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HIV-positive partners neglect responsibility

Many North Carolinians who test positive for the HIV virus do not inform their sexual and needle-sharing partners in spite of a state law requiring such notification, according to a recent study by UNC researchers.

The study, published in the Jan. 9 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, surveyed individuals who tested HIV-positive in Durham, Mecklenburg and Wake counties.

N.C. law requires people infected with the HIV virus to notify their sexual or needle-sharing partners either personally or through the public health department.

Violation of this law results in a fine, a prison term or both.

The study divided the patients with HIV into two groups.

Members of the first group were trusted to notify their partners personally.

Publichealth department counselors notified partners of those infected in the second group.

Researchers determined that 50 percent of the partners were notified by the health department officials compared to the 7 percent who were notified by the individual patients.

The low rate of effectiveness in the health department is based on the inability of officials to locate all of the partners.

Columnist Kilpatrick's speech to benefit kids

James J. Kilpatrick, a nationally syndicated columnist, will speak on behalf of UNC Hospitals' Program on Childhood Trauma and Maltreatment at the Omni Europa Hotel on April 23.

Kilpatrick, author of "The Sovereign States" and "The Writer's Art," will discuss "The Beauty and Power of the English Language" at a dinner for about 500 people. Tickets are \$100 per person.

The columnist's appearance is part of a fund-raiser for the statewide program that provides support and treatment for children who are victims of sexual abuse, psychological trauma and other maltreatment.

The dinner program is sponsored by UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Cancer researchers request volunteers

As part of an international, multi-center effort, researchers at UNC's School of Medicine are studying a new therapy that may be added to the list of cancer-fighting treatments.

The researchers involved in the study are recruiting patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a malignant form of cancer, and patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, the most common adult form of the disease.

Patients in the advanced stages of these diseases, or those who fail to achieve a complete remission from either chemotherapy or radiation treatment, have a life expectancy of a few months.

Researchers are trying to prolong these individuals' lives by developing new cancer-fighting therapies.

The new therapy consists of injections of an antibody that attaches itself to the antigen found on the exterior of most cancerous cells in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and lymphocytic leukemia patients and kills the cancerous cell.

To be eligible to participate in the study, patients must be 18 years of age or older and must have undergone chemotherapy or radiation therapy without achieving remission.

Persons interested in taking part in the study should call Dr. Howard Ozer, professor of medicine and chief of the division of oncology, at 966-4431.

Botanical garden offers natural winter wonders

The N.C. Botanical Garden has several programs in its schedule aimed at plant life during the winter months.

Jim Ward, garden curator, will lead an indoor/outdoor workshop titled "Winter Botany."

The workshop will provide basic information for identifying native plants and their beauty in winter. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 25.

Participants will be given a chance to take a closer look at nature during the winter.

Hot chocolate will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring twigs from plants on their property to be identified.

"Residential Landscape Gardening," a five-day workshop on planning, installing and maintaining the home landscape, is scheduled for Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Feb. 1.

The workshop is a repeat of earlier sessions conducted by former garden staff person and local landscaper Al Cooke.

Topics include site analysis and planning, soil preparation, selection of appropriate plants, installation and long-term maintenance.

The program will include a field trip to make observations of plants in the managed landscape.

Winter garden hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NAACP head plans to meet with Hardin

By Michael Workman Staff Writer

The local NAACP chapter president said he plans to take Chancellor Paul Hardin up on an offer to meet and discuss University policies regarding minorities.

James Brittan, Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP president, said a Dec. 19 letter from Hardin proposed that the two officials arrange a meeting.

In the letter, Hardin wrote, "The Division of Human Resources, as well as

other members of my administration who have responsibility for issues related to workplace equity and environment, remain willing to meet with you to discuss further any of these issues."

Hardin was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Brittan said, "I'm going to take them up on this offer. I intend to call him and set up an appointment next week to discuss a variety of issues."

Hardin and Brittan have established an extensive written correspondence with each other, sending at least five

letters to each other since October.

Brittan's recent letter from the chancellor was in response to Dec. 2 and Dec. 4 letters from Brittan accusing Hardin of mishandling University employment discrimination cases.

In his recent letter, Hardin said he had confidence in the University's discrimination prevention programs.

"The established structures and processes for dealing with equity in the workplace and for creating a positive working environment within the University have my full support," the letter

states.

Hardin called the programs "comprehensive", but Brittan said he thought the programs were only designed for supervisors.

"From what I've seen, there is no comprehensive training program," Brittan said.

"They are saying (comprehensive programs) are in place, but we want to know how they are being implemented," he continued.

"Employees are still being harassed in regards to grievances."

Brittan said he was pleased to have a chance to meet with University officials.

"What we have requested is that he ... instruct the Division of Human Resources to cooperate fully with us, whereby we may be able to sit down and ... if there are some processes in place that we don't know about, then maybe they can show us what they are and how they are being implemented," he said.

Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources, could not be reached for comment.

Student finds own way to silver screen

By Mary Moore Parham Staff Writer

John Ward's film, "Go West," is perhaps the film equivalent to the a.p.l.e.s. program.

It was during a summer internship in Chicago that Ward, a senior advertising major from Wilmington, got the idea to write, direct and star in a romantic comedy about facing the responsibilities of life after graduation.

"I was thinking about my senior year ahead of me and thought that a film would be a great opportunity to test out the field and learn about directing at a low cost to the University," he said. "That's what a university setting is all about.

"Film classes are good, but there is little access to equipment or chance for practical application because the projects are often small," Ward said. "We felt the classroom could only take us so far, and that the real learning experience would have to be on location."

With the idea of pioneering an outlet for student filmmakers at the University, Ward teamed up with producer Christy Hardison, a senior public relations major also from Wilmington, and placed an advertisement in The Daily Tar Heel announcing auditions for cast and extras. Soon after, an ad asking "Hey baby, wanna crew?" appeared to recruit a crew.

"What we found was that we got a melting pot of people," Hardison said. "There were people from all walks of life — athletes, North Campus, South Campus, Greeks — every single college dividing line you could imagine."

With a membership in the Screen Actor's Guild and the experience of acting or appearing in 12 feature films including "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Dream a Little Dream" and "Sleeping With the Enemy," Ward is no stranger to life behind the camera.



UNC senior John Ward uses video equipment to direct "Go West," a 45-minute film

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He was, however, a stranger to the camera itself and also had to place an advertisement for a cinematographer. Scott Lansing, a junior radio, television and motion picture major from Vienna, Va., answered.

"Scott called me, a total stranger, and began to throw out all this technical stuff. I had no idea what he was saying but I had heard some of the words before so I said 'OK,'" Ward said.

What followed was an exercise in trust and communication.

"At the beginning, we had a hard time trusting each other," Ward said. "Scott probably thought, 'Yeah, well you've done a couple of movies, but you don't know the first thing about equipment,' and I wasn't totally sure of

his capabilities." It was during a four-day shoot in Wilmington over Fall Break when Lansing lived in Ward's home that the two were forced to work together, one picking up where the expertise of the other left off.

Together the two have been able to turn Ward's screenplay into a 45-minute piece shot film-style, as opposed to TV-style, using only video equipment — unusual for this type of project.

Most soap operas and sitcoms are filmed TV-style, meaning that they are set inside and usually in the same location. In addition, they are shot at only one angle and in even lighting, Ward said.

"In contrast, one scene in 'Go West'

might be filmed at 12 to 15 different angles and in various settings," he said.

Producer Hardison has proved to be the persuasive force behind the cast and crew, obtaining permission to film segments in Wilmington, Chapel Hill, Raleigh and a Mobil gas station halfway between the towns on N.C. 54.

Most recently, the cast filmed a scene in the Dean E. Smith Center. When a technical problem stopped the filming, both cast and crew got to shoot baskets with one of the security guards.

None of the cast or crew is getting paid for their work, including fellow

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Classes still available, but students must compromise

By Deborah Ann Greenwood Staff Writer

Frustrated students who still have not finalized their schedules may find it difficult, but not impossible, to pick up classes they need, University officials said Wednesday.

"A little bit of everything is still absolutely available," University Registrar David Lanier said. "There are even still a lot of chem labs, and a variety of psychology and philosophy classes."

Betsy Taylor, student services manager for the College of Arts and Sciences, said officials in her department have been helping between 200 and 300

students a day find classes.

Most of the course sections still open aren't appealing to students, she said.

"The courses I have found available are not the classes our students are looking to fulfill," Taylor said. "We had a terrible time filling upper-level languages, although a lot of lower-level classes are still open."

The number of students coming in for help has increased from last semester, she added.

This is the result of smaller sections in lower-level classes being offered this spring.

"It's been worse than I can ever remember," Taylor said. "In the fall there were more large sections in classes like

Econ 10, the political sciences or History 18. Now there aren't many large sections — and they all seem to meet at the same times."

Last semester the Registrar's Office printed a list of all sections still available in undergraduate and graduate courses.

But Lanier said because few students took advantage of the lists, they were not posted this semester.

"We didn't see it as all that successful. We had one posted in the Student Union and one in the hall here," he said. "We watched it, and no more than 220 students came by."

The list was used sparingly because the openings in classes change by the

second, he explained. "The problem is that if we produce a list today, it is outdated as soon as we print it."

Taylor said a computer-updated list would help, but only if students were willing to accept alternatives to the classes they wanted.

"I am less willing to help students that aren't willing to take what is available," Taylor said.

Lanier agreed that students with incomplete schedules should consider available alternatives.

"Many students won't consider the other classes," he said. "They have the subject they want, the time they want and they don't want to hear about anything else."

The University offers many courses students could take to fulfill perspectives, but students will have to keep an open mind, he said.

"We are a University and so we offer the diversity, but unfortunately many students don't want to diversify."

Taylor said competition for places in course sections was strong, and only one course had been added that was not listed in the course directory.

"I understand that departments are restricting enrollment to majors," she explained.

"For example, speech, economics and RTVMP. And the only course added is a way upper-level speech communications class for speech majors."

Parking deck construction delays hurt downtown businesses, merchants claim

By Chris Goodson Staff Writer

The new Rosemary Street parking deck is being built to ease downtown Chapel Hill's parking woes, but several downtown business owners believe the problems created by construction outweigh the potential benefits.

Sam Petrides, owner of Franklin Street Sporting Goods, said since construction began last fall his retail sales have dropped 35 percent.

"Business is not good on Franklin Street," he said.

Franklin Street Sporting Goods experienced an especially difficult Christmas season because regular customers said they would not be able to shop there due to the lack of parking, Petrides said.

"My customers said they weren't coming," he said.

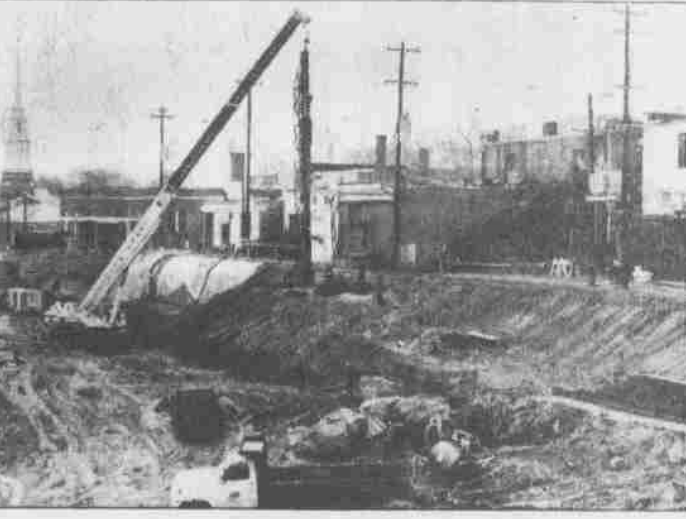
Chapel Hill Engineering Supervisor Larry Tucker said construction began on the East Rosemary Street facility in early September and is now three weeks behind schedule. The deck will create 315 new parking spaces.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said construction should be completed by the end of this year.

But Petrides said the town should have started construction earlier.

"They should have started in June," he said. "They didn't."

Franklin Street Sporting Goods is moving from its present location at 169 E. Franklin St. to Timberlyne Shopping



Rosemary Street parking deck scheduled for completion by end of year

Center mainly because of the drop in business, Petrides said.

The benefit of the new parking deck will not come in time to make up for the parking problems caused by its construction, Petrides said.

He added that he expected setbacks in construction to delay completion of the deck for as long as two years.

While Franklin Street Sporting Goods can move, other downtown businesses may not survive until the parking deck is completed, Petrides said.

Ted Nelson, manager of Barrel of

Fun, a Franklin Street video arcade, said the lack of available parking for the downtown area has caused a 20 percent to 25 percent drop in his business.

"If you can't get people downtown, you can't do business," he said.

The parking deck may not even solve the problems when it is completed, he said. By that time the need for downtown parking may be too great, Nelson said.

"If it was ready today, I'd say fine,"

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Chapel Hill teens search for place to skateboard, hang out

By Carol Davis Staff Writer

A recent decision by the University Board of Trustees banning skateboarding on campus coupled with the lack of approved skateboarding facilities in Chapel Hill has left local teenagers searching for a place to shred.

The Dec. 13 decision was made to protect campus property after staff members reported damage and vandalism attributed to skateboarders.

Jeff DeGraffenreid, a recent graduate of Chapel Hill High School, said teenagers usually hang out at the teen center and at Cat's Cradle. But there are few places for skateboarding in Chapel Hill, he said.

"You can find skateboarders in the parking lot above Cat's Cradle," DeGraffenreid said. "There used to be a place called the 'bowl' behind University Mall. Before, there were lots of places for skateboarding, but they cut out a lot of places when they started constructing all those new buildings downtown. In fact, the nearest place for skateboarding is in Durham."

Mike Loveman, director of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, said a proposal was made three years ago to build a skateboard ramp in Southern Community Park.

But because the liability insurance would be too expensive, the proposal was abandoned, Loveman said.

"The town would have to purchase \$1 million worth of liability insurance

to cover any accidents," he said. "The insurance would have cost the town \$50,000 a year. The town would also have to absorb the cost for all accidents estimated at \$25,000 or more."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson said the town had no plans to construct a skateboarding center.

"Our basic position is that we would not provide any kind of skateboarding facilities because of liability issues," he said. "There is a teen center that is located in the basement of the Chapel Hill Post Office downtown."

The town occasionally provides funds for the center, which creates programs for junior high and high school age groups, Wilkerson said.

Richard Kinney, director of the Carboro Parks and Recreation Department, said Carboro no longer planned to build a recreation center.

The Carboro Board of Aldermen had placed a \$2.15 million bond referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot for a center, but voters defeated it.

Dallas Myatt, manager of Chapel Hill's Community Center, said the center, which is run by the town's parks and recreation department, tried to offer teens many diverse activities.

"Athletics is a major part of (the center's program)," he said. "There are more than a hundred activities geared toward teens here at the community center. During the teen years, however, socializing with friends takes precedence over other activities."