

## Campus and City

### Academic Accolades

#### Trohanis wins education award

Pascal Trohanis, associate professor of education, recently received an award for outstanding contributions to the fields of early intervention and early childhood special education.

The award was one of two honors presented at the International Convention of the Division for Early Childhood, Council for Exceptional Children, held from Oct. 22-25 in Minneapolis.

Trohanis directs the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System, a federally funded consortium which helps states and territories provide services to children with special needs, and their families. The program is part of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, with which Trohanis has been affiliated since 1972.

#### Sessoms recognized by NRPA

Douglas Sessoms, chairman of UNC's Curriculum in Leisure Studies and Recreation Administration, recently received the National Recreation and Parks Association's 1989 Distinguished Professional Award.

The award, presented last month at the Annual Congress for Recreation and Parks in San Antonio, Texas, recognized Sessoms for having served the profession as an educator, writer, spokesman and proponent of the association.

Sessoms has been chairman of the UNC curriculum since 1963. He has served in numerous national, professional and state organizations and been recognized extensively by his colleagues with a variety of awards.

#### Wells awarded PR grant

Catherine Wells, a graduate student in journalism, recently received a research grant from the Public Relations Society of America.

Wells is the 1989-90 recipient of a \$500 competitive award sponsored by the society's educational and cultural section. The grant will be used in her research into the development of a public relations program for UNC's Morehead Planetarium.

Wells is a master's degree candidate from Blacksburg, Va.

#### Pharmacy professors win grant

Two pharmacy school faculty members have been awarded grants from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Cathy Klech and Jane Millen, both assistant professors, were two of 15 researchers in the United States chosen to participate in the New Investigators Program.

The program is designed to enhance the scientific careers of pharmacy school faculty researchers by providing initial funding — up to \$5,000 — for their research.

The grants are supported by the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education and the Burroughs-Wellcome Fund.

#### Drama institute director named

Scott Parker, executive director of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and acting producer of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama, has been named director of UNC's Institute of Outdoor Drama.

The appointment begins Jan. 1. Parker will succeed Mark Sumner, who retired Sept. 30 after 25 years as director of the institute.

The institute was established in 1963 as a central source of information for outdoor theater productions. As director, Parker will serve as chairman of the institute's administrative board and report to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The director gathers information on outdoor dramas, and consults and advises on all phases of outdoor drama. He also conducts or organizes training sessions for newly appointed managers, writers and directors of outdoor dramas.

#### Glaxo funds new Ackland post

The Ackland Art Museum has received an \$82,000 grant from Glaxo Inc. to create the position of educator for outreach and special needs audiences.

The position in the museum's education department will enable the museum to continue an outreach program that it has developed while it has been closed for renovation.

The Ackland has embarked on a national search to fill the three-year position.

The new educator will work with Ray Williams, curator of education at the museum, to expand outreach programs for the University, school and community groups. The educator will also work to make the museum's educational programming more accessible to disabled visitors.

The museum will reopen to the public in fall 1990. It has been closed for renovations since September 1987.

— compiled by Amy Wajda

# Davis calls congress action 'disgraceful'

By JENNIFER PILLA

Staff Writer

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said Wednesday night that he was ashamed of a congress decision not to vote on a resolution to delete sexist language from the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance.

The congress Rules and Judiciary Committee tabled the resolution last week after members voted to refer it to the Committee on Student Conduct, an advisory committee of students, faculty and staff members.

At the congress meeting Wednesday Rep. Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7) moved to

"pull" the resolution from the Rules and Judiciary Committee and vote on it before the committee sent it to the full congress. Congress members rejected Beall's motion after much debate, an action Davis called "disgraceful" after the meeting.

"By not voting on this resolution the congress is perpetuating the sexism that has existed on this campus for 200 years," Davis said. The congress decided not to vote on the resolution but to send it to the Committee on Student Conduct for review first.

Student Congress, the Faculty Coun-

cil and the chancellor are the only bodies that have the ability to amend the Instrument.

Davis accused the committee members of attempting to kill the resolution before it could come to a vote before the full congress.

Rep. Mark Bibbs, chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, expressed confidence that congress would pass the resolution after the student conduct committee reviewed it.

In other business, congress:

■ Passed a resolution to appropriate \$618 for the installation of public tele-

phones in the Undergraduate and Davis Libraries.

Representative Jürgen Buchenau favored the resolution and encouraged other members to vote for it because it would affect more students than most other bills proposed by the congress.

"Let's finally do something that the students can touch, that they can feel — that they can dial."

■ Passed a resolution to approve the appointment of junior Peter Hans as the first student liaison to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

■ Gave \$368 for the student attor-

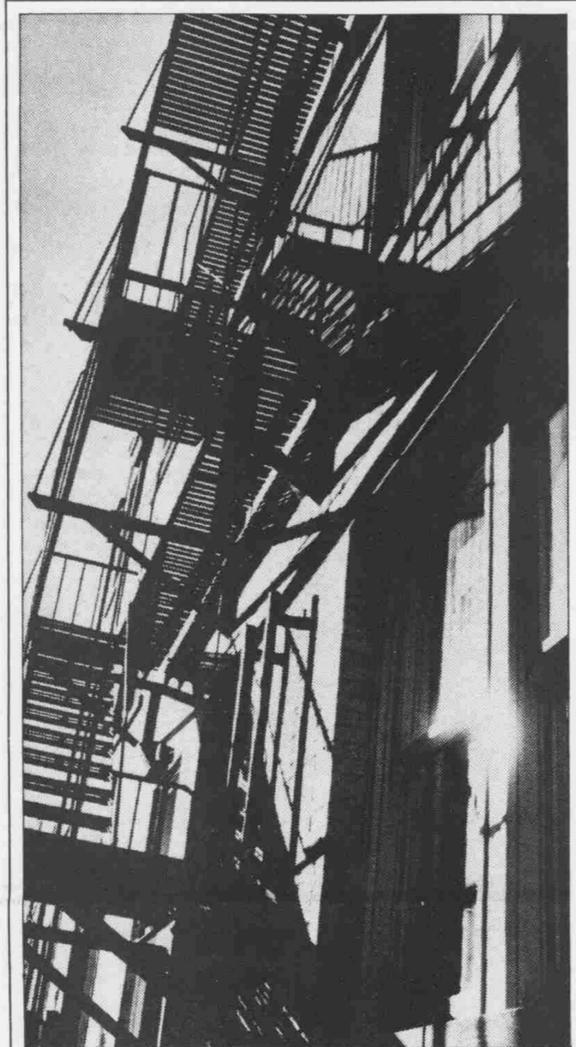
ney general to attend the Fourth National Conference on Campus Violence.

■ Donated \$300 for AIDS Awareness Week.

■ Allocated \$1,200 for the purchase of a camera by Student Television.

■ Appropriated \$200 to DISC.

A resolution to appropriate \$2,046 to the Friendship Association of Chinese Students was voted down. Congress members denied that the resolution was rejected because the association was unworthy, but said they could not justify appropriating the funds because no representative of the group had been present at the meeting.



### No way out

As fall and the semester wind down, the stark inevitability of impending examinations seems manifested in this Battle Hall fire escape.

DTH/David Surowiecki

## Town council to vote on development plans

By SAMANTHA GWEN

Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council will vote tonight on the Chapel Hill North project plans, adding to a series of discussions on the issue.

If approved, the 40-acre mixed use project will incorporate business offices, retail commerce and a 200-space park-and-ride lot on N.C. Highway 86 between Interstate 40 and Weaver Dairy Road, said Ron Strom, general partner of the Chapel Hill North Partnership.

The primary concerns about the project are traffic, roadways and parking. Strom added he felt the general plans of the project would be approved now that initial problems had been worked out. The developers have agreed to exclude fast-food restaurants in exchange for permission to improve road conditions leading to the site.

"Large segments of the population find fast-food restaurants unsightly, and they contribute to traffic," Strom said.

Road improvements include widening N.C. 86 by one and a half lanes, adding a bike lane and widening and adding curbs to Weaver Dairy Road, Strom said.

"Chapel Hill North will provide a variety of uses. We'd like to attract a six

to eight (theater) cineplex and a health club while 75,000 to 100,000 square feet will go to traditional retail."

Strom said 60 percent of the available 633,000 square feet would be designated for offices; the remaining 40 percent would go to commercial retail.

The buildings will be individually constructed rather than contained in a mall set-up, Strom said. Project structures will be mid-rise buildings with the tallest buildings farther off the site.

Three years ago, a Chapel Hill zone ordinance was amended, enabling contractors to develop the North project, and Strom said response had been favorable. "We have received optimistic support from the Planning Board and the Transportation Board."

Strom said Chapel Hill was interested in acquiring two acres for a park-and-ride lot. Residents would park at the project site and ride a bus into town to alleviate parking problems in downtown Chapel Hill. The town will seek federal funds from an Urban Mass Transit grant to pay for the lot.

If the council approves the general plans for development, a master plan will be submitted to the council for further approval, Strom said.

## Chapel Hill library pares down computer proposal

By JENNIFER FOSTER

Staff Writer

A proposal calling for the installation of a scaled-down computer network in the Chapel Hill Public Library system will be presented at the town council meeting tonight.

Kathleen Thompson, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library, said the former proposal, which called for the installation of 64 terminals, had been cut to 30 terminals. She said the new number would meet the library's needs, and more terminals would be added as needed.

Sonna Loewenthal, assistant town manager, said a private consultant was

hired to determine the number of terminals needed based on the present and projected Chapel Hill library circulation levels. She said the figures had nothing to do with the size of the building itself but with the amount of available materials and patrons.

Financing for this proposal would come out of the \$3 million library bond referendum that will be presented to the voters in November. With the new plan, Thompson said, the original cost of the computer system has been reduced from \$360,000 to \$286,000.

Loewenthal said the question was not one of need, but one of when the system should be purchased and in

what capacity. She also said the first estimated need of 60 terminals by the mid-1990s was still correct, but it would be more feasible now to buy a smaller, more easily expandable system.

"We should proceed with this matter as soon as possible, because with the computer system, citizens will have easier access to the library and also it (the new proposal) will reduce costs," said Joe Herzenberg, a member of the town council library committee.

Thompson said the plans were to install the computer system in the existing library and transfer it later to the new facility if and when voters approved it. She said the installation date

access to care.

"We think there are a lot of unanswered questions and myths out there, and we hope to address some of them through this forum," Ibrahim said.

During the Union Gallery's "A Day Without Art," the paintings will be covered to show the toll AIDS is taking on the art world.

"Galleries across the nation are closing for the day, giving significance to the fact that the world of art is being hit hard by AIDS," said sophomore Laura Foster, who is helping with the project.

Also in conjunction with World AIDS Day, Chancellor Paul Hardin and Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes will issue a proclamation noting the local activities.

The activities at UNC are part of a worldwide observance promoted by the World Health Organization to heighten awareness of AIDS. This is the second year of World AIDS Day, which grew out of a January 1988 summit in London involving health administrators from more than 140 nations, according to Sharon Lean, project director for the American Association for World

current topics in health care.

The German program was started three years ago by students and faculty in a wide variety of liberal arts programs including business, political science, German and sociology. They plan films and cultural events that promote the use of the language.

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man, assistant director of housing for student and staff development. "It is a multicultural, multicultural learning experience."

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Anyone with questions about the Living and Learning programs should call 962-5406 or 962-0309.

## Retired professor, 65, dies

By JENNIFER PILLA

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Walter Wheeler, a retired professor with the Department of Geology, died Nov. 21 at North Carolina Memorial Hospital from a severe heart attack. He was 65.

Wheeler, who had a history of heart disease and hypertension, retired in 1986 after teaching at the University for 35 years. His main areas of research were coastal plain geology and vertebrate paleontology. He was a member of several professional organizations and actively participated in programs for training high school teachers throughout North Carolina.

According to Geoffrey Feiss, chairman of the geology department, Wheeler was one of the most well-known members of the department.

"He was a very popular and spirited professor, especially among students at the undergraduate level. He was also an extremely well-respected geologist in the Southeastern United States," Feiss said.

Allen Glazner, associate chairman of the geology department, also said Wheeler had been popular. "He was certainly the best-loved teacher in the department, especially among the stu-

dents."

Wheeler contracted polio the summer before he came to Chapel Hill in 1951, before the polio vaccine became available. Wheeler had to walk with the aid of two canes.

William Harris, chairman of the geology department at UNC-Wilmington and a former student of Wheeler, said that Wheeler was especially inspirational as a teacher because of his handicap and the example he set for his students.

"We would go out into the field, and I would watch him crawl on his hands and knees to show his students things. I know of no other person in the world who would have done that. He was inspirational," Harris said.

Suellen Cabe, professor of geology and geography at Pembroke State University and also one of Wheeler's former students, said Wheeler was an exceptional adviser as well as teacher.

"He gave me enough rope to let me learn, but he also gave me enough guidance to keep me on track. We're certainly going to miss an excellent coastal geologist," Cabe said.

Wheeler received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees



Walter Wheeler

from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in geology from Yale University.

He is survived by his wife, two children, his father and stepmother, a brother and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Chapel of the Cross.

## World AIDS Day events planned

By CHRIS HELMS

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World AIDS Day will be marked by national and local events Friday, including a panel discussion on "The AIDS Crisis: UNC's Response."

A panel member who has AIDS will detail his experiences, and the Union Gallery will present "A Day Without Art."

The public discussion, sponsored by the Chancellor's Task Force on AIDS, will be held in room 224 of the Union from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Discussion moderator Michel Ibrahim, chairman of the task force and dean of the School of Public Health, said in a press release that "AIDS will remain a major health risk for American college students. Part of the University's responsibility is to continuously educate students as well as faculty and staff about the real risks posed by this killer disease."

The five-member panel will discuss issues including prevention, legal implications of AIDS on college campuses, the public health perspective of AIDS and medical aspects such as

Health. The program is also supported by the United Nations General Assembly, she said.

Events are scheduled across the nation for Friday. Lean said. A group will protest the high cost of AIDS treatment in San Francisco. In San Diego, people will wear teal arm bands; in Miami, people will drive with their headlights on during the day; and in Boston, black arm bands will show support. Philadelphia will have a three-day festival on the arts and AIDS and television programming across the nation will focus on AIDS and youth.

Youth and AIDS is the international focus of this year's observance, said Daniel Epstein, information officer for the World Health Organization.

"The theme is focusing in on informing youth that HIV infection is preventable with precautions and that those infected should not be shunned," Epstein said.

Response to last year's observance was "very positive, not only from the health sector but from all walks of life," Epstein said.

## Carmichael programs slate open house

By DEBBIE BAKER

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The UNC Living and Learning programs will kick off their annual recruitment drive with an open house on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Carmichael ballroom.

The Department of University Housing started the programs in 1986 as a means of integrating academic and out-of-classroom experiences. The programs offer students with similar academic interests an opportunity to live together.

There are five Living and Learning programs located in Carmichael Residence Hall. Each program has a resident assistant, a faculty adviser and a student coordinator or chairman. All members are expected to devote two to four hours a week to their program. Each group sets its own goals and is responsible for carrying them out.

The Health Science program was started about four years ago. Members of this program come from such health-related fields as chemistry, biology, nursing and pharmacy. They plan weekly presentations and lectures on

current topics in health care.

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