



**POLICE ROUNDUP**

**University**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

■ A Hinton James resident was released on bond after drugs in his room set off a fire alarm, according to police reports.

Justin Rohr, 18, of 246 Hinton James Residence Hall was arrested for having two water bong pipes, which were used to smoke a controlled substance, according to reports.

When an officer investigated the fire alarm which went off in Rohr's suite, he saw the bong pipes in Rohr's room, and the officer was told he could search the room without a warrant.

Officers found several instruments used to smoke marijuana and drug residue at the bottom of plastic cups, reports state.

■ A case of drug paraphernalia possession was turned over to the Honor Court by University Police, according to police reports.

An officer was called to 346 Hinton James Residence Hall because the resident assistant detected the odor of marijuana, reports state. When the officer arrived, no one was there, and he decided to come back later. When he returned, Armen Batmasiao, 19, was in the room. He said friends had smoked marijuana out of pipes before attending a concert at the Smith Center that evening.

The pipes were taken for evidence.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

■ A concert goer was kicked out of the Smith Center twice before being arrested, according to police reports.

Brian Stuphin of King was kicked out of the Smith Center for being uncooperative with the ushers, according to reports. Stuphin said he would call his lawyer and never explained to officers why he was disruptive. After being kicked out, Stuphin came back and banged on the doors, according to reports. He was told he would be arrested if he returned.

Stuphin came back at 10:45 p.m. and banged on the doors again, according to reports. An officer opened the door and had him arrested, reports state.

■ Police arrested Timothy Nester, 19, for intoxication and disruptive behavior and resisting, obstructing and delaying arrest, reports state. Nester was released on \$200 bond.

Police received a report of a subject trying to enter the memorabilia room at the Smith Center.

When the officer arrived, a security guard pointed out Nester, who started running when ordered to stop. According to the report, Nester stopped after being told a third time to stop and was arrested. The officer reported Nester smelled of alcohol while he was being handcuffed.

**City**

**Thursday, Nov. 14**

■ John Davis Atwater of 124 Marlowe Court in Carrboro was arrested and charged with three misdemeanors: driving while intoxicated, driving with a permanently revoked license and speeding 65 mph in a 45 mph zone, reports state.

After Atwater was stopped for speeding, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and performed standard field sobriety tests, according to police reports. Atwater refused to take a breathalyzer test, reports state.

Atwater was released on a \$1,800 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in the District Court of Chapel Hill on Dec. 17, according to reports.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

■ Vipbulbhai Maheshkumar Patel, a UNC student of 4104 Ketterin Drive in Durham, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and provisional license, reports state.

Patel submitted to a blood test at UNC Hospitals emergency room, and was then issued a citation and released, reports state.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

■ Wayne Beasley Johnson of Orangelake Road in Hillsborough was arrested and charged with one count of damage to property, a misdemeanor, according to police reports.

Johnson, who had consumed drugs or alcohol at the time of his arrest, kicked in a glass door at BW-3, a restaurant on West Franklin Street, reports state. Johnson was released on a \$350 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in the Administrative Court of Chapel Hill on Jan. 26.

■ Fred Cecil Swain of 100 W. Rosemary St. was arrested and charged with one count of possession of crack cocaine, a felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, according to police reports.

Swain was observed throwing a crack pipe, which contained what appeared to be crack cocaine, on the ground at the rear of 603 W. Rosemary St., reports state.

He is being held on a \$2000 secured bond at the Orange County Jail and is scheduled to appear in the Administrative Court of Chapel Hill on Dec. 10, police reports state.

**Locals protest Chrysler's treatment of homosexuals**

■ A group of people carried signs and chanted in front of Yates Motor Co.

BY KATE HARRISON  
STAFF WRITER

"Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Discrimination has got to go!" was the chant of people protesting Thursday the Chrysler Corporation's alleged discrimination against gays and lesbians.

"Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Chrysler employees have experienced cases of verbal harassment, death threats, rapes, beatings and sabo-

tage, but in no case did the Chrysler corporation find any wrongdoing, or punish or reprimand anyone involved," said Sara White, co-organizer of the event, which was held in front of Yates Motor Company on Franklin Street.

Similar protests took place in about 20 U.S. cities as well as London. Lesbian Avengers and the Carolina Socialist Forum organized the local protest.

To help prevent such incidents, the United Auto Workers union took up the cause and demanded that Chrysler add a sexual orientation clause in the Equal Application of Agreement section of their worker contract, but Chrysler refused, sparking the protest.

Though the Chrysler chairman re-

leased a statement saying he was going to send a letter and copy of the contract with the clause added to employees, the corporation has not actually added it.

"We are not protesting the dealership," said Amanda O'Briant, co-organizer of the protest. "In fact, we would love their support. I think they have a fair amount of fear about negative publicity, though."

A representative of the dealership said she had no comment.

"Chrysler has said they didn't want to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause because they didn't want to single out and give certain special treatment to certain groups," O'Briant said. "But the Equal Application section

lists other groups, just not sexual orientation."

About 15 protesters carried signs and handed out flyers while protester Rachel O'Toole periodically drove by honking in a Chrysler car adorned with streamers, a rainbow flag and signs reading "Hey, this bumper was gay built."

O'Toole said she drove the car, dubbed "the queermobile," to show that gay, lesbian and transgendered people buy and drive cars, too.

"As consumers, we will make choices about where we buy our cars," she said. "And if GM and Ford can put sexual discrimination language in their contracts, why can't Chrysler?"

Will Jones, a protester and member of

the Carolina Socialist Forum, said he thought homophobia was the main reason Chrysler refused to add the clause.

"This is pure speculation, but I think too that the clause would make it easier for employees to protect their interests," he said.

"That could be damaging to the corporation because it could make it easier for a worker to file a complaint."

White said she was pleased with the turnout of the rally and accomplished what she had set out to do through it.

"I don't think one protest in Chapel Hill is going to be what changes Chrysler's mind," White said. "But I just hope it's a drop in the bucket and a nudge toward change."

**RSVVP Required**

BY LAUREN AGRELLA  
STAFF WRITER

This coming Tuesday, Irene Briggaman will be busy eating out. She'll go to breakfast, lunch and dinner — grabbing **MAKING A MARK** snacks and take-out in between. And it's not just because she'll be hungry.

Briggaman is the coordinator of RSVVP, Restaurants Sharing V(5) plus V(5) Percent, a community-oriented annual effort which gives Triangle residents the opportunity to help feed needy families simply by eating a meal in a local restaurant.

This year's RSVVP, held Nov. 19, will involve some 94 restaurants in Chapel Hill alone. The businesses will donate 10 percent of their profits directly to helping the homeless.

"The need is so great, and I know that I'm helping to fill a gap," said Briggaman about her efforts to coordinate the Triangle-wide event, now in its seventh year.

The idea for the RSVVP program was conceptualized by a group of Baltimore waiters who decided to donate a night's tips to the homeless. The origin of the program reminds establishments they have the power to directly impact their communities, Briggaman said. "We're doing this for a very real reason," she said.

Last year, RSVVP raised \$14,600 in Chapel Hill, with a total of \$28,000 for the area. Briggaman said she hoped the Triangle would bring in \$30,000 on Tuesday.

As self-described "professional volunteer," Briggaman donates her time to community organizations. In addition to RSVVP, she has worked with local teen centers, the Boy and Girl Scouts, blood banks and litter cleanup groups. After three years as the Chapel Hill Crop Walk chairwoman, Briggaman decided it was time to try something new.

Now, Briggaman is the heart



RSVVP Coordinator Irene Briggaman delivers flyers to Pepper's Pizza, one of RSVVP's designated restaurants.

of the RSVVP program. She devotes almost all of her time in September and October to making sure the event runs smoothly. "It's like my life for two months," she said. Briggaman authors most of RSVVP's promotional literature and creates pamphlets to distribute to restaurants.

Briggaman says it's the entire community's responsibility to help people in need. "If you have a support system, you can get over these humps," she said.

RSVVP profits go directly to local organizations, including the Inter-Faith Council, whose pur-

pose is to provide food and financial assistance to help families in crisis stay in their homes. St. Philip's Kitchen and the Food Bank of North Carolina, both of which provide food for the homeless, also benefit.

Leila Dillon, finance manager at IFC, said the program benefited everyone by helping the homeless, bringing restaurants business and giving residents the chance to help.

"Everyone's out enjoying themselves at restaurants that we

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**Residents can eat out Tuesday to help hungry**

BY GIBSON PATE  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Chapel Hill residents can help needy families by eating out at area restaurants participating in RSVVP, a Triangle-wide project to relieve hunger and poverty.

More than 200 restaurants will participate in the effort, giving 10 percent of their proceeds from breakfast, lunch and dinner that day to St. Philip's Community Kitchen in Durham, Food Bank of North Carolina in Raleigh and the Inter-Faith Council in Chapel Hill, RSVVP Coordinator Irene Briggaman said.

Since its inception in 1989, RSVVP, which stands for Restaurants Sharing V(5) plus V(5) Percent, has raised almost \$150,000 to help these area organizations. Chapel Hill has traditionally raised more money than either Raleigh or Durham, Briggaman said.

"Chapel Hill raised more than half the amount of Raleigh and Durham put together," Briggaman said. Last year, the Triangle raised about \$28,000, with \$14,600 of that amount raised by Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

This year a record breaking 95 restaurants in Chapel Hill and Carrboro are participating in the one night "eat out and help out" drive, Briggaman said.

"In 1989 we had 42 or 43 restaurants participate," she said. "This number has steadily grown, with this year's total be-

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**Put your thinking caps on**

Does intellectual climate really matter? On Nov. 22, The Daily Tar Heel will sponsor a roundtable discussion to find out. Students, faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to join in from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Union 226. And beginning Monday, watch for a five-part series that will look at issues surrounding the debate.



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**Discussion about intellectual climate spreads to Internet**

■ A new web site lets students, faculty and staff make suggestions about changing UNC's academic environment.

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The brightly colored signs have dotted campus bulletin boards for nearly two weeks, asking students, faculty and staff alike, "who cares ...?" or "does it really matter ...?" and offering an Internet address where the answer might be found.

The mystery flyers are the work of the Chancellor's Task Force on the Intellectual Climate, a group set up to examine the learning environment at UNC and how it can be improved. And the address is the task force's home page, where one can follow the group's activities and offer feedback.

The home page was set up to bring as many different voices into the intellectual climate debate as possible.

"We ask that all students, faculty and staff join the Chancellor's Task Force on the Intellectual Climate in a dialogue about the future of our University," task force Chairwoman Pam Conover wrote in a letter to viewers of the page.

Marshall Edgell, a professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and chairman of the task force's Subcommittee on Inside the Classroom, said the amount of feedback the web page had garnered thus far had been somewhat disappointing.

"I think we haven't been getting as much response as we would like simply because the ongoing effort to plan has not been well-publicized as we'd hoped," he said.

History professor Leon Fink, chairman of the task force's Subcommittee on the Freshman Year Experience, said he hoped the web page would bring in more input from students in particular, since so many faculty were already on the task force.

"Frankly, I think students are more comfortable web browsers than many of us faculty," he said. "I see it as the coming avenue of exchange."

Edgell said about half of the responses to the web page had come from students and half from faculty. Much of it had been thoughtful commentary, he said.

"I think we would all like as deep an intellectual experience

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**Democrats gain House seats thanks to college-age voters**

BY WHITNEY MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

The poster, button and sticker campaign that flooded UNC and other campuses this fall helped to place Democrats in certain key congressional seats, the College Democrats of America announced Wednesday.

"I think the students changed the outcome of the election," said Mark Nevins, the College Democrats' communications director. "We picked 21 districts based on where we thought the student population within the district could make a difference."

They then pushed to convince students on college campuses in those areas to vote. Democrats won in 18 of those 21 districts in the national elections, including North Carolina's 4th District, where Democrat David Price defeated Rep. Fred Heineman, R-N.C. Their efforts included registering voters, distributing literature and bringing local candidates to campuses to rally support for Democrats.

Rob Jesmer, national director of Youth for Dole and a member of the College Republican National Committee, said he disagreed with Democrats' claims.

"I don't understand what they are so happy about," he said. "As far as their congressional efforts went, they failed. The Republicans are still in control of the House."

The efforts succeeded in North Carolina, however, where UNC College Democrats and other volunteers helped

Democratic challenger Price defeat freshman Republican Heineman.

"We worked with student government's Carolina Vote Project," said Shannon Stamey, co-president of the UNC College Democrats. "Students were very much heard. Our votes made the difference in putting our candidate in office."

At the University of Connecticut, College Democrats President Kevin Graff said efforts by students affected the outcome of the Connecticut 2nd District race between Rep. Sam Gejdenson, R-Conn., and challenger Edmund Munster. The College Democrats of America had targeted that race as a likely Democratic win as well.

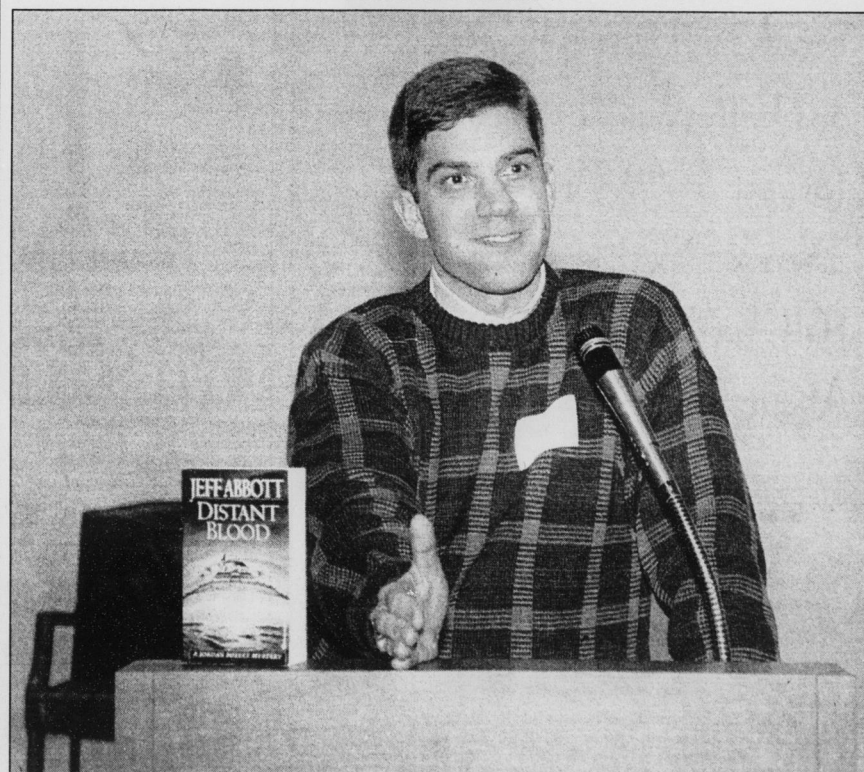
"In Connecticut, talk is that the big difference between last time and this time was field work, and the College Democrats did a lot of that," he said.

Graff pointed out that Gejdenson won re-election in 1994 by only 21 votes, while this year secured his win with about 10,000 more votes than his opponent.

Nevins said a main goal of the College Democrats' efforts was to show students their votes could make a difference. He added that he credited Heineman with alienating students.

"We wanted to see if we worked hard, could we turn around the results of 1994 and manage to protect Democrats seeking re-election," he said. "(Heineman) was the sort of person who got students interested and enraged at the way he stood on issues that affected them."

**BLEEDING HEART**



Award-winning mystery writer Jeff Abbott reads several passages from his latest work, "Distant Blood," in Wilson Library on Thursday night.

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