

## City Police Roundup

### In Chapel Hill:

Two vehicles were stolen during the past few days.

A 1984 Dodge Omni was stolen from behind Yates Motor Company on Franklin Street over the weekend. At Willow Brooks Apartments on Old Chapel Hill Road Tuesday, a 1976 Chevy Blazer was taken. The owner said the car was not locked and the keys were left in it.

There are no suspects in either case.

A UNC student was arrested Wednesday morning when police saw him and another man around some cars in Municipal Parking Lot No. 1.

When the two men saw police, they ran, but police caught Jason Kaus after a short chase. When asked for identification, he presented a fake ID.

Kaus was charged with underage possession, obtaining a malt beverage with fake identification and displaying a fraudulent ID.

A Raleigh man ran into trouble with police Tuesday in an incident involving alcohol.

Steven Lloyd was seen driving left of center on Rosemary Street and making a wide right turn into the parking lot of Orange Federal Savings and Loan. Police stopped Lloyd and charged him with driving while impaired, driving while license revoked, driving left

of center and fictitious tags.

Lloyd was also cited for an incident which occurred earlier at the Down Under Bar on Franklin Street. The owner of the bar said Lloyd picked up a bar stool and threw it at a Plexiglas window, causing about \$281 in damage.

Lloyd was charged with injury to real and personal property.

### In Carrboro:

Michael Royster and Fredrick Smith were charged with shoplifting Tuesday after police found them carrying cigarettes, Bic lighters and film from Roses in Plantation Plaza. Royster was also charged with assaulting one of the employees.

An employee of the State Employees Credit Union was a victim of indecent exposure Tuesday while working at the drive-up window.

Several cars were broken into Tuesday evening while parked at Carr Mill Mall near Aurora Restaurant.

A pocketbook was stolen from a 1986 Audi, but a cellular phone was left in place. More than \$2500 worth of items were removed from a 1987 Ford Bronco, including a shotgun, binoculars and a pair of boots. A calculator and jacket were stolen from a 1988 AMC Jeep, but again the suspect left a cellular phone.

— compiled by Larry Stone

# Views traded on council proposals

By JESSICA LANNING  
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Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council, the N.C. General Assembly and the Orange County Commissioners met earlier this week to determine the future of town legislative proposals going to assembly this year.

Council members Julie Andresen, Nancy Preston, Joe Herzenberg, Art Werner and Roosevelt Wilkerson, Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes, Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, senators Henson Barnes, D-Wayne, and Wanda Hunt, D-Moore, and Chairman of the Orange County Commissioners Moses Carey attended the meeting.

Mayor Howes said the meeting was held to assess the attitudes of the assembly, to determine the likelihood of the proposals' being passed and

to hear the views of the legislators.

"We are making it clear to them (the legislators) that we strongly support these issues," he said. "And we get a reading of how the issues will be treated."

The Chapel Hill Town Council is requesting that the assembly look at three proposals. One is an impact tax proposal that would tax developers and buyers of new homes to compensate for the financial burden new residential areas put on the local government.

Although the council has not approved the tax, Howes said he anticipated the council would support it.

Another proposal is a tree ordinance to extend a higher degree of protection to certain trees in newly developed areas. The proposal is not

directed toward a specific type of tree.

"It's to assure sensitivity to trees in new property," Howes said. "It would require careful protection of trees not disturbed (by development) and the soil around them."

The last proposal, the public facilities ordinance, would require appropriate public facilities such as roads to be in place before development in any area began.

The meeting allowed the legislators to understand the council's views better, and Howes said the council members gained a better understanding of the pressure on the legislators.

Hackney said he considered the meeting a success. "When the Chapel Hill Town Council sends you proposed legislation in the mail, it's on the page, but it's good to hear how they want it done."

Hackney does not have the final draft of the impact tax proposal, but he said the officials would make a decision once they received it. "We'll take a look at it as a delegation and see what direction we need to take," he said.

The tree ordinance and the public facilities ordinance have been introduced into the assembly, but nothing has been decided, Hackney said. The tree ordinance should be decided on within the next 30 days.

The council may back down from the public facilities ordinance and adopt a similar plan that would not require approval of the assembly.

"These are controversial matters and are not going to be easy to pass," Howes said. "We'll work hard to see to it that they do."

## Airport site search upsets some residents

By TOM PARKS  
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Orange County is looking for a location for a proposed small-plane airport, but residents are circulating petitions to keep the airport out of their backyards.

The county is conducting a search for possible sites for a general aviation airport, said Pam Jones, director of the search. The county is only conducting a feasibility study and has not made a definite decision to build an airport.

The county is considering about 20 sites for the airport, which would serve planes ranging from small jets to single-engine planes, Jones said.

Jones said she expects some county residents who live near the chosen sites to protest, but so far only one community, Dodson's Crossroads South, is petitioning to keep the airport out of their area.

Jeffrey Peloquin and James Wat-

son, who live near Dodson's Crossroads South, said most of the area's residents are adamantly opposed to having the airport near their homes.

Peloquin said at least two petitions are circulating. One opposes placing the airport anywhere in southern Orange County while the other opposes placing it near Dodson's Crossroads South.

"It is not just me," Peloquin said. "The community is up in arms."

Five of the 21 proposed locations are near Dodson's Crossroads South, Peloquin said. "We seem to have been targeted."

The county had not taken into account the growth of the area, Peloquin said. The area's population has close to doubled in the past five years and is still growing, and this makes Dodson's Crossroads South an unsuitable area for an airport.

"There are enough people out here to warrant not placing an airport in

our backyard."

Watson said he does not want to live with the noise and traffic generated by a nearby airport and a planned industrial park which will be built with the airport.

"In a community like ours, there are numerous subdivisions and hundreds of families that would be tremendously disturbed. Just about every subdivision (in the Dodson's Crossroads South area) is circulating a petition among its residents."

Gordon Rutherford, director of University Facilities Planning and Design, said the University has officially said it will close Horace Williams Airport if Orange County builds an airport which is sufficient for the University's needs.

UNC transportation planner John Gardner said the University has considered using the land around Horace Williams Airport for a satellite campus.

But the University has no definite plans to either close the airport or build a satellite campus, he said.

The University has begun building a 500-space parking lot near the Horace Williams Airport, Rutherford said.

In an Apr. 24 Orange County Board of Commissioners work session, the search will be narrowed down to three to five possible locations, Jones said.

## Stop sign proposal debated

By L.D. CURLE  
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Residents expressed their concern at a public hearing Monday about a traffic proposal to limit the placement and number of stop signs on several Chapel Hill roads.

After several requests for more stop signs, the town's engineering department conducted a study that found new stop signs along Elliott Road, Burning Tree Drive and Willow Drive did little to slow traffic, forced some traffic to other routes and caused enforcement problems.

The department recommended a proposal with guidelines that restrict the conditions for installing stop signs.

Some residents who live on the roads believe these stop signs serve an important function of slowing traffic in these neighborhoods. They are also concerned the proposal would allow stop signs to be removed and prevent them from controlling drivers' speed.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said the proposal would not remove any signs, only limit the number and location of signs. The people who were concerned with the removal of signs were misguided, he said.

Council member David Godschalk said he agreed with the guidelines in the proposal.

Traffic control is a process that has been based on much experience and research, he said. Traffic problems cannot be dealt with by each block — a plan must work for the whole town.

Others were concerned stop signs make it difficult to use these roads and only frustrate drivers.

Charles Zug of Torrey Pines Place said residents thought the city was trying to standardize neighborhoods, and the way the city was looking at neighborhoods did not take into account the special problems of each area.

Rick Hollowell, who lives on Shady Lawn Road and spoke at the hearing, said he does support the town's original proposal.

"We feel stop signs put in now are not necessary. When you look at the effects, all they really have done is aggravate drivers."

Elliott Road, one of the roads affected by the stop signs, is the easiest way to get to Franklin Street, especially for those who live in Lake Forest and Coker Hills, Hollowell said.

"Naturally, there's going to be much traffic. That is why they made that street wide to begin with."

Although the signs are visible and well-placed, they are difficult to understand, he said. People driving on that road do not look for stop signs, because they believe it would normally be the through street.

"I am not advocating reckless driving," he said. "I think we should use common sense on whether we should put a leash on drivers with unnecessary stop signs."

Hollowell said he probably would not attend any more meetings but is tracking the issue and contacting the manager's office frequently.

"They are constantly being inundated with my comments," he said.

The council recommended the proposal to Town Manager David Taylor for further study. The proposal will be returned to the council for review in late April, and there will not be another public hearing.

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