

Five charges filed in jailbreak

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DURHAM — An attempted escape from the Durham County jail Sunday night resulted in charges being brought against five prisoners Monday afternoon, Durham County Sheriff Bill Allen said.

The attempt to escape the facility came after one of the prisoners staged a seizure in order to attract the guards on duty. Deputies went to his assistance, only to be overpowered and locked in a cell by some of the inmates in the cell block, Allen said. The prisoners were stopped before they were able to leave the seventh floor jail area of the building.

"Six prisoners were involved, and five charges were made this afternoon," Allen said. "Two prisoners were charged with escape, and three were charged with assault and with a deadly weapon on a police officer." Allen said he could not comment on why the sixth prisoner involved was not charged.

"This is the first attempted escape since we moved to the new building in October of 1979," Allen said. The threat of escape was much more of a problem in the old building which did not have as many built-in security measures he

said.

"The security measures are there to prevent this from happening," Allen said. "This was just due to an officer not following my instructions," he said.

"Officers are not supposed to go into a cell block with their keys, and they are supposed to lock up all inmates before entering a cell." This procedure apparently was not followed Sunday night, but Allen said no disciplinary action was planned against any officer.

There were three officers covering the entire jail when the attempt occurred Sunday night.

Prison officials met Monday afternoon to discuss the escape attempt, Lt. A. W. Clayton said.

According to reports by jail officials, no one was injured in the attempted jailbreak, and as soon as word of the incident was released, police said Durham public safety officials surrounded the courthouse. Soon after, sheriff's deputies arrived and entered the building. At one point, an officer's shotgun accidentally discharged and blasted through windows on the floor below the jail.

A fire alarm sounded during the attempt brought Durham County firefighters to the scene along with law enforcement officials.

U.S. Space Program

Survey reveals local opinions

By JOHN HINTON
Special to The Daily Tar Heel

Federal budget cuts in social programs have produced a mixed local reaction to America's space program, according to an informal survey taken recently.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration sent an unmanned probe, Voyager 2, to take pictures of Jupiter and Saturn this year. After orbiting Saturn last week, Voyager 2 soared into space to rendezvous with Uranus in 1986.

In the survey, conducted last week on campus and on Franklin Street, respondents generally agreed that the nation's space program was necessary but felt that the U.S. government should not fund the program at the expense of social programs.

Gwendolyn Hailey, a 19-year-old sophomore from Greensboro, said the government should put more emphasis on social programs. "The space program is important, but I find it ludicrous for the government to be sending satellites into space when people in the United States are starving."

Junior music major Kenny Lamm, 20, said the administration should not neglect the space program because it is a source

of national pride. "These days we need all the national pride we can get," he said.

Lamm said the country should not neglect the social programs because they were as important as NASA programs. But, he said, "One (project) should not be pursued at the expense of the other." He added that advanced technology a country obtained from the space program could be useful in dealing with the national economy.

Chapel Hill resident Brenda Sanders said the money for the space programs should go toward the social programs. "I am not totally against the space program, but we should not deprive ourselves here on earth for the sake of space exploration."

Assistant Professor of medicine Doug Drossman, 35, said the space program should continue but as a low priority concern. "The space program is interesting, but we have other problems in the United States, such as inflation."

Drossman added that the money the government was spending on the space program could be channeled into the social or educational areas of government — areas he considered a higher priority.

"Budget cuts are necessary in all areas of government, and the space program should not be passed over," said Jay Gray, a 20-year-old second-class midshipman in the Navy ROTC.

"The space program is necessary because of its military applications. This country cannot afford to let the United Soviet Socialist Republic get control of space," he said.

UNC Professor of art sculpture Robert Howard, 59, said the government ought to cut the military budget and not the budgets of the social programs. "The space program is necessary, but it should not be pursued until some type of social program is reinstated."

"The government ought to go ahead with the space program at the expense of the Pentagon, FBI and CIA, but not at the expense of poor and disadvantaged people."

Construction underway in Carrboro

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Several development projects in the Carrboro area, including a shopping center, two housing complexes, and a mile-long stretch of bicycle lanes, are currently in various stages of completion.

A new shopping complex — named the Willow Creek Shopping Center — will include a Food Town, a Kerr Drug store and a restaurant, in addition to a considerable amount of private office space.

The shopping center will be located at the intersection of the N.C. 54 bypass and Jones Ferry Road. Construction is scheduled to begin this month for completion in about one year.

A project including the construction of townhouses, single family homes and patio clusters will be known as Weather Hill and will be located on Beachwood Road.

Eight units in the complex, ranging in price from \$49,700 to \$57,800, have already been completed and sold, a spokesman for Wells Management Group said.

He added that eight more units would be completed in October as part of an eight-to-ten-year construction plan which will eventually have a 400-family capacity.

Construction on a 64-unit condominium complex named Brightwood Terrace, which will be located on N.C. 54 across from Royal Park Apartments, is scheduled to begin on March 1.

The six-story building will house retired people and senior citizens. Each unit will have a whirlpool bath and wheelchair access. The estimated cost for Brightwood Terrace is \$5.5 million.

The bicycle lane construction now in progress on Jones Ferry Road from East Main Street to Old Well Apartments will be completed around Nov. 1.

Carrboro Director of Public Works Chris Peterson said the existing 20-foot-wide road would be widened eight feet on

each side when the project was completed.

Construction began in July, and the cost for the project was estimated at \$155,000. A second phase of Carrboro's attempt to accommodate cyclists will begin in October.

Plans include the paving of a path from the intersection of East Main and Weaver Streets to the intersection of Cameron Avenue and Merritt Mill Road. The cost for that construction is estimated at \$158,000.

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