

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Police reports state that Bernard Stroud, 43, and James Howell, 38, were involved in a collision on Bell Tower Drive.

According to reports, Stroud hit Howell's car on Bell Tower Drive on Tuesday morning.

Stroud said he did not want to wait for the police, so he gave Howell his girlfriend's name and phone number and the tag number of the vehicle, reports state.

Stroud left the scene and later told police that Howell told him his insurance company would handle the accident, reports state.

According to reports, Stroud was charged with a misdemeanor for driving with a revoked license.

Someone stole \$90 from the Department of Rheumatology at UNC Hospitals sometime Tuesday night, reports state.

According to reports, the money, four \$20 bills and one \$10 bill, was taken from the reception area of the department.

Reports state that the key to the money drawer was left in an unlocked drawer in the adjacent room and that the key was left in the lock by whomever took the cash.

The reception area has large openings above the counter by which entry to the cash drawer could be gained, reports state.

The outer door to the department was locked, and police have no suspects in the case.

According to reports, someone kicked and broke the southeast entry door to Morrison Residence Hall late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

Police reports state that an impression of a footprint was left on the entry door.

The police have no suspects at this time.

At 3:26 p.m. Wednesday, Phillip Garland Rhew Sr. lost his welding trailer at the intersection of Manning Drive and Ridge Road, according to reports.

Police reports state that Rhew of 4306 Etta Road in Durham had his welding trailer break loose from his pickup.

According to reports, the trailer rolled approximately 550 feet, crossing the center lane and rolling into west-bound traffic on Manning Drive.

The trailer hit the Ehringhaus driveway and rolled 33 feet into the woods, reports state.

The hitch pin, which held the trailer behind the truck apparently worked loose, police reports state. Police said the trailer was not licensed.

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Police are investigating a theft at Ashley Forest Apartments.

According to reports, the complex's \$4,000 cement sign was reported stolen at 9 a.m.

The complex is owned by Tycon Properties.

The vandalism of a car at 102 Fraternity Court was reported to police at 5:08 p.m.

The owner of the 1995 green Chevrolet Suburban called police when he found a dent that had been kicked into his car's door, according to reports.

The damage was estimated at \$500.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

One act of trespassing and one of vandalism at East Chapel Hill High School is still being investigated by police.

According to reports, Chapel Hill police officers were first called to the school, located at 500 Weaver Dairy Road, at 12:58 p.m., when school officials noticed someone trespassing on school grounds.

They returned to the school at 2:58 p.m. when spray paint was found on the roadway, reports state.

No arrests have been made in connection with the incidents.

Monday, Aug. 25

Michael Shane Lanier, 27, of 220 Highway 54 West, was arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state.

According to reports, he was also charged with one felony charge of possession of drugs with the intent to sell and deliver.

According to reports, police stopped Lanier at Airport Road and Timber Hollow for a broken windshield in his 1985 blue Chevrolet Blazer.

According to reports, the officer conducted a plain view search and discovered a pipe.

Reports state that after further searching the vehicle and Lanier, 3 grams of marijuana were found.

Lanier was released on \$500 unsecured bond.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Officials: fire safety measures not needed

The provision serves no practical purpose to UNC schools, administrators say.

BY WHITNEY MOORE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Efforts by the N.C. General Assembly to help colleges pay for sprinkler systems probably won't help much, UNC-system administrators said Thursday.

The state budget, which passed on Wednesday, included a provision to ban water systems from charging more than marginal costs for services in residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses. Officials said the measure, while a nice safeguard, posed little practical benefit.

"(Orange Water and Sewer Authority) already did that," said Ron Binder, UNC-CH's director of Greek Affairs. "This didn't really affect us."

But N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said the measure included in the budget originated because of efforts by OWASA to overcharge UNC-CH residences using sprinkler systems.

"They had been charging an amount that was pretty exorbitant," he said. "(Former President C.D. Spangler) wanted this measure included to keep the rates at a reasonable amount. This was basically a control factor," he said.

Vic Simpson, communications direc-

tor for OWASA, said the recommendation to cut fees had already been made. "That recommendation came directly from our rate study that we've been working on for the past year," he said. Simpson indicated that the proposal should be approved in late September and take effect Jan. 1.

At N.C. State University, although the local water service provider has not passed such a measure, officials said no problems seemed imminent.

"In Raleigh, there's no indication that the city has considered any additional charges," said Tim Luckadoo, director of university housing and Greek life.

"But the passage of this keeps everybody honest."

Luckadoo said he felt the measure might be a preamble to possible future legislation requiring sprinklers in all residence halls. Lee said he saw no attempts to do that this session but that he didn't know about the future.

"We haven't talked about that specifically," he said. "But I think it would be a good idea."

Wayne Kuncel, director of university housing at UNC-CH, said system schools were already preparing for that possibility.

"All 16 campuses have submitted lists (of funds needed to install sprinklers)," he said.

Although the measures are considered unnecessary at some schools, the inclusion of the matter brings the idea of fire safety back into the open, officials said.

"This hasn't affected whether or not our houses install sprinklers," Binder said, pointing out the 2001 deadline that the Chapel Hill Town Council set for installing fire safety measures in fraternity and sorority houses. "But this has certainly helped us out by helping control fees."



Director of Greek Affairs **RON BINDER** said OWASA already took steps to solve the issue of fire safety service costs.



Alice Welsh (right) walks on the Bolin Creek Greenway she helped found with friends Elaine Andrews (middle) and Julia Nelson. Welsh was honored Thursday at a dedication of the first phase of the greenway.

Trail dedicated to Greenway founder

BY STEVE MRAZ
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill officials paid tribute to the woman responsible for the town's greenway system by dedicating Phase I of the Bolin Creek Greenway to her Thursday.

Alice Welsh, a member of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen from 1970 to 1975, had the .6-mile trail that runs along Bolin Creek from Airport Road to Elizabeth Street named in her honor. In the early 1970s, Welsh was a key leader in the Greenway's early planning and land acquisition. "We are here today because Alice was the person with the vision of greenways and open spaces in Chapel Hill," Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said.

Welsh, along with other members of

the Open Space Committee, purchased more than 100 acres in Chapel Hill for \$100,000 by 1975. "It makes me feel like 'Mother Earth,'" Welsh said. "A greenway system will enhance the town visually and ecologically."

Approximately 60 people, including U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., attended the outdoor ceremony under a canopy of trees along the Bolin Creek Greenway.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said, "As more and more of the world gets bulldozed over and paved over, it is essential to preserve areas like this."

The paved trail, open to bikers, joggers and leashed dogs from dawn until dusk, cost \$480,000 to construct. It was completed in the late summer of 1994.

Phase II of the Bolin Creek

Greenway system will extend from where Phase I ends on Elizabeth Street to the Chapel Hill Community Center. Construction on the trail has already begun, and it could be open by fall.

"Once Phase II is completed, people will be able to get from the east part of town to the west part of town without traffic and without having to deal with hills," said Bill Webster, interim director of the Chapel Hill Department of Parks and Recreation.

Phase II will cost approximately \$600,000 and be dedicated in honor of the late Lightning Brown, the first chairman of the Greenway Task Force.

Welsh said she was very honored to establish something so close to the residents of Chapel Hill. "(Greenways) are an important visual relief from the development."

STEP TOGETHER!



Junior Diana Wall leads a step-combo aerobics class in Fetzer Gymnasium on Thursday afternoon. This is Wall's first year teaching the class.

National TV program to feature University

STAFF REPORT

A University graduate will kick off the pilot of a new national TV show at UNC, and students have a free invitation to participate.

The show, "College Rough Cuts," will feature video stories about college life shot by students from schools around the country.

The film crew followed a student from the University of California at Los Angeles who sold sperm to earn money and students at California State University at Northridge who tried to tackle shopping by themselves.

UNC students will view these segments and then interact with host Ken Ober.

Program executive producer Stuart Crowner, a 1969 graduate with a bachelor's degree in communications, suggested Chapel Hill as the host site because it is one of the few remaining true college towns, he said.

Crowner has produced several TV specials and series, including Larry

King's first TV series, "The People's Choice Awards" and "Entertainment Tonight," which earned three of his five Emmy nominations.

But he first worked at WUNC-TV as an undergraduate to gain experience.

"I got to actually work and get paid to learn my craft," Crowner said.

The show is comprised of segments produced by college students.

"We wanted the show to capture a unique, student's eye view of college life," said Ted Field, the show's creator and co-executive producer.

Barry Gribbon, executive in charge of production, said the producers also planned to hire UNC students to assist in the production.

The pilot will be taped Sept. 12 at Forest Theatre.

Students can reserve free tickets by calling Vicki at 1-888-876-4545.

Organizers hope as many as 350 students will begin arriving at the theater at 7 p.m. for the taping, which is expected to last from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Officials look at merging 4 separate honor courts

Some leaders are concerned that students in one school could not judge students in others fairly.

BY NAHAL TOOSI
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The four honor courts that serve graduate and professional students might soon become one.

A plan to consolidate the four honor courts that serve the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Law and the rest of the graduate and professional schools is in early discussion stages.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Katherine Kraft brought up the possibility.

"It's definitely something worth considering," she said.

"It's worth having conversations about."

Under the current system, all four graduate and professional honor courts and the Undergraduate Honor Court are under the jurisdiction of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance. However, the graduate courts can determine their own court structures.

Kraft said she had the idea came when she chose the attorney general of the law school's honor court, Jason Walser, as a nominee for attorney general for this year's Graduate Honor Court, which covers all but the medical, dental and law school.

"There are ways that it could be made to work, and, if so, I think it could be a very positive process," Walser said.

"But at the same time there could be ways that would do more harm than good."

One of the concerns is whether students in one program could accurately judge those in another. The Instrument separated the medical, law and dental school because of the concern that the environments were so different, said Margaret Barrett, judicial programs officer.

"The cons would be that the individual schools would lose some of their autonomy," Barrett said.

The system was set up to promote judging by true peers, she said.

Kraft said if the courts were consolidated, the system might be more efficient.

"It also has the potential for providing an opportunity for open communication across schools," Kraft said.

Having one court might also increase the diversity of those students serving on it, Barrett said.

"The central issue is whether there are the common interests among graduate and professional students that outweigh the individual interests of the schools," she said.

Karen Stohr, a former attorney general of the Graduate Honor Court who still serves on the court, said she saw no reason to object to a consolidation.

"The reason for the distinction between the groups isn't very clear," she said.

"(Consolidation) would disperse some of the disciplinary power of the schools, but I'm not so sure that's such a bad thing."

Stohr said the Graduate Honor Court, which handles several graduate programs and professional schools as well, had never had problems with adequate peer judgment.

LOG members unable to finalize list of recommendations to towns

BY ROB NELSON
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The Landfill Owners Group failed at its meeting Thursday night to approve a list of recommendations to make to the local governments regarding the proposed landfill.

LOG members spent considerable time debating how the document, when voted on in its entirety, would be legally enforced and in what manner it would be presented.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said she was very concerned about the LOG's list of recommendations being included in the Interlocal agreement, which would transfer management of the new landfill to the Orange County Commissioners. "None of us are lawyers," she said. "None of us are in a position to draw up a legally binding document. I don't want to give the wrong impression here."

Carboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said the LOG was in a position to make sure the residents' concerns were dealt with properly. "My understanding is that the Interlocal agreement will not be signed by Carboro until the problems of the group are addressed," she said. "That is where our power is."

Still, residents said they were reluctant to spend more time working on their recommendations if they were not sure what the next step would be. "We are still trying to find out what guarantee we have," said Bonnie Norwood, a landfill area resident. "What happens if this report is voted down?"

Council member and LOG chairman Richard Franck said the issue was a matter of trust. "You have the word of the elected officials who have put all of this together," he said. "Whether the Interlocal agreement passes it is up to the individ-

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Carboro Alderman

uals on the board at that time."

The LOG first discussed the 12th recommendation on its list, which suggests Chapel Hill Transit establish a shared-ride feeder zone along Rogers and Eubanks roads, an area not included on Chapel Hill Transit's bus routes. Under the shared ride system, residents in the area would call for a car or van that would take them to a bus stop.

Landfill area resident Cecil Griffin asked about the possibility of the LOG providing money for Chapel Hill Transit to adjust its bus routes to accommodate the area. Franck said that was not the option he preferred. "It is legally possible for the LOG to provide the money, but I prefer that the Chapel Hill Town Council or Carboro do it."

Alderman Diana McDuffee said the two towns were not the only ones who should pay. "I think the University should share in the cost of this, as well," she said.

The LOG did not vote on its transportation recommendation and instead amended it for discussion at its next meeting on Sept. 11.

Gist said it was important for the LOG members to realize there was an urgency to finalize the report. "At some point we have to make some recommendations and see where these things go," she said. "We can't stay at this point forever."