

# Carrboro police employ full-time traffic patrolman

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In response to the number of traffic violations that take place in Carrboro, the Carrboro Police Department has hired a full-time traffic officer.

"The Board of Aldermen requested that we do something about speeding and traffic violations in Carrboro," said Carrboro police Capt. Ben Callahan. "This is our solution."

"We're getting what we want out of the position. We hope he is having an effect on traffic violations."

Officer James Phillips was chosen to fill the traffic officer position in January. He said he was prepared for the job through special training courses.

"I've been a police officer for about four and a half years," Phillips said. "I went through radar certification, a state-mandated course, and attended Accident Investigation School. Of course, I have had a number of other training schools."

Callahan said Phillips' main focus is ticketing drivers guilty of any violation he sees, especially exceeding the speed limit. He is also responsible for investigating traffic accidents, Callahan said.

"There are a lot of traffic violations going on in some of the streets that border residential areas," Callahan said.

Phillips said he hopes his position is effective in improving traffic safety in Carrboro.

"Certainly it's not pleasant to get a ticket, but the vast majority of people I stop are polite," Phillips said. "They are lowering their speeds to safer limits, I think."

"We've been doing the program for three months and we probably give out 40 to 45 tickets a month," he said. Most of the violations he gives are in the form of citations.

Callahan said there are many advantages to adding this new position to the department.

"It is a relief," Callahan said. "It gives the other officers more time to answer other calls."

Phillips said, "One of the biggest time management aspects is I do all the traffic accident investigations that come in."

"In the future I think the department would like to expand the position to one more officer," Phillips said. "We think it's going well, and we hope to continue the program."

# Panel urges end to Israeli occupation

By STACI COX  
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Relations between the Israelis and Palestinians are increasingly violent, and there will be no settlement between the two until Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip ends, agreed a four-person panel Thursday night.

"The murders of Palestinians in Israel since December is the equivalent of killing 350,000 Americans in a period of five months," said panelist Hatem Hussaini, a member of the Palestinian National Council and former member of the Palestinian delegation to United Nations.

The Palestinians have been denied their self-determination since the occupation and have little to no participation in the administration of their government, education and economy, said panelist Tomis Kapitan, an assistant professor of philosophy at East Carolina University and former professor at Beir Zeit University in the West Bank.

"To those of us that have lived there, the uprising was no surprise," Kapitan said.

He accused the Israelis of deporting prominent Palestinian citizens to weaken Palestinian resistance and of using torture and terrorism to oppress them. Hussaini displayed rubber bullets used by the Israelis, saying the bullets are manufactured in North Carolina and saying the tear gas used is manufactured in Pennsylvania.

"Without this massive military aid (from the United States), the Israelis could not continue occupa-



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Bob Sheldon (left) and Tomis Kapitan listen to Wesley Brown discuss the Palestinian uprising

tion of the West Bank and Gaza," Hussaini said.

American Jews must convince the U.S. government to discontinue support of Israel until the occupation is ended, but they must also stop denying the atrocities committed by their homeland, said Hilda Silverman, panelist from the National Mideast Task Force of the New Jewish Agenda.

"Something about Israel rising from the ashes of the Holocaust makes Jews feel it is a place of safety, when it clearly is not," Silverman said.

Wesley Brown, who represented the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party, said Jews should not identify with the Zionist nation of Israel, calling Zionism a fascist, racist ideology.

"Zionism is a vicious ideology of racial supremacy, fascist domination, religious intolerance and imperialistic expansionism very much like that which developed in Nazi Germany and Europe against the Jews," Brown said.

Brown argued only biological descendants of Abraham had legitimate historical claim to the land in Israel. Other panelists agreed that

there is a need for some type of Arab state, although they did not agree with Brown's claim.

"I am not a believer in the nation-state system," said Hussaini. "I believe the Arab nations will rise one more time to form a secular democratic state along the lines of the United States."

"The price of the Israeli state has been inordinately high in the suffering of another people," Silverman said. "Israel should pull out of the occupied territories, and a Palestinian nation should be created."

# Nobel Prize nominee supports elimination of death penalty

By CARRIE DOVE  
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Capital punishment is a distortion of justice that must be eliminated in the United States, Joe Ingle, a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, told about 50 people in Hanes Art Center Thursday night.

"(Capital punishment) is an evil that the American people are going to stop because they cannot stand the stench," he said. "It is so evil, so barbaric that it will not stand the light of day in civilized nations."

Race and socioeconomic status often determine who receives the death penalty, said Ingle, a minister in the United Church of Christ and the director of the Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons.

"Nine out of 10 people on death row could not afford a lawyer at trial," he said.

And the United States must realize that capital punishment is murder, Ingle said.

"We have got to stand up and say 'I am opposed to murder.' There isn't any such thing as a good murder."

In North Carolina, the criminal

justice system executes the innocent in the name of the people, making everyone responsible for murder, Ingle said.

"When the state of North Carolina kills someone, the people of North Carolina are killers. That killing is done in your name and in my name."

Ingle gave another Southern example with Morris Mason's case, a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic with an IQ of 66 who was convicted of murder and executed in Virginia this year.

"I can't believe that the Supreme Court would allow a man like Morris Mason to be executed, but the Court isn't all it is cracked up to be," he said.

Proponents of capital punishment rationalize that only the few most horrible murderers are executed, but there are 2,021 prisoners on death row today, Ingle said.

"There are a lot of mean people out there who are going to see a lot of people killed (through capital punishment)."

Crowds gather outside a prison in Richmond every time an exe-

cution is scheduled, chanting "Fry the nigger," Ingle said.

"It's mob hysteria," he said.

So Americans should follow the Bible, Ingle said, and God's example in the story of Cain and Abel.

"Every major church denomination is against the death penalty," he said. "... God didn't kill Cain — he sent him out into exile."

But because homicide is the most serious and least-repeated crime, there should still be a stiff penalty, Ingle said.

"You have to treat a murder with a serious punishment, and we recommend at least a 20-year mandatory sentence," he said.

And the N.C. prison system should provide humane treatment for those who escape capital punishment, Ingle said.

"(Prisons in North Carolina) have not only the worst conditions in this country, but in the Western world."

The prisons are underfunded and unnoticed, Ingle said.

"Taxpayers don't care about prisons," he said. "Out of sight, out of mind."

# Search for new official begins

By JAMES BENTON  
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University officials have formed a search committee to find a replacement for Farris Womack, vice chancellor for business and finance.

Womack is leaving UNC July 1 to take the vice president and chief financial officer's post at the University of Michigan.

Members of the search committee include Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Edith Wiggins, associate vice chancellor of student affairs; Ernest Schoenfeld, associate dean of the School of Public Health; and Stuart Bondurant, dean of the School of Medicine. Royce Murray, Kenan professor of chemistry, will serve as committee chairman.

Student Body President Kevin Martin is the only student on the committee.

The committee will meet next

Thursday with Chancellor Christopher Fordham to discuss Womack's replacement, said Brenda Kirby, an administrative assistant in the chancellor's office.

The committee will advertise for candidates in professional journals and select three to five candidates for the position, Kirby said.

The chancellor will interview the finalists for the position and then choose the replacement.

The selection process probably will not be completed until after Fordham steps down, so incoming chancellor Paul Hardin will most likely conduct the interviews, Kirby said.

Bondurant said it would probably take some time to find a suitable replacement for Womack. Bondurant served on the committee that appointed Harold Wallace to the vice chancellor position in 1980.

The process to select Wallace took more than six months, he said.

"You have to make the advertisement (for the position), wait about a month or so for the applications to come in, then screen those applications that do come in," Bondurant said. "It takes time to do this."

Schoenfeld said the selection process would probably be under the final say of Hardin.

Schoenfeld said the process will be longer for other reasons.

"The candidates you want to attract to this position will be those who are very comfortable in their jobs, and you have to expend a considerable amount of time and energy to attract them here," he said.

If Womack should leave his position while the committee is seeking a replacement, Schoenfeld said, the final decision would be up to the chancellor to appoint an interim vice chancellor, which happened in 1982 when the same position went unfilled for an extended period of time.

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