

CAMPUS AND CITY



**Police dog Nero wins three regional awards**

A Chapel Hill Police Department canine pulled in three awards at a recent national competition.

Nero, a four-year-old Malinois, won first place for criminal apprehension, third place for agility and fifth place for overall ability at the United States Police Canine Association Region II Dog Trials held last month.

Nero works with public safety Officer Nancy Cellner.

Forty-five police dogs competed in the event, which was held in Gastonia. Region II includes four southeastern states.

The other Chapel Hill police dog, Sandy, was unable to compete, because she is recovering from back surgery. The four-year-old German Shepherd works with public safety Officer Troy Smith.

Both dogs have been a part of the department since December 1990. They are used for detecting drugs, searching for missing people or fleeing felons and for searching buildings.

**Genital herpes support group meets monthly**

HELP, a confidential support group for people concerned about genital herpes, meets once a month in Chapel Hill.

The group is sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties. A \$5 donation is requested to attend the meetings, and anyone who attends may remain anonymous.

The meetings offer an informal opportunity to share experiences and to exchange information with others who have herpes. A medical adviser will be available to answer questions.

For more information about Planned Parenthood and the HELP group, call 929-5402.

**Women voters league '91-'92 program opens**

The local League of Women Voters will kick off the 1991-92 season with coffee and a brief program for members and prospective members next week.

The program, which will take place Sunday at the Siena Hotel at 3 p.m., will focus on the league's contributions to the community welfare and the benefits of league membership.

**Town offers tours of Chapel Hill Town Hall**

The New Generation Program, for adults age 55 and over, is offering a free tour of the Chapel Hill Municipal Building on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Mayor Jonathan Howes will conduct the tour, which will take place at 9:30 a.m. The tour is limited to 30 people.

Individuals should register by calling the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department at 968-2784. The registration deadline is next Monday.

**Red Cross fears post-holiday blood shortage**

The American Red Cross is soliciting blood donors to avoid a post-Labor Day shortage, said the principal medical officer of Blood Services Carolina Region.

Many regions across the country already are experiencing shortages, said Dr. Jerry Squires.

Donor statistics show that 72 percent of the donor population donates only once a year. But Squires said it's safe to donate as many as six times a year.

Blood donors need to be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. The American Red Cross operates permanent blood collection sites in Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Winston-Salem, along with 12 to 15 mobile collection operations per day.

The next blood drive at UNC will take place Sept. 17-18 in the Great Hall.

**Quit-smoking program scheduled for October**

FreshStart, a quit-smoking program sponsored by the Orange County unit of the American Cancer Society, will be held in October.

The program will be held at the Unit Office at Westgate Plaza, Westgate Drive, Suite 201 in Durham.

Participants are asked to attend all four classes, which will take place Oct. 1, 3, 8 and 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Anyone interested should call 942-1953 for more information and registration. There is no charge for the class.

**Crime task force preparing reform list**

By Jackie Hershkowitz  
Staff Writer

The Task Force on Violent Crime is formulating a list of proposals to reduce incidents of crime in the Chapel Hill area, urging increased prevention measures, consistent law enforcement and rehabilitation for offenders.

The list suggests specifically that local agencies participate by providing education, support groups and job training to the community.

The task force, headed by John Turner, dean of the UNC School of Social Work, was created to submit

recommendations to the council on ways to make Chapel Hill and Carrboro safer.

Task force members include elected officials, attorneys, business people and community activists.

The Chapel Hill Town Council, which appointed the task force, will get a chance to review the proposals at a joint meeting Sept. 21.

Many of the proposals focus on youth programs in the schools. Task force members recommended decreasing the number of adolescent offenders through education, discussion and counseling.

The proposals also include providing more youth-oriented activities and

recreational facilities. At a recent meeting, some task force members suggested opening basketball courts late at night to keep young people off the streets.

Turner said the task force's recommendations could have a substantial impact. A significant amount of money will be needed to carry out the proposals. Although precise figures have not been disclosed yet, finances will inevitably be a determinant in the viability of the plans, he said.

Money is available for such programs, and the town needs to research possible funding sources, Turner said.

"We should investigate whether it

would be possible to secure federal, state or university grants," he said.

The task force recommendations still are in the revisionary stages, so it is too soon to predict the effect they will have, Turner said.

"Everyone is looking forward to the final recommendations," Turner said.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro have experienced significant increases of crime over the past few years, said Jane Cousins, police planner for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"This increase mirrors the general statewide trend," she said.

In 1989, 246 cases of aggravated

assault were reported in Chapel Hill, as opposed to 427 in 1990, Cousins said. Twenty-eight robberies were reported in 1989, compared to 35 in 1990.

Crime is a communitywide concern that cannot be solved solely by the police department or the schools, Cousins said. But police intervention is crucial to improving the situation, she said.

"Stationing police in downtown Chapel Hill on foot and bike is one way in which they are better able to patrol the area," Cousins said. "A visible police force is important to deter crime and give people downtown a sense of security."

**Hip-hop activist urges constant questioning**

By Jon Whisenant  
Staff Writer

Question authority, but question submissiveness even more. Question your words and deeds. Question the words and deeds of others. Question your goals and values. Question everything.

People involved with the struggle toward racial equality should ask themselves these questions every second of their lives, Harry Allen, hip-hop activist and media assassin, said during a speech Thursday night.

Allen, who handles public relations for the rap group Public Enemy, gave the speech as a salute to Sonja Stone, capping off a two-week celebration of her life and work. Stone, an African and Afro-American studies professor, died of a stroke Aug. 10.

"Her living had a great impact on my way of thinking," Allen said. "Even though I only met her once. She wrote a piece that made me realize that blacks have to work on a very high level in order to overcome white supremacy."

"They're (white people are) working on unifying Europe, installing huge fiber-optic networks. If we are talking

about starting a black student newspaper, are we working on the same level?"

He defined black culture as any speech or action that is effective in the elimination of white supremacy. "Otherwise, who needs it?" he asked.

Allen asked the students and faculty in the audience what life has been like on campus the last few weeks.

Michelle Thomas, a senior Afro-American studies major from Laurinburg, said the past few weeks had been amazing.

"The three largest student organizations, Campus Y, Black Student Movement and student government, joined together last week and marched to the chancellor's office to present a letter in Dr. Stone's name," Thomas said.

The letter demanded that the University establish an endowed chair in Stone's name, rename the Black Cultural Center after her and give departmental status to the African and Afro-American studies curriculum.

"The community is coming together," Thomas said. Much of the credit for this unity should be given to Stone, she said.

**3 members of Orange County Greens elected to positions in national group**

By Sally Bright  
Staff Writer

As a result of last month's national Green Congress, three members of the Orange County Greens were elected to serve on the national level.

Dan Coleman, a local computer consultant and active Greens member, was elected to a six-person committee that will develop a proposal for the Greens to become an incorporated national party.

The proposal will be presented at the next national Green Congress in August 1992.

The Greens, originally formed more than a decade ago in Europe, are dedicated to environmental and social causes. The Orange County group was created six years ago.

Amy Belanger and Eric Odell, both employees of the Chapel Hill-based national office of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, also were elected to national office by the members of the Green Congress.

Belanger will manage the daily affairs of the Greens as a member of the seven-person coordinating committee. Odell will serve on the executive body of the Greens as the youth caucus representative to the Green Council.

Coleman attributed the Chapel Hill Greens' election to national office as a result of years of hard work. The Orange County Greens, formed in 1985, have been consistently active locally in grass-roots democracy.

"The members of the Green Congress recognized that fact," Coleman said.

Joyce Brown, a member of both the Chapel Hill Town Council and the

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Joyce Brown, town council member

Greens, said the Orange County Greens greatly supported her electoral campaign and were instrumental in her successful bid for office.

Brown said that Coleman's, Belanger's and Odell's new positions on the national level will help the image of the community.

"(Their elections to national office will) bring a greater awareness of Green concepts and ideas to the citizens of Chapel Hill," Brown said.

Another reason local Greens were so successful at the Green Congress was that UNC students initiated SEAC.

Belanger's and Odell's elections illustrated that student activism is an integral part of the Green movement in general, Coleman said. "Strong, active student environmentalists are in Chapel Hill."

A lot of legal work will be required for the Greens to become an official national political party, Coleman said.

"In the United States, it is much more difficult for parties to get ballot status than it is in Europe," he said.

While it is the goal of Coleman's committee to form a Green national party, "electoral work is just one part of Green strategy," he said.

Ballot status in all 50 states will facilitate the Greens' efforts to elect their own candidates to local, state and, eventually, national offices.

**Teachers approve pay bonuses, turn down lead teacher program**

By Tiffany Ashhurst  
Staff Writer

Teachers in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools voted down plans last week for a lead teacher program and elected to receive a pay bonus.

The lead teacher plan would have added new programs to the school curriculum, while the bonus was a one-time award between \$300 and \$550. The vote took place as part of Senate Bill 2 and the state School Improvement and Accountability Act of 1989.

In Chapel Hill, the results were 256 votes for the bonus, 235 for the lead teacher plan and one abstention, said Kim Hoke, assistant to Superintendent Gerry House.

"The bonus was a small amount, but at least it was something for the teachers," Hoke said.

Vanessa Jeter, spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, said the teachers vote each year to decide how Senate Bill 2 money should be allocated. This year, Chapel Hill received \$188,000 for the program.

The vote was unfair in some teachers' opinions. Randy Marshall, princi-

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principal  
Carrboro Elementary

pal of Carrboro Elementary School, said teachers were distressed about the outcome.

"It was unfair to ask teachers to take money out of their own pockets," he said.

Marshall said faculty at his school had been planning to implement the lead teacher plan before the vote even was taken. Carrboro Elementary was going to have six lead teachers address needs of students, he said. It was "inappropriate for teachers to choose, and the legislature should have made the decisions," Marshall said.

Sarah Stewart, president of the state Association of Educators, said teachers were forced to decide whether "they should use the money for their school kids or their own kids."

The state already fails to give enough back to its teachers, she said. Salaries have not been increased, and health benefits have been decreasing, Stewart said.

Stewart said the fact that some teachers supported the lead teacher plan instead of a bonus showed their dedication to the profession.

"Half the people in the district were willing to give up the bonus," she said.

At the end of last year, some teachers had been selected for the lead teacher plan and were excited about the program's prospects, Stewart said.

"People wanted to refuse to vote," she said.

The results have caused friction among teachers, and morale is low, she said. Stewart said she is not willing to give up on the lead teacher program and that she currently is trying to find another funding source for the program.

"There is some place to go (for funding)," she said.



Tongue-in-cheek humor

Tonya King, a junior from Morganton, uses her tongue to illustrate a joke for "America's Funniest People" in the Pit Friday afternoon. Clips from the taping will air this season.

**Spiritual leader discusses purpose of man, basic tenets of Islamic religion**

By Michael Workman  
Staff Writer

Man's purpose is to discover what Allah wants from mankind and to do his will, the spiritual leader of the Durham Islamic Center told students Thursday night.

In his lecture "Introduction to Islam," Iman Talib Abdullah said the word "Islam" means submission to the will of Allah. Allah is the only god recognized by Muslims, people who practice Islam.

"Allah is Lord, Creator," he said,

"He is sender of life and taker of life. He causes all causes. Nothing can happen without His knowledge."

Part of doing the will of Allah is upholding the five pillars of Islam, Abdullah said.

The first pillar states that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, he said.

The second pillar requires salat, or prayer, five times a day. Muslims must pray at dawn, about noon, dusk, sundown and night.

The fasting of Ramadan, which takes place during September, is the third

pillar. Muslims cannot eat, drink or converse with members of the opposite sex from dawn to sunset during this period. Ramadan lasts one lunar month.

The fourth pillar is Zakat, which is the giving of money to the Islamic religion. Muslims are expected to give 2.2 percent of the money they have saved over the year.

The fifth and final pillar is the Hajj, or pilgrimage. Muslims should make a pilgrimage to Mecca when their resources and health permit it. Mecca is the place where the prophet Muhammad

founded the religion of Islam.

Muslims also follow principles other than the five pillars, Abdullah said. They have other beliefs "in their hearts" that are important tenets of Islam, such as the belief in a life after death, he said.

"Surely we are Allah's, and surely we are going to return to Him," he said.

Muslims recognize many aspects of Christianity and Judaism, Abdullah said.

They believe that biblical characters such as Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Job were prophets of Allah, he said. But Muslims do not believe that Jesus

was the son of Allah, because no other being can share a common spirit with Allah.

Islam's wide appeal ensures its survival, Abdullah said.

"There is no major Islamic power today, but people are still coming into Islam, becoming Muslim," he said.

Abdullah said he became interested in Islam while he was a student at Iowa State University in 1974. In Islam, he saw a religion that is not based on race or nationality. "The only consideration would be my actions," he said.

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