



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, March 5

■ A student reported that an unknown person broke into her vehicle through the driver's side vent window, police reports state.

According to police reports, the student parked her vehicle behind the Porthole Building. A \$300 AM-FM-CD player was removed from the dashboard and a \$50 super leatherman tool was stolen from her glove box, police reports state.

Tuesday, March 4

■ A WUNC radio employee reported her keys, valued at \$20, lost or stolen from Swain Hall, police reports state.

According to police reports, the employee saw a white male between the ages of 19 and 20 at around 10 a.m. on the catwalk that runs around the radio station. When the young man saw the employee he left quickly, police reports state.

■ A UNC housing support employee reported two air conditioning units damaged, police reports state.

According to police reports, both units, one located in Morrison Residence Hall and the other located in Craige Residence Hall, have an estimated value of \$583.

■ A resident of Morrison Residence Hall reported vandalism to her 1995 Volkswagen, police reports state.

According to police reports, the victim parked her car in the PR lot at 9 p.m. Sunday. At 10 p.m. the victim found a six-inch cut in the canvas roof of her vehicle, reports state.

■ A Carrboro woman reported a belated hit and run, police reports state. According to police reports, the victim found her vehicle damaged at 5 p.m. March 3.

The vehicle was parked on 210 Pittsboro St., reports state. According to police reports, a UNC police officer inspected the vehicle and found the back left corner of the fourth panel dented. Paint was missing from the biggest part of the dent.

The officer also found four dark evenly spaced marks in the damaged area, police reports state. According to police reports, the officer also found rust in the area where the paint was missing.

According to police reports, the officer asked the victim about the rust, and she replied, "There is rust all under the paint."

City

Thursday, March 6

■ Keith Brain Long, 27, of 21 Hilltop Mobile Home Park was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a revoked license, an open container violation and an insurance violation, according to police reports.

He was arrested at Airport Road and Umstead Drive, reports state. Long was released on a \$500 bond, and his court date will be April 8 in Chapel Hill District Court.

■ Marcia Devone Brooks, 31, of 8909 Lil Marcia Lane was charged with driving with a revoked license, according to police reports.

Long was arrested at Talbot's on Main Street in Carrboro, reports state. An officer received information about a gray BMW being driven in Chapel Hill with the driver having a revoked license.

The suspect vehicle was seen in the area of Sykes and Nunn streets. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was charged, reports state.

Wednesday, March 5

■ Shawn Johnny Milligan, 32, of 125 B Parkwood Drive was charged with second degree trespassing, according to police reports.

He was seen on 325 W. Rosemary St. arguing with a woman. He was arrested for trespassing and transported to the Chapel Hill Police Department where he was released on a \$150 unsecured bond, reports state.

Milligan was also charged later in the day with an open container violation. He was sitting against a fence on Nunn Street when an officer approached him. The suspect did not see the officer until the officer was approximately five yards away, reports state.

The officer asked what Milligan was drinking. He said he was drinking beer. The suspect poured the beverage out and threw the bottle in a trash can, reports state. Milligan was cited and released.

■ Tina Ortiz Rush, 29, of 529 Hillsborough St. Apartment #5 was charged with shoplifting and misdemeanor larceny, according to police reports.

Rush was caught leaving Harris Teeter with a 12-pack of Heineken Beer. While investigating the larceny, police officers found Rush to be in possession of several pairs of shoes. It was determined the shoes had been taken from Belk's and had not been paid for, reports state.

Her bond was set at \$300 and she will appear in Chapel Hill District Court on March 24.

Fees to help update online review

■ The Carolina Course Review has been online for more than a month.

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

While student government was busy putting plans for an online Carolina Course Review to a student vote, employees at Academic Technology & Networks decided to create the web page in January.

"We thought it was a pretty doggone good idea, so we executed it as soon as possible," said Linwood Futrelle, ATN's director of client services. "We're pretty proactive in trying to do things people ask us to do."

The review can be accessed through Netscape.

Despite the course review having been online since January, the ballot for the Feb. 11 student elections included two referenda concerning an online version.

Students voted to abolish a 50-cent student fee used for printing the course review and use the money that had already been collected to create the web page and purchase computers for accessing it.

Student Body Secretary Lacey Hawthorne said the fee money that would have been used for creating the web site would instead go toward updating the site and purchasing computers. The computers will be placed in the Undergraduate Library and will open

directly to the course review.

Hawthorne said she had approached ATN last semester about creating an online version, but student government was not informed until after student body elections that ATN had already put the course review online. She said it was a communication problem.

"We're still pursuing what was voted on," Hawthorne said. "We were just given a head start — half of it was already done."

Todd Lewis, applications program-

mer for ATN, said the online course review would be more efficient and less expensive than the printed version.

"It saves money in printing costs, you don't run out of copies and students don't have to be on campus to get this information," he said. "Anywhere Netscape is available, you can look at this."

A group of graduate students in the Department of Economics compile the student survey information for the course review.

Once ATN receives the data sheets, it takes about a week to update the web site, Lewis said.

Dan Wingate, associate director of client services for ATN, said the web site had data from student surveys for about 1,200 courses and covered the 1995 fall semester through the 1996 fall semester, including both of the 1996 summer sessions.



Student Body Secretary LACEY HAWTHORNE said fee money would be used to update the course review and to purchase computers.

Bronzers hit tanning beds before break

■ During the off season, students frequent tanning salons despite the risks.

BY APRIL JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't take a week-long trip to the Bahamas to achieve that bronze look.

In preparation for Spring Break, students have taken shorter trips to get a jump on that golden tan — to the local tanning salon.

Taylor Marshall-Green, night manager of The Tannery, said business had increased about 500 percent from the beginning of spring semester to a few weeks after break.

"Many people have sensitive skin, but they don't want to get burned when they go to Cancun," he said, explaining the popularity of indoor base tanning.

A student waiting in line at The Tannery said she has been tanning four times a week for three weeks in preparation for her vacation.

Another student who asked not to be identified said, "I first started (tanning) for formal, but now I'm getting ready for Spring Break."

Robbie Miller, owner of Daytona Rays Tanning Salon, said people came to her in search of the "healthy look" — so hard to procure in the winter months. "Summer's coming," Miller said. "Nobody wants to go out in the sun before they get a protection against it."

Miller advised customers to be careful when tanning and recommended starting slowly to build a base tan.

She said tanning times vary, depending on the individual. Most people start



Salon managers advise customers to start tanning slowly to build a base tan. To protect users from too many UV rays, regulations also set limits on a person's exposure and require users to wear protective goggles.

for eight to 10 minutes per session with frequent sessions. Once a base is built, the sessions can be reduced to once or twice a week for 20 minutes, she said.

She said it was possible to hold a tan year round, but did not recommend it, saying that skin should be kept moisturized and allowed to rest periodically.

Miller requires all new customers to fill out information cards telling her if they take certain drugs that can cause skin to be sensitive to the ultraviolet rays produced by tanning beds.

Marshall-Green also advises his customers to consult a physician before tanning if they are taking any medications, including aspirin, ibuprofen or tetracycline.

"We don't ever turn people away," he said. "We just ask that people consult with their physician."

But tanning beds aren't just for off-season tanning, Miller said. Some people come to relax, and some come for health reasons.

Miller has had customers come in with doctor's notes for acne treatment and accident-related therapy. Their visits are usually limited to once a week.

"That makes me feel good that these beds do something besides tan people," Miller said.

The Federal Drug Administration regulates tanning beds in several ways. It sets limitations on a person's exposure and requires users to wear protective goggles. Time-regulation devices on tanning beds are required, along with stickers labeling the risks involved with tanning, according to an FDA article.

According to a 1995 report in *Cosmetic Dermatology*, the base tan

built using indoor tanning is comparable to using a sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 2 to 4. Indoor tanning for 30 minutes is equivalent to a day at the beach.

It cited short term effects of exposure to UV radiation such as aging and wrinkling. Long term effects of the DNA damage caused by UV radiation can include tumors and skin cancers.

The cosmetics industry offers an alternative to the light bed. A traveling cosmetic representative, who could not be identified because of corporate restrictions, said self-tanning product sales usually increased this time of year.

The *Cosmetic Dermatology* report said self-tanning lotions appear to be safe for most people but do not provide protection against UV exposure unless they contain a sunscreen.

Aldermen, legislators plan for coffee talk

■ Sprinkler installation and the Gross Receipts Tax will be key issues discussed.

BY KATE HARRISON
STAFF WRITER

JAY BRYAN
Carrboro Alderman

It will be breakfast at Elmo's Diner on Monday morning as local officials and state legislators meet for their annual special legislation discussions.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will ask N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird and N.C. Reps. Howard Lee, Joe Hackney and Verla Insko, all Democrats from Orange County, to submit legislation on such issues as sprinklers in fraternity houses and apartment complexes and the Gross Receipts Tax, a graduated tax for businesses that would replace the current set-fee method.

Some board members are also interested in discussing graduated driver's licenses with the delegates, Carrboro Town Manager Bob Morgan said.

"As a local body, we don't have the authority to change these things on our own," Morgan said.

"We have to request that they submit legislation to change our charter and allow us to do it."

Insko said the meeting would set the

tone for how legislation in Carrboro would work.

"We get calls from individuals on the board, but this meeting is the best opportunity to talk with the local board as a whole group," she said.

The meeting will also give the board an update of what is occurring at the state level. "We'll tell them what we see coming down the pike lane here," Kinnaird said. "We can give them an idea of what to watch for or what to lobby for or against."

Alderman Jay Bryan said sprinklers and affordable housing were the main issues he wanted to address, adding that nothing definite would be decided at the meeting. "We don't take any votes or any action at this meeting," he said. "We just use it as a way to keep in touch, have some personal contact and exchange our thoughts and ideas."

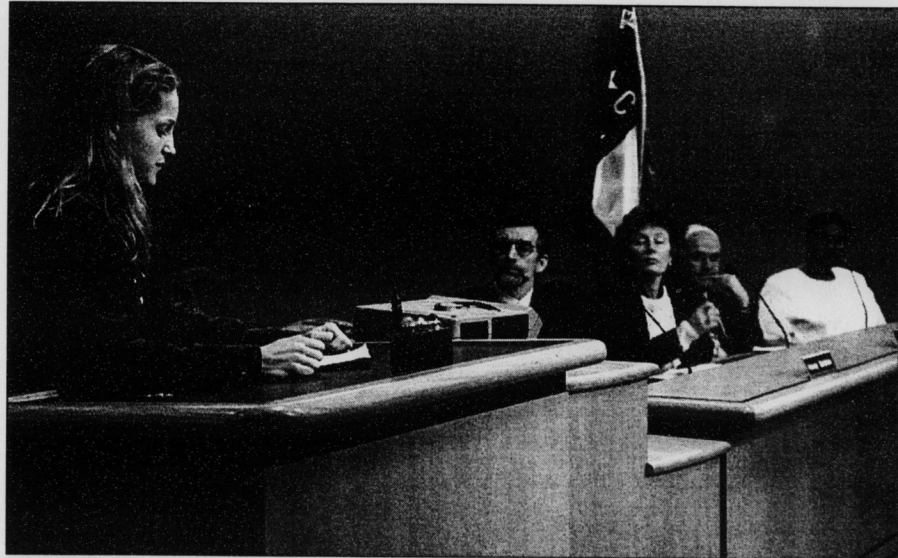
Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said the breakfast meeting, which will be held at 7 a.m. at the Elmo's Diner in Carr Mill Mall, would be like family getting together.

"It'll really be a hoot to see Ellie on the other side of the table," Gist said of Kinnaird, who served as Carrboro's mayor until 1995. She was elected into the N.C. Senate last year.

"This year it will be our buddies we're working with."



Carrboro Alderman JACQUELYN GIST said she looked forward to discussing concerns with state legislators at the breakfast meeting.



Claire Magat, a sophomore at East Chapel Hill High School, addresses the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education about the issue of open campus. The school board held an open forum to hear the public's opinions Thursday night.

Students support open-campus policy

BY SHERIFA MEGUID
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of the open-campus policy, which allows juniors and seniors at Chapel Hill High School and East Chapel Hill High School to leave campus for lunch, said it was a privilege and not a right.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education members, students, parents and teachers reviewed the policy at a public hearing Thursday.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen said the board took action last spring and decided the policy should become a district policy, rather than being left to the dis-

cretion of the individual schools.

A large number of students came to the hearing to appeal to the Board. Lilly Farrell, ECHHS student body president, said, "People are quick to label teenagers as unruly. Some do sneak out and drive recklessly, but closing campus won't remedy the problems."

Angela Callahan, ECHHS student government secretary, said the one-hour open-lunch period was beneficial to students because it was a popular time to run errands and have a break from a stressful day. Students also used the time for club meetings and teacher conferences.

"It's a privilege that shows trust in the students and we appreciate it," she said.

Spring Break delay blamed on faulty jet

■ Students left two days late but were given a free party package for Cancun.

BY KANIKA HEARTLEY
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The last thing college students looking forward to Spring Break expect is a two-day delay of their trip.

But that's exactly what happened to a group of students headed for Cancun, Mexico, last weekend. The plane scheduled to take them experienced mechanical difficulties, and they were stuck at Raleigh-Durham International Airport for the duration.

Mario Ricciardelli, the president of Take A Break student travel, the organization that hired the company to charter the flight for last Saturday's trip, said the plane's mechanical problems, combined with the heavy demand for charter flights the following Sunday, resulted in the flight delay.

"Saturday was a very heavy day. It was impossible to find a plane to bring the group," Ricciardelli said. "The only alternative was to wait for the (original) plane to be repaired."

Students stuck at the airport stayed at a hotel Saturday and Sunday before they were able to leave Monday for Cancun. Take A Break paid for the hotel and food during those two days.

"This was an unfortunate, unfortunate situation," said Kenneth Krams, vice president of Crystal Vacations, the company that took reservations for Surf and Sun, which is the company overseeing the vacation package. Surf and Sun hired Take A Break to charter the planes for the trip.

Krams said Take A Break had a responsibility to assist the students.

"This was no fault of Sun and Surf," he said. "The problem was due to the mechanical delay of the airline. A lot of people spent those 48 hours working around the clock to alleviate the problem."

Only four of the 126 students chose not to leave Monday for Cancun. Krams said Surf and Sun gave the students that left a 100 percent refund.

"The (students) that went on the trip got one-third of their money back," Krams said. He said Surf and Sun provided the students with complimentary sightseeing and a party package worth more than \$125 per passenger.

That was not the first time students have had problems with the company, however. Last March, more than 150 UNC students experienced flight complications and delays during their trip to the Bahamas.

"I feel as though (Take A Break) was very disorganized and unhelpful. They were not cooperative at all," said Lynne Brehmer, a sophomore from Charlotte. Brehmer, along with a group of other students, sought legal action against the company as a result of the situation.