



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, Sept. 6

■ A VCR valued at \$250 was found in the parking lot at Rosenau Hall at 1:44 a.m., according to reports.

The VCR is a black Philips Magnavox.

■ A UNC student was found on the ground in front of Kenan Residence Hall at 3:13 a.m.

The responding officer reported that the female student was very intoxicated. Emergency Medical Services transported her to Student Health.

■ A UNC employee reported receiving harassing phone calls on his voice mail between 10 p.m. and midnight.

The employee attributed the calls to an acquaintance with whom he had had past dealings. He told police the man wanted to retaliate against him for past incidents related to a break-in.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

■ EMS responded to a possible heart attack at 10:29 a.m. The victim reported severe lower back pain and said he had recently received open-heart surgery.

The Sterling Trucking Co. employee was transported to UNC Hospitals emergency room by ambulance, reports state.

■ Reports state that an unconscious female student was found on the floor of her bathroom in Cobb Residence Hall when EMS arrived at 10:44 a.m.

According to reports, the victim said she felt dizzy and light-headed but was responsive and alert. She was transported to Student Health.

■ Thirty meal tickets valued at \$165 were reported missing. A UNC employee reported to police that he discovered they were missing from his lab coat on Friday at about 4 p.m.

The victim told police his lab coat and the meal tickets were in an unsecured locker at his workplace, the Ambulatory Care Center.

■ Reports stated that a portable welder valued at \$4,500 and its securing chains, valued at \$50, were reported stolen from the School of Learning and Achievement at 2:51 p.m.

The welder is blue with a black trailer and was taken from the west corner of the school by using heavy equipment that was present at the site.

■ A black Nokia cellular phone was reported stolen at 3:22 p.m.

The call came from the mother of a UNC student who stated that the phone, valued at \$90, had been taken from her daughter's purse during a medical emergency at the football game on Sept. 2.

■ A UNC Hospital bus parked at Hendrick parking lot had its passenger mirror shattered. The damage is assessed at \$350 and was reported at 3:41 p.m.

■ An argument prompted by road rage broke out at the intersection of Country Club Road and Ridge Road at 6:14 p.m. A female was charged with following the car in front of her too closely, reports state.

City

Tuesday, Sept. 5

■ Carrboro police responded to a call from Weaver Street Market grocery store where a suspect forged and presented 14 stolen checks. The checks were stolen in Chapel Hill and were all used at the 101 E. Weaver St. location. The amount of the checks totalled \$727.63.

The police have one suspect, but the matter is still under investigation.

■ Twenty trees were stolen from New Pantry Store on 102 B Hwy 54 in Carrboro Plaza. The trees were last seen on Sept. 2. Police reports state the trees were removed from the ground as if the suspects knew what plants to get and how.

The trees are valued at \$50 each and the suspects are still unknown.

Monday, Sept. 4

■ Chapel Hill police have charged a suspect with one count of larceny and one count of obtaining property by false pretenses.

At 4:30 p.m., the suspect stole three CDs from CD Alley, located at 405 W. Franklin St., and was confronted by an officer, who let the suspect go because of lack of evidence.

One hour later, police found the suspect had sold the stolen CDs for \$13 to employees at Back Door Music, located at 136 E. Rosemary St.

The suspect, who reported erroneous information to the police, was released. Police are still seeking the correct information for the suspect, but the case has been declared closed by arrest. The three CDs were returned to CD Alley.

Web Site Offers Online Trading for Students

By JESSICA JOYE
Staff Writer

One UNC student's trouble with textbooks has spawned a new venue for students to shop online.

CollegeUnited.com is a student-run online site allowing students to buy and sell common college amenities, such as textbooks, furniture, school supplies, electronics and computers.

Founder Aaron Houghton, a sophomore computer science major, began

working on the idea last fall. He said the idea came to him at the end of the semester when he was trying to sell back his textbooks.

"I just thought the amount of money I would have lost (by selling to Student Stores) was ridiculous, so I ended up trading books with a guy down the hall."

This interaction gave Houghton the idea that people who do not know each other should be able to buy and sell books at a suitable price.

Houghton said the Web site was orig-

inally only intended to feature textbooks, but he added other categories after realizing how many other things get passed around, including furniture and electronics.

"For instance, if you're moving to an apartment, you're basically stuck with a lot of stuff you don't need," Houghton said. "Through this Web site you can sell that stuff to an incoming freshman."

The programming took nearly a year to complete, he said, allowing the site to start running the first week of May.

Houghton said he and his friend Jeremy Buenviaje, a junior from Fayetteville, have done all the advertising themselves. Their advertising campaign included posting fliers, sending mass e-mails and placing an ad in The Daily Tar Heel.

Despite the small-scale campaign, CollegeUnited.com has enjoyed recent success, Houghton said.

"During the first week of school, 8,305 people visited the site and 125 new people registered," he said. "In the

last two weeks, we have sold close to 100 items, including a car."

According to user comments posted on the site, visitors have been very pleased with their transactions, Houghton said.

Senior Drew Youngblood purchased a few of his textbooks through CollegeUnited.com. He said the service was convenient and hassle-free.

"It was such a relief not to have to

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"You're the best man we've never had," Kate Middleton sings to N.C. Senate candidate Calvin Cunningham at his fund-raising rally in Lexington. The former UNC student body president kicked off his Senate bid on Wednesday night.

Former SBP Kicks Off Campaign

By LUCAS FENSKE
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LEXINGTON - Former UNC Student Body President Calvin Cunningham kicked off his campaign for a seat in the N.C. Senate to a guitar's strum and the aroma of barbecue.

About 200 people chatted in an aircraft hanger, with two logo-emblazoned race cars parked in the corner, for Cunningham's fundraising dinner. Campaign officials asked for a voluntary contribution of \$25.

The event was more a small town celebrating a favorite son than a political forum focused on issues.

Cunningham is running for the seat vacated by Sen. Jim Phillips, D-Davidson, against Republican Scott Keadle of Salisbury.

Cunningham said his Senate campaign largely was based on his desire to serve the public, a life priority he cultivated during his UNC presidential administration. "My campaign is

about giving back to the community," said Cunningham, who served as UNC student body president during the 1995-96 school year.

Cunningham, a Lexington native, said his campaign had three focuses: helping the community in which he grew up, supporting families and promoting ethics in government.

He said he would work to attract high-paying jobs to District 23, located in western North Carolina. Cunningham also said he would support campaign finance laws.

People attending the dinner said Cunningham understood their community's needs and would represent them well in Raleigh if he is elected Nov. 7.

Sitting at the door passing out nametags for the event, Jewell McDade of Lexington said Cunningham was energetic. "I think that's what we need in the Senate - a young person."

Sandy Spikes of Lexington, who lives near Cunningham, said she would vote for Cunningham partly due to his honesty.

"He's a good friend, a good neighbor and he's a Democrat," said Spikes, who had a bumper sticker advertising Cunningham's Senate campaign plastered on her wheelchair.

Family ties, not just neighborhood bonds, also attract supporters to Cunningham.

His sister, UNC junior Katie Cunningham, said she planned to actively campaign for her brother this fall - helping him with fundraisers and encouraging members of UNC Young Democrats to man phones for the campaign.

The pro-Cunningham atmosphere also spread to the country band, Franklin Golden and Friends, who played during the event.

The band's two female singers, Kristie Patton and Kate Middleton, serenaded Cunningham. In a performance reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe's song to John F. Kennedy, they sang, "You're the best man we've never had."

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Test Scores Prompt Festivities

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A rumble shook the gymnasium of McDougale middle and elementary schools Wednesday as 875 students stomped on the bleachers to applaud their academic success.

For the past three years, McDougale Middle School has attained the highest standard of student performance on the state's end-of-grade tests.

"The first year (you) did this, we thought it was great. The second year, we knew it wasn't an accident," said N.C. Superintendent Mike Ward, who made a special appearance to celebrate the schools' achievement. "But the third year, it became tradition."

This tradition, said McDougale Middle School Principal Charlie Stewart, can be attributed to the combined efforts of teachers, parents and students.

"I'm real proud of the teachers and kids," Stewart said, with a broad smile.

More than 90 percent of the students at both schools passed the tests in reading, writing and math. This performance earned the schools recognition as Schools of Excellence.

"There are over 2,000 schools in North Carolina," Ward said. "Less than 100 of them are Schools of Excellence."

Ward, who was joined by other school and town officials, told students they were setting the pace for other schools throughout the state.

"We're proud that you're one of North Carolina's great success stories and that your example sends a message not just across the school system, but across the whole state," Ward said.

He compared the schools to a flock



Guest speaker Mike Ward helps present McDougale Middle School with a banner for its high performance on the state's end-of-grade Tests.

of wild geese to point out the leadership and teamwork each exhibited.

He said when geese fly in a 'V' shape overhead, the lead goose reduces the wind resistance for all the others.

"You're leading the way and making other schools realize that excellence is attainable," Ward said. "A flock of geese can fly farther than a single goose can fly alone."

Sam Roman-Oertwig, principal of McDougale Elementary, said extensive preparation is the key to success. "It's a whole lot more than one day of taking tests," she said. "It's days of learning, nights of homework and lots of practice."

A group of Diana Barefoot's fifth-grade students agreed that all the hard

work paid off. "We had a ton of writing tests and a lot of homework," Antovia Boone said.

"Mrs. Barefoot did a real good job to make us feel prepared," Soo Jin Lee said, as she smiled up at her teacher.

Seventh-grader Jenny Clark didn't hesitate to give some of the credit to her fellow students. "We're smart," she said. "We work real hard - and the teachers are good too."

Roman-Oertwig said the pursuit of high standards will not stop here. "The best is yet to come," she said. "We are just at the beginning of excellence."

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BOG to Focus on Bonds, Personnel at Meetings

The Board of Governors will meet until Friday to hold elections, decide budgets and discuss enrollment.

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
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The Board of Governors will officially begin discussing priorities for the next two years during its monthly meeting today and Friday at Fayetteville State University.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Brad Wilson said board members will participate in a workshop Friday morning in which General Administration staff will lead a discussion outlining the system's budgetary priorities for 2001 through 2003.

"This is the first conversation that the board will have about the priorities for the next biennium of the (N.C.) General Assembly," Wilson said.

The system submits a budget request to the legislature for every two-year period. The most recent biennium ended in July when the legislature adjourned.

Wilson said issues such as enrollment projections and the system's capital and technological needs will likely be addressed.

He said the Budget and Finance Committee will also decide in its Thursday meeting whether to allow UNC-Chapel Hill to sell nearly \$47 million in bonds for the construction of a new residence hall on South Campus.

The BOG has already approved the sale of \$42 million in bonds to fund the project.

Also Thursday, the board will hear from the chancellors of Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State and Winston-Salem State universities.

The chancellors from these schools will outline their plans for dealing with a projected systemwide enrollment boom of nearly 50,000 additional students over the next decade.

Planning committee Vice Chairman H.D. Reaves said the three schools are among seven that the BOG has targeted to have an unusually high growth rate.

FSU, for example, will increase its student enrollment from 4,000 to 6,000 in the next 10 years, Reaves said.

The chancellors of the three historically black institutions will outline their strategies for attracting students to their campuses, he said.

Judith Pulley, UNC-system vice president of planning, will also brief the planning committee on upcoming studies the system will conduct that are mandated by the legislature, Reaves said.

The Planning Committee will also hear a report from N.C. TEACH Director Dorothy Mebane. N.C. TEACH channels a person working in another career into teaching.

Each of the BOG's committees will also hold annual officers' elections on Thursday.

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