

CAMPUS and CITY

Zoning permits approved for small businesses

City Police ROUNDUP

Monday, March 26

■ A customer at McDonald's at 409 W. Franklin St. was talking loudly and disturbing other customers. The manager called police after the subject refused to leave upon request. The man left without further problems after the police arrived.

Sunday, March 25

■ Several subjects blocked North Graham Street at 1:14 a.m. and began shouting and shoving one another. The group scattered when police arrived. An officer remained in the area to make sure no further incidents occurred.

■ A tree at the former Burger King Building on East Franklin Street was uprooted and carried away. Police estimated damage at \$250.

■ A man was arrested after a brief struggle with police. An anonymous person's report of being assaulted at 106-A Louis Armstrong Court prompted the arrest.

■ A man reported a theft from his room at the Chi Phi fraternity house, 300 S. Columbia St. Police estimated the crime occurred between 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. More than \$600 of property was stolen. Police have no suspects in the crime.

■ A man reported his car had been vandalized near his Old Mill Road residence. Damage to the car was estimated at \$6,000. The police have no suspects in the case.

■ An employee of Durham Sporting Goods at University Mall was carrying two money bags to the bank when a white man in a gray car approached him and demanded the money. The man pulled a pellet pistol on the victim and forced him to hand over the bags. The suspect then drove away north on Estes Drive. The victim called the Chapel Hill Police Department, and with the help of the Durham police and the N.C. State Highway Patrol, apprehended John Franklin, 26, initially identified as Karl Bloom, an escapee from Florida.

Saturday, March 24

■ A woman reported a suspicious person knocking on her front door at the University Garden Apartments. The police checked the area but did not locate any suspects.

■ A complainant reported loud music at Kappa Psi fraternity, 208-Finley Golf Course Road. Police spoke with the fraternity's president, and he agreed to turn the music down.

■ A man reported a case of vandalism to the police. He found his mailbox pulled off its post and placed on the front porch of his Wesley Drive home. The complainant could not identify any suspects. There was no damage done to the mailbox.

■ A complainant reported that someone was setting off fireworks in the Friendly Lane area. Police could not locate any suspects.

■ A complainant reported that the model condominium at Kirkwood Condominiums on Kirkwood Drive was broken into and two stereo speakers, valued at \$200, were stolen. Police have no suspects in the case, and it is to be investigated further.

■ A group of 40 persons at Time Out Chicken and Biscuits at 10:58 p.m. prompted the manager to call police to get the group removed from the restaurant. The people left on their own accord after police responded to the call.

■ A suspect was arrested after the manager of the Sav-a-Center at 750 Airport Road in Chapel Hill reported a suspected shoplifter to police. The suspect was arrested after trying to conceal merchandise and leave the premises.

■ A homeless man was charged in an incident in which he threatened a Chapel Hill police officer Friday. George W. Tucker, 59, who has no known permanent address, was charged with drunk and disruptive behavior in the incident at Eastgate Shopping Center, after he allegedly threatened to kill the officer.

■ A man was stabbed during a fight in downtown Chapel Hill Saturday night. The man, whose name was not released by police, was stabbed in the back during a fight at 11 p.m. with four other men outside the Four Corners Restaurant on East Franklin Street. The victim was taken to North Carolina Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for the injury. No arrests in the incident had been made as of Sunday.

By JENNIFER FOSTER

Staff Writer

Small businesses in Carrboro will have an easier time moving into the town's general business district since the Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously passed a new ordinance March 13.

The ordinance will allow manufacturing businesses to apply for a zoning permit to open businesses on lots smaller than one acre.

In the past, new small-scale businesses applied for conditional-use permits, which require a public hearing

and review by at least two town advisory boards.

Proposals for the ordinance originated approximately two months ago, when the board was approached by the owners of a small T-shirt business who were having difficulty opening a shop in Carrboro, Alderman Frances Shetley said.

Shetley said the board felt the hardship of paying rent before the business opened would be too much for the small business to handle. She said the board asked its staff to see what could be done to handle the problem.

The old application process for a conditional-use permit took up to six months, Shetley said. The new ordinance should cut the waiting period by several months, making it easier on small businesses who are paying rent on the property while waiting for their permit application to be approved.

An additional change in the existing process concerns the recipient of the zoning permit. The new ordinance will grant a permit to the owner of the property, rather than to each individual business. Property owners may locate more than one business on a property

under the new ordinance, without filing separate permit applications with the town.

Some safeguards have been implemented into the ordinance to keep businesses from taking advantage of lighter restrictions. The zoning administrators, under the new ordinance, still have the option, in certain circumstances, to require businesses to obtain a conditional-use permit.

The vote was taken after a March 8 town meeting, where merchants and developers delivered complaints concerning town staff and regulations. After

the meeting, the staff compiled a list of complaints and suggestions to be used to plan changes in the town's procedures in dealing with business personnel.

One complaint said town ordinances did not distinguish between large and small businesses.

The new ordinance will affect businesses that plan to manufacture, repair, renovate, paint, assemble, clean or create products on a small-scale. The ordinance was implemented March 13, as soon as it was passed by the board, Shetley said.



Daddy's little girl

Two-year-old Kelli Jones does her version of "Twist and Shout" as guitarist Keith Woodall strums his best rendition. Kelli's father and attentive ob-

server, Carl Jones, beams with pride as his little girl rocks on Franklin Street Monday afternoon.

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Council debates projects

By JESSICA YATES

Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council decided during Monday night's meeting that traffic improvements on U.S. Highway 15-501 would be its top priority for federally funded projects, but debate ensued when members tried to formulate the best solutions to alleviate the problems.

The council debated for nearly an hour trying to rework the list of project recommendations made by the Chapel Hill Transportation Board and Chapel Hill Planning Board.

The council's final vote made federally funded projects improving and extending frontage roads along U.S. 15-501 from Franklin Street and Interstate 40 interchange its top priority.

Council member Julie Andresen motioned to move the proposed project on frontage roads from priority number four to number one, moving the widening of U.S. 15-501, from the bypass to the Chatham County line, down the list in the council's requests to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Many members expressed concern that widening the road leading to the Chatham County line would encourage residents of that county to use the highway more.

Two council members, Art Werner and James Wallace, voted against the resolution which authorized submitting the town's list of transportation project priorities to the North Carolina Transportation Improvement Program.

Werner said he did not think that the emphasis should be on service roads along the highway to improve traffic problems. "If you build all these roads, you just saturate the bypass," he said. "It really seems like we're going on a massive road building program."

Wallace argued he wanted to make a federally funded highway across Chatham County a priority so U.S. 15-501 would not carry so many travelers from Chatham County into Orange County.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said he agreed with Wallace's concern, but it was up to the state's thoroughfare plans to improve Chatham County's cross-county highway system. "Chatham County itself has not yet supported it," he said. "The forum for the discussion of that, unfortunately, is not here yet."

All four project proposals made for primary roads dealt with the traffic problems on U.S. 15-501. Two other recommendations the boards listed requested federal funding to construct a park-and-ride facility along Interstate 40 and to widen the highway from Franklin Street to the interstate's interchange.

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Sam Bagenstos (Dist. 14) said he did not attend the meeting because he did not agree with the court's decision. "I didn't think it was right to go to the meeting and give the election my stamp of approval."

"I think the Supreme Court used legalistic arguments to get around the obvious will of the people," he said.

Bagenstos said other congress members may not have attended the meeting because they did not receive notice in time.

Tibetan treat: Groups sponsor an evening in the Orient

By CAROL HAZLEWOOD

Staff Writer

Momo, Kabsy and Tibetan culture are all on the menu of the coming Tibet program at UNC.

The N.C. Center for Peace Education, N.C. Educators for Social Responsibility and Triangle Area Friends of Tibet are sponsoring a "Tibet Evening" at the Wesley Foundation.

The program commemorates the 31st anniversary of the Tibetan Great Uprising in which the Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal leader, fled Tibet because the Chinese government invaded.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., and the public can purchase items from

an assortment of Tibetan crafts, books, magazines, postcards and snacks. Tibetan snacks include: Momo, a steamed, meat-filled dumpling; Kabsy, a sweet; and Tibetan tea, a blend of butter, salt, milk and tea.

Twenty percent of the profits from this sale will benefit the N.C. Center for Peace Education, said Heidrun Erwin, co-owner of Rainbow Collection, the shop providing the crafts.

At 7:30 p.m. the program will show "Ocean of Wisdom," a video about the 14th dalai lama. Afterward, Migyur Dorjee Samkhar, a second-year graduate student, will speak about past and present Tibetan issues.

Samkhar said increasing awareness

of the situation in Tibet is her main purpose. The Chinese government has imposed martial law in Tibet since the 30th Uprising on March 10, 1989.

"The public needs to be aware that this suppression is a violation of human rights and continues today," she said.

"There was a lot of publicity about the imposition of martial law in Beijing, but it only lasted for about eight months, and martial law still exists in Tibet."

The Dalai Lama won the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize and now travels around the world, meeting people and fostering international support for the Tibetan cause.

"The U.S. government has not sub-

stantially supported Tibet's cause, but it has recognized the human rights violations," Samkhar said. The exiled government is trying to preserve the Tibetan culture, religion and tradition so Tibetans can maintain their own identities.

Samkhar said she hoped modern education would help the younger Tibetans stand up for what they believe.

"Hopefully, they will learn what their rights are and someday help in the fight to end Chinese government's suppression."

A \$1.50 donation is suggested for students, and \$3-\$5 is requested from others.

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Election

went downhill," Bibbs said. "The focus of the campaign shifted from issues to dirty politics and mudslinging."

Hildebolt said the campaign had been issue-oriented before the Feb. 20 election. "I think that's why I came out on top," he said. "I had ideas that got people excited, and they weren't concerned with flash and image. After the election, things changed totally."

Friedman said she did not think all the election confusion would have a bearing on how the president-elect would perform in office.

Hildebolt said he would revitalize student government. "The first thing I'm going to do is call people from special interest groups and other campaigns and invite them to work with me so that we can get student government back on its feet."

"I don't think people realize what student government does for them," he said. "We wouldn't have a (Student) Union without government, and Chapel Hill wouldn't have a bus system."

Bibbs said he would begin reorganizing student government the day he

got into office.

"I will begin the healing process of bringing student government back together," he said. "I'll send forms and questionnaires to other campus leaders to submit the names of people they feel are qualified to serve in student government positions based on performance, communication skills and leadership abilities."

Some students said they have become disillusioned and frustrated with this year's elections.

Taffey Benson, a senior from Fay-

etteville, said the process had been drawn out too far. "Right now I'm in a state of numbness regarding the elections," she said.

"It would be very easy for me to say I don't care to vote, but I am going to vote because I think it's the right thing to do, and because I am supporting one particular candidate," Benson said.

Lumsden said he felt the election was handled badly and that blacks at UNC deserved better. "Some things bothered me more than others, but nothing as much as the closed-mindedness that has presided over this campaign."

rectifying existing rules and to differentiate between those and possible new rules. "We need to be wary of questioning the validity of existing rules," she said.

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There could be some more stops between there."

The transit system received \$250,000 from student fees last semester, according to Gardner. The Board of Trustees approved a resolution in April giving \$12.50 of each student's fees to the transit system.

Transportation

planning a few changes in the system, but no major overhauls, Gardner said. The alterations made will concentrate on discontinuing less-used stops and stepping up service in areas with more riders.

"Everybody would like for the bus to come by their place more often," Gard-

ner said. "We'd like some ideas from students about where our ridership is."

Scott Bennett, a junior from Stokesdale who uses the J-route, said he was generally pleased with the system but would like to see increased night service. "It's a cheap way to travel," he said. "After 6:30, it only runs hourly. I think

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