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Chief Poarch Rejects Congress Parking Resolution

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Students wanting to avoid weekend parking violations can still wait until the wee hours of Monday mornings to move their cars off campus. University Police Chief Derek Poarch denied a Student Congress resolution passed in November which asked that the Department of Public Safety start

ticketing cars without permits at 11:30 p.m. Sunday nights rather than waiting until Monday morning. "We do not intend to enforce the parking at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday night," Poarch said. Poarch said permits only guaranteed students a space from 7:30 a.m. Monday to 5:30 p.m. Friday. He said ticketing on Sunday nights would be inconsistent with the way police dealt with parking

across campus. "We will bring in enough staff to enforce parking violations simultaneously Monday at 7:30 a.m. (starting Monday)," Poarch said. Poarch said his staff conducted lot counts on four different nights last semester and found spaces were available for students with permits to park. Rep. Evan Sloan, Dist. 16, said he never thought the bill had any justifica-

tion and that he was amazed when it passed so strongly in Congress. Sloan organized a petition of 400 signatures against the resolution. "I'm ecstatic that common sense prevailed," he said. "(The resolution) was unfair. I commend Derek Poarch for taking the student's voice into account. He put in a lot of time and energy to find out that the resolution had no basis." Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt, Dist. 1, who

supported the resolution, did not express the same satisfaction. "I'm still concerned about the people who can't park where they pay to park," he said. "This is a no-win situation for anybody. I think (Poarch) handled it as well as he could." Poarch was also given two other Congress resolutions Nov. 18 concerning campus traffic. The first asked that parking in the Carmichael Residence

Hall fire lane be restricted on football game days. In response, Poarch said an officer would be stationed in the fire lane during football games next fall to ensure safety for the fire department. The lane will be reconfigured this spring to solve design problems. Kleinschmidt said Poarch's quick response to problems was exciting. See PARKING, Page 9



Russel Bridges searches among stacks of luggage for his bags Monday afternoon at the Raleigh Durham International Airport. The luggage pileup is the result of flight delays from last week's ice storms in the Midwest.

UNC Students Battle Delays At Airports

Winter storms across the country created headaches for students just trying to get back to North Carolina.

By TRISHA L. DABB
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RALEIGH — The first surge of winter storms stranded thousands of travelers over the holidays, and even as the country began to thaw Tuesday some UNC students returning to the area faced problems. Major airports that were closed for up to three days reopened Tuesday and weary travelers attempted to make their way to Raleigh Durham International Airport through a maze of delays, cancellations and frustrated passengers. "There were people everywhere, it was absolutely flooded with flocks of people trying to get from place to place," said Leigh Marcus, a junior from Montville, N.J. whose flight departed two hours late. "It took me forever to check in; I wanted to scream." And though she arrived with only a slight delay, others were not so fortunate. Amy Tran, a freshman traveling back to campus from Grantsville, Pa., faced numerous set backs on her return to Chapel Hill. "I had a delayed flight

and then had to reschedule to catch this other flight, and then I finally got another one and it was delayed an hour," she said. Tran finally reached Raleigh nearly five hours after she was originally supposed to arrive. Chicago O'Hare Airport, which closed Saturday when the area received two feet of snow, started flights again Tuesday, but Lizzy Duffy, a freshman from the Windy City, faced minimal delays on her return to the South. "My flight was an hour late," she said. "But I got all my luggage." The scene at RDU proved that not all passengers were so lucky. Piles of unclaimed luggage clogged the aisles of the baggage area as workers tried to match travelers with their missing bags. Some of the baggage belonged to people still stuck in airports across the country, said Donna Walden, a customer service representative for Northwest Airlines. "The rest is passengers that have gotten here and their baggage couldn't get in when the flights were in chaos," she said. "This is all the aftermath of the storm," Walden added, gesturing to the rows of duffel bags and suitcases as she stepped over them to deal with a customer who could not locate her bags. "The people, I'm sure, are going crazy."

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Textbook Site Touts No Lines, Free Shipping

BigWords.com co-founder John Bates says the service would also offer an online book rentals to students starting Jan. 15.

By BRIAN BEDSWORTH
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Waiting in long lines to buy books has always been a part of the college experience. But BigWords.com does not think it should be. The online bookseller, which is based in San Francisco, announced Tuesday that customers would no longer have to pay shipping charges, making ordering textbooks cheaper. BigWords co-founder John Bates said the Web site had a large inventory which students could access by looking up the titles of the books they needed. "The vast majority of this company just graduated from college," he said. "We remember what it was like and want to help students." BigWords is the second online bookseller to blitz the campus this year claiming that its prices can compete with, and sometimes beat, those of Student Stores and other local bookstores. Varsitybooks.com hired UNC students as representatives last semester in an attempt to sway students away from the non-cyber book stores. Bates said that if customers chose free shipping, they could expect their books to arrive in five to eight days. But customers can still opt to pay for overnight shipping, he said. Despite BigWords' discount, Varsitybooks has better prices, said Mara Bralove, a team leader for the Washington, D.C.-based company. She claimed Varsitybooks was the only online seller that had class lists for most major universities in



Chris Barnes, a senior from Knightdale, loads sophomore Will Hege's books at Student Stores on Monday.

the country, including UNC. "(Varsitybooks.com) is as if you're going into the bookstore, but better." The online battle among bookstores has added a new dimension to Chapel Hill's sometimes fiercely competitive textbook market. Traditional bookstores have had conflicts with Student Stores over the release of the lists of textbooks requested by professors, and textbook store owners have been concerned about employees from other stores scrutinizing their shelves to check their inventory and prices. At the first mention of ordering books for UNC courses online, UNC Student Stores course materials manager Regina

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THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Senate Trial Set To Start Thursday

Key leaders have not yet decided the timetable and ground rules for the president's Senate trial.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's impeachment trial will begin on Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott disclosed in a brief announcement Tuesday that left unclear how long the trial would last or whether witnesses will be summoned to the chamber to

testify in a proceeding unlike any other for 130 years. "It has to be done not only expeditiously, but fairly," Lott said shortly after meeting with Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who will preside. With the 106th Congress scheduled to convene on Wednesday, Lott and Daschle spent the day in private meetings with key senators as they labored to develop ground rules for Clinton's trial. As they did, fresh criticism surfaced among Republicans for a bipartisan pro-

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Committee Taps School Plan

If passed, the proposed high school district would be divided by Airport Road.

By SALEEM RESHAMWALA
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Members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' redistricting committee unanimously recommended a high school redistricting plan to the

Board of Education on Tuesday night. The plan, which passed without any debate, uses Airport Road as the East-West dividing line to determine whether students would attend Chapel Hill High School or East Chapel Hill High School. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education member and head of the redistricting committee Elizabeth Carter said the plan minimized the number of students who would change schools. See REDISTRICTING, Page 9

INSIDE Wednesday

Caffeine Overload

Those extra cups of coffee and cola during exams may have become a caffeine addiction for some students. Caffeine withdrawal symptoms include headaches, upset stomachs, insomnia and irritability. See Page 2.

Dogfight

U.S. fighters engaged several Iraqi planes flying in the 'no-fly' zone in Southern Iraq. This marked the first air-to-air engagement between the U.S. and Iraq since 1992. See Page 4.

Ice, Ice Baby

After a pre-Christmas ice storm left thousands of area residents celebrating the holidays in the dark, Chapel Hill officials say the town is on guard in case of a chilly repeat. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Partly sunny;
Lower 40s.
Thursday: Partly sunny;
lower 50s.

Wanna Work For Us?

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He has all of the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.

Winston Churchill