

CAMPUS BRIEFS

More than 2 million books read via Tar Heel Reader

More than 2 million books have been read on Tar Heel Reader, an online book source created by UNC professors that offers nearly 15,000 books in 15 languages.

UNC professors Karen Erickson and Gary Bishop created the program, which hit 2 million books read on Friday—1,000 days after it was launched.

Erickson is director of the UNC Center for Literacy and Disability Studies, and Bishop teaches in the computer science department.

The site allows teachers, parents and volunteers to create books on topics of interest to readers of all ages. It is used in 150 countries and all 50 states.

Readers with impaired movement can read books using one or two switches, and readers can also have the book read aloud on the site.

The site has been used to teach English as a second language in many countries.

UNC to offer new major in business journalism in 2011

UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Kenan-Flagler Business School will offer a new business journalism program, starting in the fall semester of the 2011-12 school year.

The program will be a niche major open to 15 students, and the spots will be split between students from the journalism and business schools.

Students will apply during the fall for the major, which will train them to work as a business journalist or a corporate communications representative.

Students in the program must complete at least 22 credit hours from the journalism school and 16 hours from the business school.

Participants will need to take seven courses in the journalism school and four from Kenan-Flagler.

Journalism school courses include "Business and the Media" and "Economics Reporting," while business requirements include "Operations Management" and "The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business."

The School of Journalism also offers a certificate in business journalism for majors and a minor in business journalism for non-majors. Both programs will continue.

CITY BRIEFS

Local students win contest for U.N.-related projects

Five students from East Chapel Hill High School and three from Carrboro High School placed in the U.N. Contest for high school students.

Sponsored by the West Triangle Chapter of the United Nations Association, the goal of the contest is to foster interest in the U.N. through projects related to the U.N.'s mission.

First place and a prize of \$750 went to David McDonogh, a junior from East Chapel Hill High School, for his project "Timor East and West."

East Chapel Hill freshman Kathy Dai received second place and \$500 for her project "U.N. Leadership Roles in Humanitarian Aid."

A group of three Carrboro High School seniors, Joe Baker, Parker Edwards and Adam Glasser received \$250 for third place for "U.N. Aid for Indonesia."

The students will present a summary of their projects to the sponsor April 27, and the projects will be on the sponsor's website, www.una-westtriangle.com, in early May.

Local school board to discuss impact of budget cuts, goals

A local school board will consider today which programs to cut in the face of budget deficits at the state and local levels.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will use its planning retreat, which starts today, to examine different aspects of the school system, ranging from increasing costs to academic achievement.

Board Chairwoman Jamezetta Bedford said in an e-mail that the district is expecting increases in enrollment and overhead costs, including utilities and medical costs.

"One of the primary purposes (of the retreat) is to review budget requests from each school improvement team," Bedford said.

The state is facing a budget deficit of \$2.7 billion to \$3.7 billion, and the loss of stimulus funding is expected to create a funding gap at the local level as well, which could affect programs and positions at the county's two local school systems.

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New dean will focus on Greeks

Sauls to assess office structure, councils

BY LYLE KENDRICK  
SENIOR WRITER

Jonathan Sauls said he plans to make Greek affairs a top priority when he steps into the job of dean of students today — a strategy that could include restructuring the way the office approaches on-campus fraternities and sororities.

Part of his approach will include examining his office's structure for handling the Greek system to determine how to implement potential changes.

Sauls said this change could result in hiring additional personnel to expand the resources available to the Greek community, though he is not certain.

"We are not wedded necessarily to the same structure we had before," he said.

Sauls said he wants to make sure each individual chapter has

the adequate resources needed to be successful and not have to wait for professional support for meeting particular standards.

Sauls said he wants to make sure an issue with one chapter doesn't reduce the office's ability to resolve matters with other organizations.

"It's sort of like squeezing a balloon," Sauls said.

He said another important part of his term will be to make sure the dean of students office sees each of the councils within the Greek system as a separate entity.

"The needs of one council may not mirror the needs of another," he said.

Winston Crisp, vice chancellor for student affairs, said at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees that an umbrella approach is not ideal.

"One of the things we've learned

is that there are places where it doesn't make sense to have a one-size-fits-all way of doing things when you have real, concrete differences," he said.

A set of resolutions set out by the board in November, which called for the creation of a performance-based recruitment system, will also factor into Sauls' approach.

Sauls said he will examine how resolutions will impact councils individually.

Brent Macon, president of the Interfraternity Council, said he thinks Sauls will help create an open line of communication between the Greek system and the University administration.

He said he is already working with Sauls on several issues, including making specific plans to implement the recruitment resolutions set out by the board and creating a robust academic plan for Greeks.

Macon said a close relationship between the dean of students and

the Greek community is crucial for fraternity and sorority members and Sauls.

Sauls said he plans to work closely with Bettina Shuford when she steps into the role of associate vice chancellor for student affairs in April.

Shuford, who is currently assistant vice president for student affairs at Bowling Green State University, said she has served as a faculty adviser for fraternity and sorority life at UNC-Greensboro and in Bowling Green.

She said she has not directly spoken with Sauls yet regarding Greek affairs.

"I don't know that much about what they're doing on campus related to Greek life," Shuford said last week. "I will be committed to whatever direction the office is going in with working with students."

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DTH/BEN BERRY

Victoria Bouloubasis, class of '04, raises her fist during the fifth annual Historic Thousands on Jones rally in Raleigh on Saturday.

MARCH ON RALEIGH

Rally for social justice focused on civil rights

BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — Music and cheers could be heard Saturday morning from across downtown Raleigh as nearly 1,000 people gathered for the fifth annual HKonJ — Historic Thousands on Jones — rally.

The crowd walked more than a mile from Shaw University to the N.C. General Assembly to promote civil rights, a diverse educational system and economic equality.

UNC student Alayah Glenn said she joined friends at the rally because she wanted to show her opposition to re-segregating the school systems.

"Immigrants and minorities aren't getting the quality educations they deserve," Glenn said. "We need to establish an inheritance for the future generations so they don't have to deal with the same problems again."

The N.C. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People led the

event with the help of nearly 100 other sponsors. Event organizers and speakers pushed a 14-point agenda, which included items ranging from "redressing ugly chapters in the state's racist history" to promoting environmental justice.

President of the N.C. NAACP, Rev. William Barber, who was introduced as the leader in the fight for justice, addressed supporters when they arrived on West Jones Street. Barber began his speech by recognizing Feb. 12 as the 102 anniversary of the NAACP.

"We' is the most important word in the social justice vocabulary," Barber said to the crowd. He emphasized the state's need for diverse education systems, a fair budget and progressive Democrats in office.

Crowd members hoisted signs displaying slogans such as, "Race and Poverty Are Not Crimes," and "Education, Not Deportation." Singing and chanting, demonstrators celebrated the event's theme, "Forward together,

not one step back."

One New Jersey native said she came to the event to see which social issues North Carolinians are focusing on. Brionna Allen-Jordan, also a student at N.C. Central University, said she decided to come to HKonJ after hearing about it in one of her classes.

"These issues are really affecting the youth and future students. If we start fixing these issues now, then generations to come won't have to worry as much," Allen-Jordan said.

Fellow demonstrator Glenn said these are just common sense issues.

"All interests should be represented regardless of race, social status or economic background," she said. "The legislators haven't been fighting for our needs or our rights."

Barber also had a message for members of N.C. General Assembly.

"We challenge the Democrats who aren't progressive and the Republicans who want to revert us back to our old ways."

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Program aids special needs children

Friday Night Friends gives childcare

BY LAUREN RATCLIFFE  
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DURHAM — Alex Castillo used to cry when his parents would drop him off at Friday Night Friends.

But this time, on Friday, his parents could hardly keep him in the lobby long enough to stick a name tag on his back.

Alex, 3, is high-functioning autistic. And once every couple of months, his parents bring him and his little brother, Ben, so they can have a few hours off.

Friday Night Friends is a free respite care program for families with special needs children at Newhope Church in Durham. Parents said it gives them a blessing — a night without worry.

"It's free for us," said Katharine Evaul, whose 18-month old son Liam attends the program. "But it's not free, it's immeasurable."

Ed Kenney brought his 5-year-old son David for the first time on Friday and said he was looking forward to taking his wife out to dinner — an activity he only gets to three nights each year.

"We are excited to have a Valentine's date night," said Kenney, whose son has Down syndrome.

The program came to Durham

ATTEND OR VOLUNTEER

Time: March 27 and May 25, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Location: Newhope Church, Durham  
Info: [egersuk@unch.unc.edu](mailto:egersuk@unch.unc.edu)

by way of Elizabeth Gersuk, a fourth-year resident at the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at UNC. Gersuk started her first Friday Night Friends in Blacksburg, Va., in 2005 and has since launched programs in Roanoke, Va., and Durham.

Gersuk said she started the program because her older brother, Stephen, has special needs, and the two grew up attending a similar event in Texas. She said the program fills a need she saw in the community, one she would not have known of had it not been for her brother.

"Knowing that these parents don't have respite care (motivates me)," she said. "Most respite care that is available there's a fee for or it is only for the child with special needs. We care for kids with disabilities and their siblings."

Relieved to see their children running into the arms of volunteers — many of whom are medical students or professionals themselves — par-



DTH/LAUREN RATCLIFFE

Kelly Buchanan helps Gracie Saprano, 2, glue a heart on a Valentine's Day card while holding Ben Castillo at a Friday Night Friends event.

ents said they were eager to make the most out of their three hours.

"It's a blessing," Evaul said. "It's very difficult to find child care that can handle children with special needs. You can't just get a teenager hoping to make a couple bucks."

Liam was born 11 weeks early and now is overcoming developmental delays including feeding problems that cause him to sometimes choke on food.

"You need people who don't panic," Evaul said.

Gersuk said she hopes to expand the Durham program to include adults with special needs who live at home, adding that she is motivated by the gratitude of parents, who say they are uncomfortable leaving their children in untrained hands.

"It's e-mails like that and phone calls that I get on a regular basis that say, 'You are an answer to our prayers,'" she said.

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Library location will be decided

Council to vote on move to mall

BY ERIC PESALE  
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The future of the Chapel Hill Public Library will be decided tonight, and it likely won't include a change of address for the local landmark.

The Chapel Hill Town Council will vote on whether to accept a proposal from Madison Marquette to permanently move the library from its 100 Library Drive location to the current location of Dillard's at University Mall.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said the town council will likely reject the proposal, which has stirred conflict in the community since it was initially brought up in November.

In an e-mail to town officials, Madison Marquette Managing Director Jay Lask wrote that the savings for the town if the library moved would now be about \$1.5 million, compared to an earlier estimate of \$3 million to 4 million in savings.

"We need to realize considerably more cost-savings than what is proposed by Madison Marquette," Kleinschmidt said.

The staff report the council will receive tonight breaks down the costs of both the move and renovation.

The total-costs comparison of the two sites shows that the renovation of the current space would be between \$1 million and \$5.4 million more expensive than the move to the mall, according to the report.

Sheila Ainbinder, owner of Retail Development Resources and a commercial real estate consultant, said the Dillard's location would serve the town better as a retail space.

"Why would we bring a place in that wouldn't bring revenue to the county and not bring people who were thinking about shopping?" she said. "The mall attracts a different kind of customer."

Council member Penny Rich said if the council votes to keep the library at its current location, it will focus on improving transit access to the location and decreasing traffic issues that could arise once Walgreens opens nearby at the corner of East Franklin Street and South Estes Drive.

Rich added that improving vehicle access both into and out of Library Drive will also be a priority.

"We need to look at the big picture and try alleviating the tensions of car drivers as well as the people who are on the bus," she said.

Rich said the town council received about 1,000 letters and a petition with 200 names against the proposal to move.

But Kleinschmidt said community opinion was split on the issue.

Chapel Hill resident Laura Wenzel, for example, said she would like to see the library moved out of its original location.

"If you're elderly or have children with you, walking to the library can be difficult," she said. "It would be better to have the mall location for walkers or for pedestrians who use the bus."

"I know some people objected to losing the location with the nice trees outside, but when you go to a library you're not going there to look at trees. You're going there to look at books."

Resident Chris Allen usually shops for groceries, electronic appliances and pizza at the mall, and he said he wouldn't mind getting his library books there, too.

"I thought it was a good idea," he said. "It's almost like a recycling act. Let's recycle the Dillard's building rather than build something new."

But Ainbinder said the library's current location is an asset with which the mall just can't compete.

"I just didn't see why we would take the library, which is in a very lovely spot where you feel good when you're there ... and move it into a mall that hasn't been successful," she said.

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ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Info: [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org)