

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Oct. 16

■ A man from Kentucky with a self-inflicted knife wound to his back approached a police officer at 2:11 a.m. in the Morehead Planetarium parking lot, University Police reports state.

The man told the officer he was homeless and needed Band-Aids for his injury, after which the police officer determined he needed medical attention and called EMS, reports state.

Saturday, Oct. 15

■ According to University Police reports, a female UNC student, Robyn Ward of Cobb Residence Hall, was arrested for communicating a threat after she verbally abused another Cobb resident.

A \$1,500 bond was set, and Ward is scheduled to appear Dec. 1 in Chapel Hill District Court.

■ Ruth Anna Louise Miskell, of 605 N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro, was stopped by a University Police officer at 4:04 a.m. for a broken tail light, according to reports.

After checking Miskell's records, the officer determined that she was wanted for a probation violation outside of Orange County and arrested her, University Police reports state.

■ The door to an equipment room was taken off its hinges at the Thurston Bowles Building and hand tools and other items were stolen at approximately 7:30 a.m., according to police reports.

■ A red, white and blue New York Giants jacket was stolen from the Chase Hall cafeteria at 4:40 p.m., University Police reports state. A female UNC student left her jacket in Chase and when she returned later the jacket was gone, reports state.

■ A UNC student's bicycle was stolen, the bike lock cut in half, off the bike rack outside of Carmichael Residence Hall on Stadium Drive at 9 p.m., University Police reports state.

Friday, Oct. 14

■ A female UNC student reported being followed at 8:15 a.m. by a white man, about 5'10" with a mustache, beard and glasses, University Police reports state. She said he has been followed by him since the first summer school session. The man was issued a trespass warning, reports state.

■ A female UNC student in Cobb Residence Hall called University Police at 5 a.m., saying she had received five messages on her answering machine, which included a man saying he was going to kill her and sexual references, reports state.

Thursday, Oct. 13

■ An unauthorized person was in Alexander Residence Hall at 10 p.m. Thursday, University Police reports state. The suspect was later found in the Pit and arrested for delay and obstructing a police officer, and was given a trespass warning, reports state.

■ A female UNC student who lives in Morrison Residence Hall collapsed behind Ehringhaus Residence Hall, according to University Police reports. EMS was called at about 3 p.m. when the student was found semi-conscious, according to University Police reports.

City

Sunday, Oct. 16

■ Jason Patrick Rumpf, 22, of Ramsgate Apartments in Carrboro was arrested at 2:30 a.m. on charges of assault, according to Chapel Hill police reports. Rumpf was charged with attacking and fighting with a woman in the Rosemary Street parking deck.

Rumpf is the CAA Homecoming Chairman at UNC. The victim's name was not reported, reports state.

■ Micah Aric Parker, of Durham, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon at 3:55 a.m., Chapel Hill police reports state. Parker was arrested at Caswell Road near Estes Drive for concealing a .25mm handgun, reports state. Parker is employed by Waspro Construction.

■ The manager on duty at Maxx's Celar, located at 143 W. Franklin St., was confronted by Chapel Hill police officers at 1:04 a.m., reports state. The bar was reported as overcrowded, and the officer in charge called for assistance, reports state. No further action was reported.

Saturday, Oct. 15

■ Chapel Hill High School student Leon Clark, 17, was arrested for assault at 7:50 p.m., according to Chapel Hill police reports. Clark attacked a man using his feet and hands, hitting the victim in the face and kicking him in the chest, reports state.

■ A fight was reported at the Pyewacket restaurant at 431 W. Franklin St., reports state. The restaurant manager reported that two people told him they had been robbed in the rear parking lot. The victims said they did not have time to report the incident to the police and left the scene, Chapel Hill police reports state.

■ A resident of Airport Road reported a trespasser at 9 p.m., according to Chapel Hill police reports. The resident told police there was an unwanted person in his house, reports state. The officer asked the suspect to leave the property, and the suspect reportedly left without incident, according to reports.

Friday, Oct. 14

■ Village Bank, at 77 Elliott Road in Chapel Hill, reported a case of fraud, Chapel Hill police reports state. The suspect allegedly took \$362.22, according to reports.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Town to Consider Expansion of Columbia Street

BY DEAN HAIR
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Local residents and the Chapel Hill Town Council will again discuss plans to widen South Columbia Street between Purefoy Road and Manning Drive at a public hearing Wednesday.

Residents and council members will discuss whether the town will ask the N.C. Department of Transportation to perform a comprehensive study on the narrow section of Columbia Street between Manning Drive and Purefoy Road. The section of road links UNC Hospitals to U.S. 15-501.

Joan Bartel, of 1004 S. Columbia St., organized a neighborhood meeting to respond to the proposed expansion of the street. Bartel said she believed increasing the number of lanes would encourage faster traffic and residents would have trouble

crossing the street or going to bus stops. One of the reasons for expanding the street is to relieve some of the traffic congestion during morning and afternoon rush hours.

"In this section there is almost no traffic congestion, more lanes would only increase the air pollution," Bartel said. "What traffic there is, is caused by the interchange traffic and not Columbia Street."

The council's agenda calls only for the consideration of how to study the proposed idea.

Linda Bowden, of 1101 S. Columbia St., said the intersection of Purefoy Road and South Columbia Street is dangerous because of all the merging traffic.

According to a town study, more than 10,000 cars travel daily on South Columbia Street between Purefoy Road and Manning Drive.

As the University continues expanding its southern campus, traffic will probably increase.

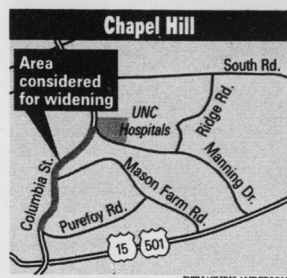
South Columbia Street is a two-lane road that serves as an entranceway to Chapel Hill before winding through downtown.

Proposed plans are to widen the two lanes to four with a concrete median or widen the road to five lanes with a center lane for turning.

Some town planners have proposed ideas to widen the street to three lanes.

The N.C. Department of Transportation is more likely to finance a study of a four- or five-lane proposal over that of only a one lane addition.

The council held a public forum last Monday with a transportation draft that stated proposed improvements for bike and pedestrian lanes without mentioning auto-



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mobile traffic options.

Some of the residents of South Columbia disapprove of the possible expansion.

Bowden said she believed that expanding the road would hurt the natural beauty of the neighborhood.

"They need to beautify the entrance and not five-lane it," Bowden said. However, Bowden said a turning lane could possibly alleviate some of the street's traffic problems.

Bartel has no car and she and her family walk, bike or utilize public transportation. Bartel also believes expanding the street would hurt the overall image of the community by potentially destroying residential property.

"Expanding it, by definition, means more asphalt and less trees," Bartel said. Many of the residents are in favor of adding more bike and pedestrian lanes encouraging less car use, Bartel said.

No town council members were available for comment.

The town council will hold the public forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers of Town Hall.



Tailgating scenes like this, including a wide variety of food, beverages and other accessories, are common before football games at Kenan Stadium. The rain didn't bother these tailgaters before the UNC-Texas Christian game.

Kenan Faithful Discuss Art of Tailgating

BY ALISON INCE
STAFF WRITER

As surely as the band will march at UNC football games, people will tailgate around Kenan Stadium.

They will arrive about one hour before the game to claim spots and unfold card tables. After smoothing the tablecloths, the food will come out. Fried chicken, pimiento cheese sandwiches and deviled eggs.

Just as they have been doing for years, "Tailgating has not changed in 35 years," said Howard Weiss of Columbia, S.C., who has been tailgating at his spot on Stadium Drive since he graduated from UNC in 1959. "I wouldn't give this spot up for anything in the world."

Jennifer Savitz, also of Columbia, S.C., shared the benefits of Weiss' spot at the Homecoming game against Georgia Tech. She has been tailgating since she was a child and uses the chance to come back to Chapel Hill to see her friends from college and her children, who attend UNC.

"It's fun to tailgate," she said. "It makes the day something to remember."

The only thing that has changed over the years for Savitz is the food she brings.

"We used to do potato salad and fried chicken, but not anymore," said Savitz, whose group was also enjoying flowered paper plates and wine. "Now we have fresh fruit, nonfat chocolate cake, broccoli salad, pasta — nothing store-bought."

The health food kick has not hit all of the tailgaters, however.

"We still go with fried chicken or barbecue," said Nancy Short of Raleigh, a tailgater at the Homecoming game. "But I think we've got some veggies in there today."

Short was one of a group of about 10 tailgaters eating out of the back of a station wagon that was spread with food. Pimiento cheese sandwiches and thick chocolate brownies were two of their specialties. A small dish of celery sticks and carrots was hidden off to the side.

Dewey Pate of Raleigh has tailgated in the same spot for 24 years. He said he had come up with three guidelines for a good tailgate.

"First, you get good friends to come.

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Police: Still No Suspects In Student's Abduction

FROM STAFF REPORTS

University Police confirmed Friday that a UNC student had been abducted early Wednesday and forced to drive to Durham before escaping his kidnappers.

Though some details remained somewhat sketchy, University Police Lt. Angela Carmon confirmed Friday earlier reports which stated that 20-year-old Michael Leasure, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, was kidnapped from the UNC campus in the area of Abernathy Hall around 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Carmon interviewed Leasure Thursday afternoon.

Apparently, Leasure was walking to get his car, which was parked near Abernathy Hall. He was approached by a lone man on foot, who forced Leasure to get in Leasure's car and drive.

Carmon said although the man displayed no weapons, Leasure was threat-

ened at times during the kidnapping.

Initially, the man made Leasure drive around Chapel Hill. Then, the man forced Leasure to drive to Durham, Carmon said. The man made Leasure stop the car and withdraw \$100 from an automatic teller machine (ATM), then stop again at another ATM, where Leasure was forced to withdraw another \$30, Carmon said.

Sometime along the way, the man forced Leasure to drive to a Durham house and stop the car, Carmon said. Two acquaintances of the assailant — one man and one woman — entered the car, Carmon said. After an unspecified number of stops, Carmon said, the group made Leasure drive them to another house.

When Leasure stopped the car, the three people left the car and entered the house, Carmon said. Leasure then waited in his

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Hospital Employees Moving Out of Area

Survey Prompts Concern About Available Affordable Housing in Town, County

BY DAN DEFRANCO
STAFF WRITER

According to a recent UNC Hospitals survey, the percentage of hospital employees living in Orange County and Chapel Hill has dropped considerably over the past few years.

The poll showed that only 43.9 percent of the 3,441 hospital workers surveyed reside in Orange County and Chapel Hill, while seven years ago 53.2 percent of the employees lived in the area.

As a result of the survey, Todd Peterson, hospital operations director, said he was concerned about recruiting and retaining sufficient workers.

"We share the concern that others have expressed that we need a diversity in the kinds of available housing," Peterson said.

Donna Dyer, director of the Orange Community Housing Corporation, said she was not shocked by the survey. "The results are not surprising, since housing prices are rising and there are no affordable rentals available," Dyer said. "The student population seems to have taken up most of the rental space in the area. Supply is just as much a problem as cost."

The price of housing in Chapel Hill is currently rising, with an average price per home of more than \$125,000. Chapel Hill apartment rentals are averaging \$565 for two bedrooms.

This amount of money is too great for the lower-paid hospital workers to endure, and therefore they are choosing to locate in other areas, Dyer said.

"People's income has not grown as the cost of housing has grown," Dyer said. All the workers surveyed held state-classified positions, ranging from janitorial staff to the highest-paid surgeons. Salaries ranged from \$13,210 to \$97,515.

Workers are choosing to locate in southern parts of Durham County and northern

parts of Chatham County because of the increased affordability and availability of housing there.

There has been no recent apartment construction in Chapel Hill, Dyer said. She said there must be more affordable housing built in the area.

Some of the areas now more populated with hospital workers include Durham, Alamance and Wake counties. From 1987 to 1994, the rate of hospital employees residing in Durham County rose from 23.2 percent to 25.7 percent. In Alamance County, the percentage increased from 6.1 percent to 7.5 percent over the same period, and Wake County's percentage of UNC hospital employees also rose by about 4.3 percent.

Unfortunately, there are negative consequences for Orange County and Chapel Hill due to the recent trend of employees living out of the local area. Longer commuting means more air pollution, and hospital workers consume more in their home towns, resulting in less money being spent in local businesses.

UNC Professor's Dictionary of Philosophy Written for Novices and Experts

BY STACEY MEWBORN
STAFF WRITER

If you have ever pondered the meaning of life or just had trouble grasping common academic terms such as existentialism, answers may lie at your fingertips in The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy, written by UNC philosophy Professor Simon Blackburn.

The reference book, which will appear in bookstores before Thanksgiving for about \$35, is designed to be a practical tool for the novice or the philosophy expert, Blackburn said.

A copy of the pensive self-portrait of painter and philosopher Paul Gauguin, who abandoned his family for the sake of his artistic passion, furnishes the book's cover. But his probing eyes shouldn't intimidate readers from exploring the book's contents, Blackburn said.

Neither should a lack of philosophical knowledge, Blackburn said. "I'm a big democrat. Philosophy ought to be acces-

sible to all people. It's designed for public consumption."

Jane Reid, a UNC graduate student in philosophy, stressed the book's potential usefulness for students. "Philosophers do a lot of conceptual analysis and include words that have robust meaning in their writings," she said.

"Sometimes students can miss the gist of the philosophical point. Knowing the philosophical meaning helps you to get the full impact and not import meanings the philosophers didn't intend," Reid said.

This comprehensive dictionary defines technical philosophical terms, which often overlap with other academic disciplines, as well as concepts and biographies of figures in philosophy, Blackburn said.

Although Blackburn has written two academic books, the extensive research involved in writing a reference book was challenging. But it was also fascinating because he had the freedom to explore the entire realm of philosophy.

"Because of my own background in

modern philosophy, I found some of the classical entries quite challenging," said Blackburn, who spent three years on the project. "The hardest were the Indian and Chinese entries."

The Oxford University Press asked Blackburn to write the dictionary. Like many publishers, the company is less interested in books written about single topics, he said. "They are quite keen on reference books at present."

Blackburn emphasized how important writing is for philosophers. "As a philosopher, if you don't write, you probably never fully get your ideas in order," he said. "Only when you are face-to-face with your word processor do you realize exactly what you know."

Graduate students in the philosophy department aided Blackburn with the research and the compilation of the entries.

Using other encyclopedias and dictionaries was part of the process, Blackburn said. "Any other source is a springboard. You have to use your judgement. I pre-

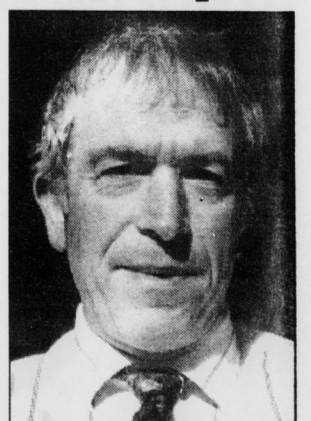
sent the material through my particular lens. There is a fair amount of me in the book."

Of the nearly 3,000 entries, 700 to 800 are unique to The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy. "Many entries have been unjustly neglected in other dictionaries," he said.

Philosophers' willingness to absorb developments in other fields gives philosophy an evolving nature, Blackburn said. He included entries that are indicative of modern thought, such as feminist philosophers. Blackburn's favorite entry is "Eris: City of the Peloponnese of Greece, deserving immortal fame because, in honour of its native son Pyrrho, it passed a law exempting all philosophers from taxation."

The dictionary will need constant revision to upgrade biographies and conceptual developments, Blackburn said. The frequency of revision will depend on sales.

Blackburn is currently writing a book that explores the philosophical problem of realism and the nature of fact.



Professor SIMON BLACKBURN spent three years on the dictionary, which has about 3,000 entries.