

# Gunfire Causes Anger, Concern

By ERICA COLEMAN  
Staff Writer

A Carrboro woman troubled by mysterious gunfire in her neighborhood has brought the issue to the attention of town officials.

Jackie Allen of 123 Pine St. wrote a letter to the Board of Aldermen and then presented her concerns before board members Tuesday night.

In a letter to the board, Allen described how she saw her neighbor shoot a semiautomatic rifle from his back steps. She explained her worry that the gunshots, which she said were aimed at squirrels or the sky, could cause accidental harm.

"More disturbing is the fact that he was firing live ammunition upwards where it could easily stray from the intended target," she stated in the letter. "Given how densely populated Carrboro is, discharging any firearm within town limits puts people at risk."

Carrboro town ordinance forbids the discharging of firearms within the town's borders.

"No person may discharge any pistol, rifle, shotgun or other gun or any air pistol, slingshot or any like instrument used

to eject a pellet or projectile within the town limits," states the ordinance.

Punishment for violating the law is a fine of \$25 to \$500, depending upon the discretion of the judge, plus \$86 for court fees.

Carrboro police Capt. Joel Booker said he had talked to Allen and answered her requests for information about the repeated shootings.

He said offenders could not be arrested, however, unless an officer was in their presence during the act and actually saw them shooting the gun.

"We want to do everything we can to help Mrs. Allen," he said. "But for a misdemeanor like that, an officer has to be in their presence to be able to arrest anyone and bring them before the magistrate to schedule a court date."

In her letter, Allen challenged the board to strengthen gun laws.

"I urge you to please pass an ordinance requiring some jail time, even for

first-time offenders who violate the ordinance," she stated. "Making mandatory jail time for first offenses is not extreme when you consider the consequences of stray bullets hitting someone."

Allen's complaint has led the board to take measures in researching the problem and a solution.

Alderman Mark Dorosin said the board was considering ways they could take her concerns about the shootings into account.

"At the meeting, we asked a town attorney to research and create a memo to give us our options on what we could do to strengthen the ordinance."

Allen stated in her letter that she hoped the board would do something about the shootings.

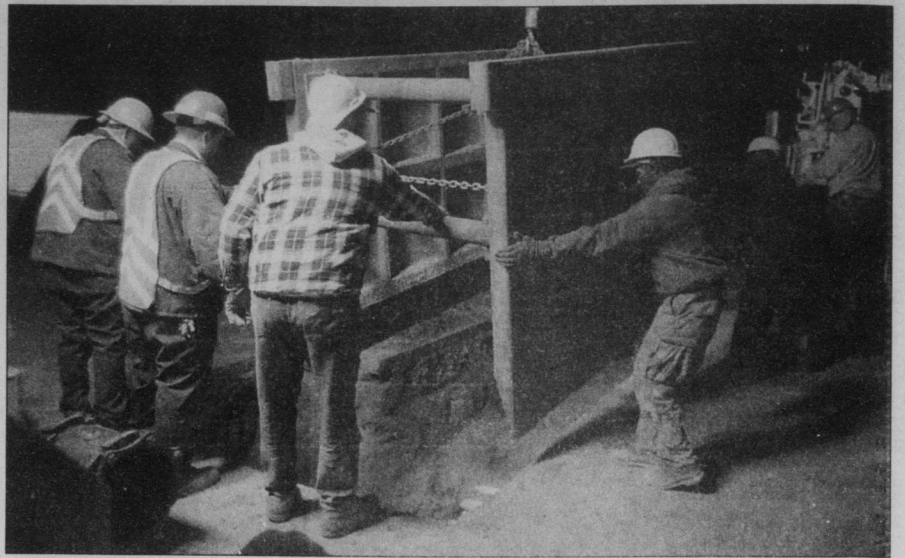
"Mandatory jail time never killed anyone. Stray bullets have."

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JACKIE ALLEN  
Carrboro Resident

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## THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT



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Workers do major construction under Rosemary Street late Wednesday night. The Chapel Hill thoroughfare between Hillsborough and Henderson streets was ablaze with high-power lights and crowded with several employees as Orange County Water and Sewer Authority workers installed a new water line.

# Feminist Pushes for More Campus Activism

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, encouraged students to get involved.

By GEOFF WESSEL  
Staff Writer

A national feminist activist aimed to heighten student awareness of issues such as gender violence and the gap

between men's and women's average salaries Wednesday.

Eleanor Smeal, president and co-founder of the Feminist Majority Foundation, spoke at the School of Social Work as part of her 48-campus tour of U.S. colleges.

Smeal's speech, "Forging Feminism and Fighting the Backlash," brought up a wide range of feminist goals and other aspects of the modern feminist movement.

Smeal, a former president of the

National Organization for Women, said the main goal of her speaking tour was to encourage interest in the upcoming Feminist Expo 2000, to be held in Baltimore, Md., this March.

"Get involved," Smeal urged the audience. "We need you desperately. For this to be a world of social justice and not a world of hate, more people have to get involved."

She stressed that the feminist movement was not over.

"We did not win in the 20th century," she said. "There were some steps forward, but we still need a movement."

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Smeal compared the anti-feminist backlash of the religious right in America to the Taliban militia in

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ELEANOR SMEAL  
President, Feminist Majority Foundation

Afghanistan, which confines women to their homes and deprives them of many human rights such as education.

She said the main goals of her non-profit organization were to end the Afghanistan gender apartheid and to protect women's access to birth control and abortion.

The FMF is also committed to getting

U.S. ratification of the U.N. Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women, a document that only five other countries have not yet signed.

Smeal spoke about the injustice of society's marginalization of minorities and the poor as well as women. She mentioned the fight against sweatshops, saying that most did not realize factories were also divided on gender lines, with female workers separated and earning even lower wages.

Senior psychology major David Chapman, one of a handful of men in the audience of about 100, said he was surprised by the impact the speech had on him.

"I hadn't expected to be this inspired," Chapman said. "We shouldn't really consider it just a women's movement anymore, but instead a movement towards justice in general. The religious, political and economic issues she talked about affect us all."

Smeal said men would be more active if they knew more about the movement.

"Equality is when everybody gets behind it," Smeal said. "Women and men should work together to eliminate injustice."

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## Campus Calendar

Today

noon - Students United for a Responsible Global Environment will be collecting donations of food, clothing and medical supplies for Iraqi citizens under U.N. sanctions. The public is invited to bring donations.

5:30 p.m. - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its general body meeting in Union 210. Those interested in joining are welcome to attend.

6:15 p.m. - The UNC Journal of Social Science and History will be having photos taken for the Yackety Yack in Union 108. Those students who are a part of the staff and would like their photo taken are welcome.

7 p.m. - GROWISE will hold a benefit dinner in the Great Hall of the Student Union. The proceeds generated by food, prizes and swing dance lessons will go toward women's education. Tickets are \$5 in the Pit and \$6 at the door. The public is welcome.

7:30 p.m. - The Campaign to End the Death Penalty will hold a meeting in 357 Hamilton Hall. All those interested in joining are welcome.

### For the Record

The Feb. 9 article "Diversity Tops Forum Talk," should have stated that student body president candidate Brad Matthews only said, "Minorities are underrepresented on our campus." The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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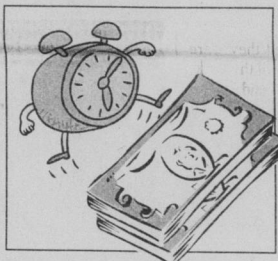


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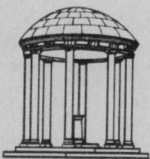
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