

Capital roll call

A look at how our area's state legislators voted in Raleigh during the past week:

N.C. House

HB170 — Mulch Blower Fuel Tax Refund: Allows a fuel tax refund for off-road use of mulch-blowing equipment. Adopted 104-2. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell, HB939 — Air Quality/Motor Vehicle Inspection: Provides for the implementation of the Ambient Air Quality Act of 1989 by increasing the fees charged for motor vehicle emissions and safety inspections up to \$34 for the combination inspection and \$16 for the safety inspection. Adopted 69-44. Sent to the Senate for consideration. NO: Setzer, Mitchell. HB990 — State Board of Education Appointments: Provides for the confirmation of Michelle Howard-Vital, Wayne McDevitt and Patricia Willoughby to membership on the State Board of Education. Adopted 115-2. YES: Setzer, Mitchell. HB1389 — Special Forces Association License Plates: Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a Special Forces Association special registration license plate.

Adopted 105-10. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Setzer, Mitchell. HB1397 — Service of Process Fee: Increases the fee to \$10 for service of process in civil cases and to earmark the increase to ensure timely service of process. Adopted 107-10. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Mitchell NO: Setzer. SB10 — Ballot Access: Amends the state's ballot access law by creating rules for recognizing new political parties and for getting presidential and vice-presidential candidates on the ballot. Failed 45-71. NO: Setzer, Mitchell. SB719 — TTA Eminent Domain: Provides quick-take procedures in eminent domain proceedings by a regional public transportation authority. Adopted 84-24. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Mitchell NO: Setzer. SB937 — Adult Care Homes: Provides that adult care homes will be regulated under the certificate of need law. Adopted 77-36. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell NO: Setzer. N.C. Senate

HB3 — Bidding Reciprocity: Allows the Secretary of Administration and state agen-

cies to add a percent increase to bids of nonresident bidders where the nonresident bidders home states grant preferences to in-state bidders. Adopted 41-1. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester. HB350 — Gram-Leach-Bliley Act Requirements: Authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to share with the federal and state regulators information about insurance companies that are affiliates of depository institutions or of financial holding companies, and to amend the Insurance Holding Company Act to comply with federal law. Adopted 46-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester. HB357 — Umbrella Insurance Improvements: Increases the amounts of liability insurance that may be added to the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Reinsurance Facility to help with the purchase of excess or umbrella coverage by motor vehicle owners. Adopted 43-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cunningham, Forrester. HB387 — Developmentally Disabled Group Homes: Clarifies that a group home for developmentally disabled adults means a residential facility which has

two to nine developmentally disabled adult residents. Adopted 46-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester. HB431 — Financial Assistance of Community College Students: Codifies the need-based scholarship program for community college students, and amends the application requirements so that students must apply for either federal Pell Grants or complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be eligible for consideration for state aid. Adopted 46-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester. HB803 — Reorganize Savings Institutions Division: Transfers and assimilates the Savings Institutions Division to the State Banking Commission, and authorizes additional deputy commissioners. Adopted 46-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester. HJR990 — State Board of Education Appointments: Provides for the confirmation of Michelle Howard-Vital, Wayne McDevitt and Patricia Willoughby to membership on the State Board of Education. Adopted 39-0. YES: Cal Cunningham Did Not Vote: Jim Forrester.

MCC class lineup

Registration is underway for the following classes at Mitchell Community College's Mooresville Center, 219 N. Academy St. For more information, call 704-663-1923.

Advanced Windows 98
Class dates: July 16 to Aug. 1, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fee: \$55.

PCs and Windows
Class dates: July 16 to Aug. 8, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$55.

Internet/E-mail
Class dates: July 17-Aug. 2, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fee: \$55.

Word 2000
Class dates: July 17-Aug. 9, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fee: \$55.

Notary Public
Class date: July 25 (Wednesday), 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: \$50.

The following classes will be held through MCC's Continuing Education program in Statesville:

History: World War II in Europe — This course will run from June 25-27, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 10 of the Continuing Education Center, 701 W. Front St., Statesville. The course content will include the rise of Hitler, German

'Baby Fair' planned for parents-to-be

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center's Women's Services and Community Outreach departments will host a "Baby Fair" on Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Community Rooms A and B and the cafeteria.

Local vendors, such as photographers and suppliers of infant/toddler toys, will display information for expectant and new parents, and those planning to be parents. FitCare Life Center and the Mooresville Family YMCA will also be represented to provide fitness and wellness information. ENRMCC Pediatric and OB/Gyn physicians will be on hand to answer new parents' questions.

The event is free and will feature entertainment for kids, refreshments, and valuable information about preparing for and having children. For details, call Amy Winecoff, RN, Community Outreach Director, at 704-663-2002.

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UNC Charlotte to offer three new doctorate programs

Beginning this fall, UNC Charlotte will offer three new doctoral degree programs — in counseling, public policy and special education.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors granted final approval of the programs last week, giving UNC the green light to open the programs with the 2001-02 school year.

Each program is the first doctoral course of study of its kind in the Charlotte region. With the addition of the three new programs, UNCC will offer nine doctoral programs. "These three doctoral programs add considerably to the ability of UNC Charlotte to serve this region and the state," said Denise Trauth, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "There is great demand for these programs that has been unmet until now. We expect to have healthy enrollments in all three programs this fall."

The Ph.D. program in counseling will provide preparation for professionals who seek advanced clinical training and leadership positions in the broad field. A unique feature of the program will be the emphasis it places on developing knowledge and skills related to interacting with socially and culturally diverse populations. Course topics will include diversity in counseling practice and education, clinical skill development, and ethical and legal considerations. Graduates will be prepared for work in public schools, hospitals, employee assistance programs, substance abuse treatment centers, mental health agencies, private practice, and institutions of higher education.

UNC currently offers an accredited master's degree program in counseling. It enrolls an average of 150 students. The next closest Ph.D. program in counseling is located at UNC Greensboro. The doctoral program in public policy will focus on urban regional development. The program will address issues of concern in rapidly growing urban areas, such as the Charlotte region. These will include the delivery of health care, the administra-

tion of criminal justice systems, the regional impact of planning, transportation management, and environmental policies. Students will study issues in the contexts of gender, ethnicity, race and class and be trained in economic, technological, ethical, historical, social and political analysis.

The university's Urban Institute and Transportation Policy Studies Program will serve as resources for the public policy program. The only other Ph.D. program in public policy in North Carolina is at UNC Chapel Hill.

The new special education Ph.D. program at UNCC is the first doctoral program in the state focused solely on special education. The program's aim will be to prepare students as innovators, teachers, leaders and researchers in the field. Graduates will gain skills to translate research into practice and to solve complex issues that confront individuals with special needs and their families.

While developing the program, faculty members in the Department of Counseling, Special Education and Child Development carefully studied the best practices in special education to design an innovative program with a strong research emphasis. A national panel with expertise in special education reviewed the plans for the program and judged them to be "groundbreaking."

As they progress through the program, students will compile an administrative portfolio that demonstrates achievement as innovators, teachers, leaders and researchers. Currently more general education and curriculum and instruction Ph.D. programs at Chapel Hill and Greensboro offer concentrations in special education.

UNC's six established doctoral programs are in applied mathematics, biology, educational leadership, electrical engineering, information technology and mechanical engineering.

To receive more information or apply to one of UNCC's graduate programs, call the Office of Graduate Admissions at 704-687-3386.

Hormone replacement is topic of June 26 seminar

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and Lowry Drug will sponsor "The Options in Hormone Replacement" on Tuesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Community Room B at the hospital.

The informational seminar will feature speaker Fred Lowry Jr., RPh, who is trained in hormone replacement therapy. He will cover topics such as natural vs. bio-identical hormones, libido and stress issues, and patent and medication and their side effects.

The seminar is free, but reservations are required. Please contact Amy Winecoff, RN, Community Outreach Director, at 704-660-4004 to make a reservation.

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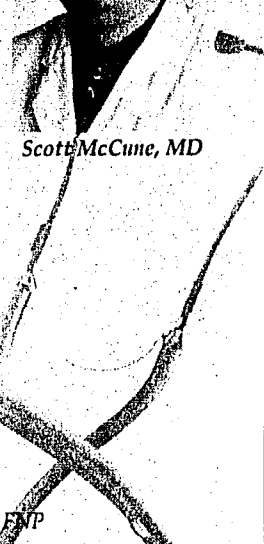
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