

# The Daily Tar Heel

Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1994

News/Features/Arts/Sports 962-0245  
Business/Advertising 962-1163  
© 1994 DTH Publishing Corp. All rights reserved.

Volume 102, Issue 69  
101 years of editorial freedom  
Serving the students and the University community since 1893



## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### American Warship Arrives In Haiti Ready for Invasion

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Tension mounted Wednesday as low-flying planes dropped American propaganda leaflets on the Haitian capital and a U.S. warship steamed within sight of the port.

Pro-army militiamen beat up some people trying to pick up the leaflets, which announce the return of Haiti's elected president. Capital Police Chief Michel Francois was heard on the police band ordering soldiers to shoot at the aircraft as they flew over at 2:45 a.m., according to a resident who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Ultrationalist politician Vladimir Jeanty, who heard the planes fly over his roof in the Delmas section of the capital, said Wednesday, "The sound of invasion is already in our ears."

### Israel, Syria Making More Progress in Peace Efforts

JERUSALEM — Israel and Syria are moving toward an agreement after months of deadlocked peace talks, Israel's chief of military intelligence said in an interview published Wednesday.

"I think that the near future may afford us the ability to bridge the gaps," in positions, Maj. Gen. Uri Saguy, reportedly involved in secret talks with Syria, told the Yedioth Ahranoth newspaper.

Saguy refused to give details or say through which channel the two sides were negotiating. Formal talks in Washington, D.C., were suspended earlier this year, but Israel and Syria reportedly have established a back channel involving the two nations' ambassadors to Washington.

An Israeli official confirmed reports Wednesday that Syria had not rejected outright a proposal involving an Israeli troop withdrawal.

### U.S., N. Korean Dissidents Holding Talks in Germany

BERLIN — Amid reports of a deadlock, U.S. and North Korean diplomats held a third day of technical talks on American initiatives to steer the Koreans' nuclear program away from weapons production. Neither side provided any details of the talks.

The negotiations Wednesday, the last in a series that started Saturday, began at midmorning and were expected to last into the evening.

The United States has offered to replace North Korea's reactors with light-water reactors that are safer and produce less weapons-grade plutonium than the Russian-designed graphite reactors North Korea is now developing.

### Croatian, Bosnian Leaders Open Road in Peace Effort

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatian and Bosnian Muslim leaders, seeking to shore up a faltering federation, agreed Wednesday to open a key road linking Croatia and Bosnia and to create joint municipal authorities in Bosnia.

The measures were part of efforts to ease growing tensions six months after Bosnian Croats and Muslims stopped fighting over territory in central Bosnia.

The federation agreement, signed in March following U.S. prodding, is between Bosnian Croats and Bosnia's Muslim-led government. But neighboring Croatia figures prominently because of its influence on Bosnian Croats.

Little of the agreement has been enacted, due to lingering mutual mistrust.

### Imprisoned IRA Members Support Cease-Fire Plan

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Senior IRA prisoners in Northern Ireland's top-security prison say they support the group's cease-fire as a lasting step away from violence but expect political concessions in return.

British Prime Minister John Major said Wednesday that he still wasn't sure whether the Irish Republican Army's 2-week-old truce would last. He is seeking firm assurances from Sinn Fein, the IRA's political partners, that the truce is permanent before talks could begin.

Meanwhile, a night of street violence in Belfast between the mainly Protestant police and hard-line Protestant "loyalists" starkly demonstrated how the IRA's gesture has divided sentiments in Northern Ireland's pro-British majority.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high near 90.  
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny; high near 90.

## Shooting Suspect Confesses to Police Man Fatally Shot at Restaurant

### Car Dealer Killed In West Franklin Street McDonald's

BY AMY PINIAK  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A 26-year-old man was charged with first-degree murder Wednesday afternoon after confessing to having approached his former employer at McDonald's on West Franklin Street and fatally shooting him.

David Alton Lewis of 5811 Sawmill Road in Hillsborough was transported to the Orange County Jail without bond after being questioned in the death of James "Buck" Jefferson Copeland of Chapel Hill.

Copeland, acting president and general manager at Yates Motor Co., was shot when he entered McDonald's at about 9 a.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the crime from a single gunshot wound to the left temple, according to medical examiner Dr. Thomas Sporn.

Witnesses said Lewis, described as a "young black male driving a pickup truck," had left the restaurant immediately after the shooting. Lewis apparently then drove to the Chapel Hill Police Department on Airport Road, where he waited to speak to investigators.

Lewis was previously employed by Yates Motor Co., located at 419 W. Franklin St. He worked in the car dealership's service department, said Michael Leonard, a Yates salesman.

"(Lewis) seemed like the last person who would do this," said Leonard, who has worked at Yates Motor Co. for about two years. "He was always real quiet and nice. He was someone you'd never suspect."

"(Lewis) just didn't look like the type of person who would do this," Leonard added. "But I guess looks can be deceiving."

Please See SHOOTING, Page 4



A Chapel Hill police officer keeps an eye on the situation at McDonald's Wednesday afternoon while cleanup efforts get under way inside after a Chapel Hill man was gunned down at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

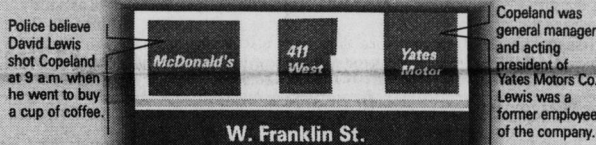
### THE SUSPECT



DAVID ALTON LEWIS  
Age 26  
Hillsborough resident

### Past Year Violent for McDonald's

The shooting death of James Copeland marked the third violent incident.



### Recent McDonald's crime

Jan. 24, 1994: A Carboro man was shot in the chest after an argument over money.

Sept. 23, 1993: Dissatisfied customer threatened to return armed before closing. He never returned.

SOURCE: STAFF REPORTS

DTH/ROBERT ANDERSON & JOHN CASERTA

### Copeland's Sudden Death Leaves Residents 'Shocked'

BY AMY PINIAK  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The morning of his 61st birthday, James "Buck" Copeland left his office at Yates Motor Co. for a cup of coffee.

At about 9 a.m. Wednesday, Copeland walked, as he did almost every day, to the nearby McDonald's on West Franklin Street. At the restaurant, former employee David Alton Lewis approached him and asked, "Do you remember me?" and fired his shotgun once into Copeland's head.

Copeland's sudden death hit hard for family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances.

Michael Leonard, a salesman at Yates for the past two years, said that "Buck" Copeland had been well-liked.

"I think everyone liked Buck," Leonard said. "I was surprised someone had

Please See COPELAND, Page 4

## Congress Decides Funding Fate for 12 Student Groups

### Victory Village Day Care, SEAC, Yackety Yack Get Funding Requests Granted

BY HEATHER N. ROBINSON  
STAFF WRITER

From 7:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Wednesday night, Student Congress debated and decided on only three of 12 appropriations for University and campus-related organizations.

UNC's yearbook, the Yackety Yack; the Student Environmental Action Coalition; and the Victory Village Day Care Center all received appropriations.

The Yackety Yack was given a total of \$12,699 in appropriations. The Student Congress Finance Committee adjusted the Yack's previous request of \$32,076 to

\$21,376 last Wednesday and gave the request an unfavorable recommendation.

The appropriation request was triple the amount of last year's.

Nathan Darling, editor of the Yack, said the increase was due to a movement toward a higher quality yearbook with an emphasis placed on advertising for the promotion of this year's yearbook.

"We want the Yackety Yack to be not just a yearbook, but your book," Darling said.

After the amendments were made to the bill, it passed 17 to 4.

The Victory Village Day Care Center, which did not receive a recommendation from the finance committee, was allowed \$200 in appropriations for printing and publicity.

Debate lasted for more than an hour while Congress tried to decide if the funding was in conflict with the Finance Com-

mittee Code.

The code would not allow appropriations to be given as scholarships. The day care center was asking for \$10,770 in "scholarships."

Actually, the money they asked for in scholarships was going to be used to subsidize the enrollment fee for the children of UNC students.

Sixty-four people are served in this program, with UNC students (including undergraduates and graduates) having priority of the spaces before staff and faculty.

The subsidy cut the monthly payment of \$525 to \$150 for children under 2 years old and from \$475 to \$90 for children over the age of 2.

Congress debated the definition of scholarship and finally voted 12 to 10 that the actual subsidy was not a scholarship for the UNC student.

Congress then made amendments to

the bill, which asked for \$2,100 in appropriations for the subsidy and \$500 for printing and publicity.

The debate continued when Congress could not agree on whether they were promoting UNC as being a flagship school that supported students with children or whether they were supporting a lifestyle.

Speaker pro tempore Jonathan Jordan led the argument that congress did not need to support a lifestyle, while the Graduate and Professional Student Federation representative led the opinion that congress should support UNC's goal of allowing everyone to get an education, including those people with children.

Both amendments failed, and congress decided 13 to 8 to give the Victory Village Day Care Center \$200 for printing and publicity.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition requested \$605 to promote an

expanded recycling program for Lenoir Dining Hall and to get started as an independent group.

Two members of SEAC were present to explain to congress that the group branched from the Campus Y last year due to complexities.

SEAC has six existing subcommittees and plans to set up an office in the Student Union.

Congress granted SEAC the \$605 — for office supplies, printing and publicity, and for the cost of setting up a telephone — with little debate.

The finance committee had favorably recommended SEAC's request last Wednesday.

Three hours into the meeting, congress had only reached a decision on three of the 12 appropriations to be made. Congress was allowing a total of \$73,000 in appropriations to be made.

### SHS Fee Policy Changes Don't Allow Patients to Bill to Student Accounts

BY RACHAEL LANDAU  
STAFF WRITER

Students can no longer send their Student Health Service bills home to Mom and Dad and hope they pay them before registration time rolls around.

Student Health Service instituted a new fee policy at the beginning of this semester that states that students must pay any charges they incur on the day of service or by noon of the following day.

"We don't want students to not come because they don't have money in their pocket," said Judith Cowan, SHS director.

Cowan said SHS would do everything it could to help students work out how they would pay for services if they could not pay according to the new policy. "If a student is unable to do that, then they can speak to our financial counselor," she said.

Previously, when students came to SHS, they could pay by credit card or check or charge it to their student account. Now students may only pay with a credit card or check.

Those students who have insurance also must pay at the time of their visit, as previously required. They then can file the necessary paperwork with their insurance company to receive repayment.

The change was made because the Cashier's Office is installing a new computer system that will be ready for use Oct. 17, said Kermit Williams, University Cashier.

The new computer system is not compatible with SHS' computer system and makes it much harder to share information between the two departments, Williams

Please See SHS, Page 2

### UNC Student, Teen File Rape Reports

BY CHRIS NICHOLS  
CITY EDITOR

Two Chapel Hill women — one of them a UNC student — reported to Chapel Hill police this weekend that they had been raped in two unrelated incidents.

One of the rapes occurred over the weekend and involved a woman in her early teens. The other assault, reported to Chapel Hill police on Friday, stemmed from a late August incident in which a UNC woman was raped. The assailant was a man whom she had met earlier the same day.

"We get a lot of blind reports, people who don't want to prosecute, but we get reports," police department spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Wednesday.

Many times, rapes are reported anonymously by victims, by their friends or relatives, or by hospitals, Cousins said. But after filing a report, continuing the

"That's not unusual for women to decide that they want law enforcement involved."

JANE COUSINS

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman

case and pushing for prosecution is too difficult a process for some rape victims, she said.

"Some of these women don't want to talk to a policeman, much less prosecute," she said. "That's not unusual for women to decide that they want some time to decide they want law enforcement involved."

Cousins said neither of the women had

sustained physical injury other than the rapes.

In the case of the teenager, the victim's mother reported the incident to the police. According to Cousins, the assailant was someone the victim knew.

The rape of the UNC student occurred at an off-campus residence on Aug. 27.

No arrests have been made in either case. Police would not specify exactly where the incidents occurred.

Because the case involving the University student occurred in the town rather than on campus, Chapel Hill police, instead of University Police, conducted the inquiry and investigation.

Cousins said the Chapel Hill department often worked in conjunction with University Police.

Police records indicate that five rapes

Please See RAPE, Page 4

Procrastination — the art of keeping up with yesterday.

Don Marquis