



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

**Continuance Granted
In Local Murder Trial**

The courts have granted a continuance in the trial of a former UNC student accused of murdering a Raleigh man on New Year's Day.

Michael Jordan Cruz, 23, of 2738 New Bold Drive in Raleigh was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Michael Gregory Crosby, 21, of Raleigh. Cruz was scheduled to appear in Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough last Friday, but the district attorney's office requested a delay in order to do further investigation.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said the probable cause hearing would be rescheduled for March 17. "There is still some information that officers need to follow up on," Fox said.

Crosby's body was found by a construction worker at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority plant on Mason Farm Road on the morning of Jan. 1.

Court records state that Crosby had been shot in the head four times with a .32 caliber weapon.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said Cruz was arrested Jan. 12 after coming to the police department for questioning.

**Police Still Searching
For Suspect in Robbery**

An unidentified man entered a local bank Friday and presented a threatening note to the teller demanding money, reports state.

The incident occurred at about 12:50 p.m. at the State Employee Credit Union located at 310 Pittsboro St.

There were no injuries, reports state. Police have no suspects at this time.

**Play Company to Open
New Season in March**

Wordshed Productions is scheduled to begin its third season in March with American Fiction, a stage-adaptation of three short stories by 20th century American writers John Cheever, Lee Smith and Jack London.

The plays will explore issues of gender, partnership and the search for meaning in a world that has no meaning. Sarah Whalen, a graduate student in performance studies at UNC-Chapel Hill will perform.

For a reservation or further information, call 969-7121.

**CAPS to Offer Group
For Assault Victims**

University Counseling and Psychological Service (CAPS) is forming a group to help women learn to cope with sexual assault. The group, which is free and confidential, will address issues like safety, trust, anger, esteem and intimacy.

The group meets from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and will begin Feb. 24. A pregroup consultation is required. For more information, call 966-3658.

**UNC Grabs 10th Place
In Peace Corps Listing**

The University ranks 10th on the annual list of colleges with the highest number of graduates who had volunteered for overseas service through the Peace Corps.

UNC, which is up from 15th place in 1999, had 61 graduates and was the only N.C. school on the corps list.

University of Wisconsin-Madison topped the list for the second consecutive year with 117 graduates serving.

**Two Faculty Members
To Lecture This Week**

Two University professors will discuss various topics this week in Chapel Hill and the Research Triangle Park.

On Feb. 22, John Covach, associate professor of music, will discuss peer learning in a speech titled "I Feel the Air of Other Planets: Mysticism in Early 20th Century Music" at Brinkley Memorial Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Ted Blostein at 933-5682.

At 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23, Keith Wailoo, assistant professor of social medicine, will address "The Biography of Disease: Historical Perspectives on Medicine, Technology and American Society" at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park. For information, call Jennifer Anderson at 541-2475.

Carolina Speakers, a University program, arranged the lectures. The program began as a statewide outreach effort in 1993 and offers 83 leading faculty member and four student scholars to share their expertise on more than 100 topics.

From Staff Reports

Officials Debate Academic Schedule

By DERICK MATTERN
Staff Writer

Officials wrestled Friday to reconcile systemwide scheduling rules with the realities of the University's operations.

The UNC-system General Administration mandates that its schools have 75 class days each semester. But as officials prepared a 2001-02 academic calendar for the chancellor's OK, they said the rule interfered with freshman programs and academic evaluations.

Members of the Faculty/Student Calendar Committee flipped through department calendars and crunched dates in computer programs to find a way to balance necessary programs with General Administration requirements.

An hour and a half later, the committee finally agreed — although with some grumbling — on a proposal to send to the Chancellor's Cabinet today or Tuesday.

In October, the General Administration will accept or reject the Cabinet's recommendation.

As it stands now, the proposal suggests that freshmen attend classes on summer reading assignments and the Carolina Computing Initiative on Aug. 20 to qualify that Monday as an instruction day. This will allow the Monday to be counted toward the 75-day mandate, but without requiring students to actually go to class.

Scheduling the first day of classes then — a day after the end of C-TOPS — would have left no available weekdays for freshmen to take necessary place-

ment exams, said Carolyn Cannon, associate dean of the General College.

But if the class day were tacked onto the end of the semester, staff who evaluate students' academic eligibility would have difficulty finishing on time, said University Registrar David Lanier, the committee's chairman.

Although alternatives such as weekends, breaks and holidays were considered to make up the Monday classes the

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**Allegations
Spur EMS
Shortages**

**Harassment charges against
EMS Chief Ray deFries led
many workers to resign by
claiming moral grounds.**

By KELLIE DIXON
Staff Writer

In the wake of serious shortages at the Orange County EMS and Rescue Squad, former volunteers have come forth with allegedly mishandled charges of sexual harassment which prompted their resignations.

In response to a Feb. 15 DTH article regarding EMS shortages, Mark McCullough, former assistant chief for the rescue squad, sent an e-mail which alleged that three-fourths of personnel had left in February 1999 on moral grounds because of an inappropriately handled sexual harassment claim.

McCullough and the four other team members who resigned alleged that the Orange EMS and Rescue Squad Board of Directors mishandled a sexual harassment claim involving a former female staffer and EMS Chief Ray deFries. "I was one of the 'qualified' personnel forced to leave last year on moral grounds for failure to address this heinous problem," McCullough said.

On Feb. 28, 1999, a letter was brought before the board by a female volunteer accusing deFries of sexual harassment.

The victim refused to allow her name to appear, but under the condition of anonymity, she allowed the use of her letter. The woman stated that she worked a volunteer night shift with deFries, and throughout the evening, he allegedly made lewd sexual comments such as, "You know that if you have sex with me, no one would ever have to know."

But around the time the board examined the claim, Orange County Rescue and South Orange Rescue Squad merged, which allowed the sexual harassment charge to be dismissed, McCullough said. Since then, at least five members of the EMS team have publicly resigned, leaving a gap in employment and resignees questioning the board's action.

Alan Howe, a former rescue training lieutenant, said the incidents made it difficult for him to perform his duties and eventually led to his resignation.

"The net result of the board was to keep Ray as chief," Howe said. "I considered that to be a potential threat to other squad members."

Sandor Balogh, a member of the EMS Board of Directors, refused to comment on the board's action on the issue. He would only state that the matter had been resolved.

DeFries and others refute McCullough's claims.

DeFries denied that any harassment on his part had taken place. He said no legal action was pending regarding the sexual harassment issue, and as far as the alleged drop in EMS numbers, he offered this explanation. "I can't say if the decline was any worse this year than last year," he said. "We always have a crunch time when students are graduating."

Matthew Mauzy, a volunteer captain with the Orange County EMS and Rescue Squad, said McCullough was wrong about the sexual harassment claims and would not comment on them. "(McCullough) has been a continual problem," Mauzy said. "He's a former member of the squad who quit and there is not a suit pending."

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An Underground Tradition

PHOTOS AND STORY BY
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Turn down Amber Alley, walk a few paces down the damp stones and into a Chapel Hill dining institution.

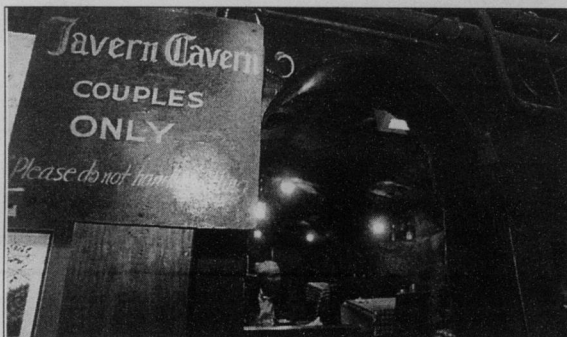
The Rathskeller began serving up bowls of its famous gooey lasagna and the perfunctory iceberg lettuce salad in 1947, and save for a brief two week period this past December, it has not closed its doors since.

On the evening of the UNC-Duke basketball game three weeks ago, the Rathskeller was packed with visiting alumni and families hungry for the baby-back rib special and a victory against Duke (below, right).

Waitstaff rushed to fill tables, seating guests in the cosy "Tavern Cavern" (below), a romantically lit dining room reserved for lovebirds.

David Blackwell has waited tables for 36 years (right). Loyalty to the Rathskeller is a given as the mean term of employment hovers around 25 years.

Waiters as experienced as Blackwell serve like clockwork, dashing around their tables to take orders almost as fast as the chefs in the kitchen flash-grill a sizzling steak.



A five-part series of photo essays taking a look at the people and places that make our local area unique.



3 ECHHS Students Face Felony Charges

By KATHLEEN WIRTH
Assistant City Editor

A lunchtime brawl at an off-campus parking lot landed one East Chapel Hill High School student in serious condition Friday afternoon at UNC Hospitals and three others behind bars.

Police arrested and charged Arthur Partlow, 16, of 1060 Apt. B-2, N.C. 54, Chase Park; Torrey Jamall Lassiter, 16, of 105-B Bright Sun Place; and Michael Cooper, 16, of 502-C Sykes St., each with one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury.

According to police reports, Rodney Carrier, 17, of 116 Shadowood Drive, was beaten unconscious and suffered severe lacerations. He was upgraded

from serious to fair condition by late Sunday afternoon.

Police said a small group gathered Friday during lunch at the Cedar Falls Park parking lot, across from the school's campus on Weaver Dairy Road.

A brawl soon ensued, and school officials were alerted to the fight after teacher Mary Jones intervened.

ECHHS Principal David Thaden said rumors circulated Friday morning

that the boys were not getting along with Carrier. "One teacher said she heard (rumors) about the fight," he said. "But in a school of 1,000 students, it's hard to keep track of 66 different things."

Thaden said that the school's crisis team would talk to students, and that he planned to send a letter to parents. "We have a full day planned," he said. "We're trying to re-establish a sense of safety at the school

and address any concerns students have."

The boys are being held in lieu of a \$20,000 secured bond at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough, reports state. They are scheduled to appear at 9 a.m. today in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.



Police charged East Chapel Hill High School student Michael Cooper with one felony count of assault.



East Chapel Hill High School student Torrey Lassiter will appear in Orange County District Court today.



East Chapel Hill High School student Arthur Partlow is being held at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough.

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48 Arrests End Labor Protest

The University of Wisconsin's labor licensing policy sparked a protest aimed at curbing sweatshop labor that ended in student arrests.

By LUCAS FENSKE
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Before the sun rose Sunday morning, baton-waving police wearing gas masks and carrying riot gear arrested 48 protesting University of Wisconsin-Madison students for unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct.

The students have been protesting UW-M's alleged ties to sweatshop labor since Tuesday.

UW-M Student Body President Adam Klaus, a protester, claimed UW-M Chancellor David Ward did not work with students. "We wanted to negotiate," Klaus said. "This came to a head because the chancellor did not respect the students' voices."

But Casey Nagy, assistant to the provost, said the chancellor had given the students numerous

opportunities to discuss the issues.

"They were invited repeatedly (to discuss their concerns), but they rebuffed the offers," he said. "It was time for them to get out of the offices."

The students seized Bascom Hall, which houses UW-M's chancellor's office, to force UW-M administrators to switch from the Fair Labor Association to the Worker Rights Consortium.

Both the FLA and the WRC monitor overseas factories producing athletic gear to protect worker's rights. Critics allege that the FLA is less effective than the WRC.

Nagy said an earlier altercation with the police also caused the protesting students to ask for legal and academic amnesty for themselves and a public apology from the chancellor and the police.

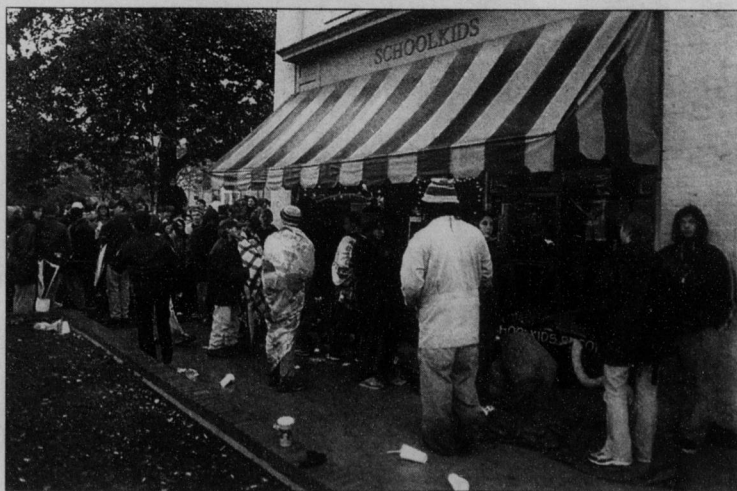
"It is my understanding that the police were in retreat mode (at the time) and were set upon by the students," he said.

Nagy said the chancellor could not grant the protesters amnesty or meet their other demands, but he decided to leave the FLA to join the WRC. He said, "(Ward) went as far as he could and was willing to go outside the governance board."

The UW-M Governance Board, composed of

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SMASHING FANS



Fans line Franklin Street outside Schoolkids Records early Friday morning in hopes for a ticket to the Smashing Pumpkins' show. The concert, held Saturday night at Cat's Cradle, sold out in less than 10 minutes. Many who had waited for hours left empty-handed.

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