

## City and State

# Officers weigh proposals for 1990 senior class gift

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The Class of 1990 officers are still in the planning stages of deciding on a class gift, and will reveal their decisions sometime next semester, said Greg Zeeman, senior class vice president. Zeeman said the class was not ready to reveal the gift because ideas were still being discussed. The senior class gives two gifts each year, he said. The first gift will be a smaller, physical gift that will be announced by the beginning of next semester, he said. The second gift is a larger, endowed gift that will be announced in the middle of the spring semester. The money used for the gifts is raised through senior class pledges. "In the spring, there is a gift cam-

aign where we call all the seniors and ask them to pledge money," Zeeman said. "It is incredibly effective. If people have good things to say about their senior year, then they are more inclined to leave something behind in the name of their class." "It's hard to ask people for money if they do not feel they are a part of the class. So we like to create class unity by planning senior activities, selling T-shirts, having class-sponsored events, and coordinating senior blocks for concerts and athletic events." The class decides what the gift will be through input, Zeeman said. However, the senior class officers and the senior class gift chairmen will make the final decision.

Pete Caprise and Keitt King are the Class of 1990's class gift chairmen. "Every class' goal is to create class unity," he said. "One of our goals is to focus on the educational aspect of the University — something related to academia. We would like to leave the University better than we found it." "Last year's senior class donated the seal by South Building and raised money for a \$500,000 endowed professorship," Zeeman said. In the past, the gifts have been exceptional, Zeeman said. Last year's gift set a national record for senior class gifts. "We are certainly trying to do as well as last year."

# Step show profits earmarked for scholarship fund at UNC

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The Black Greek Council is donating profits from their 1989 step show to the Harvey Beech Scholarship Fund, said president of the Black Greek Council, Russell Dula. Traditionally, the money was donated to the United Negro College Fund, Dula said. The UNCF donates money to black students who attend predominantly black schools, so UNC black students could not directly benefit from the donation in the past, he said. The council decided to give the money to the Harvey Beech Scholarship Fund so UNC students could benefit from their donation. The fund is set up in commemoration of the first black student to attend UNC, Dula said. About \$4,500 to \$5,000 was col-

lected at the step show. The donation will be about \$1,500, since the cost of putting on the show is close to \$3,000, he said. "The step show was a success, especially for what it went toward," Dula said. The show got off to a late start because the volleyball team, which has priority in Carmichael Gym, did not finish practice on time. After the team finished, a sound check had to be done and the floor had to be laid down, he said. An estimated 4,000 people attended the step show, and Jimmy Tanner, a member of Omega Psi Phi and co-chairman of the Black Student Movement's Special Projects Committee, said he thought the show had such a large turnout because it had been successful last year. Publicity from the

Carolina Athletic Association and Black Greek Council also contributed to the large crowd, he said. This is the second year that the show has been a part of Homecoming activities, and Tanner said he hopes the trend will continue. Many of the students who attended had not been to a step show and were curious to see what one was like, he said. Five of the seven organizations which make up the Black Greek Council performed at the step show, Dula said. Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta sorority participated in the show. Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity helped present the show, he said.

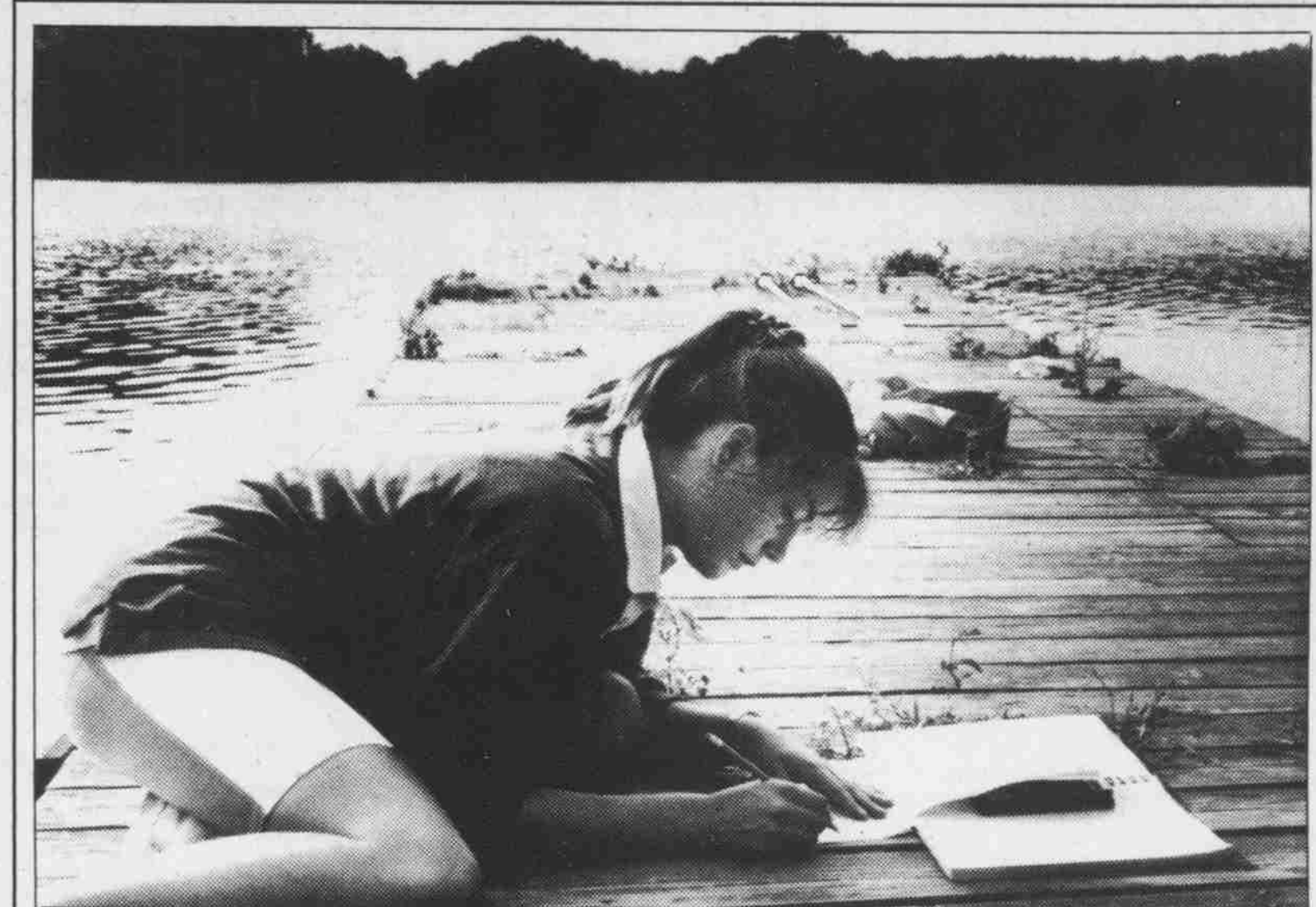
# Local recycling program plans expansion of pick-up service

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Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough are expanding their curbside recycling program to include every single-family home in Orange County that has garbage pick-up service by Nov. 13. The program now serves 3,600 homes in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, said Blair Pollack, solid waste planner of the Chapel Hill Public Works De-

partment. It is expected that approximately 145 tons of newspaper, glass and aluminum will be collected every month after the expansion is completed. If that figure is reached, the collection will increase nearly 100 tons per month, Pollack said. Every ton of garbage recycled saves three cubic yards of space in the Orange Regional landfill. In addition to the expanded curbside service, drop-off recycling is also being

expanded. A new drop-off site for newspaper, glass and aluminum beverage cans opened on Oct. 23 at the green convenience center on Eubanks Road. Before making a decision to expand service to the entire county, the department piloted programs in three neighborhoods in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. "There was remarkable success in my neighborhood," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzen-



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## Boards of education

Stephani Holzwarth, a freshman from Woodbridge, Va., does some late-afternoon studying on a University Lake dock before varsity women's crew practice.

# Class series to aid cancer patients

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The Orange County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its first class in a series for cancer patients called "I Can Cope" on Oct. 3 at the Home Health Agency of Chapel Hill. The classes are designed to help patients and their families live with a chronic disease such as cancer. The program consists of a seven-part series of classes that includes guest speakers and group discussions. The class on Tuesday will address the problems of living with cancer. Stephen Bernard, an assistant profes-

sor of medicine at UNC, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The classes will initially address community resources and basic medical information and move on to the psychological aspects of cancer by the end of the series, said coordinator Barbara Walker. This will be the third year for "I Can Cope" in Orange County, Walker said. It first started in the Midwest by two nurses who saw a need for an information source for patients who had left the hospital. Jeanette Fearrington, executive di-

rector of the Orange County unit of the American Cancer Society, said the program is designed to help patients with the initial shock of cancer. "When diagnosed, the patient gets a blitz of information that they might not be able to absorb," Fearrington said. "Many questions arise after the release from the hospital." Family and friends of the patient are welcome at the sessions, and the program is also designed to answer many of the questions they might have, she said. "The program is a two-edged sword because it addresses the concerns of the patient and the caretaker."

# Car tax hike effects minimal, dealers predict

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The new state vehicle tax will not take a substantial bite out of consumer's wallets unless they are in the market for a car costing more than \$30,000. As of Oct. 1, the North Carolina vehicle sales tax was raised from 2 percent to 3 percent with a maximum fee of \$1,000. Under the old law, the maximum cost to car buyers could only total \$300. The new law, approved during the latest session of the General Assembly, is a joint effort between the state administration and legislature to improve roads across the state, said Carol Nemitz, director of vehicle registration. The entire program delegates \$9.2 billion to the state road program to be spread out over twelve years. "This tax is the third source of money for the highway fund," Nemitz said. The first comes from the 5 percent per gallon gasoline tax that

was implemented on August 1, and the second from an increase in fees for vehicle registration. Car dealers say the tax increase is not significant enough to deter buyers. "Because there is a \$1,000 limit on the tax," said Mark Dendy of Old Hickory Motors in Chapel Hill, "the only people it will severely tax are those in the market for a Mercedes and other higher-priced cars." But even then, those shopping for such luxury cars probably won't pay too much attention to the tax. Sally Jackson of Raleigh said that she and her husband recently purchased a new Mercedes before the tax increase, but said that the new tax probably would not have swayed their decision. The new law also affects the taxation on leasing. The old law required a 2 percent tax on the monthly payments with a maximum of \$300 or a 2 percent tax on the price for daily rentals, said Don Spencer, administrative officer for the State Revenue office. "Now dealers have the choice be-

tween paying an up-front cost of 3 percent up to \$1,000 on the selling price, or taxing the lease receipts for 8 percent for the first 90 days then 3 percent afterwards, up to \$1,000," Spencer said. "It's a bit confusing." Dealers agree with Spencer. Cliff Santose of Coggin Pontiac-Mazda Inc. in Chapel Hill said dealers might be more likely to pay the up-front cost simply to avoid the headache and paperwork of taxing the lease receipts. Despite the increase, North Carolina residents are still paying less than motorists in neighboring states. The annual sales cost per person for car owners here is \$216.40, according to Nemitz. "In Virginia the cost for these same statistics is \$332.54 and in South Carolina, \$240.76." Gwen Duffey, a Chapel Hill resident, said the new tax would not change the type of car she would consider buying.

# Klan's Adopt-a-Highway bid rejected

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An application by a Ku Klux Klan group to be an Adopt-a-Highway program sponsor was rejected by N.C. Transportation Secretary Jim Harrington last Friday. The Reidsville Southern Alliance, a chapter of the Invisible Empire Knights of the KKK, applied last month to adopt a stretch of U.S. 158 in Rockingham County, located between Greensboro and the Virginia border. Under the Adopt-a-Highway anti-litter program, if a group or organization volunteers to clean a 2-mile stretch of road, the state will erect a green-and-white sign bearing the volunteer group's name. The Department of Transportation (DOT) rejected the KKK's application on the basis that it would be "detrimental to the Adopt-a-Highway Program," said Jim Sughrue, assistant secretary of transportation for external affairs. "Ninety-nine percent of the people that considered it would come to the same conclusion ... that there is a discernible difference between the Ku Klux Klan and other groups that have applied for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. "We believe it is within our authority to do so," Sughrue said. He declined to make any other comments about the "discernible difference" since it may be a subject for litigation. Rocky Chapman, the exalted cyclops (leader) of the Reidsville KKK Chapter, said, "my rights and the rights of all citizens have been infringed." "By denying me this, they are denying me my civil rights," he said. The group's aim in applying for the program was to clean the roads and erect a sign "like everyone else" as a form of good advertisement to show the KKK was interested in civic duty, Chapman said. "We are a very civic-minded group ... working within the law and with the law." Chapman said that the DOT denied their application because they were afraid that if the request were granted, chapters all over North Carolina would adopt a highway to show they were not "a bad organization." The chapter has received a lot of publicity because of the department's decision, he said. "Thank you, Mr. Jim Harrington, for the publicity," Chapman said. The group has received many calls from people outside the Klan, both black and white, showing their support for the Klan's right to adopt the highway, he said. "Society realizes that Mr. Harrington was wrong in his decision."

Chapman has conferred with an attorney within the Klan as to what future action he should take. He is talking to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) right now, he said. "I basically would prefer the ACLU to take this case because this case is a civil case ... a case of rights ... (and) that's what their organization is about." Jim Shields, executive director of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union (NCCLU) said the state government was wrong in denying free speech to the KKK on the basis of political beliefs. "The issue should be resolved by people who have power in government remembering their oaths of office" to uphold the constitutions of North Carolina and the United States, he said. "(The) DOT has made the issue here." The NCCLU board will meet Sunday to determine whether they will take the Klan's case.

The state attorney general's office will defend the DOT "just as far as it has to go," said Jim Simmons, deputy attorney general. "I didn't see any way that the KKK could be as good at picking up trash as they are at dishing it out." Chapman said he had not yet received any type of document or phone call from the DOT informing him that his application was rejected. He said he had relied on the media to inform him of the DOT's decision. "This is the first time in the one-year history of the Adopt-a-Highway Program that a group's application has been rejected at the state level. The DOT is still researching instances in which petitions have been denied at the local level.



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**Feeling their oaks**  
Stephanie Roberson and Ashley Bowie, both seniors, work Monday afternoon to determine the species of an oak tree in McCorkle Place for a biology class.

# City Police Roundup

- In Chapel Hill:
  - Police were called to Four Corners Thursday to stop a fight between two men. When officers arrived, they found that two friends had only been acting as if they were fighting.
  - Officers responding to a report of persons skinny-dipping in the Granville Towers pool Wednesday could find no suspects when they arrived.
  - A man contacted police Thursday when someone entered his car and stole several objects. The car was parked at Galleria Plaza on Elliot Road in front of PIP Printing. The car was unlocked and the windows were down.
  - Police responded to a call from a man Friday when an intoxicated male was hitting the glass door and yelling at the Subway Restaurant located at 132 E. Franklin St. The man was identified by officers and removed from the business.
  - Police were called to Sutton's Drug Store Thursday when an argument broke out inside the store. Officers spoke to the people involved in the argument and allowed them to leave.
  - A resident reported a car driving around Gimghoul Castle Thursday with the occupants yelling very loudly. When police arrived the vehicle had left the scene.
  - A man contacted police Friday after parking his truck in front of The Cave on West Franklin Street and returning to find the vehicle missing.
- The truck was later found at the 500 block of West Franklin Street, and it was determined that no offense occurred.
- Police responded to Kingswood Apartments Thursday when a man reported people singing behind apartment complex H. Upon arrival officers could find no suspects.
- A woman contacted police Monday when she heard noises on her balcony and thought it was a prowler. A search of the area found no evidence of a prowler, and police told the woman it was probably an animal since there were many in the area.
- Police arrested Sherrline Mitchell Lyon and Robert Mitchell Lyon of 309-B Lindsay St. Thursday when cocaine and drug paraphernalia were found in their residence. The two subjects were arrested for possession with intent to sell.
- A woman reported to police Friday that someone had stolen her watch from her wrist at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house at 108 Cameron Ave. Police have no suspects at this time.
- A woman contacted police Saturday when two persons playing cards at her residence began fighting with each other. Officers spoke with the two subjects, and they agreed to stay separated for the remainder of the evening.

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