, a sophomore biology and sociology major.

"I didn't realize how long it takes people to achieve these things, and he never gave up trying even when it didn't work."

Even after winning the Nobel Prize, Smithies said he hopes students will continue to take an interest in his work.

"I get nervous occasionally, but I hope that people will find it interesting," he said.

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Clinton's Raleigh office opens

BY OLIVIA BOWLER
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RALEIGH — His stage was less than four square feet, but that's all Mike Trujillo needed.

"Give me an H-I-L-L-A-R-Y!" he said as if leading a pep rally, and the crowd responded with equal enthusiasm, repeating the letters exuberantly.

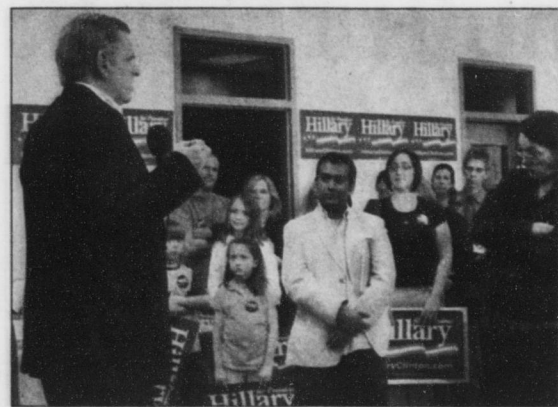
Trujillo is the field adviser for Sen. Hillary Clinton's N.C. campaign office in Raleigh, which hosted its grand opening Wednesday.

Clinton supporters, sporting blue buttons and carrying yard signs, cheerfully gathered to celebrate the occasion.

The walls of the room were papered with posters calling for phone bank volunteers, and cookies and soda were set out for attendees.

"Everything you see here in this room was done by volunteers," said Raleigh resident Beth Yegani, who has been helping set up the office for about a week.

"It is really a people's cam-



Tom Hendrickson, senior adviser to Clinton's N.C. campaign office in Raleigh, speaks to supporters at the office's grand opening Wednesday.

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Advocacy events draw attention to laborers

BY GREG SMITH
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Photos of a baby born without arms or legs circulated on the Internet in the wake of a lawsuit against Ag-Mart, a Florida-based tomato grower that was said to have forced laborers to work in recently sprayed fields before it was safe to do so.

The case was settled out of court in late March, with Ag-Mart paying an undisclosed amount to the farmers that sued the company.

"The one good thing about the Ag-Mart case is that it's raised a lot of attention," said Melinda Wiggins, executive director of Student Action with Farmworkers.

Wiggins' group is coordinating a nationwide Farmworker Awareness Week to facilitate dialogue about the conditions for farmworkers.

"It's a collective discussion with a lot of organizations with people working on everything from health care, to immigration reform

SILS plans to move, expand

School heads to South Campus

BY LINDSAY RUEBENS
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The School of Information and Library Science has started the initial stages of relocating from Manning Hall to a new building on South Campus.

"The bottom line is we're pretty much outgrowing our location, and we need a bigger space," said Wanda Monroe, director of communications and office operations.

The first phase of planning has been completed for a new 200,000-square-foot building on Blythe Street, near the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

The School contracted Kieran Timberlake Associates to design the new building.

"We picked them because we decided time was right for us to construct a green building that's environmentally friendly and conscious at the highest degree we can," said Jose-Marie Griffiths, dean of the school.

She said the next phase includes detailed design plans and, depending on funds, it could take three or more years to complete. Construction is slated to then take at least another three years.

"It's very exciting to start thinking about a new building, what it might contain and how we might become more effective in it," Griffiths said. "We've got fairly tight constraints in Manning Hall — we really can't expand where we are."

Griffiths said that Manning Hall, built in 1923, is getting old, has limited space for faculty outside of classrooms and offers few meeting places.

Another major constraint is the location of a library in the center of the hall, which makes simple renovations difficult.

Within the next two years, the school plans to introduce a new biomedical informatics program for graduate and doctoral students in collaboration with several of the health-related schools.

Griffiths also said the school plans to double enrollment during the next 10-year period. According to the school Web site, there are about 370 students now enrolled.

Plans for Manning Hall after the school leaves have not been determined. But land use planner Mary Jane Felgenhauer said the administration is conscious of the expansion of professional schools on campus, such as the School of Medicine.

"We are always evaluating space needs on campus. So, as a space is vacated, it may immediately go to a new occupant," Felgenhauer said. "But it becomes part of the puzzle of spaces being redeveloped and reassigned on campus."

The School of Law also announced plans to move to Carolina North, the satellite campus about a mile and a half north of the main campus. But it won't be there until at least 2012.

The move will provide more space for the law school, and it too plans to increase enrollment, said Matt Marvin, director of commu-

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Farmworker Awareness Week

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: The movie "De Nadie" will be shown in the auditorium in the Student Union.

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.: A delegation of students will tour guest worker camps. E-mail alianza@unc.edu before 9 a.m. Friday; spots are limited.

and labor organizing," said Tony Macias, assistant director for the same group.

Alianza is the UNC student group that is organizing student-farmworker advocacy events for the week.

"I don't think that people realize not just the effects of pesticides, but the way that the industrial agricultural system works," said Sam

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