

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS
Davis Library namesake and UNC trustee dies at 88

Walter Royal Davis, a North Carolina native and major donor to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has died at 88.

Davis died May 19 following a period of declining health, said his son-in-law, Bob Eubanks, in an Associated Press report.

A funeral is scheduled for Friday at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. Davis' survivors include his wife, Joanne.

Davis served on the Board of Trustees at UNC for 16 years, and as board chairman for two.

He fought state lawmakers for the \$32 million generated from the sale of University utilities, money that helped build the high-rise Walter R. Davis Library.

Check next week's Daily Tar Heel for more on Davis and his life.

School of Pharmacy to be renamed for UNC donor

The UNC Board of Trustees rededicated the School of Pharmacy for Fred Eshelman, a 1972 pharmacy school graduate and chief executive officer of Wilmington-based pharmaceutical development company PPD, Inc.

In 2003, Eshelman pledged \$20 million to the School of Pharmacy. At the time, it was among the largest single commitments in the University's history and the largest ever made to a pharmacy school in the United States.

GAA gives Moeser, others distinguished service medal

The UNC General Alumni Association honored five people for their outstanding service to the University.

Recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Service Medals include Chancellor James Moeser and UNC Board of Trustees members Roger Perry and Rusty Carter.

Dennis and Joan Gillings were also honored with medals. The couple gave \$50 million to UNC's School of Public Health in 2007.

The School of Public Health will be renamed the Dennis and Joan Gillings School of Global Public Health on September 26.

N.C. Botanical Garden wins Preservation Society award

The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill presented its 2008 Preservation Award to the North Carolina Botanical Garden for its restoration efforts in Battle Park.

Battle Park curator Stephen Keith and Peter White, director of the N.C. Botanical Garden, accepted the award.

UNC settles with doctor in sex discrimination lawsuit

UNC has agreed to pay \$200,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a UNC pediatrician in 2007.

Dr. Adrea Theodore filed suit, claiming that UNC discriminated against her on the basis of sex, pregnancy and race, and retaliated against her for taking protected family medical leave.

Theodore claimed that her salary was decreased by 40% upon her return after taking maternity leave at the end of 2004.

Two leaders in the department were named as defendants: Dr. John T. Benjamin and Dr. Alan Stiles, who was chairman of the department.

The suit claimed that the two supervisors offered her only a part-time position upon her return.

CITY BRIEFS

Three rabies cases received by county animal services

Three positive rabies results, two for raccoons and one for a bat, were received by Orange County Animal Services from the N.C. Rabies Laboratory.

A communicable diseases nurse from the Orange County Health Department will evaluate whether members of the households where the cases were discovered have been exposed to rabies.

N.C. law requires vaccinated dogs and cats to receive a booster shot within 72 hours of suspected exposure to rabies.

STATE BRIEFS

N.C. Senate panel votes to toughen up anti-gang laws

The N.C. Senate moved toward strengthening the state's anti-gang laws and boosting gang prevention programs at a May 20 panel.

The Senate Rules Committee advanced legislation that would toughen penalties for people who commit crimes as part of their affiliation with a gang.

The measure makes coercing or soliciting a minor under 16 to join a gang a low-grade felony punishable by up to two years in prison.

— From staff and wire reports

Easley promises more funding

Probation system grossly understaffed

BY DEVIN ROONEY
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The failings of the state probation system have continued to unfold after they initially were brought to light by revelations that the two suspects in the murder of former Student Body President Eve Carson had few dealings with probation officers.

But the system might be getting additional funding if Gov. Mike Easley has his way. The governor promised as much money as is necessary to remedy the problems in the system.

Keith Acree, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Community Corrections, said most of the problems with the system result from the lack of staff.

"The biggest priority is filling the vacancies in the probation offices. This would help solve the problem of too large of a case load for an indi-

vidual officer," he said. He said the culprit is the area job market.

"Criminal justice jobs offer higher salaries, less workload and are just more attractive due to the problems the probation offices have faced in recent years."

One of the suspects in the Carson case, Demario Atwater, was scheduled to appear on Wednesday in Orange County court in Hillsborough.

Atwater was monitored by probation officers at the Wake County office, which has been plagued with some of the most severe understaffing in the state.

The office has about 150 probation officers, and monitors 7,500 offenders.

Although Carson's murder wasn't the first sign of problems, Acree said it did draw more attention than ever



Demario Atwater was scheduled to appear in court Wednesday to face charges in Carson's killing.

before. "Eve drew a lot more attention than any other single previous case. The case definitely brought light to the problem," he said.

Acree said it is unclear what steps the department will take to remedy the problems that have surfaced.

Because Gov. Easley's budget proposal is just the first step in the budget process, Acree said planning the allocation of funds would be premature.

"The budget issue is just in a very early stage, so it cannot be determined yet where it is all going to be allocated," he said.

Robert Guy, director of the

N.C. Department of Community Corrections, said at an April press conference that there are other issues that need to be tackled in addition to the understaffing.

He blamed the lack of communication between criminal justice agencies, including the various probation offices for the lack of follow through with probation offenders.

"There is no red flag that goes to a (probation officer) at his desk and says, 'Mr. Lovette has been arrested again.' We have to find that on our own," Guy said.

Another issue at the Wake County probations office which resulted from the lack of staff was that probation officers stopped visiting offenders at their homes to save time.

But Acree said home visits are standard at most probation offices.

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Rogers Road calls for action

Commissioners to host 2 sessions

BY ABBEY CALDWELL
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Volunteer Nancie McDermott looked onto about 80 activists and Rogers-Eubanks community residents Saturday afternoon at the Faith Tabernacle Oasis of Love International Church community party and said three words.

"Silence means consent," she said. Roaring applause and cries of "Amen" followed.

"If we're not speaking up to the people who make a difference ... then we're saying, 'yes,'" McDermott continued.

Attendees gathered Saturday as a part of the Rogers-Eubanks Coalition to End Environmental Racism.

Speakers said the landfills that have been in the Rogers-Eubanks community for the past 35 years are still there due to what they called broken promises of removal made by Orange County civic leaders.

Community members are working to remove the Rogers-Eubanks community from the county's current waste transfer station site selection process.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners met for a work session Tuesday evening to discuss plans for the waste transfer station.

At the meeting, the board decided to use exclusionary criteria to determine the station's location, which will be based mostly on distance from major transportation outlets such as Interstates 40 and 85.

The board has yet to decide on the technical and community-specific criteria for the station's location.

Board members plan to hold two more work sessions before the regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting June 24.

While technical criteria deals with building and engineering specifications, the board also will use community-specific criteria to address the issue of environmental justice and racism.

Omega Wilson, president of the West End Revitalization Association, spoke to the crowd Saturday about the perils of environmental racism.

For some residents, he said, 35 years of dealing with the impacts of solid waste disposal is enough.

But he said it is not enough for residents just to raise their voices.

He said that environmental racism is a problem outside of the Rogers-Eubanks community and that residents must work to turn passion into policy.

"The issue that you're dealing with is not here," he said.

"It's all over the county, predominantly in African-American communities and Southern states — former slave states."

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"It was by the grace of God — or Allah — that we found the families we found." ELEANOR BRAWLEY, EXHIBIT CURATOR



Rachel Galanter and her daughter, Jasmina, study photographs of wedding ceremonies in the faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Galanter quizzed her daughter on photographs of their own Jewish traditions and explained to her the traditions of the other religions.

THE FACES OF FAITH

Art exhibition puts three religions on display

BY KATIE ANDERSON
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The sounds of prayer in Hebrew, English and Arabic resonated in the Gallery of the Student Union on Tuesday as about 20 people gathered to celebrate the opening of "Families of Abraham," a photojournalism exhibit that explores the faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

"I'm personally thrilled to see it in its new home," said Eleanor Brawley, the curator of the exhibit.

The venue also has personal significance for Brawley. A Carolina alumna, she worked at both the Campus Y and the Student Union during her time as a student.

Brawley said she hopes the exhibit will lead to greater understanding of these religions,

especially in light of the religious conflicts in the world today. Brawley said she sought "to put a human face on the differences as well as the similarities" among the three religions.

"(The project) started after 9/11 really," Brawley said, "with the realization of how little I really understood about world religions."

The exhibit highlights the historical tie among the three faiths with the common spiritual ancestor of Abraham.

The photographs document the role of religion in the lives of 11 Charlotte families in the course of a year, including both holy days and daily rituals.

The families come from diverse backgrounds in terms of their socioeconomic levels, ethnicity and religious practices within each faith group.

"It was by the grace of God — or Allah — that we found the families that we found," Brawley said.

Director of the Campus Y, Virginia Carson, said that one of the most appealing features of this exhibit to the University was how it tells the stories of North Carolinians.

"What really drew me is that (the exhibit) is North Carolina today," she said. "North Carolina today is a much richer culture than the traditional view, and it is good to be reminded of that."

"The exhibit is about building community and that is what the Y is all about," Carson said. The Campus Y is one of the sponsors of "Families of Abraham."

The exhibit consists of wall displays and six kiosks. The first three kiosks give an overview of each of the three faiths and significant holy

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UNC system looks at growth

UNC-CH students gave key feedback

BY DEVIN ROONEY
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

It has been only three weeks since UNC-Chapel Hill released its response to the first phase of the UNC Tomorrow reports, and it marks another part of the discussion about how the system will grow in the coming years.

All schools in the system have made their responses, and now the UNC Tomorrow program leaders will present highlights and general trends to the UNC-system Board of Governors at its June meeting.

UNC Tomorrow is a project, created by UNC-system President Erskine Bowles, which maps out how the system will contribute to the state's 21st century growth.

UNC Tomorrow Executive Director Norma Houston said the presentation to the board will be just part of the process in giving feedback to the system campuses.

"These reports are not the end of our efforts but really the beginning of our conversation."

She said that the program is intended to be an ongoing dialogue, and that it has become not just a dia-

logue between the system administrators and each campus, but one between campuses as well.

"We're very, very pleased that the campuses want to take that collaborative approach and begin, really, this cross-system dialogue," she said.

The focus on growth is only the first phase of UNC Tomorrow; the second phase, which emphasizes academics, is expected to begin in December.

In order to draft the response, UNC-CH Provost Bernadette Gray-Little appointed six committees to develop the University's plans.

It addresses issues such as career skills for students entering the 21st century workforce, enabling underserved and minority populations throughout the state, making international university ties and supporting public education initiatives.

Student Body President J.J. Raynor said the goal to focus the UNC system on public engagement aligns with the Carolina she knows.

"Students are already doing a lot of service," Raynor said. But she said this process will

"help build connections between UNC-CH and the larger community."

"We don't give students easy channels to address that service out into the community," she said.

Raynor's involvement in the process already has gone beyond what most of the other UNC-system student body presidents undertook — she and other UNC-CH students wrote some of the response.

Mike Smith, UNC-CH vice chancellor for public service and engagement, said involvement by students made Chapel Hill's response unique.

"The students, themselves, volunteered to take on a leadership role," he said.

"It was incredibly impressive," Raynor said the role the students played in the drafting process sends an important message.

"I think that it's really important that we have a student response," she said.

"It means that our students have taken a concrete step in saying this is our University, and this is what we want it to look like."

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Stepheson to transfer due to family illness

UNC sophomore forward Alex Stepheson is transferring this offseason in order to be closer to his family on the West Coast.

BY DAVID ELY
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After already suffering four possible defections to the NBA, the North Carolina men's basketball depth took another blow with the announcement of Alex Stepheson's transfer May 16.

The Los Angeles native decided to transfer to be closer to his family due to several health concerns, according to a University athletic department press release.

"My family is dealing with some health challenges at this time and as a result I have made the decision to transfer to be closer to home," Stepheson said in a statement.

The rising junior this year averaged 4.3 points and 4.5 rebounds in 14.5 minutes per game while backing up fellow power forward Deon Thompson.

"I am extremely, extremely disappointed, but I feel so great about Alex that I understand his decision to transfer," coach Roy Williams said.

"He is doing this because of health concerns, and by being



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