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NEWS BRIEFS

Public library ground breaking set for Saturday

The ground breaking ceremony for new Chapel Hill Public Library will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Pritchard Park site on Estes Drive.

The town council awarded construction bids last month for the approximately \$5 million project.

The 27,000-square-foot library is expected to be completed in 1994 and will provide expanded book collection, 125 parking spaces and a 120-seat meeting room.

Town officials hope to expand the 35-acre park by building pedestrian trails, picnic areas and a Nature Interpretive Center.

Funding for the project comes from \$4 million in bonds approved in 1986, a \$62,000 Library Service and Construction Act grant for library automation and about \$1 million in donations.

Council hears sister city presentations

Chapel Hill resident Dirk Spruyt and Chapel Hill Town Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson made a presentation Monday night to the council about their trip to Saratov, Russia, which is the town's proposed sister city.

Spruyt and Wilkerson visited Saratov in May along with Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird. During the visit, Kinnaird, Wilkerson and the chair of the Saratov city council signed a protocol of intent. Wilkerson signed for Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun.

The delegation from Chapel Hill-Carrboro also presented the Chapel Hill flag, the N.C. flag, and the American flag to their hosts in Saratov.

The American flag presented to the Saratov council flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington on the day of the attempted coup last August in the Soviet Union, Spruyt said.

In return, the Saratov delegation gave their city's flag to their visitors from America.

Spruyt said the delegation wanted a Russian flag, but the flags are few in number following the dismantling of the Soviet Union.

But the chairman of the Saratov council stopped on his way to Spruyt's farewell dinner and took down the only Russian flag that was in the council chamber.

"The only flags flying in the chamber now are the American flag, the North Carolina flag and the Chapel Hill flag," he said.

Medical school opens new research facilities

Two new facilities for direct disease-related research recently opened at the UNC School of Medicine.

Start-up funding for the facilities, located at the Faculty Laboratory Office Building, was provided by the N.C. Biotechnology Center.

In one facility, operated by the Thurston Arthritis Research Center, investigators can submit samples of DNA, the genetic material found in all cells, for automated sequencing. Two machines perform work that previously would have taken the efforts of several trained investigators.

The second new facility, which also received funding from Glaxo Inc., will create mouse models of various diseases. The use of mice will allow researchers to study what occurs in patients whose genes are altered.

Doctors test ovarian cancer treatments

Doctors at UNC Hospitals are testing new therapies that could change the way ovarian cancer is treated.

One study is the first ever to combine chemotherapy with the drug interferon as a first-line therapy for ovarian cancer.

Other work with an experimental drug is designed to reduce nerve damage associated with some treatment of the cancer.

The tests are part of a multipronged attack on ovarian cancer at UNC Hospitals, which treats 40 to 45 women with ovarian cancer each year.

Pendergraph appointed Chapel Hill police chief

Drug war, improving technology his top priorities

By Peter Wallsten
Editor

Chapel Hill's new police chief says he wants his department to fight an aggressive war on drugs in the local community, with special emphasis on crime-plagued areas near the Carrboro town line.

"We are going to continue what we consider to be a serious push to move the open-air drug market out of the area by the joint city limits," said Ralph Pendergraph, who was appointed by Town Manager Cal Horton Monday.

The police department will target the area through walking beats, bikes, K-9 units and normal patrolling practices, Pendergraph said. "We're just going to keep the pressure on them."

Most of the crimes committed in Chapel Hill, including burglaries, assaults and purse snatchings, result in some way from local abuse of crack-cocaine, Pendergraph said. "Everything goes back to the drug market," he said. "I think you've got a fairly significant structural base that supports this."

Pendergraph, who applied for the job only several weeks ago after encouragement from Horton, said he decided at the last minute to apply after having

extra time to resolve some personal reservations.

"I had a chance to consider some of the issues," said Pendergraph, who served five months as interim chief following the resignation of Arnold Gold. "Most of them were just personal issues that I found would not be problems."

Pendergraph's salary will be \$51,557 a year.

The 48-year-old Orange County native said he felt slightly overwhelmed by the position. "I wish I could say I was excited, but I'm a little awed by the responsibility," he said.

Horton said he asked Pendergraph numerous times throughout the process to apply for the job to strengthen the pool of applicants. Orange County Sheriff's Department Maj. Don Truelove and Chapel Hill Police Capt. Gregg Jarvies were the two other finalists.

Pendergraph said he wasn't expecting Horton to request his application at the last minute. "It was sort of a surprise," said Pendergraph, who joined the Chapel Hill Police Department in 1973 and had served as patrol officer, crime prevention officer, training officer, administrative officer, patrol captain and, most recently, support services captain.

Horton said he was pleased to be able to hire a native of the area. "Chief Pendergraph has lived in this community for a long time, knows the area and is well-respected," he said. "He also has a value system that is consistent with this community."

Pendergraph's main administrative priority will be computerizing the department, which, he said, was "a little bit behind the times."

"We have no computers," he said. "For in-house records, we have to pull hard copies. We need to take a realistic look at what we need to get and what we hope to get."

Horton said he hoped the town would devote enough resources to upgrade the police department's technology. "It's my hope that with the right kind of leadership in the department, we'll be able to take the best advantage of the revenues and people we have."

Before joining the Chapel Hill police, Pendergraph served in the U.S. Navy. He also has volunteered as vice chairman of the board for the Orange-Durham Coalition for Battered Women in 1989. In 1990, he received the Pauli Murray Human Rights Award from the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

University may host 'front porch chat' with major candidates

By Anna Griffin
Associate Editor

As the November elections draw closer, University officials say they will know within several weeks whether UNC will play host to a meeting between the three major presidential candidates.

Officials from the Bicentennial Observance Office, hoping to draw attention to the Bicentennial campaign, are trying to organize a discussion between George Bush, Bill Clinton and H. Ross Perot.

Unlike a normal debate, the "front porch chat," as University officials have dubbed it, would consist of each of the three candidates being interviewed by Southern scholars. The centerpiece of the program would be a half-hour documentary on the South's role in presidential politics.

The event, which would be aired on national television, would focus on the candidates' perspectives on the South and would serve as a preview to an upcoming television mini-series on the region, said Steven Tepper, associate general secretary of the Bicentennial Observance Office.

"This is an especially interesting year because all the candidates claim to have some southern roots," Tepper said. "It makes this idea more intriguing, more important than ever."

Tepper said University officials were in the process of contacting the three campaigns. Once initial con-

tacts have been established, the University will begin formal planning as to where and when the discussions would take place, he said.

The event would be a preview of the eight-part mini-series on the South being put together by Hamilton Productions for the Bicentennial celebration.

Jay Hamilton, head of Hamilton Productions and a UNC graduate, said the presidential chat would be a way of celebrating the role of the South in the American presidency.

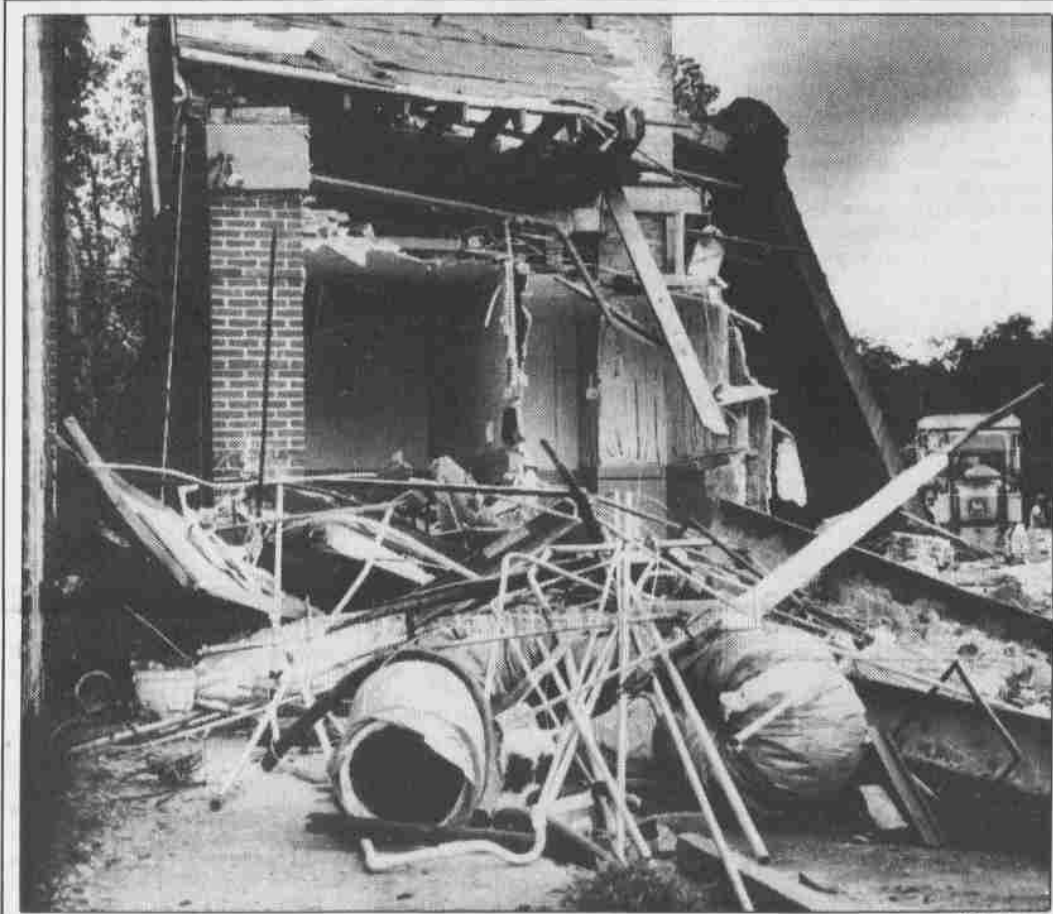
The less formal structure would help ease the jaded feeling many voters have toward politicians and big-name journalists, he said. "People may be at that stage where this format would provide a refreshing change," Hamilton said. "Folks are turned off by over-zealous journalists."

"This is nice because it will reveal a little bit more about the candidate and about their feelings about the South." Officials hope at least one of the candidates will agree to come to Chapel Hill for the event.

The other contenders could be connected using satellite technology, Tepper said.

The project has a budget of about \$500,000, most of which will go to the half-hour documentary, Tepper said. Another \$50,000 will be used for promoting the event, he said. None of the money will come from the University.

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And the walls come tumblin' down

Workers began working this week to destroy the building that previously housed the Top of the Hill convenience store on the corner of East Franklin and South Columbia streets. Developers are planning a retail/office complex for the site.

Self-defense educators distribute cards explaining rape guidelines

By Gerri Baer
Staff Writer

SafeSkills Associates, a self-defense education group in Durham, has distributed cards containing advice for women who are sexually assaulted by an acquaintance.

The cards are in response to Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox's guidelines for deciding whether he will prosecute rape cases. Fox's guidelines include evidence of force, resistance by the victim and verbal resistance.

"In one sense, we're protesting the guidelines," said Kathleen Hopwood, a women's self-defense instructor at SafeSkills Associates. "I do disagree with the guidelines."

The cards suggest that women first tell their attacker to stop raping them, physically resist and immediately report the assault if it occurs.

"I teach women self defense," Hopwood said. "These cards are a self defense for women to have knowledge of what the laws are and what they need to do to have a good case."

To prove that you have been raped by an acquaintance you should*

1. Say to him:
NO. I DON'T WANT SEX WITH YOU.
THIS IS RAPE. STOP RAPING ME.
2. Resist.
3. Report the assault immediately.

*Guidelines established by the Orange County District Attorney

Fox was not consulted before the printing of the cards. "I haven't reviewed, approved or sanctioned the cards," he said. "I do not know why they used my office, except maybe in response to my guidelines."

About 2,000 cards already have been distributed to women's organizations, rape crisis centers, libraries, businesses and restaurants. "Any public place where they can be seen is where we've distributed them," Hopwood said.

Since Fox offered his guidelines,

Hopwood has changed what she teaches women in her self-defense classes. Hopwood used to teach women to submit to their attackers in order to avoid injury.

Fox's guidelines explicitly state: "She can't lie back and let it happen when the perpetrator is an acquaintance." Hopwood now teaches women that they don't have the right to submit.

"Our primary concern is women's safety," Hopwood said.

Agency chooses site along Culbreth Road for first AIDS house

By P.J. Waicus
Staff Writer

AIDS Service Agency officials this week announced the future location of a house for local people with the disease.

Agency chairwoman Jean Bolduc said the agency purchased a parcel immediately off U.S. 15-501 on Culbreth Road for \$50,000. "It meets every need we can foresee," she said.

But construction on the house will not begin until the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides the agency with a \$280,000 grant. "We should have that by the end of the year," Bolduc said.

She said the agency planned for the structure to be a one-level ranch house, accessible to handicapped, with space for up to six residents.

Bolduc also said she would count on volunteer help when the project

was complete, including help from UNC students.

"These students are individuals who have always been behind these types of causes," she said. "That's going to be a wealth of help we will greatly appreciate."

Bolduc said she did not see any problems with the site or with the residents of the Glenmere development on Channing Lane, who live closest to where the house will stand.

"There haven't been any complaints at all," she said. "The response has been all positive, and the site is mostly out of their way to begin with."

David Elmore, resident of the Glenmere development, said he didn't mind the agency's project being close to his home. "It really won't affect our community — it's a single family home," he said. "It really doesn't make a difference to me as long as it's there to help people."

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