

City and Campus

Student Government to seek liaison for Carrboro post

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The UNC Student Government plans to create a student liaison position on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in an effort to promote communication between the students and the town. Student Body President Brien Lewis and Chapel Hill Student Liaison Bill Hildebolt will make a formal presentation at the board meeting on Sept. 25 to show how the proposed system will be set up. The board has passed a resolu-

tion establishing a student liaison, but the position has not been filled.

The liaison position will be open to any full-time University student who lives in Carrboro. Hildebolt said the liaison should be attending Carrboro meetings regularly by the end of October.

"I hope this will trigger more student involvement in Carrboro, and get some students active on the traffic and planning boards again," he said.

Lewis said the Carrboro liaison idea

was initiated by Hildebolt. Over the past two years students have voiced their opinions on various Chapel Hill issues through Hildebolt. "We're planning to build on past success."

In the early 1980's, students held positions on some of the governing boards in Carrboro such as the Traffic Board and Planning Board, but involvement faded several years ago, Hildebolt said. Establishing the liaison position will restore the communication ties between students and the town.

"The liaison position on the Chapel Hill Town Council was a way to expand relations with Chapel Hill," Hildebolt said. "So it seemed logical to do the same in Carrboro since so many students live there."

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaid told Hildebolt she was very excited about the liaison position and wanted students to show support for town issues that interested them, he said.

Alderman Judith Wegner, a dean of the UNC law school, said it would be a

great asset to the board to have a permanent student liaison to maintain a line of communication between students and town government.

"We will benefit by having more direct comments to the students and from them," Wegner said. "Now we will have someone to touch base with when asking questions that concern students and the University."

Ann Weeks, the senior land-use planner in Carrboro, said a large portion of UNC students live in Carrboro.

The 1980 census reported that 36 percent of Carrboro residents are college students, and Weeks said she estimated that about 4,000 students now live in the town.

"Topics such as downtown circulation, parking, bus service and affordable housing have an effect on many students," Wegner said.

Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes said the town council has benefited from having a permanent liaison with UNC, as will Carrboro.

Habitat for Humanity chapters team up for projects

By CAMERON TEW
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In an effort to alleviate the housing problem in Chapel Hill, the Orange County chapter of Habitat for Humanity is working with the University chapter to build houses for low-income families.

When people drive around Chapel Hill, they see many people who are living in substandard housing, said Jamie Brigman, co-chairman for the University's Habitat for Humanity.

Brigman said his organization and

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County Inc. try to help provide quality shelter for all people.

It is an easy job for the campus group to be involved because so many students and the administration are interested in the housing problem in the area, Brigman said. "There are so many people who need their houses repaired, it is unbelievable."

Nancy Lee, the liaison between the Orange County group and the University group, agreed that interest in the area has increased over the past few

years. "Our group has several hundred volunteers and the number continues to grow," Lee said. "This can only help our organization."

Both organizations meet on Saturdays to build and repair homes in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

Habitat decides which families receive houses through an application and interview process with Orange County's Habitat selection committee.

The people receiving the houses are not getting charity, said Robert Tuck,

the Orange County volunteer coordinator. Each family must put in 100 hours on other families' houses and then they receive a lot for their home. Then the family must work 600 hours on their own home.

"We believe that building the houses is a partnership for these folks," Tuck said.

The University group uses this same basis in working with the families. "We stress to members when they join that they are not working for these people but with them," Brigman said. "Habitat

is not a gift."

The University Habitat plans to give ten percent of its money to build houses in Latin America, and the group is planning a building trip to the country they select, Brigman said. Last year the group worked on three renovations and helped landscape a low-income housing development.

The Orange County group has moved two houses from downtown Chapel Hill to Carrboro and is beginning work on building its 10th new house, Lee said. "Our overall goal is to eliminate

poverty housing, and we are making progress."

Eleven churches have work groups made up of volunteers who go out once every two months to help work, Tuck said.

The University's group has members with little building experience, but a lot of desire, Brigman said. "If you can figure out which end of the nail goes into the wall, you know enough to become an integral part of the program."

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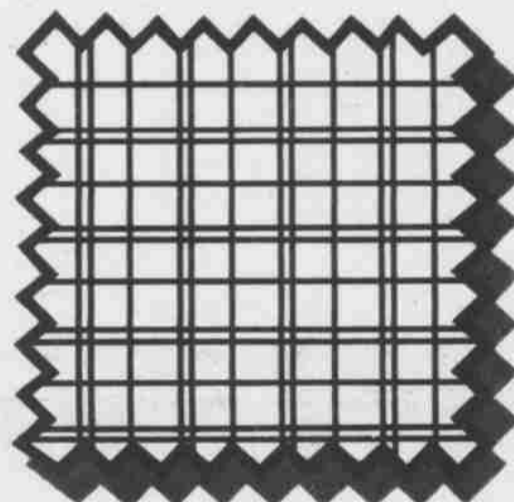


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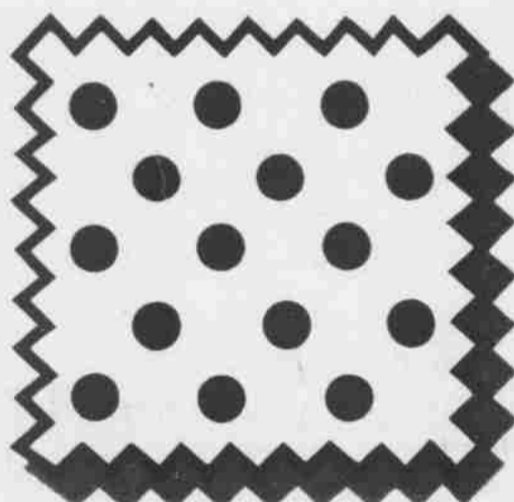
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Congressman to talk about Indian issues

By LYNETTE BLAIR
Staff Writer

The Carolina Indian Circle, in celebration of Indian Heritage Week, will host Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Col.) as guest speaker today at 8 p.m. in Hamilton 100.

Cedric Woods, president of Carolina Indian Circle, said the organization, along with the Botanical Gardens, asked Campbell to speak because of his representation of Indians in Congress and his past commitment to Indian issues.

"He's the only American Indian in Congress," Woods said. "He's the one that was leading the negotiations between the Smithsonian and various Native American tribes concerning the return of Native American remains back to their traditional burial grounds."

Woods also said the disturbance of Indian graves is a concern of Native Americans across the country. "There's a black market. There are pots and burial items that go for several thousand dollars."

Carol Knight, Campbell's press secretary, said that in his speech Campbell will address the issue of Indian burial remains as well as his bill to establish a museum of the American Indian on the National Mall.

He is also sponsoring a bill that will strengthen penalties against making non-genuine Indian arts and crafts.

Campbell, a 56-year-old Northern Cheyenne Indian, represents the third district of Colorado, the eighth largest district in the country. Only one percent of the population in that district is Indian.

Building issues at top of aldermen's agenda

By CHARLES BRITAIN
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A funding request from the Inter-Faith Council for the renovations to the old municipal building in Chapel Hill and a status report on the future of the Carrboro Post Office are two items that will be presented at Tuesday's board of aldermen meeting.

James Souder, president of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services, sent a letter to Mayor Eleanor Kinnaid in July requesting a \$5,000 grant to help complete renovations to the homeless shelter. The shelter is located in the old municipal building in Chapel Hill.

The \$5,000 grant would be to cover the \$90,000 cost of asbestos removal from the municipal building this month, Souder said. The IFC had to pay \$70,000 for asbestos removal during the first week of September before the renovations could begin.

The final cost of the renovations to the municipal building is \$847,000 as determined after the renovation plans were redesigned to reduce cost, he said.

The IFC has raised \$369,000 for the renovation project and Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro have allocated \$345,000 in federal grants to assist with the improvements to the shelter, Souder said. This comes to a total of

\$714,000 for renovations which when added to the \$90,000 cost of asbestos removal increases the IFC's funding gap.

The board will also discuss a report by the town staff on the U.S. Postal Service and efforts to purchase land in Westwood Cemetery for a future post office.

James Harris, Carrboro's special projects coordinator, is expected to make a presentation to the board saying the postal service will appraise a two-acre tract of land in Westwood Cemetery on Fidelity Street in October.

The town has been trying to obtain a new post office since 1983 because of complaints that the post office on South Greensboro St. is too small to handle the increasing population in Carrboro.

When the Greensboro St. post office was built in 1968, Carrboro had a population of about 4,500 residents but by 1983 the number of people had nearly doubled to 8,200. The town population is now estimated to be approximately 12,000, according to a report released by Harris.

The lack of parking at the town post office and increased traffic congestion in downtown Carrboro are other reasons the town has attempted to find a new location, he said.

BSM plans year's goals

By JOEY HILL
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The Black Student Movement's (BSM) goals this year are to provide outstanding programs, to raise funds and to increase campuswide involvement on the part of all students, not just blacks, said Chanda Douglas, BSM treasurer.

"Part of our constitution is that we don't discriminate on the basis of color," Douglas said. "The organization is open to any student who wants to express the need that the community should know about black events, culture, and literature."

The most important BSM event this fall will be the annual ball, which is scheduled for Dec. 1, Douglas said. The most important event in the spring will be Discovery, which will occur in February.

The BSM is recruiting new members, Douglas said. Recruiters will be in the Pit four times in the next two weeks, and students may also join at the BSM office.

The BSM has about 350 members, 195 of whom joined in September.

At the end of the spring semester last year, the membership totaled about 550 members, and a total membership of about 500 is expected annually, Douglas said.

Dues for BSM are \$3 per semester, and members receive discounts to some

functions, she said.

The annual BSM pageant is slated for Nov. 15.

The BSM will participate in Human Rights Week, which will be Nov. 12-17. The organization will probably sponsor a speaker, Douglas said.

"We want to work more with the Black Cultural Center (BCC) and with the Office of Student Counseling," Douglas said. "Mostly what we've done is to get students involved with the BCC. If no one uses it, we go in it and sit."

"We can use it to co-sponsor a project, and we act as a liaison between students and the BCC, especially as far as freshmen are concerned." Many freshmen aren't aware that the BCC exists, Douglas said.

The BSM also plans to work with the Minority Adviser Program in the Office of Student Counseling, she said.

The BSM Gospel Choir finished auditions for singers last week, said Regina Harvey, the choir president. The fall choir concert will be Nov. 12. The choir has about 60 members and is looking for musicians, Harvey said.

Ebony Readers, a group which reads literary works by black writers, gained much attention last year, Douglas said.

Other BSM groups are the Opeyo Dancers and the Black Ink newspaper, Douglas said.