



POLICE ROUNDUP

University Saturday, Oct. 14

■ An employee in the Security Services Building reported an act of vandalism to the outside telephone. According to police reports, someone came to the building to complain about a parking citation he had received Sunday morning. After the employee explained the appeals process, the phone was left off the hook. When employees went outside to replace the handset in the cradle, they found the damage. Damage was estimated at \$25, police reports stated.

■ Ben Booth, a 17-year-old from Chapel Hill, was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, underage DWI and driving without his license, reports stated. According to police reports, police pulled Booth over while he was driving.

When police spoke to Booth, he admitted to drinking alcohol, reports stated. After obtaining a search warrant, police found a green, leafy substance in the ashtray with rolling papers and a metal roach clip, reports stated.

Booth also failed sobriety tests, according to police reports.

■ A UNC student reported her wallet stolen from Carmichael Residence Hall laundry room, according to police reports. Police reports stated that the victim left her wallet on the table while doing laundry. When she returned about 30 minutes later, her wallet was missing, reports stated. The value of the wallet was estimated at \$10, reports stated.

■ Police were called to the Undergraduate Library after an employee at the front desk, smelled electrical smoke coming from the light fixture behind the desk, reports stated.

UNC Fire Department advised that a Physical Plant electrician repair the lighting ballast and wiring, according to reports.

Friday, Oct. 13

■ A Morrison resident reported his compact disc player stolen from his car in the Southern Village Park and Ride lot on 15-501 South, police reports stated.

According to police reports, an unknown person entered the secure vehicle and took the CD player. Damages were estimated at \$800.

■ Police issued a citation to Angela Hutchens, a 24-year-old student, for driving with a suspended license, according to police reports.

After getting into an accident, police asked to see her license and found that she was driving with a suspended license, reports stated.

■ A Stacey resident reported his mountain bike stolen upon returning from Fall Break, according to police reports. The bike was valued at \$275, police reports stated.

Thursday, Oct. 12

■ A resident of Parker Residence Hall reported that she was stalked while taking a shower and then later while brushing her hair in front of her mirror, reports stated.

According to police reports, a female student heard someone continually coming into the bathroom and touching the curtain.

After she was finished, a man put his head through the curtain. The victim hit him and he ran away, police reports stated.

Later, while the victim was brushing her hair, she saw a reflection in the mirror and reported it was the same man who had come into the bathroom, reports stated. Police will further investigate the report.

■ A fire alarm was activated in Hinton James Residence Hall, according to police reports.

After finding where the alarm went off, Chapel Hill Fire Department and University Police checked suite 219-222 and found that the only thing that could have set off the alarm was the strong scent of hairspray in the hallway and bathroom, police reports stated.

City

Sunday, Oct. 15

■ Police responded to a fight between subjects on Church Street at 1:30 a.m. reports stated.

According to reports, the victim did not know the other subject and refused to talk about the incident with police.

Saturday, Oct. 14

■ Larceny was reported at a storage area at 245 S. Elliot Road at 11:08 a.m. reports stated.

According to reports, a \$738 sandwich unit was stolen. The property belonged to Foods Unlimited of Raleigh.

■ Police responded to a report of larceny at Glenwood Exxon, 1010 Raleigh Road at 1:10 p.m. according to reports.

According to reports, a suspect drove away without paying for \$14.58 worth of gasoline.

■ Larceny was reported at 115 Martha Lane at 2:53 p.m., reports stated.

According to reports, victim's home was entered and suspect(s) took items. A \$120 cellular phone, a \$60 gray comforter blanket, two sheets valued at \$20, tights valued at \$15 and a \$200 gold 20" rope chain were stolen reports stated.

Friday, Oct. 13

■ Larceny of firearms was reported at 226 A Knolls St. at 3:42 a.m., reports stated. According to reports, a .357-caliber blue revolver valued at \$700 and a 9mm 10-shot semi-automatic pistol valued at \$300 were stolen.

Developer Says Plans Will Continue

Even if the council does not approve Meadowmont, development will take place.

BY MATT MESMER
STAFF WRITER

A vote by the Chapel Hill Town Council on the Meadowmont mixed-use development plan last week has elicited strong responses from many involved, including several council members.

The Town Council voted 5-4 Monday to allow the project, which plans for the rezoning of 435 acres of land north of N.C. 54 on the border of Orange and Durham counties. The land would be developed for both residential and commercial use.

According to a Chapel Hill ordinance, any rezoning project that receives no more than five votes must be reconsidered at the next meeting. The final vote on the Meadowmont plan will take place next Monday.

Roger Perry, developer for East West Partners, the company handling the Meadowmont project, said he was not

comfortable with the stipulations set forth by the Town Council. "We had hoped to put all this behind us on Monday. Regardless of the outcome on the 23rd, we will go ahead with the development of the land," he said.

In addition to its vote last week, members of the council attached several stipulations to final approval of the site.

"The stipulations were not ones we could agree to. Right now we're trying to analyze the situation and see where to go from here," Perry said.

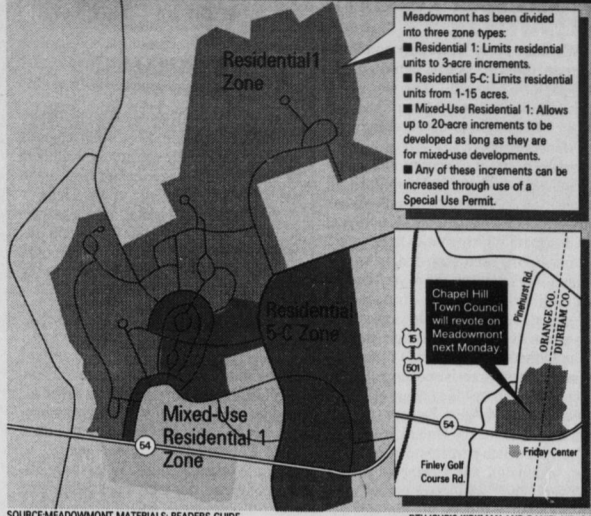
One of the requirements states that East West donate 18 acres to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system for construction of a middle school to ease overcrowding. Developers had originally pledged to grant 10 acres to the schools.

"(The school district requirement) is what we have a problem with. We offered to give 10 of the 18 acres and it is not our position to offer more than that," Perry said.

Council member Mark Chilton expressed his dissatisfaction over the school land grant stipulation. "I think it was a

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Meadowmont Meets and Bounds



Churches Receive \$3M Grant

Two local churches will begin building affordable housing for the elderly.

BY WENDY GOODMAN
CITY EDITOR

Two local churches, both branches of the United Church of Christ, are in the process of finalizing plans for the construction of supportive housing for senior citizens after receiving a \$3.4 million grant from the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development.

The churches, the United Church of Chapel Hill and the New Covenant Christian Church, received the HUD grant based on a proposal to build 40 units of supportive housing for low-income elderly people in the community. The housing will be built on the corner of Smith Level and Culbreth roads.

The churches announced that they had received the grant in morning services Sunday, said Nancy Atwater, a member of the New Covenant Christian Church.

"Everybody was very happy about it and excited that we can help our community," Atwater said. "We all think this is a very good thing for our community because it is needed, and we are very thankful that things have gone through as they have."

Residents of the community and members of the congregations involved said there was a great need for an increase in this kind of housing in the Chapel Hill area which caused them to request the money.

"There is a tremendous need for housing for the elderly in this community," said Diane McArthur, the manager at Adelaide Walters Apartments. "They don't have outside resources often, and in this community the rent is so high that it is very difficult to live."

Adelaide Walters Apartments, sponsored by the InterFaith Council, is this type of development. McArthur said those living in the apartments had incomes less than \$16,400 for a single occupant and less than \$18,700 for a couple.

She said there were many others in the community on the waiting list for the complex.

"It is greatly needed. In fact, it was needed yesterday. I can't give enough credit to the congregations for doing this," she said. "I can't say enough about how great this new housing will be. It is fantastic for our community."

Students Gather at UNC for SEAC Conference

Group members decide that unity is the key to improving the environment.

BY JENNIFER BRYAN
STAFF WRITER

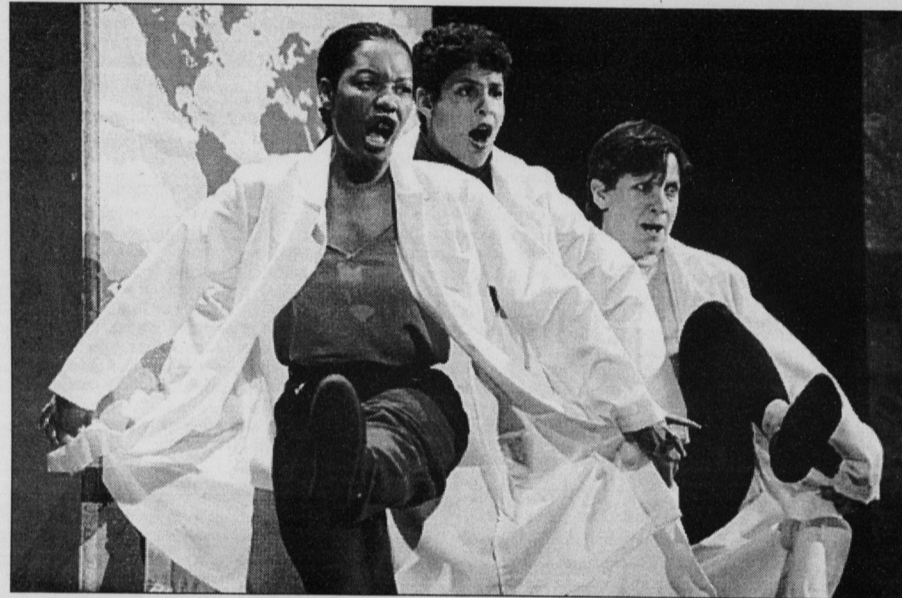
More than one thousand high school and college students from across the globe gathered at UNC this weekend for the fourth national Student Environmental Action Coalition conference to promote environmental awareness and to address social issues.

"Environmentalism is so much more than recycling and putting your cans in the right bin," said Linda Kwon, the SEAC National Council coordinator.

SEAC began at UNC in 1989 and has grown into a national organization with more than 30,000 members and 2,000 high school and college groups.

"SEAC has not held a conference since the fall of 1991, and, within that time period, we've grown, spluttered a little bit, grown some more, and most importantly, I think, we've matured in our outlook," said Gopal Balachandran, co-chairman of UNC's SEAC chapter, the group hosting the conference. Laura Marston is the co-

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The Underground Railway Theater performs "InTOXICating... an Eco-Cabaret" Saturday in Memorial Auditorium. The event was part of SEAC's fourth national conference held on campus this weekend.

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Sleepout Raises Money for Homeless

BY JOE MILLER
STAFF WRITER

UNC students braved the rain Friday night to participate in the annual sleepout for the homeless sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

About 30 students participated in this year's sleepout, which was held in front of Morrison Residence Hall. The annual event is a fraternity fund raiser that benefits the Chapel Hill Inter-Faith Council for Social Services and seeks to increase awareness of the plight homeless in Chapel Hill.

To show their support for the cause, UNC students were encouraged to make contributions in the Pit last week or come to the sleepout Friday night.

Alpha Phi Alpha President Mark Lee said the fraternity had raised more than \$1,000. Lee said he believed this was the

most successful sleepout the fraternity had held.

"I think that the word got out more," Lee said. "I think more people found out about it. I think more people asked questions and more awareness was raised."

Lee said the fraternity chose to donate to the Inter-Faith Council because it was strictly a local charity.

"We felt that the best way to make that statement (within) the community that we have a vested interest in affecting change would be to give to them as opposed to other places around the area," Lee said.

Some of the sleepout participants played football, others danced to the music and still others just talked.

Participant Tracy Sanders said she had heard about the sleepout last year and really liked the idea.

"I think that it's really great to have

students help with the community, to actually care about what's going on around them and not what's just going on at the campus," Sanders said.

Sanders also said a man from the local homeless shelter had attended the sleepout. "He saw that people were actually concerned," Sanders said.

Senior fraternity member Antoine Rogers said he wanted students and others in the community to gain a better sense of the hardships the homeless suffer every day.

"People who I would personally want to invite are people who are not exposed that much to the homeless," Rogers said. "Raising the consciousness of this community is more important as far as I'm concerned because a lot of people are oblivious to the fact of how many people are homeless."

Downtown Protest Targets PepsiCo's Foreign Involvement

People voiced opposition to the company's dealings with an oppressive country.

BY LAURA GODWIN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

About 250 protesters gathered in front of Taco Bell on East Franklin Street to voice their objection to PepsiCo Inc.'s continued economic involvement in Burma Sunday. The protesters claim the Pepsi corporation, which has bottling plants in Burma, supports the current Burmese government, which protest organizers deem oppressive.

"This is a visible expression of our outrage," said John Peck, organizer of Sunday's protest. Peck said members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition were outraged that companies like Pepsi continued to build plants and conduct business in Burma. Peck said yesterday's protest was a way to bring Pepsi's practices to the attention of the University and the community.

The organizers chose to hold their protest in front of Taco Bell because it is owned by PepsiCo. The company also owns other fast-food restaurants, including Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The protest, originally scheduled for

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Character Counts Conference: Children Need More Role Models



Tom Selleck, a national spokesman for the Character Counts! Coalition speaks at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel on Sunday. The organization tries to improve the character of American youth.

"Magnum, P.I." star Tom Selleck and panelists discuss the importance of instilling character in children.

BY JAY MURRIE
STAFF WRITER

A panel addressed the problem of deteriorating values at the N.C. Counts program's second annual conference Sunday, kicking off National Character Counts Week.

Tom Selleck, spokesman for the group, gave a summary of the group's platform.

"The purpose of this conference is to give the community a chance to reflect upon opportunities to build character," Selleck said. "There is no simple solution to America's character problems. Saying please and thank you is a good start. Driving more carefully is also good."

Character Counts is a non-partisan group determined to reform American society through the promotion of positive character traits. Selleck joined Lloyd Hackley, president of the N.C. Community College System and Michael Josephson, president of the Josephson Institute of Ethics in speaking about what they call the six pillars of character.

The pillars are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The group members said they felt that the absence of these values was eroding our society.

"Ninety percent of people who lose their first jobs lose them because of their behavior, not lack of ability," Hackley said. "Calculus may get them the job, but character will keep it."

Josephson said he became aware of the lack of basic values in society when he became a father. He said that Character Counts provided a framework for change, but every community must address the problem in its own way.

"Treat it like a real problem," Josephson said. "The challenge is to translate this very good idea into

reality."

He said the Dallas and Toledo, Ohio, school systems had adopted the organization's guidelines, along with the city of Albuquerque, N.M.

Selleck said he thought the media had contributed to the deterioration of values in America.

"All of us are confusing celebrities with heroes and role models," he said. "We need to talk about people being respected for who they are, not what they are." WRAL News Anchor Pam Saulsbury addressed the issue of media as a negative force in society in a speech during the conference banquet.

"In too many instances people say we never have anything good in the news," Saulsbury said. "I try to do that with the 'For The Children' program."

Selleck said the loss of basic values affected all sectors of society. He quoted a Josephson Institute of Ethics study which stated that 16 percent of college students admitted to shoplifting, 21 percent had lied to get a job, 29 percent had lied to keep a job and 32 percent had cheated on an exam.

"We've got a lost generation of adults," Selleck said. "A generation that doesn't walk its own talk. It's fine to point out hypocrisy and double-standards, but that doesn't mean there's anything wrong with standards."

The Character Counts Coalition has rewarded college and university campuses and students for their efforts at spreading the values. Ellen Ennes, a student at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, received an award from the coalition for her efforts.

"A lot of our program is in the planning stage," Ennes said. "We want to enter National Character Counts Week into our curriculum."

Ennes said at her school they have planned games and events in which students can show values, and plan to reward students who demonstrate good character.

"A lot can be done around a college campus, you just have to be creative," Ennes said.

The Character Counts Coalition consists of 56 national and regional organizations capable of reaching more than 35 million parents and children.