



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, Nov. 2

■ A UNC Hospitals employee was arrested at 6:03 a.m. for assault on a female in Harnett County, University police reports state.
 Jeffrey Allen Lontz, 32, of Route 1, Box 175D, Bunnlevel was arrested on two counts of misdemeanor assault and held on a \$1,000 unsecured bond. His trial is set for Nov. 17 in Lillington, reports state.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

■ A Carrboro man was arrested in Lenoir Dining Hall at 3:02 p.m. for a probation violation and possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state.
 Julius Elwood Toomer of 103 Hargraves St. was charged with violating his parole and possessing a crack pipe, reports state. He was placed under a \$200 secured bond for the possession charge and sent back to the N.C. Department of Corrections to finish his prison sentence, reports state.
 According to reports, Carrboro police also have a warrant on Toomer for simple assault. He was placed under a \$200 secured bond for the assault charge.
 Toomer's trial is set for Dec. 1, reports state.

■ An unknown subject entered an unlocked room in Carmichael Residence Hall at 3:51 a.m. while two females were sleeping, reports state.

According to reports, one of the residents said someone had entered her room and touched her leg. She turned on the light, but the suspect switched it off, grabbed her by the shoulders and started pushing her backwards, she said. When she screamed for her roommate to help, the subject picked something up from the floor and ran out of the room, reports state.

Both roommates had gone to sleep without locking their door, reports state.

■ An N.C. State University student reported that someone broke into her Jeep sometime late Monday or early Tuesday, reports state.

The student said that she parked her Jeep in a metered space on South Road at 10:30 p.m. and that when she returned at 2 a.m. her right side door was wide open and the rear window was missing, reports state.

According to reports, the door had a large dent and would not lock properly, the cassette player had been tampered with and the buttons ripped off, and the glove box had been damaged. Estimated damage to the vehicle is \$1,500, reports state.

■ A graduate student reported that he was assaulted by several men outside of Woollen Gym at 1:50 a.m., reports state.
 According to reports, someone came from behind the student and sprayed him in the eye with pepper spray. Someone else then came and hit him in the nose, reports state.

The student said he went to his office after the assault and washed his eye out. He did not want to be seen at Student Health Service, reports state.

Monday, Oct. 31

■ Police responded to a fire alarm at Craige Residence Hall at 8:25 a.m., reports state. The alarm was activated after a student set fire to a newspaper inside of a pumpkin to eliminate the pumpkin smell in his room, reports state.

■ A female student studying on the third floor of Davis Library at 11:03 p.m. reported that a man had indecently exposed himself to her, reports state. The witness said that when she stood up to stretch, she saw a man masturbating. She said that she had asked him to stop and leave and that he complied, reports state.

City

Tuesday, Nov. 1

■ Police responded at 1:37 a.m. to NationsBank on Willow Drive. An unknown assailant had displayed a weapon and robbed a person making a deposit. The weapon was described as a dark-colored semi-automatic handgun, reports state.

The suspect was described as a black male, age 24 to 27, 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, with a full beard. He was last seen wearing a dark blue, long-sleeved shirt that came down below his waist and dark blue jeans, police reports state. He escaped with \$1,700 in cash and checks.

■ Police responded to a call of a strong arm robbery at 2:18 a.m. The incident occurred at the 1300 Block of East Franklin Street, reports state. The suspects attacked the victim, a UNC student, from behind and took his money.

The victim sustained minor injuries, reports state. The suspects stole a wallet valued at \$20, a credit card, an ATM card and two gas cards, according to reports.

Monday, Oct. 31

■ Police responded to a report of an armed robbery at 128 Johnson St. Apt. 3, at 7 p.m., police reports state. The suspects kicked in the front door, entered with weapons and took the victim's money, reports state. The suspects stole \$90.

■ Chapel Hill police received a report of a break in at 7:35 p.m. from 427 Melanie Court, reports state.

The resident said the suspect had entered the residence through the bedroom window and stolen property, reports state.

Boxed prints, described as antiques, were stolen, reports state.
 ■ An employee at Allstate Insurance Company, 1680 Airport Road, reported that a pumpkin had been thrown through a window at the company, reports state. An estimated \$300 in damage was reported.

Congress Flip-Flops on Honor Court Nominee

BY HEATHER N. ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

John Dervin, senior adviser to Student Body President George Battle, was approved and then refused by Student Congress for a position on the Undergraduate Honor Court on Wednesday.

The bill to put Dervin on the court was first passed with an 18-9 vote. Immediately following the bill's passage, a motion was made to reconsider the bill. The reconsideration of the bill passed 18-3-2. Dervin was rejected by a tally of 16-10, which did not meet the two-thirds required for confirmation.

Congress debated for more than an hour on whether Dervin's involvement in the executive branch was a conflict of interest with his serving on the Honor Court.

Harrison Tuttle, chairman of the Honor Court, found that a conflict of interest was improbable. He said he thought the Student Government Code stated that the Undergraduate Honor Court was separate from the judicial branch.

Members of congress debated this issue. Finance chairman Tom Lyons contended that the code included the Honor Court in the judicial branch. Amy Cummins, Dist. 22, said she agreed.

"Congress realized the code should not be violated and voted accordingly," Cummins said.

Congress debated about the two-thirds majority necessary for confirmation in the first vote, the reconsideration vote and the final vote.

As the two-thirds majority was not an even number, members of congress debated whether to round up or down.

"I think that it is poetic justice that the bill was brought up for reconsideration in order to protect it," Dion Williams, Dist. 17, said. "Those in favor of the bill tried to

protect it like the Minority Recruitment Bill, and it backfired because people were able to change their minds."

Battle, who had previously promised to get Dervin back on the court, said he was disappointed that the bill ultimately had not passed.

"John was probably one of the more qualified persons to ever be nominated to the court," Battle said.

"I still intend to follow through on getting John on the court. I plan to look into other avenues, all of which I have not explored."

Dervin declined to comment.

Stacey Brandenburg, co-secretary of Battle's Academic Affairs Committee, was confirmed as a member of the Honor Court Oct. 5. She was present at the congress meeting and called Dervin's exclusion from the court "both a tragedy and an outrage."

"There is no one that I know or have worked with who knows the code better or truly cares more about the students he is serving," Brandenburg said.

She said she and Dervin had worked together since they were freshmen. She added that they had sat together on cases and had worked together within the executive branch.

Fund Reading



Marianne Gingher, author of "Rex's Greatest Hits" and "Teen Angel," reads at the Bull's Head Bookshop's Writers Harvest Wednesday. Door prizes were awarded, and donations of \$5 to \$10 were given to the N.C. food bank.

Activist Wants Greater Asian-American Unity

BY STEPHEN LEE
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Wei, an Asian-American activist, spoke about the need for unity within the Asian-American community at Wednesday's first joint meeting of the Asian Students Association, Vietnamese Students Association, Korean-American Students Association and Sangam.

"It was not until others around me began to raise questions about the position of Asian Americans on campus that I began to question the system I had carefully become a part of," Wei said.

"I believe that the unity must be forged on something greater than our ethnic identities as Asian/Pacific Americans," she added. "I believe the unity comes from a history of common struggle and must now come from common hopes for a just society."

Throughout the lecture, Wei spoke critically of the American system. Wei discussed several incidences of violence and harassment against innocent Asian Americans in which no action was ever taken against the perpetrators.

"They often tell us — the police, press, DA, the institutions which control these sorts of things — they often tell us that we have inadequate documentation so they can't fully investigate our complaints," she said. "They often tell us to stop complaining and that they are doing the best they can."

While Asians make up only 3 to 5 percent of the population in Philadelphia, 30 percent of the victims of racial hate crimes are Asians, Wei said.

"Our communities are victims of violence every day, a violence born in a system of inequalities," she said.

"Asian lives have been viewed as cheap commodities. Nobody wants to acknowledge that violence against Asians exists."

There is currently a backlash against Asian Americans, she said. "It is clear to me that justice is not an absolute value in our society. Justice is subjective. It weighs in more heavily for those who control the institutions of power in this country."

Wei stressed the importance of Asian Americans learning their history and reclaiming their culture.

"We've been here since the 1500s," she said. "Asian Americans have a hard struggle to include history in the curriculum. You can go through four years of education at this university and not read a single thing about Asian Americans."

"Many of you are here today because of the changes in the immigration laws passed in 1965," Wei said. "This is part of our collective history together."

"Yes, we might not win every battle, but we must never fail to resist," she added. "We must recognize that there is a common struggle that ties us all together. The struggles of Asian/Pacific Americans to gain basic American rights is our struggle. It is something we all are connected to."

Wei is an adviser on the Asian/Pacific studies curriculum in the Philadelphia school district. She is also co-president of Asian American United, an organization that serves the Philadelphia community.

Asian American United, formed in 1985, works on a grassroots level to empower those who are being hurt by the system.

Pot Legalization Topic Of Panel Discussion

BY ALI BEASON
STAFF WRITER

A three-member panel sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board Human Relations Committee discussed marijuana's medical and societal use and abuse and legalization of the drug Wednesday night.

Student Health Service (SHS) counselor Bill Riddick; Kevin Whiteacre, a representative of the National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws; and UNC oncologist Mark Graham spoke to a group of about 30 students during the hour-long forum.

Riddick said that students came to him at SHS because they had been referred by courts or campus authorities for treatment but that more often they walked in on their own and admitted that smoking marijuana had interfered with schoolwork and with personal relationships.

He said that five years ago, one out of every 20 students who came into SHS had a marijuana problem. In recent years, Riddick said he had seen a reduction in the number of cases, which he attributed to the fact that students were making smarter

choices.
 Riddick said he was concerned that marijuana caused the most serious side effects in young users.

"If life is pretty well set as far as goals, marijuana does not interfere. But for children less than 18 years old, it puts their lives on hold in terms of achieving. It is a devastating drug for 12-, 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds."

When audience members suggested a legal minimum age for marijuana use, Riddick said that if society had learned anything from the societal effects of the end of Prohibition, it was to avoid legalizing another drug.

Eight out of 10 students who come into SHS for drug-related treatment are there because of alcohol, he said. Solving the alcohol problem at UNC would take care of the majority of the University's drug problem, he added.

Whiteacre said the government tried to make laws that affect personal work ethics. "I don't think you can legislate how much people produce or whether they produce," he said.

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Speakers Point Out Progress, Look To Future of Women at the University

BY MELISSA MILIOS
STAFF WRITER

At a meeting Wednesday of the Association for Women Faculty and Professionals, Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown and Employee Forum Chairwoman Margaret Balcom praised the progress of women at the University and encouraged them to continue moving forward.

Brown and Balcom gave the lecture, "Women Working on Campus: Opportunities and Issues," to help evaluate UNC's employment opportunities for women.

Brown said she had witnessed substantial progress for women at the University in recent years, but she also warned the group not to stop working for its cause.

"When I came to UNC 17 years ago, there were only 32 full professors who were women and 235 women faculty members," she said. "Today, there are over 100 women professors and one in four members of the faculty is a woman."

"I think we're continuing to recruit women and getting them (employed here), but I think there is still significant work to be done. I'm afraid we might rest on our laurels," Brown added. "What we really

need to do is work systematically to ensure that (women) thrive while they are here."

Brown said she was pleased with the progress women's groups had made on campus and encouraged the group to continue to pursue "feminist" goals.

"Probably all of us are strong women — we believe in ourselves and our goals," Brown said. "But we also need to be feminists, by the definition that we need to work toward securing an environment that will allow us to be strong women."

"I think that all of us as strong women and feminists also need to be focusing on becoming leaders. I believe that we are all already leaders in that our students look up to us. So take all your experience and all your skills and be the leader that you al-



Faculty Council Chairwoman JANE BROWN said women should continue to work toward boosting their recruitment numbers at UNC.

ready are," she said.
 Balcom, editor of the University Gazette, said attitudes toward women and their needs had improved since she first came to UNC.

"Once I asked someone why when you had a sick child you couldn't take sick leave, and he said, 'Because you can't.' Well now that's changed," Balcom said. "There were enough people standing back, saying, 'I don't like what's going on and I'm going to do something to change it.'"

Although Balcom said she rarely felt discriminated against in the workplace, she also said men sometimes showed sexism by not listening to ideas or advice from their female colleagues.

"It's kind of frustrating if you're trying to say something and nobody's listening," Balcom said. "And then maybe, oh, a couple of months later, things come back around and someone gets this idea, the same idea, but now it's his idea."

Balcom encouraged the group to continue the pursuit of equality in the workplace. "I encourage us all not to sit back and complain about things but to come forward and offer solutions."

Proponents Say Bond Would Save Farmland

Member of TaxWatch Says \$5 Million Farm Bond Would Slow Development

BY KAREN WILLIAMS
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The \$5 million Farmland Preservation Bond Referendum will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot and could ensure that thousands of acres of farmland will never become housing developments.

Dolly Hunter, chairwoman of the Agricultural Districts Advisory Board, said the bond would allow the purchasing of development rights to farmland, which would forever protect the land from development.

A volunteer task force is educating the public on the specifics of the referendum. "It is a little complicated," said Bill Bracey, a member of the task force. "Each property negotiated for will be a unique situation. The simple explanation is that someone will keep the title to the property but sell off the rights to develop there, ensuring the farmland's preservation."

The bond is being opposed by TaxWatch, a local organization concerned about tax increases in Orange County. "The fact is that this program will not slow down development at all," said Jim White, a member of TaxWatch. "We feel taxes have been rising fast in Orange County, and this is an opportunity for the taxpayers

to say we are not going to do this anymore," White said. "The taxpayer gets nothing for his investments."

He said that although the county would be purchasing the right to develop this land, it would not hold the deed. "The people can only look at the land over the fence," he said. "Anything else would be trespassing."

Hunter said she disagreed. "In the long run, the taxpayers will save money," she said. "Homes cost more to support through the tax base than farmland."

Taxpayers will pay an average of \$12 a year for 22 years to support the bond, she said. "It's an inexpensive program," Hunter said. "Its major benefit is that everybody can pay a little bit to preserve farmland. This is a national resource, and once it is destroyed, we can't get it back."

Bracey agreed that the bond would be beneficial to the county. "The opposition has been poorly misinformed," he said. "I'm surprised they object, because farmland is actually good for taxes because housing developments demand more in services than they pay in taxes and farmland does not."

Bracey said that farmland allowed the tax base to profit but that housing drained the tax base. "I would think TaxWatch would be concerned about this drain," he said.

Local farmers are also in support of the new bond, Hunters said. Elizabeth Walters, an Orange County farmer, recently had to

sell 85 acres of her farm. That land is now open to development.

"If something like the purchase development program had been in effect, we could have used the program to keep the land from being developed," Walters said.

"To me, agricultural farmland is an irreplaceable asset to Orange County," she said. "I certainly hope it gets passed. It will be as much benefit to the municipalities as the farmers."

Hunter said that if the bond passed, local farmers would apply to be part of the Purchase Development Rights Program. The applicants would be evaluated on the basis of the farm's soil quality, use of farmland and natural resources on the farm.

Once the highest-ranked farms have been chosen, the farmland would be appraised, Hunter said. Then the land would be issued a Conservation Agriculture Easement and that land would be protected for agricultural use forever, she said.

Hunter said 2,000 acres of farmland would be bought through the Purchase Development Rights Program.

"It's a tough call to say how the vote turned out," White said. "I think the rural vote will go against the referendum."

A debate between the supporters and the opponents of the Farmland Preservation Bond Referendum will be held at 9:10 a.m. Friday on WCHL-AM. The Sierra Club, Triangle Land Conservancy and the Agriculture Resource Center are endorsing the bond.

Renowned Urban Designer Says Chapel Hill Is 'Livable'

BY MICHAEL HATCH
STAFF WRITER

Peter Batchelor, a nationally recognized urban designer, spoke Wednesday night to an audience of 200, including UNC-system President C.D. Spangler, about creating and sustaining livable environments.

Batchelor described livability as an essential part of a community. "A livable environment is one which, through its physical, social and cultural organization engenders positive and fulfilling contact among the members of a community from the largest social group to the individual," he said.

Batchelor said he thought Chapel Hill and the UNC campus were livable. "The town is very charming, and the campus is pleasant for the pedestrian." However, Batchelor jokingly referred to the lack of parking as a drawback.

Other cities he described as livable included San Francisco; Sea Side, Fla.; Charleston, S.C.; Southport; Waynesville; London; and Vancouver, British Columbia. "Population density is not important," Batchelor said. "However, visual density is very important."

He said the livability of urban environments could be compared objectively. A livable urban environment must have struc-

tural balance, continuity and contrast, Batchelor said. "Urban streets and squares must function as outdoor living spaces where people interact in the pursuit of an extended social life," he said.

The lecture was the first event sponsored by the Charles M. and Shirley F. Weiss Endowment Fund for Urban Livability. It was hosted by UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies.

Batchelor is a professor of architecture in the School of Design at N.C. State University and has been a practicing architect for 30 years. Born in London, he was educated at the University of British Columbia and at the University of Pennsylvania.

His professional career in architecture has included downtown revitalization projects in Raeford and Southern Pines; 1990 design guidelines for Chapel Hill; the 1968 plan for Fort Lincoln New Town, Washington, D.C. and, most recently, a 1994 Lumberton riverfront plan.

The Weiss Fund was established last year to provide fellowships for graduate students interested in maintaining livable environments. Co-founder Shirley Weiss said, "Our hope is that the recipients of our fellowships will make urban environments more livable and will add to a more pleasant way of living."