



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Sept. 20

■ Hinton James Residence Hall lost power Sunday night, trapping a Duke student in an elevator, police reports state.

The student was trapped between the eighth and ninth floors when a circuit breaker failed at 10:56 p.m., reports state. The breaker was reset and power restored, freeing the student, reports state.

■ Eric Douglas Barnes, of Kinston, was cited Sunday for possession of a fictitious license, police reports state.

He was cited at a driver's license checkpoint on South Columbia Street at 2:16 a.m., reports state.

Barnes had three licenses and admitted a Virginia license was fake, reports state.

Saturday, Sept. 19

■ A Chapel Hill resident reported a hit-and-run accident at Union Circle, police reports state.

The man parked his car in Union Circle, returned at 10:40 p.m. and said he heard noises in the left-rear area of the car, reports state.

Reports state the left-rear area of the car was damaged.

Friday, Sept. 18

■ A Fetzler Gym employee reported his book bag missing from the second floor of the gym at 12:17 p.m., police reports state.

The bag was valued at \$40. A \$95 watch, a checkbook, a \$200 check and a \$55 anatomy textbook were inside the book bag, reports state.

■ A book bag was reported stolen outside Lenoir Dining Hall, police reports state.

The bag was valued at \$50. Credit cards, a \$25 wallet, a driver's license, five books and a coursepack were inside the bag, reports state.

City

Saturday, Sept. 19

■ Carrboro police responded to a report at 4:25 a.m. of a burning vehicle in the parking lot of Estes Park Apartments, according to police reports.

Fire units responded to and put out a fire in a 1991 Honda Civic, valued at \$4,500.

While at the scene, officers noticed smoke and flames coming from another vehicle nearby.

Upon investigating, officers found a 1990 Plymouth Acclaim, valued at \$2,500, also on fire, according to reports.

■ Marianne Maxwell Pukal, 20, of 306 N. Estes Drive, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana at 2:08 a.m., according to police reports.

Pukal was released on written promise to appear Oct. 26 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Friday, Sept. 18

■ Denna Nichell Alston, 31, of 213 N. Roberson St., was charged with misdemeanor larceny at 5:45 p.m. after leaving the Gap, 108 E. Franklin St., with unpaid merchandise, according to police reports.

Alston was observed in the store taking clothes off the racks, putting them into a bag and then walking out of the store, reports state.

She then boarded a westbound bus, and when police stopped the bus they found the merchandise in her possession, reports state. She was cited and released, and is scheduled to appear Oct. 12 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough, police reports state.

■ Timothy Dale Howard, 34, of 3413 Orange Grove Road, Hillsborough, was charged at 5:08 p.m. with driving with a license revoked and giving false information to an officer, according to police reports.

Both charges are misdemeanors. Howard was released on a \$500 unsecured bond, and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on Oct. 13.

■ Pezzull Scurlock, 19, of Route 6, Pittsboro, was charged at 1 p.m. with driving with a license revoked, no insurance and driving while intoxicated, all misdemeanors, according to police reports.

Reports listed additional charges as no inspection, fictitious tag, consumption under 21 and delaying and obstructing an officer. Scurlock was arrested and transported to Orange County Jail under a secured \$800 bond, reports state.

He is set to appear today in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill.

—From Staff Reports

Shop Owners Promote Downtown

The Carrboro Business Association, a group of 45 merchants, meets monthly to discuss downtown issues.

By ELEANOR CAMERON
Staff Writer

Carrboro businesses are uniting to increase awareness of the town's multi-tude of dining and shopping venues.

The Carrboro Business Association, an organization of businesses formed this summer that meets monthly to address concerns shared by downtown merchants, said Joan Glacken, the association's vice president.

The association was started after several downtown shop owners, acknowledging there was no existing association

for Carrboro merchants, held an open interest meeting in June at The Trains Cafe. Glacken, owner of Finishing Touches, arranged the meeting with Demir Williford of Nomadic Trading, the organization's current president.

"Fifty-four business owners or representatives showed up at the meeting to discuss the development of the town of Carrboro," Glacken said.

"We are concentrating on the little things that will improve the infrastructure of Carrboro."

Glacken said the association's plans included printing a visitor's brochure to be distributed around the state, developing group marketing and putting together a complete directory of all Carrboro businesses.

Glacken said the association is also collaborating with the town to set up pedestrian crosswalks and to install

wastebaskets and park benches.

These improvements will help to foster the community atmosphere of Carrboro, Glacken said.

"I think the CBA is really a positive force," Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said. "Carrboro has possibly the best downtown in the state because of the businesses there."

Of approximately 359 businesses in Carrboro, 45 are currently members of the association. "The idea of splitting costs and maximizing developments for

the area is appealing," said George Malone, owner of Gallery Americas.

The association is an organization complimentary to the Chapel Hill Downtown Development Commission, which is an appointed body, Gist said. "This was the town's vision 15 years ago," she said. "We wanted it to be unique dining and entertainment for grownups, and that is what it has become."

Glacken said Chapel Hill and Carrboro commerce are distinctively different although they are both dependent on the students. "We try not to distance ourselves from Chapel Hill," she said. "Carrboro and Chapel Hill are two separate towns but one community. They complement each other."

The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.



Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said the CBA could be a positive force in keeping Carrboro's downtown unique.

Petition Filed for Back Pay

A former UNC employee wants a hearing to ask for back pay already ordered by a state appeals board.

Staff Report

A former University employee filed a complaint Monday arguing that she should receive back pay and lawyer's fees awarded by a state agency for an unfair firing.

The complaint, filed in Orange County Superior Court, states that the University has not complied with a six-month-old order requiring the University to pay Diane Riggsbee-Raynor, an employee who worked at the University in 1995.

"The University's unreasonable delay in taking the action ordered by the (State Personnel Commission) has adversely affected Ms. Riggsbee-Raynor's rights, duties and privileges as a career State employee," the complaint filed by Chapel Hill attorneys Alan McSurely and Ashley Osment states.

Officials who fired Riggsbee-Raynor claimed she falsified her work record by not recording overtime hours. In March, the commission, which considered Riggsbee-Raynor's firing unfair, ordered the University to pay her two years in back pay.

The commission agreed with Administrative Law Judge Sammie Chess Jr.'s June 1997 decision that Riggsbee-Raynor was held to a different work standard than other University employees.

The University has petitioned for a review of the commission's decision in Wake County Superior Court. The request for a review does not remove the University's obligation to pay Riggsbee-Raynor, the complaint states.

Riggsbee-Raynor had also won her argument before a grievance board at UNC. University attorneys had continued to appeal the case.

The attorneys have only had an appeal to Chancellor Michael Hooker ruled in their favor.

"I've won at three levels now," Riggsbee-Raynor said in March. "It would be one thing if I had been a bad worker. I got fired for working too much."

Riggsbee-Raynor took time off from her job in the School of Medicine's Plastic Surgery Division after her supervisor told her to do so because she had worked so many overtime hours, she said. Months after she returned to work, she received her walking papers for not documenting the extra hours she worked.

An investigator found that other employees regularly took vacation time after working overtime hours, but Riggsbee-Raynor had been the only one punished.

Riggsbee-Raynor said she would not gain much money from her grievance.

UNC owes her back wages from the time of her September 1995 firing, but a clause in administrative code could allow UNC to deduct the money she has earned on her job, which she started in December 1995, from what it owes her, she said.

She should receive two more years of seniority that applies to her retirement plan and attorney's fees.

Riggsbee-Raynor said she would also have the satisfaction of having gleaned the truth from her employer.



DTH/JENNIFER GUTHRIE

Rogelia Galvan resides at 102 Elm St. in Carrboro with her husband and children, Melissa and Raoul. The house forms part of a unit that Carrboro town officials hope will receive a grant for repairs.

Town Seeks Grant for Housing

By ANGELA LEA
Staff Writer

Apolonio Galvan stood on his grassless yard gesturing toward his house's peeling exterior and commented on the dilapidated interior, which he said he could not afford to repair.

"The floors are crooked, and the pipes are leaking under the floor," Galvan said, who has lived in Carrboro with his wife and children for six years.

But if the Town of Carrboro is successful in obtaining a \$350,000 community development block grant from the state, which it will consider accepting today, homes like Galvan's can be repaired using federal funds, said James Harris, Carrboro's director of economic and community development.

Galvan's landlord, Marvin Johnson, said he had tried to maintain high living standards and low rents for his residents. But he said that was difficult to do while at the same time covering tax and insurance costs.

"I wish I had the money to refurbish

"I wish I had the money to refurbish like I want to. The grant money would surely help."

MARVIN JOHNSON
Carrboro Landlord

like I want to," Johnson said. "The grant money would surely help."

Carrboro has its fair share of substandard housing, Harris said. Some homes need new heating systems, windows, siding and even roofs or foundations.

Harris said town officials, with residents' help, identified about 10 or 12 homes in Carrboro that were in such states of serious disrepair. The grant would enable these homes to be renovated, he said.

Towns compete annually on the state level for these grants, Harris said.

Alderman Diana McDuffee said

Carrboro could certainly use the grant, despite the town's more affluent image.

"Carrboro doesn't look as needy as other towns, but there's a desperate need for more affordable housing," she said. "It's critical for us to keep up the housing we do have."

Harris said the town's plans for repairs and improvements hinged on actually receiving the grant. That final decision will not be made until April 1999.

However, Harris said he planned to ask the board of Aldermen tonight to add \$25,000 to the pot in order to show their support for the grant.

But the difference between \$350,000 and \$375,000 means little to Galvan, whose eyes widened at the mere mention of any possible repairs.

"When I think of what that money could do here ...," he said, shaking his head. "I would be very happy with any of it."

The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.

Housing Woes Eased In System

ECU resolved its housing problems in 10 days, while about 22 UNC-CH students still live in lounges.

By COURTNEY HATHAWAY
Staff Writer

As UNC-Chapel Hill continues to find permanent rooms for students still placed in temporary houses, other schools in the system are making significant steps to remedy similar problems.

East Carolina University had 102 students living in study lounges at the beginning of the semester, but they were all placed into permanent housing by the tenth day of classes.

"We can usually count on 100 to 150 spaces opening up by that time because of no-shows and students that decide this isn't where they want to be," said Manny Amaro, director of housing services at ECU.

Appalachian State University had 62 students living in seminar rooms at the beginning of the semester. Now only four students remain. Those students have opted to stay where they are until they can live together.

"We intentionally overbook by 60 students, 30 males and 30 females, to accommodate for the no-shows and the drop-outs," said Brad Reid, director of housing at ASU. "Our goal every year is to have 100 percent occupancy by the end of the second week."

As the University began its sixth week of classes, there were still about 22 students living in temporary housing.

Wayne Kuncel, director of University Housing at UNC-CH, said the Department of University Housing had no plans to reform its current policies, despite the recurring problem of students living in lounges.

"A committee will be looking at long-term and short-term enrollment, but there are currently no specific plans for any changes," Kuncel said.

He said the temporary housing committee had been negotiating with students in several suites that were not filled to capacity. He said the major problem had been students who met while in temporary housing and wanted to stay together.

UNC-Greensboro had to contend with similar situations, as about 16 students are still living in study lounges.

"We're trying to move students as quickly as possible so they can get on with their lives and stop living out of suitcases," said Guy Sanders, assistant director of housing and residence at UNC-G.

Sanders said he expected to have all students in permanent housing by the end of the semester, Dec. 14. Part of the problem comes from the university's commitment to offering single rooms.

"We hold that commitment sacred," Sanders said. "At no time do we consider asking them to give up their rooms."

Sanders said UNC-G planned to make housing policies more efficient by initially offering fewer single rooms and by having more communication with the admissions office about the number of incoming students.

The State & National Editors can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.

Bank Robbery Suspect Has Hearing Date Set

Police say the suspect was unarmed when he demanded money from a Central Carolina Bank teller.

By MATT LECLERCQ
Staff Writer

A Durham man arrested and charged with robbing a Carrboro bank last weekend will have a probable cause hearing in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Oct. 5.

Jerry Bruce Cleveland II, 26, of 3814 Mary Martin Road, Durham, was charged with felony common law robbery after demanding money from a Central Carolina Bank teller Friday, according to police reports.

Cleveland appeared in Orange County District Court on Monday where a public defender was appointed to represent him.

According to police reports, Cleveland entered the bank around 11 a.m. and handed a note to a teller demanding money.

After exiting the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash, Cleveland left the scene in a vehicle that witnesses later described to police, Sgt. J.G. Booker said.

Bank officials then triggered the hold-up alarm to notify police, he said.

Carrboro police described the vehicle to police departments in surrounding areas, which led to Cleveland's arrest by Durham police Friday afternoon on South Roxboro Road, Booker said.

"He was (on Roxboro Road) to make contact with persons in that area," Booker said.

Cleveland was transferred to Carrboro and confined in Orange County Jail on Friday evening under an \$800,000 secured bond, according to police reports. Booker said Cleveland acted alone and did not show any weapons during the robbery.

"There is no appearance of (a weapon) in a concealed manner in the security videotape," he said.

Police recovered a portion of the money taken from the bank, but Booker would not say how much.

Friday's incident was the fourth robbery at a Carrboro bank this year, Booker said.

In two of the previous three robberies, arrests were made within a few hours of the hold-up, Booker said.

That's well above the national average. The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.

BABY FACE



DTH/LAUREN MUTH

Fifteen-month-old Taya Yates spent her Monday morning at Carrboro's Weaver Street Market. She was one of many children at the market enjoying the fresh air, sunshine and nice temperatures.