



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

UNC Groups to Host Religion, Faith Forum

"Living With Compassion: A Forum on Religion, Spirituality and Faith" will be held for all interested students.

Three sessions will offer students the opportunity to discuss issues on religion, spirituality and faith in an open setting. Topics include "What happens after death?" and "If I were to question my faith, would I be abandoning what I was brought up with?"

The forum will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Student Union and is sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students, the Carolina Union, the Office of Minority Affairs, Student Government, Carolina Union Activities Board and Housing and Residential Education.

Registration is limited to the first 100 people. The conference is free and a light lunch will be served.

For more information, contact Smita Varia at smita@email.unc.edu or Scott Windham at swindham@email.unc.edu or call 966-4042.

MLK Week to Feature NAACP Head, Activist

Julian Bond, chairman of the board of the NAACP, will deliver the keynote address during a week of events celebrating the birth of Martin Luther King.

The civil rights activist's speech will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in Memorial Hall. The program will also include the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship to a UNC junior.

Other events during the week include the "Show of Hands for Peace and Unity" on Polk Place at noon Jan. 19. The 15th annual University/Community Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the Morehead Building.

UNC Researchers Nab Genetic Grant Money

A \$975,000 National Human Genome Research Institute award will allow UNC researchers and professors to investigate ethical issues surrounding recent genetic discoveries.

Dr. Gail Henderson and Nancy King, professors of social medicine at the UNC School of Medicine, will lead a three-year investigation.

Special Olympics Seeks Volunteer Coaches

Special Olympics of Chapel Hill/Orange County is seeking volunteers to coach a swim program that is school-based.

Volunteers do not need to be certified, but must be comfortable in the pool and enjoy swimming, working one-on-one with beginning to intermediate swimmers, and enjoy working with people from six to 21 years old.

There is a training session on Jan. 30 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Community Center on Estes Drive. Volunteers must register, attend the training session or a make-up and commit to one or more class times.

The season lasts from Feb. 1 to April 27 and there are no classes during school spring breaks.

For more information, contact Colleen Lanigan at 968-2787, ext. 204.

Curbside Recycling Unaffected by Holiday

Curbside recycling collection will not be affected by the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday. Collection will continue as scheduled during the week of Jan. 17. Orange Regional Landfill will also be open for regular operating hours, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be open during regular operating hours, from 7 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Center to Hold Job Fair For Area Businesses

Orange County Skills Development/Job Link Center will be holding a Job Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Jan. 20. There will be employers from area businesses such as UNC Hospitals, Tarheel Temps, FGI, the Town of Chapel Hill, Harris Teeter Stores, Kelly Services, Sports Endeavors, Magnolia and Accountemps.

A session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 18, will offer tips and training in preparing applications and interviewing skills.

Another session, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19, will assist with the résumé, introducing the Center's computer software in résumé preparation.

The Center is at 503 W. Franklin St. For more information, call 969-3032.

From Staff Reports

Carrboro Fire Captain Charged With Murder

After a two-hour standoff with Guilford County police, Joshua McAdoo was forced from a house with tear gas.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
Staff Writer

A Carrboro Fire Department captain charged with killing his wife's friend on Christmas Eve in Greensboro is in jail awaiting a Jan. 19 court date on charges of first-degree murder.

Joshua M. McAdoo, 30, a Carrboro employee since 1991, was arrested and charged with the murder of Greensboro

resident Reginald Tyrone Griggs on Dec. 24.

McAdoo is being held at the Guilford County Jail without bond and will not go on trial for several months due to the severity of the charges, said Guilford County Detective J.D. Church.

Church, who is conducting a three-county investigation with help from the State Bureau of Investigation, said McAdoo had been accused of violent acts prior to the shooting.

"McAdoo was under a domestic violence order from his wife (before the Dec. 24 arrest)," Church said.

Dana McAdoo filed a protective order in August in Alamance County against her husband, but that did not

stop him from entering Griggs' house on Christmas Eve, where Dana McAdoo was visiting.

Guilford County police reports stated that McAdoo kicked down Griggs' door at 11:30 a.m. and shot him in the chest with a handgun. He then refused to let his wife and daughter leave the home, but they were later released.

"McAdoo's wife and 21-month-old daughter were still in the house (following the shooting)," Church said. "After several minutes, (Dana McAdoo) was able to get the child and get out the front door."

After McAdoo's wife and child fled Griggs' house, Church said a standoff between McAdoo and the police fol-

lowed.

The standoff lasted more than two hours and ended when police drove McAdoo out by throwing chemical agents into the house.

"Once tear gas was used, McAdoo came out of the house and gave up," Church said.

Upon hearing of McAdoo's arrest in late December, Carrboro Fire Department Chief Rodney Murray said he placed McAdoo under administrative leave, subject to review by Carrboro Town Manager Robert Morgan.

McAdoo stayed on leave from the fire department until he resigned Jan. 6, Murray said.

Although Murray refused to com-

ment further on the situation, Carrboro Fire Department Capt. Robbie Crabtree said he was shocked by the arrest.

"It was a big surprise (when McAdoo was arrested)," Crabtree said. "I didn't think he could do a thing like that."

Crabtree said McAdoo was a dedicated firefighter and assisted the rescue team.

John Fuller, 82, who lived beside McAdoo in Efland, said he was also surprised by the shooting.

"I hated to hear the news," Fuller said. "People will get flustered up, but (McAdoo) seemed to have a level head."

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Wachovia Vows Not to Control Student Banking

The Faculty Council's executive committee will create a policy on commercialism, says UNC business Professor Robert Adler.

By KIM MINUGH
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In an effort to sway fears of the rising tide of commercialism on campus, Wachovia officials have promised that the bank's interests would follow those of the University.

Lawrence Baxter, an executive vice president at Wachovia headquarters, signed a three-page letter last month to address the question of Wachovia's pending monopoly on student banking next year. The letter will be attached to the original contract as an addendum.

"We don't intend this to be a monopoly at all," he said.

In his letter, Baxter first emphasized that the service center to be built adjacent to Student Stores would not be a full-service branch.

Baxter also attempted to clarify that Wachovia's partnership will not eliminate other banks' opportunities. "We have a right to be there, but we don't have an exclusive right," he said.

Baxter said that when he visited the campus last fall, he walked by the Union Circle ATMs and immediately wanted to avoid conflicts with other banks.

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The new ATM circle behind Davis Library is scheduled to be completed sometime this month. Wachovia National Bank, which has the right to install an ATM anywhere on campus, has opted to move to a location adjacent to Student Stores.

Police Suspect Trend in Holiday Robberies

By JENNY ROSSER
Staff Writer

Police are investigating two separate robberies in which masked assailants held the employees of a local bank and restaurant at gunpoint and assaulted them with their weapons.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said police had no suspects in either robbery, both of which occurred during the holidays.

"We don't know if the robberies are related, but we are looking at them as being related," Cousins said.

The most recent robbery occurred at approximately 8:19 p.m. Jan. 6 at the McDonald's located at 1748 Fordham Blvd. in Chapel Hill.

"Three males armed with guns wear-

ing ski masks and panty hose on their heads walked into the restaurant and jumped over the front counter," Cousins said.

"The third assailant struck an employee in the face with his handgun."

The victim suffered minor injuries and no one else was hurt in the robbery, Cousins said. Only two employees were present during the incident.

"The suspects took money and then ran into the woods towards the Europa Center," Cousins said.

The other robbery occurred around 11:58 a.m. Dec. 23 at the Bank of America, located at 1806 N. Fordham Blvd.

Cousins said two men wearing ski masks and armed with handguns entered the bank, demanded money

and proceeded to assault one employee with the gun.

"One suspect entered an employee's office and struck her in the head with his gun, knocking her glasses off," Cousins said.

"She was not seriously injured." No customers were in the bank when the robbery occurred.

After the robbers fled the scene in a getaway car, they threw almost all of the money they had stolen out the window because a dye pack exploded in the money bag, causing dye as well as harsh chemicals to be released in the vehicle, Cousins said.

"Almost all of the money stolen was recovered," Cousins said.

Police discovered what they believed to be the getaway car shortly after the

robbery.

"A light blue Honda Accord was found at Willow Brook Apartments near the bank," Cousins said.

"The car was still running, the doors were open and evidence of the dye pack was found."

Cousins said police did not know if the incidents were related to three other armed robberies that occurred in the area in the last two months, but police were working hard to prevent future robberies.

"Officers who work that area keep watching businesses for any indication of similar crimes that might occur," he said.

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Authorities Investigate Racist Mail

Hate letters mailed Christmas Eve called for the "total destruction of the African-American race."

By LUCAS FENSKIE
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The State and Federal Bureaus of Investigation are hunting for the authors of at least 18 hate letters mailed Christmas Eve to historically black colleges and various organizations throughout the South.

N.C. schools, including N.C. Agricultural & Technical University as well as private institutions, received the defamatory letters soon after Christmas. Letters were also sent to Southern offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Jewish Committee.

The authors, who call for "total destruction of the (black) race," were loosely linked by anti-defamation groups with the racist organization World Church of the Creator due to certain racial slurs particular to the group.

Maybel Scott, spokeswoman for N.C. A&T, said the school received their letter Dec. 29. The letter was post-marked on Dec. 24 from Fayetteville.

"The letter was very mean, derogatory, hateful and slanderous," she said. "It was inundated with racial slurs."

The letters insulted Michael Jordan and the intelligence of blacks. They also compared Martin Luther King Jr. to the devil and stated racial warfare would escalate in 2000. "An evil, warped mind did this thing," Scott said.

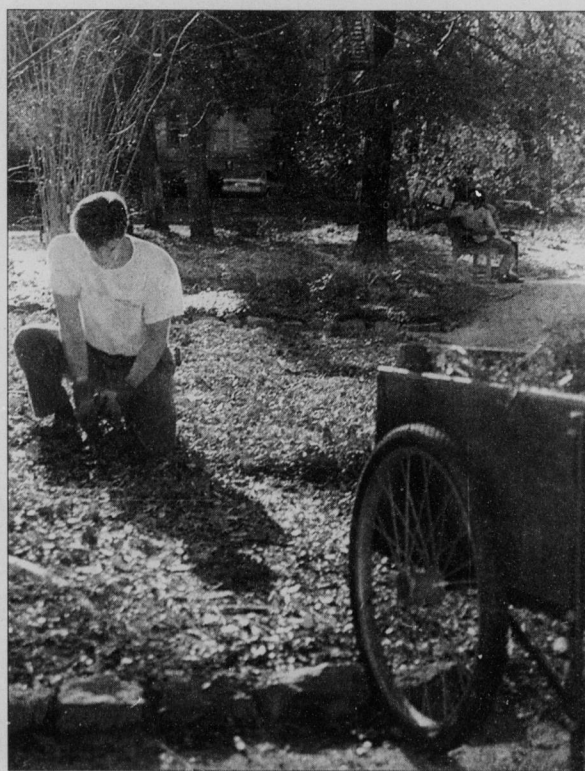
Although WCOTC leaders deny involvement, the letters bear racial slurs traditionally used by the group, said Mark Potok, spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate crimes. He said at least 18 letters were sent that started with "RAHOWA" and "Hail Ben Klassen!"

"RAHOWA, racial holy war, is a term used almost exclusively by the World Church of the Creator," Potok said. "Ben Klassen was its founder."

The WCOTC's leader is Matt Hale, a self-proclaimed reverend and doctor of law. "RAHOWA is a popular battle

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WEED-WHACKER



DHT/EMILY SCHURE

Volunteer Jerry Van Sant pulls weeds in Coker Arboretum, taking advantage of an unseasonably warm day Tuesday. Temperatures in the area reached the upper 60s and low 70s, 20 degrees above normal.

Y2K Proves No Pest For UNC Officials

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
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Although officials say years of preparation and modification saved the University from the year 2000 bug, they are not yet abandoning the issue.

Many UNC employees said the switch to the year 2000 was uneventful in terms of computer system problems, following a national pattern of the feared bug having more bite than bark.

"It went very, very smoothly," said Jeanne Smythe, director of the Academic Technology & Networks' computer policy. "I think a lot of people did quite a bit of work ahead of time (to prevent any problems)."

The Y2K problem was expected to occur when computers would possibly misinterpret the year 2000 for the year 1900. UNC started preparing for the problem in 1996 by checking personal computers and administrative systems.

Employees of ATN, Administrative Information Services and Facility Services monitored various computer systems during Winter Break but did not report any major Y2K problems.

However, Smythe mentioned that some people had problems with their personal computers due to outdated software. University workers made preliminary reports all on critical systems by 1:30 a.m. Jan. 1, Smythe said. They continued with additional reports at 2

a.m. and 4 a.m., she said.

UNC's Y2K Web site includes information about the reports up to Jan. 3. Smythe said the office would continue to update the reports but said there was nothing new to report.

But the University is still bracing for potential problems that might arise throughout the year, such as on Feb. 29.

"Some systems didn't take into account that the year 2000 was a leap year," Smythe said. But she said she was confident that the University fixed any potential problems. "I expect (Feb. 29) to run as smoothly as Jan. 1 did."

Stephen Jarrell, the executive director of Administrative Information Services, said Y2K problems could arise until the end of the year because some programs only run on an annual basis.

On New Year's Eve and through Jan. 1, Facility Services workers monitored the major utilities on campus, said Jim Mergner, deputy for facility services. "For the critical systems that may not have been monitored, we had people dispatched to check (those areas)."

Workers in AIS monitored the student and financial systems to make sure they were working properly, Jarrell said. "I think years of preparation and hard work paid off. We were all very happy about it."

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