

School Briefs

Culbreth featured in magazine

Culbreth Middle School Principal Susan Wells, Assistant Principal Lynne Goodhand and UNC graduate student Helen Crompton published an article about the middle school's iPod Touch project in the February 2011 issue of *Learning and Leading with Technology*.

The article, titled "The Whole World in Their Hands," describes the one-to-one iPod Touch program that gives every student at Culbreth access to the Internet.

The article is available online at www.learningandleading-digital.com/learning_leading/201102?pg=18#pg18

CHCCS featured

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Superintendent Neil Pedersen are featured in an article in the winter edition of *Education Executive Magazine*.

The article, "Programs of Progress," describes the school system's efforts towards creating a better learning environment for its students. Efforts include the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program, the dual-language program and the nutrition policy.

The article is available online at nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/red-coat/eduexec_2011winter/index.php?startid=92#94

Smith Middle School to hold Performance Night

The 10th annual Global Connections Performance Night celebration will be today (Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. in Chapel Hill High School's Hanes Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

Students will share their talents that highlight cultures from around the world. Performances include original music, choral performances, poetry recitations, dancing and dramatizations.

FPG holds read-a-thon

Frank Porter Graham Elementary School students pledged to read 650,000 minutes in the two-week period from Jan. 21 through Friday.

As part of the school's 13th annual Read-a-thon, Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, former UNC basketball player Eric Montross and others visited the school as celebrity guest readers this week.

CHCCS students named to band

Twenty-five Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students have been named to the Central North Carolina Middle School All-District Band.

Students from Culbreth Middle School are Sam Blobe, tuba; Ray Damron, trumpet; Katie Rose-Hand, trombone; Anna Smith, clarinet; Neel Herfarth, clarinet; Avery Logan, percussion; and Mia Morrell, alto sax.

Students from McDougle Middle School are Evan Whisnant, trumpet; Clare Heine, clarinet; and William Hamilton, clarinet.

Students from Phillips Middle School are Yusheng Zhang, flute; Arnav Subramanya, flute; Jiyu Cheong, clarinet; David Takamiya, clarinet; Tianyi Wang, clarinet; Leah Simon, clarinet; Victor Ding, bass clarinet; Grace Gelpi, alto sax; Rachel Cohn, tenor sax; Peter Bevington, trumpet; Blaise Whitesell, horn; Amos Pomp, trombone; Brian Daaleman, trombone; Jordan Cho, tuba; and Yize Dong, timpani.

The All-District Band will perform at Eastern Guilford High School on Friday and Saturday.

BRMA coordinator joins National Mentoring Summit

Graig Meyer, Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate coordinator, joined First Lady Michelle Obama as a participant at the first National Mentoring Summit in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 25.

Meyer spoke with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan about BRMA's success. The program was cited as an exemplary program that uses research-based best practices for high-quality mentoring.

To read Meyer's account of his experiences, visit facebook.com/blueribbonmentors. To learn more about how to become a mentor in our community, visit www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=5127. To see the first lady's comments on BRMA, visit youtube.com/watch?v=6aAxBHCHKqM

African-American Discovery Night

McDougle Middle School will host an African-American Discovery Night on Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30.

The event will be held in the school's cafeteria and will feature food, projects and performances that center around African-American contributions.

Heels win as they grow

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

No team sits idle.

They are either moving forward in their progress or slipping. The ideal scenario is to learn while winning, rather than struggling to find confidence and learn while losing.

Entering Tuesday's game at Boston College (which was played after the deadline for this column), Carolina was 15-5 overall and 5-1 in the ACC standings and in that enviable position of finding ways to win while growing.

"That is a credit to how much potential we have as a team," sophomore forward John Henson said. "The way we're winning, I'm just waiting for that breakout game where we play really well. We're still trying to get that perfect game, that great game."

Henson is one of the main reasons the Tar Heels continue to win. Ever since he moved closer to the basket near the end of

last season, his progress has been steady and upward. On Jan. 29 against N.C. State, Henson blocked (at least) seven shots, scored 16 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. The young man gets better every day at using his amazing wingspan to his advantage and that of his team.

UNC's Tyler Zeller is a big man himself, checking in at 7 feet, but his wingspan is not quite that of Henson's. Zeller enjoys and admires the impact big John is having around the bucket.

"John altered every shot, altered anything within two or three feet of the basket," Zeller said of Henson against the Wolfpack. "We just stayed in front of them and let John go block it. He did a superb job also of getting the rebounds."

The player who is starting to emerge in dramatic fashion, however, is Harrison Barnes. The



freshman is getting comfortable and providing glimpses of the talent Coach Roy Williams saw when he made 11 trips to Ames, Iowa, to recruit Barnes.

Barnes hit the game-winning three-point shot against Miami and

then had the biggest day of his young career so far by scoring 25 points on 10-of-16 shooting and 3-of-7 on three-point attempts against N.C. State. He also had six rebounds, an assist and a steal

Henson seemed to enjoy what Barnes did as much as what he, himself, accomplished.

"I love it," Henson said. "He told me he was going to be more aggressive. He went out there and did his thing. It was something that we have been waiting for and it finally happened today. I just hope it continues for the rest of the ACC [schedule]. With him shooting like

that and playing like that, we're a much better team."

Barnes has handled a difficult situation as well as any coach could hope. No Carolina player ever came to Chapel Hill preceded by more expectations. He was named an All-American before he attended a UNC practice, much less played in a game. Then when he struggled to perform with consistency the first three months of the season, television commentators, other members of the media and fans around the country speculated on whether he is as talented as projected.

The good news for Carolina fans is that Barnes and Henson are not the only talented players on this team, and that is why, barring catastrophic injury, Carolina is going to continue to improve until it runs out of games to play this season.

"Early in the season, I thought the team was going to get better and better, and I still think that," Williams said.

OBITUARIES

Sue Ellington

Sue Fowler Ellington, 75, of Carrboro, N.C., died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Sue was the daughter of the late James and Clara Hobby Fowler of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sue is survived by her husband, Boyd McKinley Ellington; son, Rory Boyd Ellington, and wife, Gwyn, of Beech Mountain, N.C.; daughter, Hope Ellington Bristol, and husband, Rees, of Greensboro, N.C.; two wonderful grandchildren, Olivia Ellington of Boone, N.C., and McKinley Bristol of Greensboro; two sisters, Kay Nielsen and her husband, Fred, of Marietta, Ga., and Betsy McMillan of Burlington, N.C.; sister-in-law, Priscilla McFarland, and her husband, Harold, of Carrboro; brother-in-law, Richard Ellington, with wife, Alice, of Carrboro; and many nieces and nephews.

Sue was a homemaker for many years and worked for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and UNC School of Public Health, where she retired in 1997. She was active in Carrboro Baptist Church, sing-

ing in the choir and teaching Sunday School, Women's Missionary Union and serving on many committees at Farrington Road Baptist Church. She was also involved in the Carrboro Garden Club and the Chapel Hill American Legion Auxiliary Post #6.

The family would like to thank Duke Home Care, Hospice and Nurse Care of North Carolina. Flowers are acceptable or donations can be made to one or more of the following: Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361-9989; Duke Hospice, 4321 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NC 27704; or Farrington Road Baptist Church, 5936 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8607. Online condolences can be made at walkersfuneralservice.com in the obituaries section

Walker's Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin St. Chapel Hill (919) 942-3861, is assisting the Ellington family.

Charles Sheaffer

Charles Isaac Sheaffer, 84, died at his home in Carolina

Meadows, in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Jan. 19, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Brewster Sheaffer, in 2006.

Charlie was born in 1926 in Acton, Ind., to the late Earl and Mary Sheaffer. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Sheaffer, and sister, Dorothy Fox.

Charlie was a beloved pediatrician in Chapel Hill for more than 30 years, and he was a pioneer and driving force in addressing child abuse in the state. He worked tirelessly evaluating and treating victims. After retiring as a practicing physician, he established a nonprofit organization to conduct pediatric medication-effectiveness studies.

Charlie had become known fondly as the Bird Man since moving to Carolina Meadows in 2009. He carved and painted countless birds, and his creations now adorn the entire facility.

For years, Charlie was an avid gardener, and his abundant flowers and vegetables were a joy to many. He shared his knowledge and skill with family and friends, and his gardening pro-

ess remains evident across the state. He also loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed spending time at the Roanoke and Tar River Hunt Club.

Charlie received his medical degree and a master's degree in botany from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree from Butler University in Indiana. He served on the admissions board at UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School and on the faculty for many years.

Prior to his graduate studies, he served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his four children, Beverly Sheaffer of Greenville, N.C., Debbie Sheaffer and husband, Ron Earp, of West Linn, Ore., Chris Sheaffer and wife, Cindy, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Mike Sheaffer of Asheboro; five grandchildren, Kelsey Sheaffer, Nate Earp, Logan Yarnell, Mary Earp and Dylan Sheaffer; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall St., 19th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10005, jdrf.org or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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