

# School Board to Pay \$4,500 for New Ballots

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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education officially accepted LaVonda Burnette's resignation and voted unanimously to have the ballots reprinted since a recall vote is no longer a possibility.

The school board voted 6-0 to accept Burnette's resignation. Burnette was not present at the meeting.

"I'm very relieved it is all over," school board Chairman Ken Touw said. "I wish it could have been resolved earlier, for the

school board and LaVonda." Burnette delivered her letter of resignation to Superintendent Neil Pedersen on Oct. 14.

The board will have to pay an estimated \$4,500 for reprinting the ballots, the board's attorney, John McCormick, said. "If her name had been allowed to stay on the ballot, people would count it (although it is no longer an issue)," McCormick said. "This is an issue that the school board and the community would like to see closed."

The Orange County Board of Elections would have forced the school board to pay a higher fee if Burnette's name had been allowed to remain on the ballot. Printing

the new ballots would be cheaper for the board, McCormick said.

"This (ballot) does not really need to give people more to talk about or discuss," school board member Judith Ortiz said. "We need to put this to an end."

The school board will discuss the process for replacing Burnette at the next school board meeting Nov. 3. The replacement will be the person who best can fill the vacancy until the next election in Nov. 1995, Touw said. "Hopefully, before the end of the year we will have a replacement," he said.

Burnette's tenure on the school board sparked a controversy when she was dis-

covered to have lied about her status as a UNC student, which she billed herself as in her election campaign last year.

The board voted unanimously in January in favor of Burnette's resignation, but she refused, saying instead that she would resign in July 1995.

She was to face a recall election Nov. 3. Now that there is more time and energy for school board members to focus on other things, they plan on devoting their energy to the coming year, Touw said.

"We want to focus on improving academic achievements of all students," he said. The board wants to specifically address the problems faced by African-Ameri-

can students, Touw said.

The board is considering several options for filling the vacancy left by Burnette. In the past, the board has selected the next highest vote-getter in the most recent election, McCormick said. Bea Hughes-Werner finished behind Burnette with 4,698 votes in the November election.

The board doesn't have a set policy on choosing replacements, however. One option would be to screen applications from this summer's process to replace Ruth Royster, who resigned and moved to Connecticut.

The board also simply might invite someone to join the board, McCormick said.

## POLICE ROUNDUP

### University Sunday, Oct. 23

■ A woman working in a Venable Hall laboratory reported that the ceiling fell in at 10:30 a.m., University police reports state. The hole, a result of water damage, was 45 feet long and 5 feet wide, reports state. According to reports, there were signs of water damage throughout the lab.

### Saturday, Oct. 22

■ University Police responded to a call from a woman who said she had witnessed a man in the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education pushing a 2-year-old child up against a vending machine and striking him, reports state.

The woman told the police the man then had carried the child into the bathroom and had continued to abuse him, reports state. After questioning the man and looking over the child, they let the man go, reports state.

■ University Police arrested Sharon Bradley, 26, of McLeansville at the Ronald McDonald House after she struck a man with a glass bottle, reports state. The assault occurred after a dispute about smoking in the bathroom, reports state.

### Friday, Oct. 21

■ According to University police reports, the archery targets at Ehringhaus Field were stolen at 3:41 p.m. The targets, which replaced archery targets stolen in September, are valued at \$194, reports state.

■ A mountain bike was reported damaged at 1:25 p.m. near Cobb Residence Hall, reports state. The bike's back rim was bent, University police reports state.

■ Another mountain bike was damaged at 3:02 p.m. in front of Whitehead Residence Hall, University police reports state. The bike's front and back wheels were bent, its lock was busted and its frame was dented, reports state.

■ Another mountain bike was damaged behind Old East Residence Hall at 3:52 p.m., University police reports state.

The victim said she had parked her bike behind Old East because it had a flat tire. When she returned, her seat had been stolen and her rear tire and rim had been bent, reports state. There was \$80 worth of damage, according to reports.

### Thursday, Oct. 20

■ University Police found an intoxicated UNC student sitting next to Silent Sam at 11:55 p.m., reports state.

After questioning him, they escorted the student back to his Morrison Residence Hall room, reports state.

■ University Police received a call at 10:41 p.m. from a UNC staff member who said she had been harassed by two black males on her way to her car, reports state.

As she walked along the north side of Carroll Hall, she said she was approached by the two suspects, who sang about randomly killing somebody, reports state. She said she was intimidated, reports state.

### City

### Saturday, Oct. 22

■ Chapel Hill police received a report that a customer had tried to leave the N.C. 54 Mobil Mart without paying for his gas. The suspect initially said that he would pay for two tanks of gas, reports state.

According to reports, the suspect was located and payment was made.

■ An employee of Airport & Intown Taxi on West Rosemary Street reported at 4:56 p.m. that a passenger had run from the taxicab without paying the fare, reports state. The suspect was located, and the taxi driver made arrangements for payment.

■ Jerry Mauritt Baldwin, 19, of 500 #7 S. Greensboro St. in Carrboro was arrested at Johnson and Crest streets at 10:30 p.m. for operating a motorcycle without a license, reports state.

Chapel Hill police pulled Baldwin over when they saw him riding a motorcycle without a helmet. When they asked for his license, he said he did not have one, reports state. Baldwin was released on a \$150 unsecured bond and will appear in court on Nov. 29.

■ Police responded to a report of an assault in front of 416 W. Franklin St. at 4:34 a.m., reports state. A Trinity Court resident said that an acquaintance had stabbed him with a pencil, reports state.

### Friday, Oct. 21

■ A resident of Huntington Drive in Chapel Hill reported at 4:46 p.m. that his mailbox had been stolen, police reports state. The mailbox had been torn from the post. The resident last saw the mailbox intact at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

FROM STAFF REPORTS



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. sponsored the sixth annual Morrison Sleepout for the Homeless. The event began with music and touch football and ended with a chilly night's sleep.

## Students Sleep Out to Help Raise Money for Local Homeless Shelter

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Friday night was camp-out night for many students at UNC, but not all of them slept outside to get basketball tickets.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and other students slept on cardboard boxes during the sixth annual Morrison Sleepout for the Homeless to raise money for the Inter-Faith Council Homeless Shelter in Chapel Hill, located on the corner of Columbia and Rosemary streets.

"The sleepout is a symbolic gesture of the plight of the homeless," said Lee Richardson, president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "A lot of people don't identify or don't want to identify with the homeless."

Every year, the fraternity gives at least

\$1,000 to the shelter no matter how many pledges they get, Richardson said.

"There is a lot of apathy among people who have economic mobility toward the homeless," he said.

Alpha Phi Alpha, which sponsored the event, collected pledges throughout the week in the Pit and during the pre-camp-out donation drive and entertainment.

Many students stopped by throughout the night to show their support, but only the hard-core supporters were there at about 2 a.m. to camp out. About 20 Alpha Phi Alpha members and other supporters retreated to their cardboard boxes and blankets to get in a few hours of sleep before they left for their regular service projects.

Mark Lee, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha who organized the event, said the sleepout had been successful. "The idea of

a sleepout makes supporting the homeless and raising money a tangible thing that students can relate to," he said.

Lee said the majority of students who slept out were traditionally fraternity brothers or friends of the brothers. They get a lot of support from other students who come by the Pit to pledge money or who stop by during the night to show their support, he said.

Among those who camped out for the homeless were George Battle, student body president, and Philip Charles-Pierre, chief of staff, who are both members of Alpha Phi Alpha. Both said it was a nice break from their normal hectic weekday activities and meetings.

"I think it's important that other organi-

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## Town Disbands 7 Crime Task Force Committees

BY ALEX PODLOGAR  
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Seven of the nine committees that formally make up the Chapel Hill crime prevention task force will be officially disbanded, the task force's coordinating committee decided recently.

The coordinating committee, which consists of representatives from each of the nine committees, decided there was no longer a need for seven of the nine committees. Two committees, the Youth Committee and the Law Enforcement Committee, will continue the fight against substance abuse.

"Over the last three or four months, it

became evident that we needed to assess where we were, and if we needed to continue," said Rosemary Waldorf, a town council member and chairwoman of the coordinating committee.

Most of the committees had completed their tasks and no longer needed to continue working, she said. Some of the problems could not be addressed because of the need for changes in state law, Waldorf said.

The Chapel Hill Task Force was originally formed four years ago with the purpose of examining the causes of crime and ways to prevent it. The notable increase in violent crime, especially in the downtown areas, prompted efforts to fight crime.

The task force at first focused on drug abuse. Later, the group realized that major crimes were also related to alcohol abuse, she said.

"For about a year and a half, roughly 25 people worked diligently," Waldorf said. "Soon the task force realized that more needed to be done and after recommenda-

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Town Council member ROSEMARY WALDORF said most of the crime prevention task force committees had fulfilled their purpose.

## Senior Week to Offer Events for Everyone

BY STEVE MAGGI  
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Seniors will have the opportunity to attend a variety of events during Senior Week, which will begin today and end Saturday.

Parshant Dhiman, senior class vice president, said there would be something for everyone during Senior Week.

"We have planned a variety of different activities that appeal to all kinds of people," Dhiman said. "We want to encourage every senior to come out and participate in all the activities."

Sneha Shah, Senior Week chairwoman, said the UNC-N.C. State football game would be the focal point of Senior Week, with activities building up to the game.

Andrea Bailey, senior class co-treasurer, said that many senior classes had had a problem being a close-knit unit and that one of the goals of Senior Week was to create cohesion among seniors.

"We want students to be excited," Bailey said. "Senior Week is about spirit, breaking the normal routine and going out and having fun."

Funding for Senior Week comes from out of seniors' student fees, Shah said. "It's only a dollar or two," she said. "Therefore,

activities are exclusively for seniors paid for by seniors."

Shah said another Senior Week would be held in the spring. The fall Senior Week is special because it will enable seniors graduating in December to receive the same treatment as those who will graduate in May, she said. "This is a week for all seniors," Shah said.

Another goal of Senior Week is to raise money from seniors for the senior gift. Information on the senior gift will be available at all events, and seniors will have opportunities to give donations, she said.

All seniors were sent a copy of "The Tarheel Senior," a newsletter written for senior class members. Dhiman said the newsletter was sent out last week and included information on all Senior Week activities.

Senior Week events will begin today and conclude with Saturday's game.

On Monday, "Grease" will be shown from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Great Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

Tuesday's activities begin with a Carolina Athletic Association chat in the Pit at noon by women's field hockey coach Karen Shelton. At 8 p.m., PlayMakers Repertory

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### Senior Week '94

**Monday** - "Grease," 8 p.m. in the Great Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

**Tuesday** - CAA chat with UNC field hockey coach Karen Shelton at noon in the Pit. Senior night at PlayMakers: Seniors will be given tickets at discount price (but tickets must be purchased early) to see the play "2," 8 p.m.

**Wednesday** - CAA chat with UNC football coach Mack Brown at noon in the Pit. "Financing Grad School" seminar at 8 p.m. in Union 226. Ice cream study break at 9:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

**Thursday** - Senior night band party with Dada Veda from 9 p.m. to midnight at Pantana Bob's. There will be food and drink specials, and seniors under 21 will be admitted (but they must show proof of senior status).

**Friday** - CAA pep rally at noon in the Pit. Special seating at the UNC Clef Hangers concert at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

**Saturday** - UNC vs. N.C. State. First 500 seniors will get souvenir pom-poms.

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