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Police Nab 3 More Suspects

Police officials say 20 of the 27 suspects targeted in a September drug raid have now been arrested.

BY JENNIFER KNESEL
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Chapel Hill police have arrested three more people in connection with a Sept. 22 drug bust, bringing the latest count to 20 arrests.

Lt. Marvin Clark said two men were served warrants for their arrest Tuesday afternoon for dealing drugs in Chapel Hill's neighborhoods. The names, ages and addresses of the two men were not available in police reports Tuesday.

Police reports state the third person, Thurgood Moran Bradshaw, 39, of 112 E-1 Auburn Meadows, N.C. 54, was served a warrant for arrest Thursday.

Bradshaw, an employee of Tarheel Taxi, was arrested on Airport Road. The charges include one felony count of conspiracy to sell cocaine and felony count for maintaining a cab for the sale of cocaine, reports state.

The police said Bradshaw committed the offenses while he was working as a cab driver for Tarheel Taxi.

Bradshaw was released under \$1,500 unsecured bond and made his first appearance in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Tuesday, reports state.

Clark said police had arrested 20 suspects and six remained at large. One suspect's charges were dropped. He added that the police department had slowed down its investigation for the remaining individuals.

"(The at-large suspects) have been put in the normal warrant stack for officers in C.O.P. (Community Oriented Policing)," Clark said.

Officers have warrants for five identified people and are looking for the sixth person whom police recognize by face but do not know by name. "When patrol officers see this person, they can arrest the suspect on a warrantless arrest," he said.

Clark said the police would also arrest any suspects who appeared on streets where they were accused of selling drugs. This procedure was a compromise reached in court between concerned Chapel Hill residents, the Town Council and police.

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Aldermen Extend Building Freeze

The new development moratorium will not affect construction of schools in the area north of Carrboro.

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In a unanimous vote Tuesday, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen decided to extend the construction moratorium in the town's Northern Study Area, but exempted schools from the hold on development.

The decision extended the moratorium, which expired Sept. 30, to Dec. 31, keeping a freeze on development in

place until the board completed a new regulatory ordinance.

However, Carrboro will accept building applications from public schools in order to progress efforts to build a new county middle school to relieve overcrowding in the system.

The town will not approve applications until the ordinance is complete.

Nick Didow, chairman of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, said the aldermen's decision gave the school board hope to complete the project by the summer of 1999.

"They have enabled us to have a three-month lead time in the project," Didow said. "This will absolutely make it much more likely that we will reach our goal."

The school board and aldermen will form a work group to help the school system draft construction plans that follow the new building ordinance — guidance Didow said the school board appreciated.

"We're happy to develop this project under whatever guidelines you ask us to follow," he said.

Although Carrboro Mayor Mike



School Board Chairman Nicholas Didow said the schools could work with the board's decision.

Nelson said Monday that the town could not treat public and private entities differently, school advocates convinced him at the meeting to view schools differently.

Gloria Faley, a founding member of the advocacy group Stop Overcrowding Schools, told the aldermen she strongly supported exempting schools from the moratorium, claiming that they should not be considered negative development.

Steve Scroggs, principle of McDougle Middle School, said his school's cafeteria served more than 1,400 students per day instead of the 1,200 or less it was built to serve. He said overcrowding caused traffic problems as well.

"We have parents that are driving in

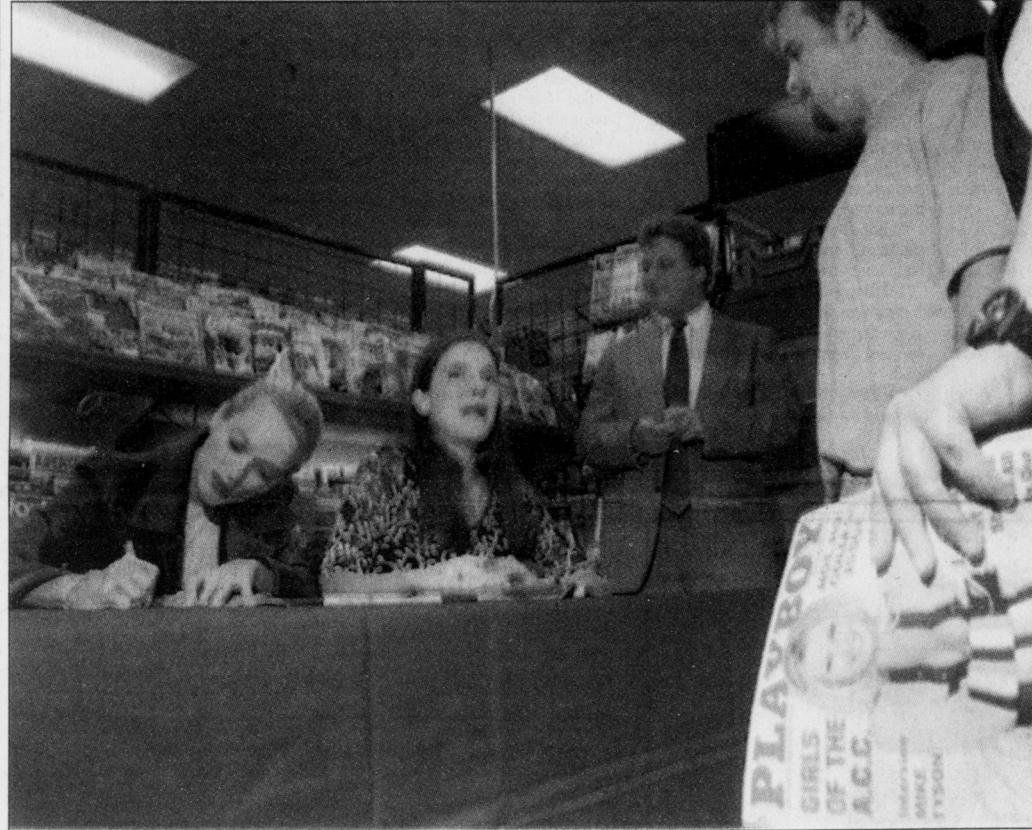
service lanes, threatening the safety of students," he said.

Alderman Diana McDuffee said the new middle school should be a priority because it was important to the community. "I think the school board's sense of urgency to get this school built is a benefit to Carrboro," she said.

In agreement, Alderman Allen Spalt said every year without a needed new school could make a difference in the education of middle school-age children. "Schools are different," Spalt said. "Kids' classrooms are different. A year does make a difference — it makes a big difference."

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PENNING PLAYMATES



UNC students Summer Jebs (left) and Brandee Potts autograph "Girls of the ACC" Playboy issues at the Newstand in Chapel Hill on Tuesday afternoon. Fans, many of whom bought several copies of the issue, waited patiently for the women to sign the issue not only for themselves, but for family and friends. The women had signed autographs in Carrboro earlier in the day.

DTH/David Sandler

Task Force Seeks University Input On Enrollment

The Task Force on Student Enrollment will contact students and faculty to learn which facets of UNC life the community wants to uphold when enrollment swells.

BY COLLEEN JENKINS
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If students and faculty have opinions about the University's future growth, the Task Force on Student Enrollment will hear them this month.

The task force plans to contact student organizations and faculty members during the next few weeks to find out which proposed "guiding principles" are the most important to uphold as enrollment increases.

"We're not asking about growth or no growth," Associate Provost Kate McGaughey said. "These questions are principles for discussion points."

The task force presented a report to the Board of Trustees on Sept. 24 projecting an 18 percent increase in the student body over the next decade. It will present a final report in November, including goals for the University.

According to a task force memo, the proposed principles for enrollment growth range from sustaining the quality of UNC to maintaining the present faculty-student ratio. The memo also listed small class sizes and enhanced programs for recruiting top students as issues to be considered.

McGaughey said Provost Richard Richardson, chairman of



Provost Richard Richardson said he would seek opinions from students.

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Locals: Scandals to Mar Legacy of Clinton Term

Students and professors say the accomplishments of the Clinton administration will not be remembered.

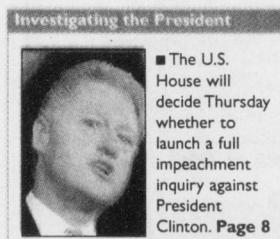
BY LINDSEY EMERY
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Whether or not the U.S. House of Representatives decides to proceed with impeachment hearings against President Clinton, some say the question that now remains is how the scandal will be treated as a part of history.

Professors and students said while Clinton had accomplished some important things, most would remember his administration for its scandals.

"What will be remembered is our president had an affair, but they won't remember the important stuff, like how many children were killed because of lax gun regulations," said April Jeffers, a senior from Greensboro.

UNC History Professor John Semonche said Congress' decision on impeachment hearings would be historically significant. "If it all blows over, we'll look back on this as a strange little episode in American history that occupied some time, but it will hold lit-



■ The U.S. House will decide Thursday whether to launch a full impeachment inquiry against President Clinton. Page 8

The increased focus on image in politics has led some voters to question the sincerity of candidates.

BY MATT DEES
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"Image is everything." The pop-culture adage that gained popularity from a camera commercial featuring a charismatic tennis star often holds true in the American political realm as well.

The role of a candidate's public persona is a hotly contested issue among political experts. The competition between political candidates to come through the media and campaign ad minefields as the most desirable candidate has resulted in skepticism and confusion among voters.

"I think political discourse today makes the American public very cynical about politics because candidates choose issues that play to emotions, that play to the public's prejudices, that play to the public's fears," said Jeff Sumpter, a Chapel Hill resident.

"I think even though it seems to have an effect, I think a lot of people are disgusted and really disappointed."

FOCUS ON: PUBLIC TRUST IN POLITICS

Image Eclipses Election Issues

One question lies at the heart of this debate: In the voter's mind, does a candidate's public image serve as a substitute for discussion of core political issues?

Melinda Thompson, an employee at the UNC center for recreation and disability studies, said many people tended to take candidates at face value.

"I think people that are really into politics tend to vote by what they know about the person, what they really feel like the person's going to do," she said.

"But I think for the other half they just go by how the person looks and what the person says."

Students' responses varied when asked how a politician's image affected their vote.

"I'd rather them talk about the issues at hand rather than themselves," said Jonathan Murfee, a senior journalism major from Winston-Salem.

"I do care about integrity and the character they present but probably not as much as I care about the issues and how they're going to affect me."

But Aaron McKethan, a senior political science major from Boone, said Americans might be too willing to dismiss character as a factor.

"I think that all politicians try their best to make themselves appear as though they have a lot of character and

a lot of morality, so obviously it's important," he said.

"However, I think that America as a whole is largely apathetic towards the importance of character and morality."

McKethan said voters tended to vote based on their financial needs rather than on personal convictions or ethics.

But the Clinton scandal has brought voters' personal moral values into the political debate.

The Clinton controversy has inspired some serious questions about the credibility of a candidate's image portrayed throughout his or her campaign. It has also raised questions of how important image is to voters.

Clinton is widely recognized as a master of effectively utilizing the media to come across as a trustworthy and caring candidate, said Doris Gruber, a political science professor at the University of Illinois.

"Clinton is a superb television campaigner," she said. "There are some guys who can't do this very well and come off like slick car salesmen, and not many people are going to be convinced by it — even if the guy's telling the truth."

"The vast majority of people find (Clinton) persuasive and see him as an empathetic person," she said. "That's

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INSIDE Wednesday

Reading Rainbow

Project Literacy is one of Campus Y's oldest programs. It is divided into KidsRead, Adult Literacy and English as a Second Language. These programs help different areas of Orange County's population learn to read and gain an education. See Page 7.

Budget Backtalk

Members of the N.C. General Assembly say they are looking to settle the budget debate within the next two weeks. Last week's deadline crunch forced legislators to begin considering a compromise for the stalled bill. See Page 4.

Unwrapping Gifts

The Class of 1999's gift to the University will be posted today on its Web site. This year was the first time seniors voted for the class gift over the Internet. The class will have to raise over \$35,000 to fund the gift it chooses. See Page 2.

Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy; mid 70s. Thursday: Showers likely; mid 70s.

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Maury Amsterdam