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Plane crashes on airport property; 3 hospitalized

Officials could not speculate what caused the single-engine plane crash.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A single-engine Cessna 195 plane carrying three passengers crashed Wednesday night at the northwest end of the Horace Williams Airport.

Lt. Angela Carmon, University Police crime prevention officer, said the

department received a call at 8:18 p.m. after a neighbor in the area called 911, reporting hearing cries of help from the airport.

The plane crashed near the west end of the airport about 40 yards to the north side of the runway and about 20 feet from the chain-link fence that surrounds the airport. The plane flipped after it hit the ground.

Carolyn Elfland, UNC associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services, said the airplane was a single-engine, four-seat,

propeller-driven Cessna 195, a vintage model that dates to the 1940s or '50s.

Elfland's office oversees the airport, which is owned by the University.

Carmon said the three passengers were rescued from the plane and transported to UNC Hospitals. She said officials from the Chapel Hill Fire Department had to cut a small piece out of the engine to rescue the passengers.

Chapel Hill Fire Department Chief Lemuel Henderson said the cause of the crash was not known. "We don't know if

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Henderson said. "Nobody on the plane could tell us."

A UNC Hospitals spokeswoman confirmed three male victims had been brought to the emergency room. One was listed in critical condition and the other two were listed as serious, as of late Wednesday night.

Carmon said the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration had been notified.

Greg McKnight, who lives near the

airport, said one man, who appeared to have a leg injury, had already crawled out of the plane by the time he and other neighbors arrived.

The pilot and another man in the front seat were hanging upside down in their seat belts — their legs entangled in the pedals and wreckage, he said.

"We were talking to them," McKnight said. "They both had seriously fractured legs that were twisted in the rudder pedals, so it was difficult to get them out."

Car catches on fire near Carmichael

Several students who live in the residence hall said they heard a loud noise.

STAFF REPORT

Chapel Hill fire fighters responded to a car blaze in front of Kenan Stadium on Wednesday evening.

A BMW parked in the lot immediately in front of the main gates of the stadium, just off Stadium Drive, caught fire.

Witnesses said they heard a boom about 7:20 p.m. and saw flames shooting into the air.

"It was a fully engulfed BMW when we got there," Chapel Hill Fire Department Chief Lemuel Henderson said.

Henderson said the car was a total loss.

As of 11 p.m. Wednesday, fire fighters were not sure of the cause of the blaze.

A report was to be issued this morning.

Monica Fernandez, a senior resident of Carmichael Residence Hall, was sitting in her fifth-floor room at about 7:20 p.m.

"I heard a noise," she said. "It sounded like a big machine was dropping

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Plan for UNC Web page facelift touts technology

Administrators said the Web page would help UNC compete technologically.

BY DEVONA A. BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Changing the University's image will soon extend beyond campus construction and into cyberspace.

The Web Advisory Committee, under the direction of

Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd, is deciding how to improve the University's home page to keep up with changing technology.

"The committee is charged with the task of seeing how the page can better represent the University," said Journalism and Mass Communication Professor Deb Aikat, committee co-chairman.

He said the World Wide Web had

grown so rapidly that some people now decide whether to attend UNC based on its Web page.

Redesigning the page is a major task for the University, Aikat said. "The forming of the Web committee shows that the University has recognized that the Web has become a strong source of communication," he said.

Efforts to improve the UNC Web page follow other recent moves to establish UNC as a technological giant among universities.

The McColl Building, which houses the Kenan-Flagler Business School and opened this school year, is equipped with computer hookups to accommodate students with laptop computers.

Two weeks ago, Chancellor Michael Hooker announced a plan to require freshmen in 2000 to purchase laptop computers upon entering the University.

Since January, committee members have discussed ways to improve the page by increasing Web visibility of campus departments, setting standards for those departments and hiring a Web consultant.

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Currently, committee members are suggesting names of Web design companies and consultants to Aikat and co-chairman Scott Jared.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity," Hallman said. "But we're all in agreement that the task is more than hiring someone for graphic design."

Aikat said he expected the committee to plan how to put more of the University's resources on the Web and to improve current Web sites.

Committee member Dana Bayley, design coordinator for the Office of University Advancement, said she wanted the University's Web page to be a good resource, as well as look good.

"(We want to) make it do what it's supposed to do better," she said. "(That is to) represent the University well and to do a better job for students, staff, faculty and administration."



Executive Vice Chancellor ELSON FLOYD said the Web page improvement was necessary to keep up with technology.



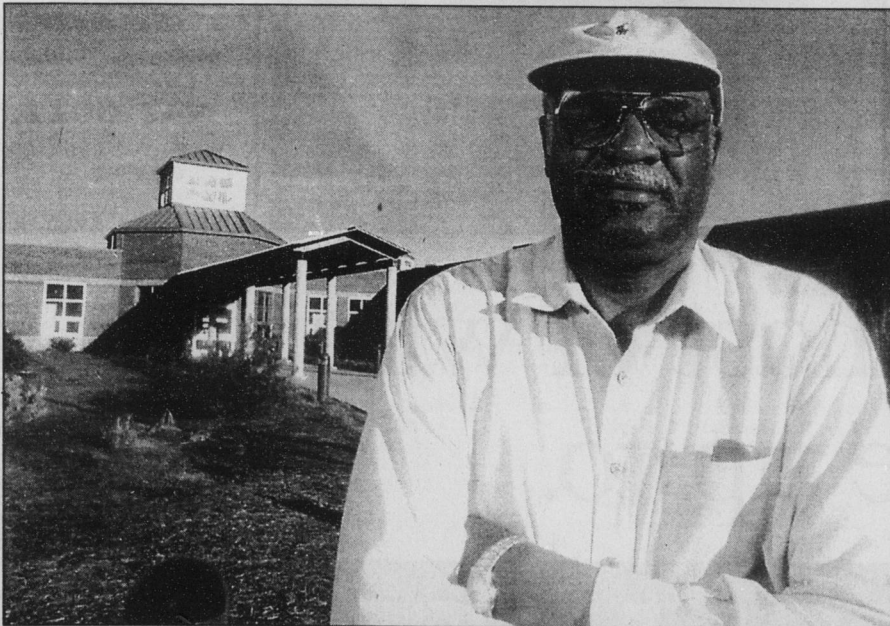
IT'S A PANE

Adrian Ealvan works to remove old paint from a window pane on the top floor of Wilson Library on Wednesday afternoon.

Hilliard Caldwell stands near a police officer during a civil rights protest in the 1960s. Below, he is in front of McDougle Middle School, where he has worked for three years. Caldwell also serves on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. His fellow board members described him as a fine person, who has spent time, working to help young people.



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making a NAME

Four local men broke barriers and continue to fight for civil rights.

BY KELLI BOUTIN
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STAFF WRITERS

As the struggle for civil rights swept the nation in the 1960s, Hilliard Caldwell became a leader on the local front.

"I remember very well sitting in the back of the bus to ride to Durham," said Hilliard, currently a Carrboro alderman. "I remember drinking out of the colored drinking fountain."

But Hilliard was not alone in the struggle. Many members of the Caldwell family were a prominent force in fighting for civil rights during the segregated 1960s. Their family includes the first black full-time police officer and one of the first black N.C. Highway Patrol officers. And even today the Caldwell family continues to influence local civil rights.

"If we believe in something, we're going to push for it," Hilliard said.

The Caldwell family has been influential in virtually every facet of the Chapel Hill community from education to law enforcement to municipal government.

In 1954 David Caldwell, Hilliard's older brother, became the first full-time black Chapel Hill police officer with the authority to arrest offenders of any race. Previously, other African-Americans served part-time, but they were barred from arresting whites.

"There was lots of resentment," David said. "When I went on, very few people wanted a black policeman on duty."

Some whites would see a black man in uniform and taunt him, denying him the respect they had for other officers, he said.

David said he went to the police chief a number of times with the intention

of resigning.

But he said he remained on the police force through the mid-1960s to

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Black History Month
Surviving the Struggle

A monthlong series spotlighting the achievements of contemporary black leaders.

INSIDE Thursday

A helping hand
Schools within the UNC system offer a number of outreach programs, counseling opportunities and seminars that help students diagnose and treat eating disorders. Page 2

Jazzin' it up at UNC
This week the bebopping sounds of jazz float all over campus with this year's N.C. Jazz Festival which includes clinics, performances by student and professional jazz groups. Kenny Burrell is one of the many guest artists. Page 5

Making the grade
North Carolina received its report card on preventive health Friday. The state received a grade of D+ in promoting prevention of teenage smoking and tobacco use. Page 4

Today's weather
Mostly sunny; mid 60s
Friday: Chance of rain; high 60s

Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear questions.

Albert Camus