

POLICE ROUNDUP

Murder Suspect Gains Continuance in Trial

The first-degree murder trial of Michael Jordan Cruz, a 1998 UNC graduate, was granted a continuance by Judge Patricia Devine at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Cruz, 23, of Raleigh, appeared in court Monday with his lawyer, James Williams. The charge stems from Cruz's alleged murder of Michael Gregory Crosby of Raleigh on New Year's Day.

Court records indicate that Crosby was shot four times in the head with a .32-caliber weapon. His body was found at the Orange Water and Services Authority off Mason Farm Road.

The trial was rescheduled for Feb. 18 at Orange County District Court.

University

Saturday, Jan. 22

A UNC Hospitals employee called police in the morning to report a man sitting in the employee's car smoking a controlled substance.

The employee said he offered Wesley Adams of Durham a ride and in the car Adams produced a pipe, asking if he could "hit this once." Although the employee said he did mind, Adams began to smoke.

The employee pulled over on Medical Drive, saying he had to visit a relative who was working in the area. The man then called the police. After police arrived and searched the car, they found a small, straight glass pipe. Adams denied it was his. Later information revealed that Durham police had in their possession an "order for arrest" for Wesley Adams of Durham. He was taken into custody and released to Durham police.

At about 11:47 a.m., Orange County Emergency Medical Services received a call from Room 323 of the Mary Ellen Jones Building about a man suffering from a diabetic attack. Officials found the man sitting conscious in a chair, but verbally unable to answer questions.

Chapel Hill Fire and Emergency Medical Services officials concluded that his blood sugar level was too low and began administering glucose dosages. Soon the man was alert and able to verbally communicate.

Officials also gave the man pieces of fruit and candy to keep his blood sugar level high before he left.

City

Monday, Jan. 24

A 42-year-old Durham resident reported to Chapel Hill police officers at 7:41 a.m. that he had been assaulted at the Inter-Faith Council shelter at 11 W. Rosemary St.

Police later arrested Timothy Scott Otis, 28, of 100 W. Rosemary St. for one misdemeanor count of simple assault. According to police reports, Otis assaulted the man after the two had a verbal dispute at the shelter.

Otis was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Feb. 28.

Sunday, Jan. 23

A 41-year-old Carrboro woman reported to police that her daughter had thrown a pot of coffee on her.

The woman was referred to the magistrate, but no warrant was issued for the daughter's arrest.

Saturday, Jan. 22

A 37-year-old Carrboro resident was stopped and charged with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired and one misdemeanor count of driving left of center.

Vargas S. Barrosa of 501 C-6 Jones Ferry Road was driving on Henderson Street when Chapel Hill police officers noticed him weaving, driving left of center and failing to dim his headlights. He was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on March 28.

A 20-year-old N.C. State University student was stopped for speeding by Chapel Hill police Saturday.

Brian James Robertson of 111 Friendly Drive, Apt. 226 was driving down Airport Road when officers clocked him doing 60 mph in a 35 mph zone. Officers smelled alcohol in the vehicle. Robertson had a blood alcohol content of .09. He was charged with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired and one misdemeanor count of speeding.

Robertson was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court on March 28.

Candidate Filing Date Nears

By TRICIA BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the Orange County Board of Education are making preparations for the 2000 election season as the filing deadline for the upcoming primary approaches.

The May 2 primary will feature races for two open seats in the commissioners race and three vacancies on the school board. The filing deadline is Feb. 7 at noon.

Two candidates from both Republican and Democratic parties in the commissioners race will go on to the November election. However, the school board election itself will be held May 2.

Republican David C. Herman, of

1533 Little River Church Road in Hurdle Mills, filed Jan. 7 for one of the two open seats on the Board of Commissioners. He said he would offer a fresh perspective to the board.

"I am running to provide a voice of reason amongst the current commissioners that reside on the board," he said. "There's only one view on the board — the far-left liberal viewpoint."

"Conservatives make up about 20 percent of the county. They deserve a voice on the commission."

Herman said his platform also centered on the importance of private property rights regarding government regulation.

Opposing Herman are incumbent Democrats Margaret Brown and Moses Carey, Jr., who filed their candidacy Jan. 4. Brown, of 1509 Smith Level Road in Chapel Hill, said her main concerns were continuing projects in the areas of parks and open spaces, school funding and welfare reform.

"Service to the citizens of Orange

County is important to me," she said. "There's a lot of really good things I've started that I'd like to finish."

Carey, of 901 Lystra Lane in Hurdle Mills, said he wanted to continue as a commissioner to make a public service contribution to the county. "This is a critical time in the area of policy development in Orange County," he said.

Carey said his platform included increased public school funding, improved human services and civil rights laws and the economic success of the county.

In the election to be held in May, school board incumbent Delores Simpson filed with the board of elections on Jan. 5 in hopes of securing a third term.

Simpson said she had knowledge stemming from her experience within the system. "I've worked in the school system as a teacher and a counselor," she said. "I have a knowledge of the

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2 Challengers to Battle Price in 4th District Race

By EUGENE WHEELER
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As the deadline to file for candidacy approaches — noon Feb. 7 — only two people have decided to challenge Rep. David Price, D-N.C., for the Fourth Congressional District seat.

Price filed for re-election after serving the Fourth District for more than 10 years.

His competition this year is Jess Ward, the first black Republican to run for the U.S. House of Representatives in the state since 1901, and Libertarian Brian Towey. In 1997, Ward defeated a

20-year Democrat incumbent to gain a seat on the Cary Town Council.

Thomas Bates, spokesman for Price, said Price would work to better the Triangle by improving education, health care and transportation.

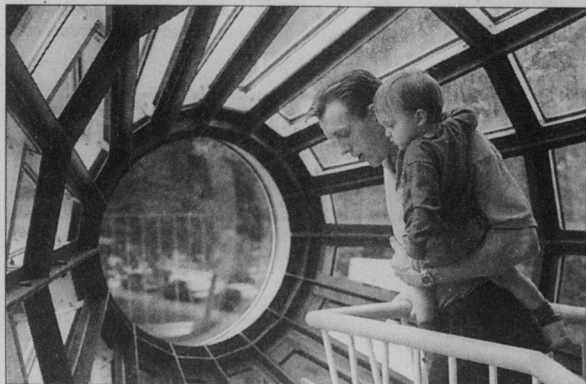
"He's running to continue the work he has done in the Triangle," Bates said. He said school construction and teacher recruitment would also be major issues of Price's campaign.

"One of the biggest problems you see in the Triangle is overcrowded schools and the need to get more teachers in the classroom," Bates said.

Libertarian candidate Brian Towey, on the other hand, said he looked to curb congressional power.

"I decided to run last year after the 'know your customer' rule tried to sneak

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Marshall Lamb and his son Ethan peer out of the front window of the Exploris museum, located in downtown Raleigh.

An Exploration Of Global Culture

By STUART CRAMPTON
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A seemingly caffeinated 7-year-old boy stopped romping and giggling long enough for a rare moment of undivided attention.

And as he ran his hand over the graffiti-covered concrete slab of what used to be part of the Berlin Wall, a grandfather attempted to explain the infamous, painful piece of history that towered before them.

"Die Berliner Mauer Ostberliner Seite," recited John Goebel of Durham as he read the inscription on the East Berlin side to his grandson.

"People used to try to climb over this wall in Germany, and other people would shoot them to keep them from leaving the city," Goebel said, relating his own experience. "Granny and I have been there. We saw this wall before they tore it down."

Displays advocating the demolition

of larger, less noticeable walls litter the Exploris museum in Raleigh, where Goebel's grandson Wesley frolicked for several hours.

While intangible, these other walls serve as the foundations for evils such as intolerance, irresponsible environmental practices and ethnocentrism.

The world is getting a little smaller thanks to Exploris. And three months and more than 50,000 visitors after the grand opening of the \$40.2 million museum, visitors of all ages continue to marvel at the innovation behind this hands-on children's museum.

Billed as the world's first global experience center, the 84,000 square-foot facility is a playground for the mind. Loaded with art and souvenirs, Exploris differs from traditional museums by relying on interactive experiences and computer technology.

"It has a lot of stuff you interact with like this," said bespectacled 12-year-old Chris Drew as he taste-tested bottled,



Museumgoers cooperate to complete an experiment called "Lift the World" at Exploris, in downtown Raleigh. The hands-on science and culture museum opened its doors last October.

well and tap water. "It has a lot of stuff I've never thought of before."

"Math is my favorite subject, so I liked the (exhibit) where you figured out the number of people who are born in the world every hour," he said.

Drew, a resident of Hendersonville, falls within the center's target age range of six to 14. He came to the center with his grandmother Nancy Porter, who lives in Raleigh.

"This is a good activity to do with

children — one where you can bring the kids, not just drop them off," said Porter.

"The only negative is the price (of

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Floyd Stalls Enrollment Strategies

Provost Richard Richardson says UNC's future growth will depend on the amount of assistance from the state.

By WILL FOUSHEE
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In the wake of Hurricane Floyd's financial crunch on the state, the fate of UNC's plans for a large enrollment increase during the next decade is unknown.

Provost Dick Richardson said UNC's short-term growth was fine, but the long-term growth would depend upon assistance from the state for renovation and construction.

In 1998, a UNC task force predicted the University would experience an 18 percent growth in the student body over the next 10 years (2,161 undergraduate and 1,031 graduate students).

This was supported by a Board of Governors projected systemwide enrollment increase of 48,000 during the next 10 years.

But after Hurricane Floyd devastated eastern North Carolina in September, Richardson said it was questionable how much money UNC would receive in the next several years.

"I hope the hurricane will not affect the future growth of the University," he said.

Enrollment Breakdown at UNC

In 1998, the Enrollment Task Force predicted UNC would face an 18 percent increase over the next 10 years, but freshman enrollment at the University has dropped 3 percent since 1995.

Admissions Office				
Year	Freshmen	Total	Undergrads	Graduates
1990s	3,200	—	—	—
1994	3,498	24,463	15,895	6,861
1995	3,239	24,439	15,702	7,043
1996	3,275	24,141	15,363	6,874
1997	3,417	24,189	15,321	6,764
1998	3,437	24,238	15,291	8,947
1999	3,396	24,635	15,434	9,201
2000	—	24,999*	15,449*	9,550*
2001	—	25,217*	15,492*	9,725*

* Projected enrollment

SOURCE: PROVOST

Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions Barbara Polk also said the future of enrollment was still unknown.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is in the process of enrollment planning to determine how large the University will be in the future, she said.

Floyd's fallout has even sparked questions about freshman enrollment numbers for next fall.

Polk said officials could not deter-

mine any effect on enrollment for another six weeks, but the admissions office had extended the Oct. 15 Early Decision deadline for students affected by Floyd.

"We tried to accommodate (affected) students, but we don't expect a drop in applications from that part of the state," Polk said.

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Disgruntled Residents Voice Ire Over Tree-Cutting Plan

By KEVIN KRASNOW
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Angry Carrboro residents met Monday to voice their frustrations over a local power company's plan to cut down trees and leave residents responsible for clearing the fallen logs.

Eight residents gathered with representatives from Duke Power and the N.C. Utilities Commission and walked along James Street to survey the area that would be affected by the tree-cutting plan. The group then proceeded to the home of Carrboro Alderman Allen Spalt for further discussion.

Spalt said he was very pleased with how the commission responded to residents' concerns at the meeting.

"They listened to citizens and tried to

mediate," he said. "They had three engineers and one attorney present. I am optimistic their interests will produce satisfactory results."

However, Spalt said he was less pleased with how Duke Power representatives acted at the meeting.

"They made minor concessions to cut a few less trees," he said. "But the representatives would not meet with the press at the meeting, which I found unfavorable."

The controversy was ignited in December when Duke Power officials first notified affected residents that many of the trees in their neighborhood were a threat to the company's transmission lines.

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STUDENT ELECTIONS NOTES

*Elections season officially kicks off at 7 p.m. today with the **mandatory candidates' meeting**. Candidates for all races are required to attend.

*Candidates can **begin campaigning** at 10 p.m. today after the candidates' meeting. Campaigning will continue for the next two weeks until the Feb. 8 election.

*Thus far, six candidates have publicly announced their intent to run for the position of **student body president**.

***Students for Michael Harris for SBP** will hold a planning meeting for those students interested in working on Harris' campaign. The meeting will be held at 9 p.m. today in Union 218.

*This week, two juniors publicized their intentions to run for **senior class president and vice president**.