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UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Time Out, Baby! Vitale to autograph books

He's a FTPer and a member of the all-airport team but he's certainly no diaper-dandy — yes, that's right, he's Dick Vitale.

Vitale, an ESPN basketball commentator and a former collegiate head coach, will autograph his new book, "Time Out, Baby!," at the Bull's Head Bookshop Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Vitale is in town to cover Wednesday night's Duke-UNC confrontation.

"Time Out, Baby!," the inside scoop on college basketball from America's #1 hoops junkie, covers the 1990-1991 NCAA basketball season with his typically outspoken, humorous viewpoint.

Students looking for a little dippy-doo dunk-a-roo will find the bookstore on the first floor of Student Stores.

Lenoir offers meal management seminar

Sometimes a good meal can help land a good job.

Carolina Dining Service and University Career Planning and Placement Services are offering an interview dinner workshop tonight from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lenoir North Dining Room.

The two-hour seminar will discuss pertinent questions including when to discuss the job, how to follow the host's lead while ordering and when to order an alcoholic beverage.

The cost of the workshop is \$15, including a five course meal. Reservations are required and space is limited.

Interested seniors should contact Mike Cook at 962-0200.

Phone book recycling saves 312 trees

Somewhere a forest is thanking University students.

Phone book recycling on campus tripled last semester, and as students collected about 18.4 tons of old directories, they saved 312 trees, said Recycling Coordinator Charles Button.

The recycling drive lasted throughout November. Button said his goal was to double last year's 6.5 ton collection.

The recycled books will be turned into construction materials. Students who missed the November drive should save their books for next year.

"Doctor of Comedy" looks for UNC patients

Bertice Berry, who was voted the 1991 National Association of Campus Activities Comedian of the Year, will appear at 9 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Great Hall.

A multi-talented woman, Berry was told by her high school counselor that she was not college material. However, she has gone on to become a doctoral graduate in sociology and former university professor with a wit, a comedienne who is scholarly, a lecturer with a comic edge and a comic with a serious message on stage.

She has been described as "the Doctor of Comedy" or the "Bill Cosby of Sociology." Berry keeps her audience howling with jokes that convey positive images about living happily together.

Through comedy, Berry shows that by laughing with each other, people also can learn to respect each other.

Professor honored for work in Persian Gulf

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has honored an adjunct professor for his work following the Persian Gulf War.

Dr. Tim Gerrity, acting chief of the clinical research branch of the Human Studies Division in the EPA's Health Effects Research Laboratory, was awarded a gold medal and certificate "in recognition of outstanding service in assessing the health and environmental impact of the Kuwaiti oil wells fires."

Gerrity was part of an American team sent to Kuwait March 10 to monitor air quality and to identify pollutants from the oil well fires that turned skies as black as night for nearly nine months.

The researcher returned April 1, but continued coordinating assessment of the fires' short- and long-term effects.

Researchers: Mayapple may combat cancer

A compound synthesized from a common herb by University pharmacists in 1988 appears promising for treating one or more forms of cancer.

Dr. Kuo-Hsiung Lee, Kenan professor of pharmacy, his associates and students derived the compound from a constituent of the mayapple, a flowering North American herb. The first human trials could come within a year.

GeneLabs Technologies, Inc. of Redwood City, Calif., bought rights to the compound and named it GL331. The company has received notice that their patent on GL331 is likely to be granted.

The drug has been tested successfully on cultured cancer cells in the laboratory, and studies in lab mice with cancer also have gone well, Lee said.

The compound seems to work by causing breaks in the DNA inside cancer cells and inhibiting an enzyme known as topoisomerase II, Lee said.

"This may be the key step leading to the death of cancer cells," he said.

— compiled by Teesha Holladay

Candidates discuss plans for dorm life

By Chandra McLean
Staff Writer

Charles Streeter and Jennifer Davis discussed their platform goals for improving University housing at a Residence Hall Association forum Monday night.

The RHA president candidates discussed several issues, including all-campus parties, improving residence halls and changing the visitation policy.

Davis said she was a member of the Housing Advisory Board Visitation Subcommittee, which was established to propose a reformed visitation policy.

"The visitation policy is being bro-



ken," she said. "A number of students think it's a way of imposing morals."

Davis said she wanted residents to set up roommate contracts prior to living with one another to decide how an individual visitation policy would be handled for their room.

Streeter said one of his goals was geared toward improving technology in residence halls.

"It's important for students to have



access to computers in residence halls," he said.

Streeter said his ideas for computers in residence halls are more geared toward North Campus. South Campus has three computer labs, and is about to

receive another, while Mid Campus and North Campus have none, he said.

When asked about Springfest, the candidates had different ideas.

Davis said she had been working to keep the campus event alive.

"I asked RHA for a sponsorship, and as hall senator, I remember going door-to-door begging for money for Springfest," she said.

Streeter said he wanted to establish an Alternative Sights Committee that would find other locations for events such as Springfest.

He said his campaign consisted of four components including continuing advancement in the areas of minority

issues and concerns within housing, the promotion of RHA and its goals, strengthening of current programs within RHA and commitment and dedication.

Davis said she wanted to focus her campaign on such topics as the maintenance of the RHA quiz file, accessible recycling and the continuation of the Racial Diversity Program.

Streeter was Craige area governor and executive assistant to Scott Peeler and Christy Pons, RHA co-presidents.

Davis was hall senator for Connor Residence Hall and chairwoman for the RHA Enhancement Committee.



Drawing on her talents

Erica Wood, a senior from Elizabeth City, sketches surrounding landscape Monday afternoon in McCorkle Place. Wood and the other students in her art class took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and came out of the classroom to work.

Lenoir faces capacity lunch crowds; quest for seating initiated by students



From noon until 1 p.m., Lenoir resembles a sardine can

By John Broadfoot
Staff Writer

Lately students have been seen walking around Lenoir Dining Hall with trays of food in hand, looking lost.

What they've lost, or rather what they haven't found, is a place to sit and eat lunch inside the dining hall between noon and 1 p.m.

Chris Derby, Carolina Dining Service director, summed up the limited seating capacity problem.

"It's a facility that hasn't been able to meet the demands of the student body," Derby said. "There are more customers than there are spaces for."

Denise Kearney, a freshman from Cheshire, Conn., said she did not enjoy trying to eat between noon and 1 p.m.

"I used to last semester, but I don't anymore," she said.

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Town, hospital hope to extinguish employees' habits with Smoke Stoppers

By Wendy Perrell
Staff Writer

The town of Chapel Hill and UNC Hospitals are hoping to snuff out their employees' smoking habits through a program beginning this month.

Smoke Stoppers, a class to help people kick the smoking habit, is being offered by the wellness programs of the town and UNC Hospitals.

Town wellness and safety coordinator Kim Ward said the five-week program would teach participants ways to

stop smoking and would educate them about medical risks of being a smoker.

Rich Helgans, employee recreation specialist for UNC Hospitals, said Smoke Stoppers was one of the most successful programs in the country for helping people quit smoking.

"We tried to find the best smoking cessation class we could," he said. "We looked at a lot of programs, and this one has the best success rate."

The program has a 95-percent success rate, Helgans said.

Those who finish the program and

start smoking again are allowed to participate in the program again at a reduced charge or at no charge at all, he said.

Ward said the program offered many alternative ways to stop smoking for different people.

"The theory is that what works for one person trying to quit smoking doesn't necessarily work for another," she said. "So they give you a lot of tactics to help you quit."

Drew Melvin, UNC Hospitals communications coordinator, said he was a

smoker who had participated in the Smoke Stoppers program once.

Melvin quit for six months and said he was returning to this month's classes because he started smoking again.

"I think the program is the best of any I've tried, and I've tried three or four different ones," he said.

Mutual support for participants in the program contributes to its success rate, Melvin said, adding that the support was what helped him give up smoking the first time.

Melvin said that group support con-

tinued after the program ended, and he explained that he began smoking again when he lost contact with his support group.

Melvin said he would recommend the classes to anyone who wanted to quit smoking.

Helgans said the class costs \$195 per person for the public, but a 10-percent discount is offered for senior citizens and hospital and town employees.

Ward said the class originally was

Cable viewers paint unfavorable picture of local TV service

By Chris Goodson
Staff Writer

Slow service, antiquated equipment and lack of concern for customer input were among complaints raised by Chapel Hill residents Monday night at a public hearing on Carolina Cable's performance.

Fred Abernathy, a Chapel Hill resident who also sells electronics, said many customers bought new televisions and video cassette recorders that were cable-ready and equipped with remotes, only to find that many of their modern features were incompatible with Carolina Cable's equipment.

"They hook it up to their cable system, and they are very disappointed," he said.

Greg Feller, assistant to the town manager, said Monday's meeting began a review of service provided by Carolina Cable, which presently supplied the town with cable service.

Council members and cable advisory board members listened to residents' concerns at the hearing. The newly formed board will decide whether to renew the town's cable TV franchise agreement with Carolina Cable.

The 15-year franchise expires in December 1994.

Abernathy said the descrambler boxes customers must rent to connect their televisions with cable often prevent viewers from using features on their electronic equipment.

While the boxes prevent unpaid use of premium channels, they don't allow customers to watch one channel and record another or to program video cassette recorders to tape shows on different channels without changing channels manually, he said.

"I don't think anybody loves the box," Abernathy said.

Miriam Smith said the remote control for her new television was rendered useless by the cable box.

"We were very disgusted," she said.

Reporting problems to Carolina Cable also can be difficult because it often is hard to contact company officials, Smith said.

"Other systems and cities do offer better service," she said.

Joe Elkins, a Chapel Hill cable viewer, said his biggest complaint against Carolina Cable involved service problems.

When town officials were constructing a gas line near his home, Carolina Cable officials could not be reached to show the location of their buried cable, Elkins said.

"I called several times," he said. "No one came."

The cable was cut during construction, and Carolina Cable officials were slow to bury the new line, Elkins said.

The new descrambler boxes are not much better than the old ones, he said.

"It still looks like it's raining a pretty good shower on most of the channels."

The new boxes were installed so Carolina Cable could charge higher rates, Elkins said.

"All they did was put in a box that let them charge a great deal more than they already did," he said. "It didn't help quality one bit."

Johnnie Southerland said that he had several problems with Carolina Cable and that he had not been treated well by the company when he called to complain.

"They were really pretty nasty," he said. "From my perspective, Carolina Cable's motto is 'The customer is always wrong.'"

Fast food fund-raiser to aid special athletes

By Carol Davis
Staff Writer

Fast food eaters can do more than satisfy their appetites when they stop by Hardee's Restaurants in North Carolina. They can help Special Olympians throughout the state.

Orange County Special Olympics will begin selling benefit bucks for \$1 a piece this week. N.C. Special Olympics development director Pete Curtis said Monday.

Benefit bucks are orange dollar bills printed by Hardee's Food Systems Inc. for distribution by the North Carolina Special Olympics fund-raisers, he said.

Wendy Trueblood, Orange County Special Olympics coordinator, said the benefit bucks could be used like cash at any area Hardee's. One benefit buck purchases a dollar's worth of food or drink, she said.

"Fifty cents of each dollar raised through benefit bucks is given to the local Special Olympics programs," Trueblood said. "The other fifty cents is sent to the North Carolina Special Olympics who, in turn, sends it to Hardee's to cover the program fees."

She said OCSO's goal was to sell 3,500 bucks during the program, which will last until April 15.

Curtis said that nearly \$40,000 a year was raised statewide through benefit bucks.

Benefit bucks is one of the annual fund-raising programs that N.C. Special Olympics conducts to benefit 98

local Special Olympics programs across the state, he said.

Trueblood explained that volunteers sold the bucks to people who ate at Hardee's. One buck then could be spent per purchase.

Trueblood said she hoped campus and community organizations would get involved in the program.

"I've sent information to all the University sororities and fraternities about the sale of benefit bucks," she said. "The fraternity or sorority that sold the most benefit bucks would receive not only a plaque, but a paid ad would be placed in The Daily Tar Heel thanking all the organizations that helped."

None of the Greek organizations Trueblood contacted have responded to her letter, she said. Trueblood said she also had contacted local clubs and school administrators in the area.

"Last year, Orange County Special Olympics raised over \$3,000 through benefit bucks sales," she said.

Money raised by the benefit bucks program and other Special Olympics fund-raisers are used to pay for Special Olympic athletes' participation in state, national and international level programs, she said.

"Funding is always needed for such excursions," Trueblood said. "The Orange County Special Olympics receives no budget. All funding is acquired through donations, fund-raisers and grants."

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