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## Three charged in carjacking, fourth at large

Police dogs found the Durham men after they fled into the woods.

BY ANGELA MOORE  
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After a chase down U.S. 15-501 and through the woods around Mason Farm Road on Sunday night, Chapel Hill police arrested three Durham men who they say carjacked a Jeep from 151 E. Rosemary St.

Police arrested Robert Leroyal

Peterson, 19, of 2601 Kirky St., Durham, and Brian Wayne Williams, 19, of 1311 Bacon St., Durham, after they were found by a Durham Police Department dog in the woods near the Mason Farm Biological Reserve around 11:30 p.m. The two were charged with armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. They are being held in the Orange County Jail under \$20,000 bond.

A third man involved in the carjacking also hid in the woods near the reserve, but was not found by police.

A fourth man, Willie Clyde Hawkins Jr., 19, of 1904 Collier Road, Durham, was arrested at his home later that

evening. Police say he drove the three men to Chapel Hill in order for them to steal the 1996 Jeep Cherokee. Hawkins was charged with aiding and abetting armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. He is also being held in the Orange County Jail under \$20,000 bond.

Capt. Tony Oakley of the Chapel Hill Police Department said the owner of the Jeep walked back to his vehicle parked in Chapel Hill Realty lot at around 10:30 p.m. Sunday. He was approached by three young men. One pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded his keys. The victim complied, and the three men

took his vehicle, Oakley said.

Oakley said police were given a description of the Jeep and soon spotted it near Estes Drive on U.S. 15-501.

"The officers got in behind it and reported back that they were behind the vehicle," Oakley said. After backup arrived, the suspects sped up and turned off on Mason Farm Road near Finley Golf Course.

"The suspects went down a dead-end road and ran into a bar that ran across the road," Oakley said. "The bar smashed the hood and busted out the windshield." Reports estimated the damage to the Jeep at \$1,400.

After crashing into the bar, the suspects jumped out of the Jeep and ran into the woods, Oakley said.

"We set up a perimeter around the area all the way over to Barbee Chapel Road," Oakley said. Both Durham city and county officers joined in the hunt, and all departments deployed K-9 units in the area.

A police dog tracked down Williams and Peterson in the woods. The third man in the Jeep was not found. Chapel Hill and Durham police are still looking for this suspect.

Oakley said the victim was not physically hurt.

## Students upset with meal plans

A change to the transfer meal system dictates what students may purchase.

BY DAVE SNELL  
STAFF WRITER

"More Options" has led to less value for meal equivalencies according to some students upset with changes made by Carolina Dining Services this summer.

"Our meals are dictated to us in the form of acceptable combinations," said Kevin Hanna, a sophomore from Malvern, Pa. "At a time when Lenoir is purportedly offering more selection and possibilities for Carolina students, this paradox begs the question: Does CDS subscribe to a 'less is more' theory?"

Last year's policy allowed students to exchange one of their meals for a food purchase amounting to less than \$4.50 from any vendor in the Grand Marketplace in Lenoir Dining Hall.

Now, under a joint decision by CDS and Auxiliary Services, students with meal plans are limited in what they may purchase under the new "transfer meal" program, which has replaced meal equivalencies in Lenoir.

Students must choose an entree, a side item and a drink to be able to use a meal on their UNCCONE Card. Certain limitations, such as no shrimp entrees from Stir Crazy and no Pizza Hut breadsticks, are also in effect.

"There has been concern from the students that there is a lot less flexibility now," Student Services Committee Co-chairman Scott Hammack said.

Brochures sent out during the summer advertising the CDS meal plans did not fully explain the change, Hammack said.

He said students should have had a voice in changing the meal equivalency policy since, ultimately, students would have to repay any loss incurred through lower sales in Lenoir according to Marriott's new contract with CDS.

Another change is a limit on how many meals may be used if a student has a traditional meal plan, CDS Director Scott Myers said. Only one meal per student can be used for lunch and one for dinner. Formerly, students were allowed two meals on the upper floor of Lenoir if they had a traditional meal plan.

Before Monday, students could not buy bottled beverages for their drink option and had to purchase their entire meal at one venue. Myers said students can now mix and match entrees, side items and drinks from any vendor in the Grand Marketplace and can purchase bottled drinks.

Hanna said he felt the addition of bottled beverages was an improvement.

"It's a step forward in the right direction," he said.

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## Chapel Hill-based group helps to register, educate Hispanic voters

BY LEANN SPRADLING  
STAFF WRITER

"Sir, are you registered to vote?" Volunteers have been asking Hispanics around North Carolina that question for El Pueblo, a nonprofit, nonpartisan volunteer group working to register Hispanic and Hispanic friendly voters for the upcoming elections.

"Our goal is to empower and promote the Latino culture and community," said Andrea Bazan Manson, vice president of El Pueblo.

As well as registering voters, the organizers want to educate noncitizens about the naturalization process and about participating in government.

"We want to educate people in the process of democracy to be able to look out for themselves and their communities," said Katie Pomerans, a Hispanic ombudsman in the N.C. Department of Human Resources and a member of the El Pueblo board of directors.

"We want to bring it to people's attention that we vote."

El Pueblo hopes to register 250 new voters per week during the drive, which officially started July 20.

Pomerans said she was pleased to find many eligible Hispanics were already registered to vote.

"We did not know what we would encounter when we started," she said.

Manson said organizers for El Pueblo realized the need for the drive while contacting local Hispanics during a fundraiser for La Fiesta del Pueblo, an annual Hispanic festival held in Chapel Hill.

With advice and funding from Project Vote, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that works to register minority voters, El Pueblo volunteers began attending festivals, churches, flea markets and Latin dance clubs to register and

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El Pueblo Board of Directors

inform eligible voters.

Increasing incidents of discrimination, misunderstanding and stereotyping are an important reason to get more people voting, Manson said.

"There's a misunderstanding that Hispanics come here and get on welfare and that's not the reality here in North Carolina," she said.

People in the community have been very receptive to the voter drive, Pomerans said.

"There's a lot of Americans whose great-grandparents were immigrants," she said.

"There's a lot of people who know in their hearts that there was once that first person in their family who faced the same hardships."

Pomerans said the student community also was very warm and supportive of the groups efforts.

Andres Echevarria, president of the Carolina Hispanic Association, worked on Franklin Street on Saturday to register voters.

"At first I was kind of scared. I felt like I was bothering people, especially on a Saturday morning," Echevarria said.

"There are people who just blow you off and tell you they don't care, but most people are kind of receptive once they understand what you're interrupting their day for. I was very proud to be a part of it."

## Triangle culture a shock for Hispanic family

BY LEANN SPRADLING  
STAFF WRITER

Adjusting to life in a new country means more than learning a new language.

Heriberto Hernandez moved to Durham from Orlando, Fla., with his wife Lucy and daughter Michelle two years ago. In Florida, the Hernandez family could draw on the Hispanic culture around them. That isn't always the case here.

"When we tried to find a doctor, a Spanish-speaking doctor, we couldn't find one," Hernandez said. "We are more comfortable talking with a doctor in Spanish than in English."

Hispanic advocacy groups across the state have joined forces with El Pueblo, a Chapel Hill group, to register more Spanish-speaking voters. Andrea Bazan Manson, vice president of El Pueblo, said the drive's purpose is to give Hispanics more voice.

The Hernandezes said Hispanic culture was lacking in the Triangle. "We can't buy the same kind of food here that we're used to; there's no Spanish grocery here," Heriberto Hernandez said.

The Hernandez family moved to Florida from Puerto Rico after they retired. Heriberto was vice president of a furniture company in Puerto Rico and

SEE HISPANIC, PAGE 2

## Triangle's cost of living may give professors' salaries more value

But lower prices won't attract better faculty, University economists say.

BY ANDREW PARK  
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As the N.C. General Assembly heard repeatedly over the summer, faculty salaries might be too low to keep top professors at the University. But the playing field levels after factoring in the Triangle's low cost of living.

Last year's average salary across all faculty ranks was \$61,500, 14th in the nation among the top public research universities, according to Academe magazine. UNC rated below prestigious state

schools such as the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Michigan and the University of Virginia.

When UNC faculty salaries are adjusted for the relatively low cost of living in the Raleigh-Durham area, they become more competitive, second only to the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

"It's almost a little faulty to compare salaries without considering how expensive the area you live in is," said Jon Sanders, a research fellow at the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank in Raleigh. Sanders adjusted salaries based on figures for the first quarter of 1996 and found similar results.

While UNC salaries improve when adjusted for cost of living, faculty pay at

universities in big cities, like Seattle and San Francisco, fare worse. The average adjusted salary at the University of Washington last year was \$48,200; the University of California - San Francisco's adjusted pay was only \$33,900.

The adjustments are based on figures provided by local chambers of commerce to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association, a nonprofit group that publishes the data quarterly. Chambers submit costs of goods, services, housing and health care in each city. In comparing universities, costs from comparable cities were substituted for those that did not report to the ACCRA.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce has not submitted prices since 1994, chamber President Joel Harper said. For some involved in the faculty salary debate, that fact leaves room for question.

"The prevailing wisdom is that cost of living is high here," said Jane Brown, chairwoman of the Faculty Council.



Faculty Council Chairwoman JANE BROWN says cost of living is high for new UNC faculty.

Brown cited the difficulty incoming faculty members face when they try to find inexpensive housing in Chapel Hill.

Harper quoted local housing and health care prices significantly higher than those reported by the researchers association for Raleigh-Durham. An average 1,800-square-foot house costs \$183,000 in Chapel Hill and \$136,079 in Raleigh-Durham. An average apartment rents for about \$750 per month, versus \$573 per month in Raleigh-Durham. Local costs for visiting the dentist and hospital stays are also more expensive, Harper said.

Whatever the numbers, economists don't put much stock in cost of living comparisons because of the cost and difficulty of compiling accurate data.

"It's a piece of data that people don't have a whole lot of confidence in," said James Murphy, UNC professor of economics. "I wouldn't be impressed with it one way or another."

Murphy said differences in prices between job markets only matter if they are big, such as the gap between Chapel Hill and San Francisco. Huge differentials between adjusted salaries do not exist. Among the adjusted average salaries at public research universities last year, only \$3,500 in salary separate the first- and 10th-ranked schools.

In most cases, job hunters compare salary, fringe benefits and the people they will be working with before considering

the cost of living, Murphy said.

And while cost of living comparisons may explain different salaries in different job markets, they might not influence prospective employees at all, said James Wilde, UNC professor of economics.

"My guess is most of them are not familiar enough with those figures to factor them in," he said.

If not, prospective faculty may be ignoring the relatively low prices in the Triangle when they are choosing between the University and other suitors.

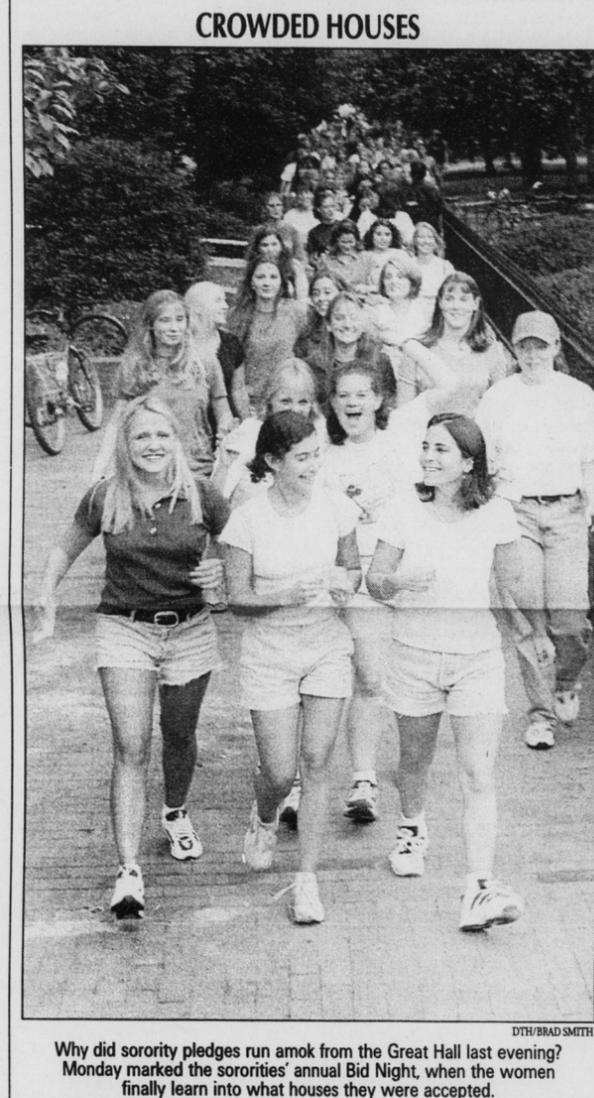
And if those competitors are private universities, able to raise tuition or tap endowments to inflate salaries, the University cannot compete, said Tim Sanford, director of institutional research.

Many private research universities pay faculty more than the University. Average pay at Duke University last year was \$75,200, and \$85,400 at Harvard University, according to Academe.

"The fact that our financial structure and our governing structure are different from Harvard and Duke doesn't make a difference when we're recruiting faculty," Sanford said.

The University should not compare itself just to public institutions, he said, because competition for faculty comes from all universities.

"When you're recruiting a faculty member," he said, "cost of living only gets you so far."



Why did sorority pledges run amok from the Great Hall last evening? Monday marked the sororities' annual Bid Night, when the women finally learn into what houses they were accepted.

### Living Well

1995-96 average faculty salaries at UNC and five other public research universities, adjusted for cost of living:

School	Actual Salary	Adjusted Salary
UNC-Chapel Hill	\$61,500	\$62,300
University of Texas-Austin	60,300	61,000
Rutgers University (N.J.)	71,900	56,300
University of Colorado-Boulder	57,900	51,500
University of Washington-Seattle	58,000	48,200
University of California-San Francisco	58,600	33,900

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Lord give me chastity — but not yet.

Sainte Augustine