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STATE BRIEFS

Redistricting plans may receive final OK today

The U.S. Justice Department might stamp its approval on the state's second effort to draw new congressional districts as early as today, the chairman of the state Senate Redistricting Committee said Thursday.

"We're hoping that we'll get an answer tomorrow," said N.C. Sen. Dennis Winner, D-Asheville, in a telephone interview Thursday.

The congressional plan, which has drawn criticism from Republicans for its odd-shaped boundaries, creates two districts with a black-majority concentration of voters.

Original redistricting proposals drawn by the General Assembly last summer — and rejected by the Justice Department in December — contained one district with a majority of black voters.

Third female graduate of UNC law school dies

Katherine Robinson Everett, the first woman to win a case before the N.C. Supreme Court and the third female graduate of the UNC School of Law in 1920, died Tuesday at her home in Durham. She was 98.

Everett spent more than 70 years in the legal profession and was the fourth N.C. woman to receive a license to practice law. In 1990, the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers said Everett was the nation's oldest practicing attorney.

Everett was born Sept. 11, 1893, in Fayetteville. She married Reuben Oscar Everett, a Durham attorney, in 1926 and served on the Durham City Council for 20 years starting in 1951.

Memorial services were held Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Durham, of which Everett had been a member since the 1920s.

Gardner kicks off race for governor's mansion

RALEIGH — Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner would like to pick up where Gov. Jim Martin will leave off.

Gardner began his gubernatorial campaign Thursday with the man he hopes to succeed, outgoing governor and fellow Republican Martin, by his side.

"It would be the first continuation of a Republican governorship in the history of North Carolina," Gardner told 150 people at Charlotte's airport.

Gardner said he wanted to follow Martin's work in areas such as education and crime. "Jim Martin has done incredible things in eight years."

Martin called Gardner a vital member of his administration. "If you want to keep moving forward, elect Jim Gardner," Martin, a two-term governor, said after speaking to a cheering crowd.

Gardner, who also ran for governor in 1968, faces a challenge from Ruby Hooper, deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, in the Republican primary. Democrats seeking their party's nomination include former Gov. Jim Hunt, Attorney General Lacy Thornburg and attorney Marcus Williams.

State appeals to tourists with national TV ads

RALEIGH — Competition for out-of-state tourists is tougher than ever, and that's one reason the state will begin its first national television advertisement campaign today.

Gov. Jim Martin will introduce five commercials highlighting various North Carolina scenes in hopes of enhancing the state's \$7 billion tourism industry.

"We felt very strongly that it was time to go beyond the state boundaries for television," said John Ketchum, operator of the advertising company chosen to handle the state's campaign.

The commercials will air for nine weeks, starting March 15, on several channels, including CNN, Travel Channel, Weather Channel, Discovery Channel and Nashville Network. The ads are expected to reach an estimated 230 million households.

"We think that the television commercials are going to set North Carolina apart," Ketchum said. "We have an incredible product to work with. The people have had an absolute ball traveling the state to shoot the commercials."

The ads target various audiences, including vacationers who take two weeks off in the summer, and regional tourists who take weekend vacations.

— Staff and wire reports

Medical school might require AIDS insurance

By J. Michael Bradley
Staff Writer

The threat of AIDS has spread to the nation's medical schools, and as a result, the University may require future medical students to buy insurance.

Stuart Bondurant, dean of the School of Medicine, said if the requirement is approved, students entering the medical school in 1993 would have to buy disability insurance to protect them if they are exposed to AIDS and other viral diseases.

The medical school is currently con-

sidering proposals that could cost students about \$50 to \$125 yearly, he said. Bondurant said an insurance requirement "would have to meet standards of reasonableness."

"We want to be sure there is such insurance available and (find out) how much it costs before we decide if it should be required," he said.

UNC, as a state school, is prohibited from purchasing insurance for its students, so students would be required to purchase their own, Bondurant said.

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Crime Stoppers offers reward for information about purse snatchings

By Dana Pope
Assistant City Editor

Orange County Crime Stoppers is offering an unspecified reward for the arrest of the person or persons responsible for five robberies and assaults that have occurred in western Chapel Hill since December.

The victim in each of the five incidents has been a female.

In three cases, the victim's purse was grabbed and the woman was physically assaulted. In the other two cases, the suspect or suspects grabbed the women's purses and ran away.

Police do not know if the same suspect is responsible for all of the assaults.

A police composite describes a suspect as a black man between the ages of 20 and 30, standing 5 feet to 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium to stocky build and a medium complexion.

Anyone with information concerning these cases should contact Orange County Crime Stoppers at (800) 851-7867. Callers will not have to identify themselves, and all information is confidential.

One of the cases concerns Linnea Smith, wife of UNC basketball head coach Dean Smith, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Smith was assaulted the night of Jan. 21 while heading to a class at the Lincoln Center at 750 S. Merritt Mill Road.

Journalism school poll to take pulse of community

By Brendan Smith
Staff Writer

University journalism students will let their fingers do the walking with a new telephone poll designed to help Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials learn more about residents' concerns.

Between March 21 and March 25, journalism students will poll 400 people in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Students will conduct anonymous five-minute interviews, questioning residents on local issues.

Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said he devised the Public Pulse poll to provide accurate public opinion data for the two towns. "It would be a public service on one hand and a good learning tool on the other hand."

The Public Pulse is the first poll conducted exclusively for Chapel Hill and Carrboro by the journalism school.

Journalism students will gain experience with polling techniques and will write stories based on the poll results, Cole said.

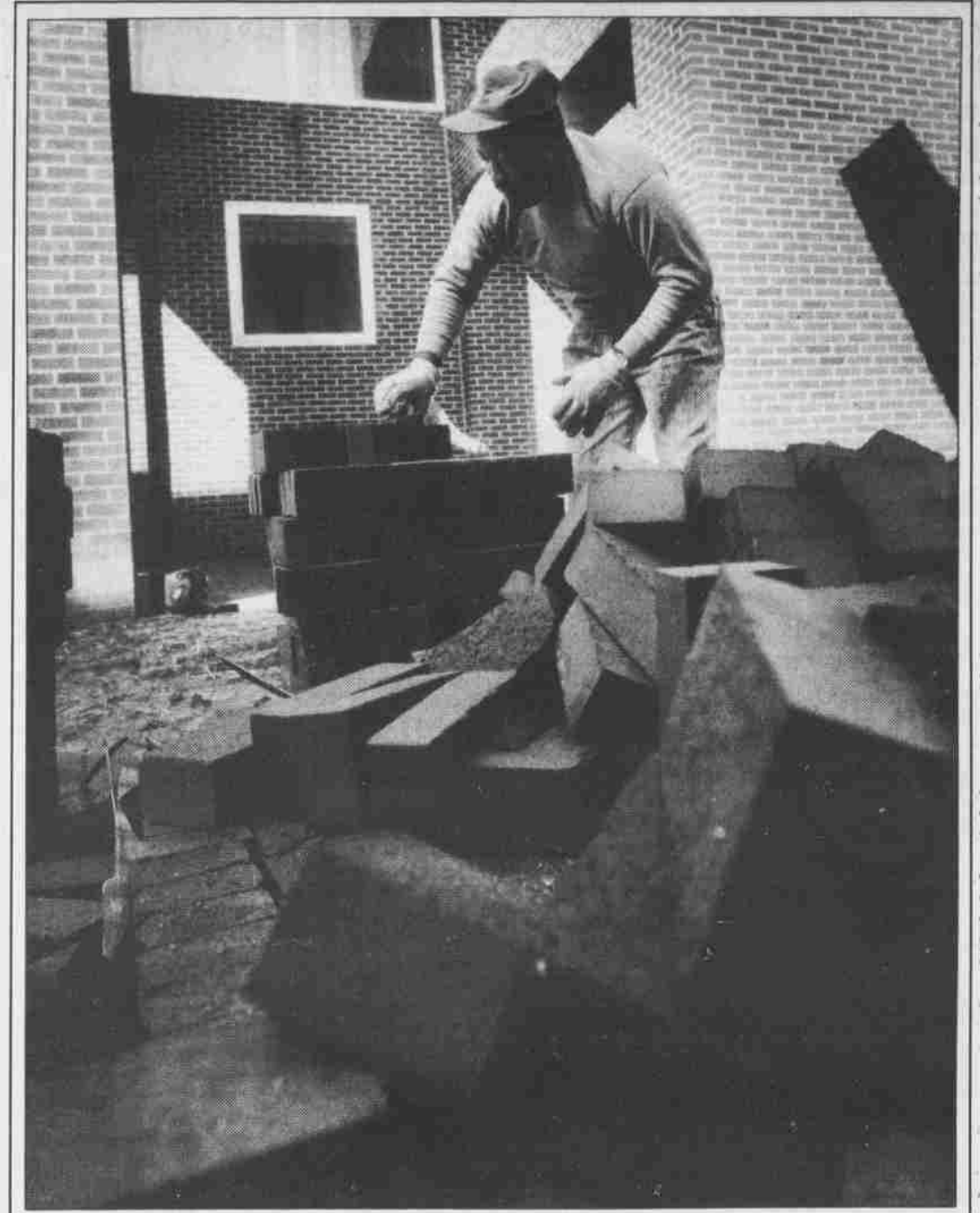
Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said at Monday's council meeting that he supported the project.

"It will be good for us finally to get an unbiased sample of various issues because certainly the people who come to us are the aggressive ones who have no fear of speaking in public on television, and it will certainly be a good experience for the UNC journalism students," Capowski said.

The council voted unanimously to accept the resolution approving the poll, but council member Julie Andresen expressed concern about the poll's question topics.

She said she wanted the town manager to have veto power over the content of poll questions because inappropriate questions might offend residents. "A badly crafted question could reflect badly on the council," she said.

Journalism Professor Donald Shaw told the council that the poll was the journalism school's project and that any inappropriate questions would reflect negatively on the journalism school, not the council.



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And he huffed ...

Chapel Hill resident Ian George restacks a load of bricks between the Student Union and Davis Library. George has been working on this area for the past three weeks.

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"It's a school of journalism poll which we hoped would be of service to the city, not a joint poll," Shaw said.

Jan Elliott, associate professor of journalism and Cole's assistant, said the journalism school strongly opposed giving the council final review of the poll questions.

"We'd never get anywhere," she said. "There'd be too much debate about individual words."

The journalism school asked council members and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to suggest questions they

would like to see on the poll.

Cole also requested use of Chapel Hill's GTE exchange lines to reach Chapel Hill residents in Durham and Orange Counties.

Council member Joe Herzenberg asked if it would be possible to distinguish between the poll results for Chapel Hill and those for Carrboro.

Shaw said the journalism school would keep the two polls separate by obtaining specialized phone lists from

Southern Bell or by asking poll respondents if they were Chapel Hill or Carrboro residents.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen had similar concerns about the poll but did not vote on the issue this week.

Alderman Tom Gurganus said he did not like telephone polls because they were an invasion of privacy.

He does hope the poll will benefit the town, he said. "I'm sure it will be interesting to see the results."

Gurganus said he hoped the project would have some long-term benefits for Carrboro. "The poll would be useful as we see attitudes changing in response to new policies or programs."

Beverly Wiggins, associate director for research development at the Institute for Research in Social Science, said the sampling error on a poll of 400 residents would be 3 to 5 percent.

Cole said the journalism school wanted to make the poll an annual event so a data base could be built to study ongoing issues.

Construction 85 percent finished on alumni center

By Jenny McInnis
Staff Writer

Construction of the George Watts Hill Alumni Center is expected to be completed by graduation.

Ed Willis, director of construction administration, said the alumni center was approximately 85 percent finished. "There is a 50-50 chance it will be done by May," Willis said.

The alumni center will cover 65,000 square feet and will consist of two buildings, Willis said. One building will be an office wing, and the other will be called the Great Hall.

The office wing will contain offices for the General Alumni Association, Willis said. The Great Hall will feature a large auditorium and a kitchen, he said. It will be a meeting place for GAA members.

Doug Dibbert, alumni affairs direc-

tor, said a food service would be offered in the Great Hall, but he did not know who the vendor would be.

A faculty club also will be located in the Great Hall, Dibbert said. "This is something the University never has had," he said. "We are certainly pleased with the intention to nestle the building into the site and to provide a home for alumni."

Willis said several delays had hindered the center's completion.

"There have been rocks we didn't expect, bad weather and minor changes in floor plans," he said. "These delays are not altogether unexpected."

The center's construction cost is \$10.3 million, Willis said. "This cost doesn't include the design cost, furniture and other things."

The construction cost was close to exceeding its limit, but the builders have not needed more money, Willis said.

Same 3 pizza vendors picked for meal card

By Valerie Holbert
Staff Writer

Pizza shoppers will find no change next year in the vendors that accept meal card orders.

Gumby's Pizza, Pizza Hut and Domino's Pizza had their contracts renewed Tuesday with Marriott Corp., said Chris Derby, Carolina Dining Services director.

Six pizzerias applied to participate in the meal card plan, Derby said. Oliverio's Pizza, Chanello's Pizza and Pizza Transit Authority were not chosen to be part of the meal card service.

All applicants were evaluated by a committee of students, faculty and administrators on criteria such as taste, delivery experience and Food and Drug Administration requirements, Derby said.

"The most important factors were the taste test and that the companies demonstrate experience," he said.

Derby, who was responsible for making the final decision, said the kind of ingredients used and delivery rate per hour were also taken into consideration.

When the service first began, Domino's was the only restaurant to honor meal cards, he said. Gumby's and Pizza Hut were added in January 1990 when the service was opened for bids.

The contracts will last through December 1992, with an option to renew through the spring semester, he said.

Jeremy Foy, Gumby's manager, said he was pleased with the decision. "I'm really happy to be chosen again," Foy said. "It makes a big difference in business."

Oliverio's owner John Yardley said he wants to apply again in the future. "I was hoping to have the opportunity to serve UNC," he said. "I thought we had a good shot at it."

Yardley said he thought Oliverio's would be selected because it was picked by The News and Observer as the best-

tasting pizza in the area. "We're the best-tasting. We know our quality's there," he said.

While Derby said having three pizzerias has worked well so far and has proven to be a good mix, some students said they hoped to see more vendors.

"I don't think it should be limited to just three," said Suzanne White, a junior from Raleigh. "Having more restaurants would give students more variety to choose from."

Brenda Robbins, a sophomore from Clemmons, said she hoped different types of restaurants would honor meal cards.

"I think it should be opened up to places that serve other things besides pizza," Robbins said.

Derby said although there were no immediate plans to increase the number of restaurants, there was always a chance that things could change. "Never say never," he said.

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