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Brinkley to deliver Commencement address

Award-winning journalist chosen for his personal ties to University

By Deborah Ann Greenwood
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World-renowned journalist David Brinkley will speak to graduating seniors at Commencement this May. "David Brinkley embodies all of the criteria we felt were needed to provide the University and the class of 1992 with the Commencement speaker they deserve," said Mike Ferguson, senior class president.

Brinkley has won every major journalism award, including two prestigious George Foster Peabody Awards and 10 Emmys.

But Ferguson said Brinkley was chosen because of his personal ties to the University and his journalistic achievements.

"He has shown such a personal commitment to integrity and excellence throughout his career in journalism," Ferguson said.

"Plus, Mr. Brinkley has a personal stake in this University through his children and his own generosity and volunteer service."

Brinkley recently gave a \$30,000 gift to the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, which will establish an award of excellence for faculty members.

He is a member of the journalism school's Board of Visitors and the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame.

Brinkley's son Joel Brinkley, already a Pulitzer-prize winner, is a UNC gradu-

ate and works as an editor at the New York Times. His daughter Alexis Brinkley is a Spanish major in this year's graduating class.

Heather Summey, a senior class marshal, said although the subject of Brinkley's speech was unknown the broadcast journalist had promised to make it entertaining for the graduating seniors.

"I know that he really loves Carolina," Summey said. "He's told us that he is going to make it a really fun speech."

Brinkley began his writing career in high school with the Wilmington Morning Star and after service in the army, he worked for the United Press.

His first television broadcast was in

1943 for NBC News as White House correspondent, where he reported on every president since Franklin Roosevelt.

He also has anchored such shows as "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" and "This Week with David Brinkley" on ABC, along with numerous prime-time specials.

Summey added that Brinkley had been the marshals' first choice.

"We are very excited, but mostly we are just glad that we got it done so early," Summey said. "In fact, we had it all wrapped up by the end of September."

The senior class kept the speaker's name secret because it had been customary to wait until spring.

"It's traditional to time the release of the name with the class gift push," Summey said. "It's because the seniors are more geared towards graduation in the spring."

Tim Taylor, a senior class marshal, said class officials decided to choose Brinkley instead of a political figure because they didn't want the Commencement address to be politically charged.

"This being an election year we felt that a political figure might have some slant to his or her speech, and we wanted to avoid that," Taylor said.

"Brinkley is just as big, or even more well-known and respected, in all circles."



David Brinkley

Court reconsiders lawsuit, will hear case against Bibbs

By Jennifer Talhelm
Staff Writer

The Student Supreme Court decided at a pretrial hearing Saturday that it would hear a lawsuit filed against Chief Justice Mark Bibbs despite dropping the same lawsuit a week ago.

The suit, filed by law student Bradley Torgan, argues that Bibbs must resign from the Student Supreme Court because of his candidacy for student body president.

The court originally dropped the suit because members said it was out of their jurisdiction. But that decision was nullified because one justice had not been notified about the lawsuit, said Ele Stokes, acting chief justice.

"It was invalidated because we decided it was not proper to make a movement without (Justice Jaye Sitton) being in attendance," Stokes said. "Basically, we've started over from square one."

Stokes, Sitton and Malcolm Turner, the three justices present Saturday, decided not to discuss whether the court had jurisdiction until all members could be present at a trial. The court will convene at 3:30 p.m. today in the Di Phi Chambers of New West to determine whether it has original jurisdiction in the case. If so, the trial will commence.

Stokes said the pretrial hearing ironed out some of the case's important details.

Torgan, who originally listed Student Congress along with Bibbs as a co-defendant, dropped the charges against congress.

He said he amended his lawsuit because members of the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee took action against Bibbs by passing a resolution asking him to resign.

"The Rules and Judiciary Committee did what I wanted them to do, so there's no point," Torgan said. "The case is now Torgan vs. Bibbs."

Stokes appointed Wayne Goodwin to act as emergency justice to fill the vacancy left by Bibbs.

Goodwin, a third-year law student,

was chosen from a pool of emergency justices appointed in September by Student Body President Matt Heyd. Emergency justices are chosen on a seniority basis to substitute when a regular justice cannot act.

Torgan, who originally accused the Supreme Court of acting unprofessionally, said Saturday that he was pleased with the actions of the court since the first pretrial meeting.

"Everything is correct as far as I know," he said. "I think Mark would say so, too. Acting Chief Justice Stokes has been really good."

But Bibbs did not agree. "I think this whole thing is a big waste of time," he said.

Bibbs said the court did not have jurisdiction to hear this case.

"He has no standing," he said. "He's asking the court to do something they clearly don't have the power to do."

The court can handle only those cases involving legislative and executive branch actions, not judicial matters, Bibbs said.

Torgan countered Bibbs' claim in a nine-page legal brief for the trial. He said that Bibbs' action could be treated as a violation of the Student Government Code, which in turn would be an action for which the court could take action.

Bibbs said he didn't think the court had ever dropped a case and then brought it up again. "I'm just as confused as anyone else is," he said. "As far as I was concerned last Monday the case was over."

Stokes said the court could discuss jurisdiction of a case at any time. But failure to notify a justice about last week's meeting provided a sufficient reason to open the case again, she said. "Because Jaye was not at the meeting, her insights may have influenced the court."

Torgan has the burden of proof to convince court members that they should hear the case, Stokes said.

Torgan said he would prove both that the court had jurisdiction and that he had the standing to sue.



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Let's go THIS way

Valerie Blackwelder, a sophomore speech communication and history major from Concord, walks with her dog Muggsee on Franklin Street Friday afternoon. Muggsee

was one of at least six dogs that took owners for strolls down Chapel Hill's main street at that time, and this pair enjoyed the pleasant January weather before heading home.

Ehringhaus floor converted for wellness program

By Chandra McLean
Staff Writer

Housing department officials have designated the second floor of Ehringhaus Residence Hall as "Living Well" program, but some residents say they are unhappy about the change.

The program, spearheaded by Ehringhaus Area Director Kris Brockmann, will take effect next year. It will promote better health and well-being for students and will be free from alcohol and other substances.

"The problem is that no one knows what wellness means — it's not ill-

ness," Brockmann said. "Wellness focuses on six areas: emotional, social, physical, spiritual, intellectual and occupational."

Wellness is a priority for college students because most are probably unhealthy from life in a stressful environment, she said.

Residents will have to leave second-floor rooms if they choose not to participate in the program, Brockmann said.

Many students said the program was sprung upon them by the Department of University Housing at the last minute.

Freshman Elliot Andrews, Ehringhaus second-floor vice president,

said the program was a good idea for offering a greater variety of on-campus housing. But the program's implementation is wrong, he said.

"We're not able to give any input, and logical steps need to be made when change comes about," Andrews said. "I will not participate in the program."

Brandon Hill, a second-floor Ehringhaus resident, said he did not think the program would be worthwhile since it would be placed in an established residence hall.

"We weren't even consulted about it," Hill said. "The first notice we got was yesterday."

Sheiry Ghobrial, a second-floor Ehringhaus resident assistant, said that change always hurt but that it didn't necessarily have to be negative.

"If you think about the program realistically, you will realize how beneficial it is for the floor, the residence hall, the whole campus and ultimately the future students of Carolina," Ghobrial said.

Anne Presnell, assistant director of housing for special programs, said she thought the students' reception of the program was perfectly understandable.

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Town council to hear public opinion about cable television service at meeting tonight

By Kelly Ryan
Staff Writer

Cable television viewers will have the opportunity to tell Chapel Hill Town Council what they think about local cable service during tonight's public hearing at town hall.

The hearing is important because it gives residents the opportunity to determine what the community expects from a cable company, Town Manager Cal Horton said.

"It gives the public the opportunity to assess the service they have been receiving and to recommend any changes," Horton said.

Information gathered at the public hearing will be given to an advisory board established to evaluate Carolina Cable, the company that has provided Chapel Hill with cable service for the last 15 years.

The committee includes twelve residents and council member Roosevelt Wilkerson.

Wilkerson said he was the only council member who expressed an interest in the committee because it entailed a three-year commitment.

Committee members will go beyond concerns expressed at the public hearing and look at problems of quality, cost and variety, he said. "We're looking at an overall evaluation."

Marcia Decker, a committee member who has lived in Chapel Hill for 19 years, said she joined the committee because she was interested in cable television production and was a cable customer.

Decker holds a master's degree in radio, television and motion pictures.

Her biggest complaints as a consumer are the cable company's unresponsive answering service and the fre-

quent problems with signal clarity on cable-only stations, she said.

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Two-year Chapel Hill resident Brian Chevront said he was interested in the

committee because he wanted to provide the community with a service.

His experiences researching cable television and subscribing to cable will give him the necessary insight to look at cable problems objectively, he said.

"I don't have any bones to pick with Carolina Cable," Chevront said. "I think I can understand the problems

from both sides."

Fifteen years ago, the town's cable franchise was granted to Village Cable, which transferred its ownership to Carolina Cable. Carolina Cable may be sold to American Television and Communication Corp., according to the town manager's office.

Harry Peterson of Carolina Cable refused to comment about whether the company would be sold.

Student Television station manager Beth Bache said the possible selling of Carolina Cable would only affect the student station if the new owners didn't provide a public access channel.

"The only way it would affect us is if they got rid of their public access channel," Bache said. "As far as I know, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) doesn't require they have one."

Apartment manager Julia Brooks said she never had experienced trouble with

Carolina Cable and had not heard complaints from her tenants.

"I've never had any problems with them," Brooks said. "They've always been prompt to come (when customers needed service)."

But Laura Condie, who manages a different apartment complex, said she found the customer service slow.

Condie is always put on hold when she calls, and her calls often are forgotten, she said. "They're not quick to get out here when people put in orders."

The Cable Television Advisory Committee was appointed Jan. 27 with the goal of keeping Horton abreast of residents' praises and complaints concerning cable service and future cable interests.

The process is in accord with a 1984 Cable Communications Policy Act which gives towns the power to review cable operator performance.

I only live for today, but I'm one day behind. — The Outfield