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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Mother to Be Charged With Murder in Carjacking Case

UNION, S.C. — The mother of two children who said a carjacker stole her car and her boys will be charged with murder in their deaths.

Susan V. Smith, 23, was arrested after investigators pulled a car from the waters of John D. Long Lake with two bodies in the back seat, Union County Sheriff Howard Wells said.

Smith will be charged with two counts of murder, Wells said.

Smith will be arraigned Friday in York County, Solicitor Thomas Pope said. She was being held at an undisclosed location.

The identities of the bodies in the back seat of her car will have to be confirmed through an autopsy, Wells said.

Wells would not take questions and did not discuss a possible motive nor how investigators were led to the lake where the car was found. However, there had been several reports before the news conference that Smith had confessed.

Smith said a gunman forced her out of her car Oct. 25 before driving off with her sons, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex.

As late as Thursday she appeared on national television with her estranged husband, David Smith, by her side, to make a tearful plea for the return of her sons.

Smith told authorities an armed man jumped into her car while she sat at a stoplight in a sparsely populated area at the edge of town the night of Oct. 25. The man ordered her to drive several miles, then forced her out and took off with her two sons, she said.

Hijacker Seizes Airplane, Demands Aid for Bosnians

OSLO, Norway — A Bosnian hijacker surrendered Thursday after commandeering an airliner with 129 people aboard over northern Norway and demanding that aid supply lines be opened to Muslim areas in Bosnia.

In a tape recording released to Norwegian media, the hijacker said he wanted to speak to Bosnian officials before releasing the hostages.

He threatened to kill the passengers if police stormed the plane, parked on a darkened tarmac at Gardermoen Airport just north of Oslo. After negotiating with police, he surrendered without incident Thursday night.

Police identified him only as a 25-year-old Bosnian refugee who had been in Norway for about a year.

Jury Recommends Death Penalty for Clinic Gunman

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A jury Thursday recommended the electric chair for an anti-abortion extremist in the shotgun slayings of an abortion doctor and his bodyguard.

Paul Hill, a 40-year-old minister, was convicted by the same jury Wednesday after just 20 minutes of deliberation.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell is not bound by the recommendation and could instead impose a sentence of life in prison.

Barred from arguing that the slayings were justifiable homicide to save fetuses, Hill offered no defense during his trial.

Wielding a 12-gauge shotgun, Hill ambushed Dr. John Bayard Britton, 69, his bodyguard, James Barrett, 74, and Barrett's wife, June, 68, as the three arrived at the Ladies Center clinic on July 29.

Student's Bazooka Shell Explodes at High School

FOLKSTON, Ga. — A bazooka shell brought to high school by a student was dropped as it was being passed around a classroom. The shell exploded, injuring at least 12 students, emergency workers said.

Three students were in critical condition and two were in serious condition with shrapnel wounds, said Gerri Lowe, spokeswoman for University Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., just south of Folkston.

The explosion tore apart the room at the Charlton County High School and shook houses a quarter-mile away.

Gregory Douglas had brought the shell to school and, moments before it exploded, had told classmates it was harmless, said Jed Norton, an emergency worker from Irwin County.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high near 80.
SATURDAY: Sunny; high upper 70s.
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-70s.

School Board Fills Vacant Seat

BY GRETCHEN HOFFMAN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Bea Hughes-Werner will fill the vacancy created by LaVonda Burnette's resignation, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education decided Thursday.

Hughes-Werner, who was 113 votes behind Burnette in last year's election, will serve as a school board member until the first meeting in December 1995. The board voted unanimously to appoint her to the seat.

Hughes-Werner said she was excited about her appointment to the board and would work to help all of the children in the school district. "I am pleased by the board's

decision," she said. "I trust that we can continue to focus on the education of our children." She said if all went well, she would run for the position in next year's election.

Burnette resigned last month after being the center of a controversy since December, when reports surfaced that she was not a UNC student, as she had billed herself during last year's campaign.

She faced a recall Nov. 8, but opted to resign, citing stress on her family and friends.

Many board members believed it was in the best interests of the students to appoint a board member immediately.

"I want to get on with the business at

hand," school board member Mark Royster said. "The ones that are losing are the students within our district, not being able to have the full attention of the board."

School board Chairman Ken Touw said he took offense at insinuations that he, as a white man, did not care about black or minority students. "I've got enough sight to be able to see some of the things that are happening in the schools, and they're wrong," he said. "I want to make a decision that's not symbolic, but that's in the best interests of the children."

Board member Elizabeth Carter said she agreed that it was not an issue of needing a black board member to represent the black population. "I want to be a voice

of all students, not just African-American students, because if that's truly why I was appointed, I don't want to be a part of the school board," she said. Carter was appointed in September after Ruth Royster's June resignation.

Mark Royster said he agreed there was not a need to appoint a black member to the board. "We do not hold a monopoly on representing a certain segment of the community," he said. Mark Royster and Carter are both black.

Many of the board members thought a lengthy selection process would have impeded the board's effectiveness. Carter said

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Stadium Expansion Planned

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
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The precipitous rise of the Tar Heel football program from 1-10 seasons in 1988 and 1989 has led to more than just more wins. It has also led to more fans — too many fans for Kenan Stadium's 52,000 official seating capacity.

The University will expand its football stadium by up to 10,000 seats within the next two to five years in a project that will also include an upgrade in athletic facilities such as weight rooms, locker rooms and academic services, UNC Athletic Director John Swofford said Thursday.

Last weekend, 54,300 fans packed into the stadium to see the Tar Heels play N.C. State, highlighting the need for additional capacity.

The game against the Wolfpack broke Kenan's all-time attendance record, eclipsing the mark of 54,100 for the Florida State game in 1993.

In the game against Florida State, students had to be turned away for the first time ever.

Students are allotted about one-fourth of capacity, or 13,000 seats, Swofford said.

"We're looking at additional seating and better seating in the student section. I think this is something that the time has come to begin addressing," Swofford said. "What we're doing is tying in the idea of adding seats and adding facilities."

Swofford said any construction project at Kenan Stadium would upgrade facilities such as concessions, restrooms and amenities currently housed in Kenan Field House, including the weight rooms, dressing rooms and the athletic-support services.

Though plans are still preliminary, Swofford said the most likely scenario would be for the west end zone — the one closer to the Bell Tower — to be closed off. The upper deck seats on either side would be connected, and the ground level of the west end zone could house amenities such as new locker rooms or weight rooms underneath the bleachers.

But the new design will not make Kenan another Mile High Stadium in Denver, which has a semicircle of seats around one end zone. That "horseshoe"-shaped design significantly adds to the seating capacity but does so at the expense of closeness to the field.

The renovated Kenan Stadium would not have more than 10,000 additional seats, Swofford said.

"We didn't want to get into a situation

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New System Allows Direct Transfer of Financial Aid

BY PETER ROYBAL
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The 7,000 UNC students who receive financial aid will have to wait in few or, in some cases, no lines this spring because of a new procedure that will automatically transfer aid to a student's account, Director of Scholarships and Student Aid Eleanor Morris announced Thursday.

For as many years as Morris could remember students have waited in line for checks for their grants and loans at Pettigrew Hall and then waited again at Bynum Hall to pay their tuition bills. "It could be 30 minutes to an hour," Morris said. "Inevitably it rains or ices."

Now students with aid only need to sign any forms related to their loans and the money will automatically be transferred into their accounts. Those who receive money for books or living expenses can pick up a check from the cashier's office.

"The primary advantage of the electronic transfer will be for students whose aid covers only the University charges for tuition and housing because they won't have to stand in line at all," Morris said.

Students with Stafford loans will have to visit only the cashier's office during the spring semester to endorse their checks and receive any credit balance. A distribution schedule will be mailed to Stafford recipients.

Morris said students who needed to sign promissory notes for University loans should come to her office between Nov. 14 and Dec. 16, or her office would not be able to transfer their money.

Students should also contact Morris' office if they plan to change their enrollment status — for example, by taking 12

What to Do If You Have Financial Aid

ALL AID RECIPIENTS: Let the student aid office know if you plan to alter your enrollment status in a way that affects your aid, such as by taking fewer hours than usual.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Aid will be automatically deposited
- Cashier's office will issue check for any credit balance

LOANS FROM UNC

- Sign promissory note in student aid office between Nov. 14 and Dec. 16
- Aid will be automatically deposited
- Cashier's office will issue check for any credit balance

STAFFORD LOANS

- Endorse check at cashier's office beginning first day of spring semester (schedule to be mailed to recipients)
- Cashier's office will issue check for any credit balance

SOURCE: STUDENT AID OFFICE DTH/PETER ROYBAL

hours during their last semester before graduation when their scholarship requires them to take 15.

If aid is not transferred to an account for some reason, students will discover the problem when they receive a bill from the cashier's office, Morris said. The cashier's

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Leaf It to Me



Will Harvey gives Lindsay Sewell a hand in raking up the leaves in front of the Phi Gamma Delta house Thursday. The pledges rake the yard twice a week.

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Land-Use Committee Meets for First Time, Discusses Future Plans

BY CHRIS NICHOLS
CITY EDITOR

The community land-use committee, which will work with UNC to determine the future of two University-owned tracts of land, met Thursday for the first time.

The tracts of land involved are the roughly 970-acre Horace Williams property off Airport Road and the Mason Farm property off N.C. Hwy 54. Both have indefinite futures, since there are no hard plans yet for developing the properties.

The 16-member committee, headed by Chapel Hill Town Council member Rosemary Waldorf, conducted its first business as a group at the Friday Center.

"I see my role here as the moderator of this group," Waldorf said. "It's a real honor to be here with you." She praised the group and urged them to establish a level of credibility that would make both the University and the town listen to the committee's recommendations.

"We have a hard job and a lot of work to do, but I think we're going to have a good time," she said.

One of the first tasks the group agreed on was to submit monthly reports to the Town Council.

The committee will also attend meetings with the University's consulting team, Johnson Johnson & Roy Inc., during the company's five planned visits.

Committee member Alan Rimer, a former Chapel Hill Town Council member, volunteered and will serve as a liaison to the Carrboro committee, which recently became involved in the planning process. Roughly one-third of the Horace Williams tract is in Carrboro's jurisdiction.

Waldorf said the committee was supposed to present a format to the council on how the public will be involved in the group's meetings. "I hope all of you will be receptive if citizens call you and ask questions about what we're doing," Waldorf said. "I think you'll find the public is going to be very courteous but very interested."

Lee Pavao, a Town Council member and a member of the committee, suggested holding monthly meetings but allowing some flexibility as the process goes on.

In all, the committee will have a minimum of 17 meetings. The town staff will be working in the meantime to determine a schedule for the group's meetings. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in the meeting room at the new library. That site will likely be used for all future meetings.

The committee also agreed to set a two-hour time limit on their meetings, which will begin at 7:30. "I think we'll be more efficient

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A PASSION FOR HISTORY

William Powell is finishing the final volume in the most comprehensive collection of North Carolina biographies ever compiled.

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A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes

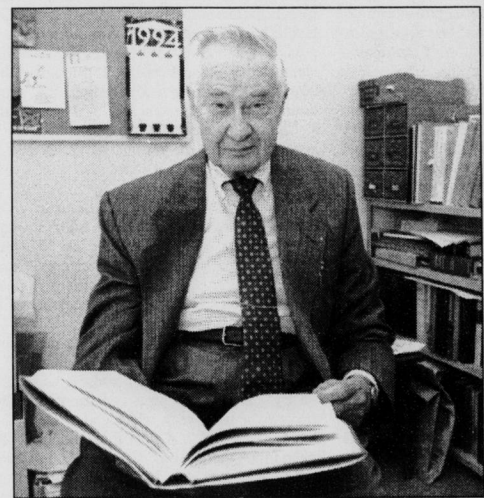
BY STACEY MEWBORN
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William Powell's earliest history lessons were the times his family and neighbors gathered on the creek banks and front porches of his hometown to discuss the past. More than six decades later, Powell has led a life dedicated to his passion for the history of North Carolina.

A native of North Carolina and a professor emeritus of history at the University, Powell has tried to ensure that the history of the Tar Heel State will be passed down to future generations by teaching N.C. history, being the curator of the N.C. Collection, and writing and editing several books.

Powell's current work-in-progress, the Dictionary of North Carolina Biography, aims to keep the history of the state's people alive.

This project, which Powell has been plan-



DTH/KATIE CANNON

Professor William Powell, former curator of the North Carolina Collection, has served the University in a number of different capacities since 1951.

ning and editing for the past 15 years, will be completed in the spring of 1996 with the publication of the sixth volume of the dictionary.

"His biographical dictionary is a monumental work and a great contribution to North Carolina history," said Richard Soloway, chairman of the history department.

The volumes of the dictionary already include almost 4,000 notable North Carolinians who are deceased, Powell said.

Powell selected both exemplary and notorious North Carolinians based on their accomplishments, popularity or uniqueness. The selections represent the wide range of people that has contributed to the state's history, he said.

"Not everyone included is good," Powell said. "There are noted criminals, people who made the newspapers of the time, someone who weighed over 1,000 pounds, or people who lived so very long."

All senators, congressmen and governors

are included, Powell said. He tried to keep in mind professions as varied as artists, clergymen, engineers and authors.

Powell said a biographical history that includes the living and deceased was written in the early part of the century. However, he said he saw the need for a new dictionary because inclusion in the old work became a matter of politics and "buying your way into it."

He also tried to include people from groups whose accomplishments are often overlooked, such as Native Americans.

Robert Anthony, curator of the N.C. Collection, said, "The dictionary gives us well-researched sketches of individuals significant in the state."

Volunteers wrote many of the biographies based on what they knew and could find, Powell said. The 700 authors of the biographical sketches include Powell's former students,

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For every back there is a knife.

Corporate proverb