



POLICE ROUNDUP

University
Thursday, Feb. 3

■ A local man was transported to the emergency room at UNC Hospitals at about noon after he complained to a citizen about numbness in his feet. He had pulled over the tractor-trailer he was driving in front of Wilson Library. He told officials he had fallen earlier in the day while exiting his car.

■ Freshman Jennifer Daum reported a stolen purse at 11:41 a.m. after she left it unattended for 15 minutes in 100 Hamilton Hall.

Daum said the purse contained one MasterCard, \$50 cash, her UNC ONE Card, one Wachovia checkcard and her Wisconsin driver's license.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

■ At about 8:34 a.m. two Everett Residence Hall residents reported \$90 in stolen cash after a female suspect entered two unlocked rooms.

The suspect first entered room 110 at about 8 a.m. but left after being asked why she was there.

She then entered room 208, where sophomore Jessica Hartsough was asleep. Hartsough said she awoke to the suspect's entry but paid little attention to the incident and went back to sleep.

Sophomore Sabiha Mannan, the owner of the wallet, reported that \$40 had been stolen from her wallet before it was deposited in front of Everett.

Reports say the suspect also approached another woman that day and solicited \$50 in cash. The suspect allegedly told the woman she was a cancer patient who had been walking all night and needed cab fare. The suspect could be charged with soliciting, breaking and entering and larceny of cash.

■ Police responded to an unknown EMS assist call at about 11:50 p.m. to find sophomore Elizabeth Beauvais unconscious.

When Chapel Hill First Responders and Orange County EMS arrived, Beauvais regained a semi-conscious state and was transported by Orange County EMS to Student Health Service.

City

Wednesday, Feb. 2

■ A Fuquay-Varina man was arrested after a local resident reported that someone was dumping diesel fuel into Booker Creek in Chapel Hill.

Ricardo Collazo Deluna was charged with one felony count of illegal dumping of hazardous waste.

Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Deluna allegedly accidentally put diesel fuel into his car and was dumping it into the creek when a resident reported him.

Robert Bofworth, chief of operations at the Chapel Hill Fire Department, said that because only five to 10 gallons of fuel were dumped, there was no danger to the water supply.

"When we found gas leaking out of the vehicle we called (Orange Water and Sewer Authority)," Bofworth said. "They will probably bill the gentleman for the cost of the equipment used."

■ Chapel Hill police are investigating four larcenies at East Chapel Hill High School that resulted in the loss of more than \$2,000 worth of stolen equipment.

All four larcenies were reported to police Jan. 31 and included thefts of six VCRs, one cassette recorder, one camcorder, cheerleading equipment and stereo headphones.

According to reports, the headphones, camcorder and cheerleading equipment were stolen earlier this month, but the VCRs and cassette recorder have been missing since last May.

Police have no suspects in the cases.

■ Chapel Hill police are investigating a breaking and entering at Ram Theatres, located on 136 E. Franklin St.

According to police reports, someone entered the theater early Tuesday morning and took an undetermined amount of change from the business. Several arcade games as well as a theater cord pole were damaged.

Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said that so far police had no suspects in the case and did not know how the person entered the theater.

■ An Orange County High School student was arrested Tuesday around 2:55 p.m. and charged with two counts of felony larceny.

Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Abrams allegedly stole a Gateway computer and a computer hard drive from Orange County Skills Development, located at 503 W. Franklin St. in early December.

Abrams is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court Feb. 3.

Cold Showers Irk North Campus

By SHAHRZAD REZVANI
Staff Writer

North Campus residents have returned to their residence halls in recent weeks hoping to thaw out from frigid temperatures, but instead have been hit with more cold and discomfort.

Bob Humphreys, superintendent of housing support for the Department of University Housing, said a periodic loss of heat and hot water was due to several factors, one being the record low temperatures this winter.

"When it gets down to 10 or 15 degrees outside, it causes heat to be lost," he said. "When 3,000 people try to take a shower out of one water heater, it can't keep up."

Humphreys said another major factor

was that only one water heater in the basement of Joyner Residence Hall supplied water for all of North Campus.

He said that although South Campus had one heater for each residence hall, Joyner's heater provided for all 20 North Campus buildings.

Joe Boehman, assistant director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education, said the aging systems on North Campus heavily affected the problem, creating additional difficulties.

"The systems are very old. When I work with an old house and tweak with a pipe in the sink, it might cause the toilet to start flooding," he said.

Some residents of Joyner were fired up because of the difficulties. "We shouldn't have to worry about hot water as much as we pay to go here," said

Christina Campbell, a junior from Raeford. "That should be taken care of." Junior Emily Hardy from Browns Summit said housing officials were not updating students on what was being done to alleviate problems.

She said an e-mail message distributed to North Campus residents did not inform students, much less solve problems.

Hardy and her roommate April DeCatsy wrote a complaint to interim University Housing Director Dean Bresciani on Tuesday.

The letter, complete with 37 signatures of other Joyner residents, expressed their concerns with not only the cold showers, but also with the lack of properly functioning showers.

She said that at the time they wrote the letter, only four working showers

were available for 50 hall residents.

"We want monetary compensation," she said. "This is why we pay for housing." Humphreys said the CoGeneration Power Plant, which provides heat and hot water to campus, made changes to alleviate the temperature-related problems.

The trend of warming temperatures promises to diminish the number of complaints across North Campus, Humphreys said.

But the permanent solution would not be put into effect until this summer, Boehman said. He said the North Region Steam Line Project would replace the underground heating system to ensure further difficulties did not occur.

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Plan Calls For 1 Cent Tax Hike

Proponents of an affordable housing program say the plan could generate up to \$650,000 each year.

By SARAH BRIER
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A penny might be small change to most people, but for residents of Orange County in need of affordable housing, it could mean a home.

The "Penny for Housing" program, which debuted at last year's Martin Luther King Jr. rally, calls for a 1-cent property tax increase for Orange County residents to meet the housing needs of the lower-income bracket.

The estimated \$650,000 raised by the program would go toward purchasing land and building affordable housing for area residents with limited means. The funds would be used by nonprofit home builders.

Alison Weiner, a construction and renovation design technician for UNC and supporter of the proposal, said



Town Council member Flicka Bateman supported a plan to provide more local affordable housing.

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Growth of Groups at Core of Referendum

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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Students could see their first increase in student activity fees in more than 25 years if they approve a Feb. 15 elections referendum.

Officials say the ballooning number of student organizations in recent years has put a strain on the budget, creating a need for additional funding.

The referendum would boost student activities fees \$3 per student per semester — the first such increase since 1973.

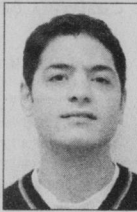
During the last decade, the number of

student organizations on campus has grown significantly to almost 400, leaving more and more student groups fighting for shrinking funds.

"Ten years ago we only had 20 or 30 organizations asking us for money," said Student Congress Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt.

"Now we have more than 90 organizations involved in the annual budget process."

Students now pay \$10 per semester in student activities fees at the undergrad-



Speaker of Congress Mark Kleinschmidt says groups' service to the entire student body affects funding.

uate level and \$8 at the graduate level.

"(Student activities fees) haven't been increased in a long time," said Speaker Pro Tem Abi Sommer. "Money gets tighter every year."

Allocations to student groups became especially difficult in 1993 after The Daily Tar Heel stopped taking student fees and instead opted to exist solely on advertising revenue.

The newspaper's decision resulted in a \$3 lowering of student fees, and some officials see the proposed increase as a way of restoring those funds.

Congress is in charge of doling out student activities fees to campus groups and does so primarily through the budget process, which begins this weekend.

A few organizations, such as the Student Union and Student Television, are constitutionally funded and auto-

matically get a percentage of activities fees every year.

All other student organizations must submit a budget for the upcoming year to Congress during February's annual budget process.

Budgets are examined by the Finance Committee, which then makes recommendations to full Congress. Final decisions are made in hearings before the budget is passed by full Congress.

Congress gives out less than \$200,000 in its annual budget, so it must set priorities when distributing the funds.

If approved, the student activities fees increase would add \$75,000 to the budget, Kleinschmidt said. "There would be a lot more money available for groups' basic functioning requirements."

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Philanthropy Through Food and Fellowship

By MOIRA VANDERHOOF
Staff Writer

When Jared Resnick opened the West End Wine Bar on West Franklin Street with partner Elliot Curtis 2 1/2 years ago, he fulfilled a 12-year-old dream to create a place that peo-

ple could enjoy comfortably.

"It makes me feel good to see people happy," said Resnick, a UNC graduate. "I'm not just doing this to retire."

But Resnick does not just strive to bring great food, drink and fellowship to the area; he also strives to use the Wine Bar as a stage

for local artists.

Resnick offers live music from local musicians twice a week and displays art from local artists on the wine bar's walls.

"I believe the community is keeping us in business, so it's important for us to give back to the community," he said. "It's a cyclic

thing. We can both grow and get stronger."

Although Resnick features local artists, he does not take a commission from them in the hope that they will donate a percentage of their profits to local charities.

"I ask that they donate ... on their own," Resnick said.

Resnick is also active in donating to charities and participating in charity work throughout the community. He is involved in various benefits to raise money for cancer research, an endeavor largely inspired by his mother-in-law, who died of cancer three months ago. In November, Resnick opened a new restaurant named after her, Elaine's on Franklin, with partner Bret Jennings.

Resnick also contributes to Water Partners, an organization at UNC that works to provide clean water to underprivileged areas of South America, and to A Taste of Affair, a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House.

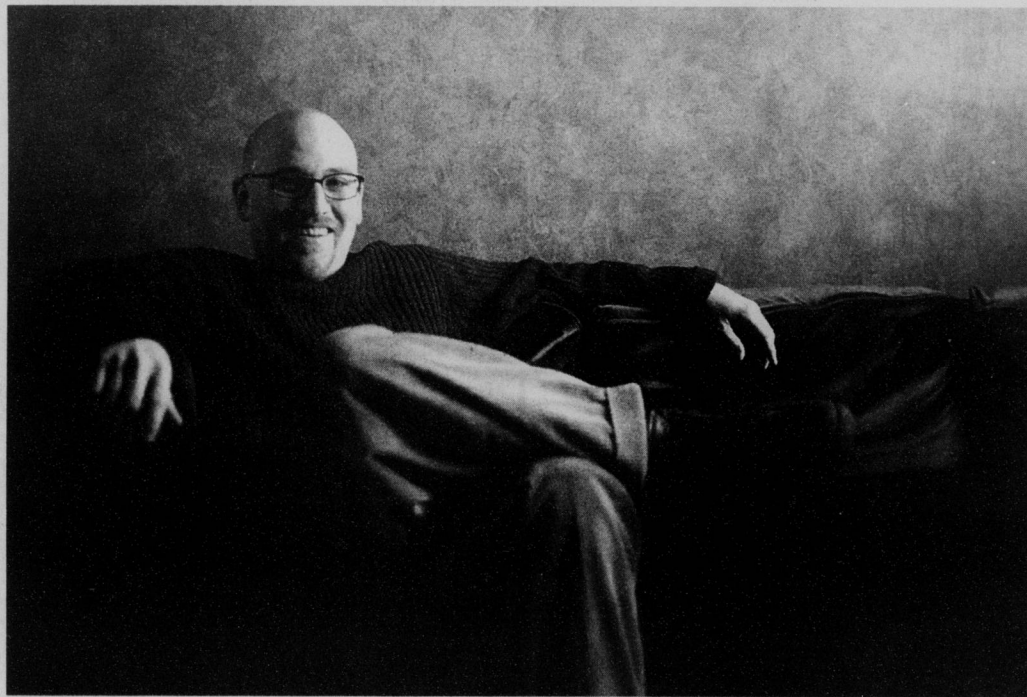
In addition, Resnick is active in Raleigh's annual First Night celebration, helps to raise money for AIDS research and is eager to donate gift certificates to help any charitable cause.

"We're so proud of him," said Jackie Resnick, his mother. "He has a very strong commitment to how businesses in Chapel Hill should give back to the community."

"This has totally been his own dream," she said. "After he graduated (from college), ... he decided, 'I'm going to do this. I have this dream.'"

Resnick said he chose to start his businesses in Chapel Hill because he thought it was a great community. Besides attending college UNC, he went to Chapel Hill High School.

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Jared Resnick, a UNC graduate, relaxes in the back of his West End Wine Bar. He donates some of the profits from the wine bar and Elaine's restaurant to the Ronald McDonald House.

Legal NCAA Gambling in Dispute

By ANNE FAWCETT
Staff Writer

As the college basketball season rolls toward March Madness, close games and a national championship, Congress is moving to ban legal gambling on intercollegiate athletics.

But gambling advocates say the legislation would be like putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound.

The bill, proposed Tuesday in the U.S. Senate, would ban gambling on all amateur sports, including high school, college and Olympic competitions.

Representatives for the National Collegiate Athletic Association worked with senators to put the bill together, said Bill Saum, NCAA director of agent and gambling activities.

NCAA officials also solicited the support of influential college basketball figures, including former UNC men's basketball coach Dean Smith.

Smith, along with Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., will announce specifics of Smith's involvement in the effort at a press conference Feb. 14.

Saum said the NCAA believed it was wrong for adults to wager on young people. He said the bill targeted betting in Nevada, the only U.S. state that currently allows gambling on amateur sports. But Nevada authorities claim legal wagering should be the least of the federal government's concerns.

Steve DuCharme, chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, said he had seen studies showing that gamblers across the nation wagered up to \$380 billion annually on college athletics. But he said Nevada's legal gambling on college sports only amounted to \$2.5 billion. "Obviously, hundreds of billions of dollars a year are wagered illegally. The legislation wouldn't have an impact on any of these," he said.

DuCharme said the interest in gam-

bling on college athletics was not new. The Amateur Athletics Protection Act of 1992 gave every state a deadline to choose whether they would condone gambling on amateur events. When that window closed, collegiate gambling was banned in the states that had made no decision, including North Carolina.

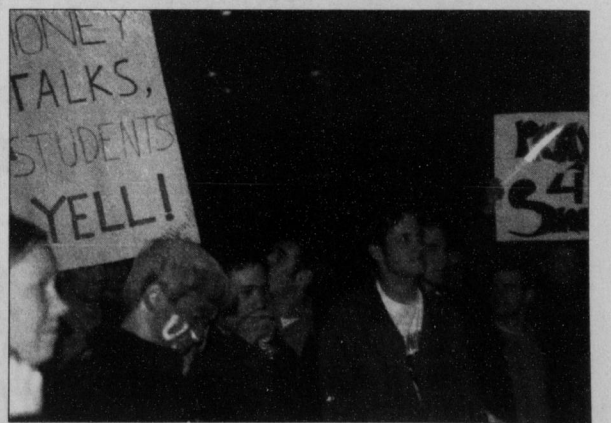
"This legislation is just window dressing," DuCharme said. "There are already laws in place if the government chooses to enforce them."

Saum said the bill's intent was to complete a ban on collegiate gambling. Allowing gambling in Nevada sent students inconsistent signals, he said.

Saum said that even legal wagering on amateur athletics could take an illegal turn. "We believe that every institution in America has student bookies on their campuses, including North Carolina, and surveys show that up to

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RALLYING FOR THE TEAM



UNC students attending a pep rally in front of Hinton James Residence Hall before the men's basketball game versus Duke Thursday night listen to ideas for changing the student ticket distribution policy.