

## POLICE ROUNDUP

### University

Monday, Nov. 18

■ A University employee reported her car was leaking gasoline at about 10:30 a.m., according to reports. The Chapel Hill Fire Department was notified and dispatched to Battle Lane.

The car's gas tank was nearly empty, and a relative was called in to remove the car from the campus, according to reports.

■ A University employee reported being stuck in an elevator in Hill Hall at about 8 a.m., according to police reports. Police and fire personnel were dispatched, and the Physical Plant was notified of the breakdown.

### Saturday, Nov. 16

■ A University student reported his stereo was missing. According to police reports, the student left the stereo, along with some compact discs, in Union 215 in Suite A at about 2 p.m. and left. The student returned some time after 4 p.m. and the stereo was gone, reports state.

### Friday, Nov. 15

■ A Raleigh woman left her purse unattended for about an hour in the Institute of Government, according to police reports. When the woman returned at about 10:30 a.m., she found that someone had removed \$27 from her wallet, which was in her purse.

■ A student left a trumpet on the seventh floor of Davis Library. When the student returned the next day, the trumpet was missing, according to police reports. All of the library's lost and found departments were checked, and the trumpet has not been turned in, reports state.

■ University Police answered a disturbance of the peace call at Morehead Planetarium at about 10 p.m., according to police reports. Two male suspects refused to leave and then became argumentative with the complainant. Reports state that the complainant called police and when the officer arrived, the suspects fled.

The officer began a chase northward toward the Chapel Hill District Court House. Officer Burgess of the Chapel Hill Police Department located the suspects in their vehicle and stopped them at the corner of Hillsborough and East Franklin streets, according to reports. An 8-inch knife was found in plain view on the front seat and taken by police.

### City

#### Monday, Nov. 18

■ Terrence Paul Greene, 31, of Apt. 22 at 211 Melville Loop was arrested for assault on a female at 2:48 a.m. for grabbing and shoving his wife during a domestic argument, police reports state. According to reports, Greene was taken to Orange County Jail.

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

■ Police responded to a fight between several people at Linda's Bar and Grill, located at 203 E. Franklin St., at 1:29 a.m. Police reports state that the cash register was damaged in the melee.

■ A Caffetrio employee reported at 11:33 p.m. that a man was peeing into stalls in the women's restroom.

■ Jeffrey Frederick Hiltz, 17, of 316 Hawkins Road in Cedar Grove was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 1:21 a.m., police reports state. According to reports, an officer who stopped Hiltz smelled marijuana and had a K-9 unit search his car. Kopper, a police dog, found two plastic bags of marijuana in a hidden compartment in the car's dashboard, reports state. Hiltz was released into his mother's custody.

#### Saturday, Nov. 16

■ An Enka resident reported to police at 8:08 a.m. that he found a semi-automatic handgun at the railroad tracks near Merritt Mill Road. According to reports, the gun in question was a Walther P-38 9 mm.

■ According to reports, Joaquin Marcos Davis, 17, and David Ingram Baldwin, 19, both of Durham, were charged for underage possession of a malt beverage during a traffic stop at Davie Circle at 1:15 a.m. Police reports state that Davis was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon for carrying a set of brass knuckles in his jacket pocket.

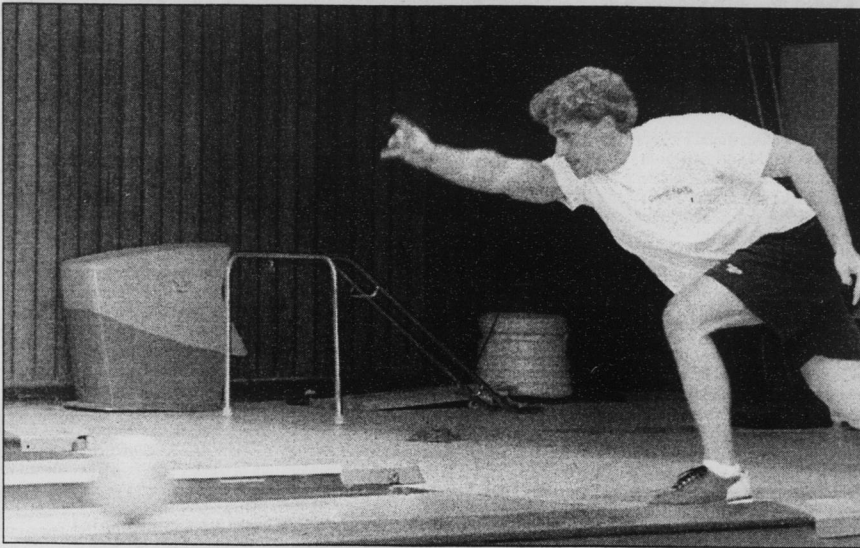
■ Police reports state that after a police officer told him he was trespassing from all public housing, Willie Cornelius Price, of Route 9 in Chapel Hill told the officer he would kill him if the officer interfered with him. According to reports, the officer then arrested Price for communicating threats.

■ Raeford Jonnell Brown, 23, of 200A Country Estates Drive in Sanford was charged with larceny of a cheeseburger from Miami Subs at 101 E. Franklin St. based on the testimony of a manager, police reports state.

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■ Randy Earl Roberson, 34, of 316A McMasters St. was charged with assault on a female at 10:58 p.m. Reports state that he struck the female victim in the face.

## BOWLED OVER



Tim Ward, a beginning bowling student, practices with his classmates in the Student Union on Monday afternoon. The class meets two hours a day, two days a week.

DITH/KELLY BROWN

## Holiday airfare deals quickly flying away

■ Local travel agents said flexibility was the key to last-minute bargains.

BY TIFFANY CASHWELL  
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for students looking for good deals on airplane tickets home for the holidays.

Several airlines serving Raleigh-Durham International Airport offer reduced rates for Thanksgiving travel on certain days, but many of the discounted flights sold out weeks ago.

"Students are going to have to take what they can get," said Jeff Mallett, owner of Cole Travel in Chapel Hill. "A year ago there were more seats and flights available in Raleigh, but the airlines have cut back, which means fewer discounted seats this year."

Mallett urged people to be flexible and make reservations in advance to get preferred flights. Christmas flights filled up rapidly, and airline representatives said

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holiday flights are usually booked a year in advance.

David Castlebeter, a USAir representative, said customers willing to fly within certain time frames get reduced rates. For Thanksgiving, most discounts are on flights leaving Raleigh on the Nov. 24, Nov. 25 or Nov. 28 and returning on Nov. 29.

Most of the remaining available flights are early morning or late afternoon. Airlines also offer round-trip tickets that leave Thanksgiving Day and return the next day at slightly lower rates.

A round trip ticket to New York for

## Thanksgiving air fares

Airlines offer reduced rates for flights leaving on Nov. 24, Nov. 25 or Nov. 28 and returning on Nov. 29. Some only have specials for Thanksgiving Day flights returning the next day. Rates are based on availability and travel from Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

	Leave: Nov. 24, Nov. 25 or Nov. 28				Return: Nov. 29		
	Midway	American	USAir	United	Delta	USAir	United
New York	\$96	\$98	\$98	\$98	sold out	\$96	\$96
Boston	135	138	138	138	sold out	126	126
Phoenix	202	198	198	198	sold out	156	156
Los Angeles	no service	298	298	298	sold out	196	196
Atlanta	no service	N/A	138	138	96	96	96
Chicago	no service	138	141	138	135	132	126

SOURCE: LOCAL AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES

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Thanksgiving can be found for less than \$100 from major airlines and local travel agencies.

A nondiscounted fare typically averages between \$200 and \$250.

ITG Travel Center in Chapel Hill is offering round-trip tickets to Los Angeles for \$196 on Thanksgiving Day, compared to normal prices of more than \$300.

First-class tickets can cost more than \$1,000.

Lisa Merritt, an agent at Circle Travel,

said the agency offered a Denver flight leaving Thanksgiving Day and returning Saturday for \$156. She said availability would determine the agency's other holiday rates.

Castlebeter said Christmas rates were similar to Thanksgiving rates.

Many Christmas flights are still available, but customers must travel on certain days.

Tickets purchased in advance are cheaper and give customers more options, he said.

Jeff Kendallutz, a senior, bought his Thanksgiving ticket home to New Jersey in July from American Airlines.

"It wasn't hard," he said. "I had my choice of flights, probably because I called so early and nothing was really set up yet with the airlines."

"I didn't really have any restrictions, either."

His flight leaves Raleigh on Nov. 27 and he returns on Dec. 1.

"It goes to show that the early bird really does get the worm."

## Group protects homeless carnivores

BY CORY VAN BELOIS  
STAFF WRITER

While squirrels and house pets are the only animals most students encounter, carnivorous critters from Bengal tigers to rare snow leopards have made a home only minutes from Chapel Hill.

The Carnivore Preservation Trust, a nonprofit organization located in Pittsboro, was established to help rescue homeless wild animals in 1981 by UNC professor Michael Bleyman, who has since passed away.

"Our main concern has been the genetic management of captive populations," said Alan Whitmore, scientific director of the trust.

The trust rescues animals and breeds them to maintain a healthy gene pool, but doesn't release them into the wild.

The atmosphere of the trust is more like a farm than a zoo except instead of feeding chickens, the volunteers feed chickens to the other carnivores.

"You will be amazed at the number of wild animals in North Carolina," said Nancy Showalter, director of the trust.

"Sometimes people have wild animals as pets and they can't handle them, so they give them to us."

The 60-acre compound holds 250 wild and endangered animals from 15 different species. The exotic animals are kept in enclosures of different sizes and are taken care of by volunteers, including UNC students and a small staff. The only close, one-on-one contact with the animals is with newborns.

"The concept of holding an animal that is the last of a species is overwhelming," said Jennifer Grossman, a sophomore from Toronto who volunteers at the compound.

Many of the animals who end up at the trust have intriguing pasts.

"My favorite animal is Pee Wee, a half leopard cat rescued from certain death in Pakistan," Grossman said. "He was about to be eaten when someone realized that he was a rare cat, and they traded a 50-cent chicken for him and brought him here."

Some of the animals were abused or hurt before arriving at their new home.

"Dexter, our Barbari leopard, is the

last of its species and has only three legs," Showalter said. "The leopard lost its leg when it was a cub and was put into a cage with an older leopard when the owner did not get the price it wanted for the leopard."

Other animals had still murkier pasts. "Some of the animals even came from drug dealers who were arrested by police," Showalter said.

The trust runs on the sweat of many volunteers and is always seeking capable students, Whitmore said. Among other activities, student volunteers help build cages and feed animals.

"Volunteers are welcome; we want people to come out," Whitmore said. "Volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization because we don't have the budget to pay people for all the things that need to be done."

Volunteer Michelle Merza, a senior biochemistry major from Albany, N.Y., said her weekend volunteer work augmented her career plans. "I am hoping to go to vet school and thought it would be a good experience to work with carnivores."

## Town rules could block new Days Inn

BY JULIA WOOD  
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council considered a proposal Monday night that would replace the aging Tar Heel Motel on U.S. 15-501 with a brighter, aesthetically pleasing new Days Inn.

However, the current proposal to replace the motel does not meet regulations for development inside the Resource Conservation District of the Booker Creek flood plain.

Mike Amin, owner of the Tar Heel Motel and applicant for a Special Use Permit to build the Days Inn on the property, asked the council for modifications to the regulations.

Chapel Hill Planning Director Roger Walden said the proposed motel exceeds maximum floor area for a conservation district, provides less than the required amount of livability space and provides more impervious surfaces, such as paved areas, than the town allowed.

Bruce Ballentine, engineer for the project, said every effort was made to meet the town's standards, and the town should meet Amin in the middle. "We

feel the main issue is one of aesthetics versus minor modifications that we ask you to approve for this project only," he said.

Walden said the staff recommended the approval of a resolution that would allow the modifications in order to build the new motel. Walden said the staff decided that the public would be served better by allowing the modifications than adhering to the stricter regulations.

The Town Council will address the proposal further at future meetings.

Many residents at a meeting in favor of allowing the modifications, citing aesthetic appeal and economic benefits among other advantages of building the new motel.

Thomas D. Higgins, attorney for Amin, agreed the new motel would be aesthetically, as well as economically, beneficial to the community. "I think we need this new Days Inn," he said. "It will provide an economic boost, affordable rooms, an attractive entrance into the town, an increase in safety and allow local residents operating a family business to expand their franchise."

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ART WERNER  
Chapel Hill Resident

Others expressed doubts about allowing the modifications. Art Werner said he was disappointed that a storm water impact statement had not been submitted. "Twenty-year-old data is not reliable," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if much of that area is in floodwater area right now."

John Kent, Chapel Hill Storm Water Management Committee member, said he was concerned with exceeding the maximum amount of floor space.

Kent said, "It sends a very bad message to others who will be dealing with property in the flood plain, and specifically, the RCD in town."

## McDonald House prepares for holiday funding drives

BY ERICA HINTON  
STAFF WRITER

With the holiday season right around the corner, the Ronald McDonald House has the opportunity to raise money and awareness by selling products to help cover the costs of yearly expenses.

The House, located at 101 Old Mason Farm Road in Chapel Hill, provides a home away from home for families with seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at UNC Hospitals.

Beginning their holiday fund raising, the house has several projects planned for the holidays, including selling holiday gift cards, luminary kits and cassettes and CDs of holiday music.

The idea for selling gift cards was generated after watching other local nonprofit organizations benefit from card sales. "We've seen churches and other organizations raise money with gift cards," said Sheri West, development and public relations coordinator for the House. "People wanted to do something

for other people." Because this is the first time the House has sold gift cards, West said that she did not know what to expect, but previous holiday fund-raisers have proved successful.

In its fourth year, the selling of luminary kits is part of the "Light a Luminary" project to not only raise money, but to honor families who have stayed at the House. Last year, the project raised \$12,800. "It has grown every year as more and more neighborhoods get involved," West said.

The Dillard's holiday fund-raiser is in its second year. From now until Dec. 24, all Dillard's stores will be selling CDs and cassettes for \$6 and \$4, respectively.

Last year, the CDs and cassettes were "very successful," said Steve Pansini, an employee of Dillard's at University Mall. "Units sold numbered in the hundreds," he said. While still more than a month away from the holidays, Pansini said that

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