

CAMPUS AND CITY

**POLICE ROUNDUP**

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Campus

Tuesday, March 30

■ A housekeeper reported that a vacuum cleaner was stolen from the janitor's closet in Hamilton Hall, according to police reports.

The housekeeper said the vacuum was in the closet Friday afternoon but was gone by Tuesday morning, reports stated. The housekeeper also reported that someone had vacuumed Hamilton 100 during the weekend, according to police reports.

Reports stated that the value of the vacuum was more than \$200.

■ A faculty member reported that his car was broken into and his car phone was stolen, reports stated.

The car was left Monday night in the Health Affairs parking deck, and the owner returned Tuesday morning to find his car phone missing, reports stated.

Police reports stated that the phone was valued at \$300. No other damages were reported, police reports stated.

Monday, March 29

■ A dead, skinned cat was found at 10:50 p.m. on the west side of Alexander Residence Hall, police reports stated.

According to police reports, the cat was taken from the laboratory beside Alexander. Reports stated that no suspects or further details of the incident were reported.

■ A Morrison Residence Hall resident reported that her credit cards were stolen from her room, reports stated.

The cards were taken on March 14 from the resident's desk when she was in the shower, police reports stated.

Approximately \$200 was purchased on the cards between March 3 through March 5, reports stated.

■ A student reported that her car was damaged, reports stated. The car was parked in the N-4 Cobb lot, according to police reports.

The student returned to the car and found that the driver's side quarter panel, lower half of the front door and rear door had been damaged, reports stated.

The damage was estimated at \$500, according to police reports.

■ An N-4 parking lot sign was reported stolen from the corner of Cobb Drive and Raleigh Street, reports stated.

The sign was valued at \$45, according to police reports.

■ An S-4 parking lot sign was reported stolen from the corner of Stadium Drive and South Road, reports stated.

The sign was valued at \$35, police reports stated.

City

Wednesday, March 31

■ Police responded to a complaint at 3:30 a.m. that a live band was playing outside a Rosemary Street residence, police reports stated.

When the police arrived, the band agreed to stop playing, reports stated.

Tuesday, March 30

■ A University student reported that an unidentified suspect broke into his convertible car and stole his radar detector, police reports stated.

The robbery took place between 12:01 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the corner of Bolin Heights Road and the driveway to Mill Creek Apartments, reports stated.

The radar detector was valued at about \$60 and the damage to the car was estimated at \$150, police reports stated.

Police have not yet identified any suspects, reports stated.

■ A UNC-Wilmington student visiting Chapel Hill reported that an unknown suspect broke into his car and stole a cassette player, reports stated.

The robbery occurred between 10:55 p.m. Monday and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the corner parking lot at Schultz Street and Kingsbury Drive, reports stated.

The cassette player was valued at about \$170. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150, police reports stated.

There are no suspects at this time, according to police reports.

■ An employee of The Lodge reported that a customer left the store without paying for merchandise at 5:34 p.m., police reports stated.

Police were unable to locate the suspect, reports stated.

The Lodge is located at 157 E. Franklin St.

■ An employee at the Mini-Mart on Airport Road reported that a customer driving a gold Dodge mini-van left without paying for \$11.31 of gas, police reports stated.

The suspect was last seen driving toward I-40 on Airport Road, reports stated.

The Mini-Mart is located at 1200 Airport Road in Chapel Hill.

■ A Carboro resident reported that a dog tried to bite him at 301 Laurel Hill Road in Chapel Hill at 11:06 a.m., police reports stated.

The complainant told police the dog caught and ripped the leg of his pants but did not actually bite him, reports stated.

The owner of the dog was informed of what had happened, reports stated.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a report of loud music coming from a vehicle on N. Graham Street, police reports stated.

Upon arrival, police told the driver of a green Oldsmobile to keep the music down and the driver complied, reports stated.

# Congress OKs sexual-orientation bill

By Marty Minchin  
Assistant University Editor

Student Congress members voted 11-10 at their Wednesday meeting to approve a resolution recommending that the Board of Governors amend the UNC-system's nondiscrimination statement to include protection on the basis of sexual orientation.

"We see this as a building block to allow us to go on and get this put under the whole system," said Caroline Heller, co-founder of the recently formed Political Action Committee for Equal Rights, the group that sponsored the bill.

After debating the bill, congress members voted 10-10 on the bill. Speaker Jennifer Lloyd broke the tie

with an affirmative vote.

Heller said a group representative would bring the resolution before the BOG at its next meeting.

If approved, all 16 schools in the UNC-system would adopt a permanent policy providing protection on the basis of sexual orientation.

Matt Stiegler, a PACER member and co-founder of the Student Organized Movement Against Discrimination, said the fact that the 74th congress passed the bill showed how much support the bill had garnered from congress members.

"The fact that this congress would pass this bill really says something about the support," he said.

"Right now their credibility is almost zero due to the endeavors of a special

few. That they supported it is very encouraging."

Heller said the group brought the bill before congress because they wanted to show the BOG that the student body of UNC-CH supported the bill.

"We decided this was one of the steps we wanted to take before it came up before the BOG," she said.

"We want this to reflect UNC-CH is in support of the systemwide installation of this addition."

The Association of Student Governments, a group of student leaders from all UNC-system schools, supports the recommendation, Heller said.

Copland said Derrick Griffith, a UNC-Charlotte student and ASG president, could bring the recommendation before the BOG because his position

included an ex-officio, nonvoting seat on the BOG.

Student Body President-elect Jim Copland said he was in full support of the recommendation.

"(Congress's support) is just showing a feeling of the congress, which is representative of the student body," he said.

"The UNC system should adopt an official nondiscrimination statement including sexual orientation."

During debate on the bill, Heller told congress members that the bill was similar to Chancellor Paul Hardin's policy, which includes protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"There's already a statement in this University protecting sexual orienta-

tion," she said.

"This obviously is something that is recognized as important — it should be permanent and recognized in the entire UNC system."

Hardin's policy only is in effect, as long as remains at the University.

UNC-CH has no other official statement providing protection on the basis of sexual orientation.

Rep. Sneha Shah, Dist. 19, said during debate that Hardin's support of a policy against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation showed the importance of the bill.

"If the fact that Chancellor Hardin has adopted (this policy) ... I really don't think there's a problem with making this a resolution and giving it our support."

## Funding for Raleigh World Trade Center not a town priority

By Maile Carpenter  
Staff Writer

Promoting international business in Chapel Hill isn't a top priority for town council members, so the town probably won't help fund the local branch of the World Trade Center, council member Art Werner said Wednesday.

Despite its appeal to some local businesses with overseas connections, the Research Triangle World Trade Center probably will not secure the 10-cent per-capita donation it requested from Chapel Hill, Werner said.

"I don't have any enthusiasm built on it," Werner said. "This just doesn't seem to be a high-priority issue."

The center, which is located in Durham near the boundaries of Research Triangle Park, is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization with 200 member businesses in North Carolina, according to public relations coordinator David Thomas.

Like its counterpart in New York, the Raleigh World Trade Center puts local businesses in touch with foreign companies who want to do business with American firms.

Thomas said the center requested funding from local cities to help boost international business in the Triangle.

"Any company in Chapel Hill that has a product to export could benefit," Thomas said.

The center is funded primarily by membership fees and the N.C. General Assembly. But after Raleigh do-

nated \$24,000 this year, Thomas said the center was asking Chapel Hill and other towns throughout the state for contributions.

"The reason why it's a good idea for Chapel Hill is that we're providing services that any Chapel Hill business can take advantage of," Thomas said.

But town manager Cal Horton said he didn't think any funds would be given to the center, even if the center requested less money.

"My recommendation would be that there be no appropriation," Horton said. "We don't have any information that would suggest that the center's services would justify a contribution from the town."

John Ruggles, owner of a Chapel Hill business in international environmental consulting, said his membership in the Research Triangle World Trade Center had been a great asset to his company.

He added that the town should consider giving money to the center.

"If the town feels like having a vibrant business community, it will be a worthwhile investment," Ruggles said. "It will help attract foreign money to this area."

Ruggles said he had introduced four other Chapel Hill businesses to the local World Trade Center.

Thomas said the center provided free educational seminars in Chapel Hill for anyone interested in international business. "We are helping to disseminate information to the people of Chapel Hill."

## Merchandise sales skyrocket as Heels head for Final Four

By S. Tebbens  
Staff Writer

And they're off ...

Not only is the UNC basketball team off to the Final Four in New Orleans this weekend, but highly demanded Final Four memorabilia is running off the shelves.

Store managers all over Chapel Hill are finding it difficult to keep Final Four T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats in stock.

"We're selling (memorabilia) so fast that we can't get deliveries soon enough," said Shelton Henderson, owner and manager of The Shrunken Head boutique on East Franklin Street.

"We're having to take orders for them. It's been an exciting time," he said.

"Beat Kansas" buttons also have been selling very well, Henderson said.

The Tar Heel basketball team plays Kansas Saturday evening in the first game of the NCAA Final Four in the New Orleans Superdome.

The Shrunken Head, Carolina Pride, Johnny T-shirt and UNC Student Stores all are carrying Final Four memorabilia. And all store managers say they are excited about sale increases.

John Jones, UNC Student Stores director, said sales of Final Four items at all campus stores had increased significantly. "We've sold more than \$15,000 in three days," he said. "That's a terrific rate of sale, and it's been better every day — and that's not very common."

Student Stores has been receiving Final Four items all week — sometimes two and three shipments a day.

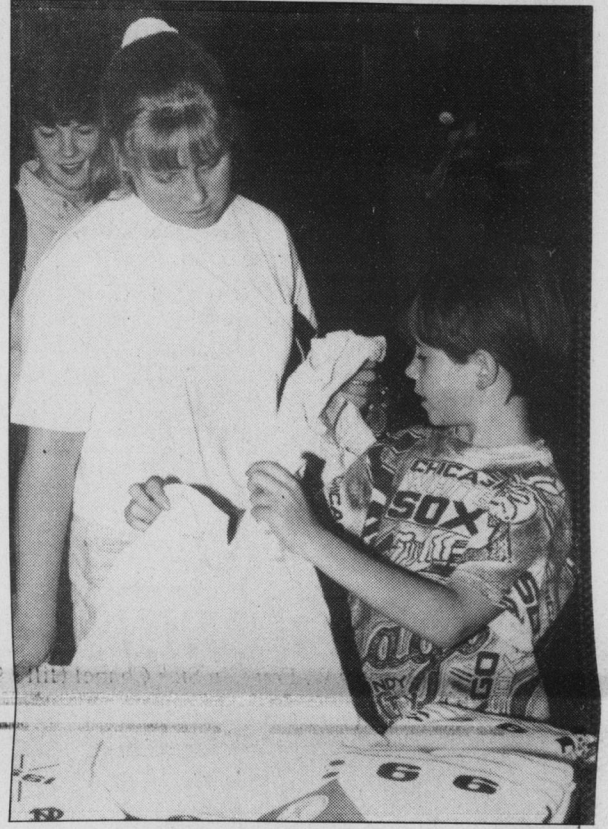
Donna Devanney, manager of Carolina Pride on East Franklin Street, said the Final Four definitely had depleted their stock. "It goes quickly," she said.

Alicia Hardin, manager of the Franklin Street boutique Johnny T-shirt, said Final Four merchandise had been in higher demand than other UNC memorabilia.

"Final Four merchandise is selling better than other Carolina items," she said. "We've been running out of a few things, but we've been able to get them in the store as soon as we can."

Linda Horne, administrative assistant in the Department of English, stopped by the Student Stores Wednesday to buy T-shirts for her children.

"They're big Carolina fans — I'm a



Troy Golden and his babysitter examine Student Stores' Final Four T-shirts Wednesday.

big Carolina fan," she said. "When you've lived in Chapel Hill all your life, you have to be."

Tonya Holcombe, a fifth-year music major from Asheville, said she bought a Final Four T-shirt Tuesday and a hat Wednesday. "I'm in the band and didn't get to go to the games this year, so I might as well get a T-shirt," she said.

Increased sales at tournament time aren't unique to the area. Duke University stores experienced the same bulging sales each time Duke went to the

Final Four. The Duke basketball team has traveled to the Final Four tournament six of the past seven years.

Tom Craig, general manager of Duke University retail stores, said sales rocketed during the each of Duke's tournament runs. "Duke Final Four memorabilia probably tripled sales before the national championship game — and that's probably a conservative estimate."

Craig said the Duke University stores did not have off-campus competition like UNC.

## SBP-elect recruiting broad student base for executive positions

By Candace N. Watson  
Staff Writer

Student Body President-elect Jim Copland has begun seeking applicants for positions in his administration.

Paid inserts in Monday's Daily Tar Heel advertised positions from elections board chair to town council liaison to the Carolina Union Board of Directors. The insert lists a total of 81 capacities through which students can participate in the executive branch of student government.

"We want to have as many people involved in the executive branch as possible," said Mark Shelburne, student government transition coordinator.

The distribution marks the first time student government has published inserts for students to see what positions are available.

Shelburne said the purpose of the inserts was to open up student government to students who wouldn't know about it otherwise.

"The forms are for allowing people to judge the time commitments of each position, as well as be more aware of the positions," he said.

Copland said he wanted a large number of students to respond to the interest forms. "I feel we should get a hundred

interest forms," he said.

The form lists all the committee and coordinator positions available to students.

Since his election Feb. 16, Copland has been working with a transition team to ensure that his administration is in touch with campus needs.

Copland has taken an active role in the student-led fight for a free-standing black cultural center, helped organize last week's Rape-Free Zone and is forming a group of students to lobby the General Assembly against its proposed tuition increases.

Copland said the inserts were intended for students who had never known about student government committees and coordinator positions.

For students who want to know more about a particular committee or position, Shelburne said Copland soon would be assembling more in-depth packets.

Positions are listed on the form according to the approximate time commitment they involve. Categories range from 15 hours a week to three hours a month.

The listing allowed students to gauge the time involvement of each position, Copland said.

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## Senior class to present \$300,000 gift to Academic Affairs Library

By Chris Robertson  
Staff Writer

The senior class is putting the bows on its gift to the University — an endowment of more than \$300,000 for the Academic Affairs Library.

The Academic Affairs Library includes Davis, Wilson and the Undergraduate libraries as well as several departmental libraries.

Ron Barnes, senior class gift committee co-chairman, said the senior class raised \$305,680 of its \$365,000 goal.

"We're very happy with where we ended up," he said. "We feel we did a good job with our resources. We would have liked to reach the \$365,000 goal, but we're pleased."

Elizabeth Mitchell, senior class vice president, said the senior class fundraisers did not view the goal as a number they failed to reach but as a standard

toward which to work.

"I feel proud that we reached over \$300,000," she said. "Goals are supposed to be out of reach to make you work harder."

The main fund-raiser for the endowment was the Senior Class Phone-a-thon, a weeklong event last January in which volunteers called seniors, asking them to donate or pledge money to the campaign.

More than 45 percent of the senior class pledged money to the campaign during the phone-a-thon, Barnes said.

Barnes said library officials will decide the specific details of what will be purchased with the endowment.

"The only stipulation the committee has given the library is that the money stays in the library," he said. "We asked them to spend the money on items that will go into or benefit the library. Other than that, they are free to allocate the

money as they see fit."

The libraries will draw from the fund when they need to purchase periodicals or new technology, Barnes said.

"We hope the library will use the funds for the new CD-ROM's that are the new technology now and for new resources we don't even know about that will surface in the future," he said.

Mitchell said the senior class wanted to give a gift that would help the entire undergraduate population of the University, not just graduating seniors working on their thesis papers.

"It's all for undergraduate purposes, not solely for the seniors," she said. "It's for all kinds of resources and technologies."

Bob Paty, senior class president, said he "was very pleased with the choice of giving the money to the libraries." All

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## New computers to help police department operate more efficiently

By Matthew Henry  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Police Department will be entering the computer age in about a year.

"Not having computers is really frustrating, because so much information that we need is not retrievable without computers," Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

The police department currently stores all of its records on 3-by-5 index cards in file cabinets.

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution last week to form a committee to oversee integrating a new computer system into the police

department's operations.

Council member Joe Capowski said he thought it would take about a year to purchase and introduce the computer system, which will cost about \$50,000.

Capowski said Chapel Hill was well behind the rest of the country in making the switch from keeping records on paper to using computers.

"Computers will save work because they will allow the department to access computer statistics and criminal records, allowing the police department to use its limited resources most effectively," he said.

Cousins said storing information in a database would help the department in criminal investigations, spotting trends,

crime analysis and patrol placement.

The police department will be better able to identify high-crime areas and schedule regular patrols with computers, Cousins said.

Cousins said the police department eagerly was anticipating the change.

Town manager Cal Horton said that although computerizing the police department might not reduce crime significantly, it would have long-term benefits.

"What it will do is increase efficiency and make it possible to have better use of our resources," he said.

Capowski said he thought the council would support allocating the necessary funds to buy new computers.

"Crime was the single biggest topic at our January retreat," Capowski said.

Horton said the computer equipment and software might cost more than \$50,000, so additional appropriations probably would be needed in the future.

Carboro police Capt. John Burke said the four computers his department owned had been a big asset.

"Computers have cut down on manhours, on investigations, on time spent making reports, because whenever we need information it's right there at our fingertips," Burke said.

Chapel Hill police Detective Pat Burns said computers would cut down on a lot of legwork.

"I'll be able to look at suspect records

on the computer, instead of having to do it manually," he said.

Burns said computers would enable officers working on similar cases to check the progress that had been made by other officers.

Capowski said he was recruiting about eight citizens to join him on the committee, which he thought would be formed in about a week.

"I'm looking for people experienced in the introduction of computer systems into a complex business organization," he said. "The committee will check out how other police departments the size of Chapel Hill's have introduced computer systems and more or less imitate them."