



# POLICE ROUNDUP

## University

Monday, Feb. 28

■ An attempted break-in at Carroll Hall was reported at 8:30 a.m. The door to room 305 had pry marks that appeared to have been made by a screwdriver, reports state. According to reports, nothing was stolen.

Saturday, Feb. 26

■ University Police issued a written trespass warning to a suspect after he had already been advised to leave the campus.

Police found the suspect in the breezeway between Graham and Aycock residence halls and asked him to leave the premises, reports state. When the suspect was again seen sitting outside Davis Library, the police issued a formal written warning.

Friday, Feb. 25

■ A gas leak was discovered from a line leading from Taylor Hall. According to reports, a cracked pipe leading into the building was releasing gas.

A portion of Mason Farm Road was closed while the Chapel Hill Fire Department, the Public Service Gas Co. and UNC Department of Public Safety responded to the situation.

Public Service was able to clamp the gas line shut until further repairs could be made. The fire department then determined the situation was under control, reports state.

■ A physical assault was reported at Lenoir Dining Hall at 9:15 a.m.

A verbal disagreement between two Carolina Dining Services employees escalated to physical blows, reports state. The victim was struck twice by his alleged assailant.

Both men voluntarily accompanied officers to the magistrate's office, reports state. A criminal summons was issued to the alleged transgressor to appear in court.

■ A resident of Hinton James Residence Hall reported that she received harassing phone calls at 1 a.m. The messages were left on the victim's answering machine and were explicit and sexual in nature, reports state.

According to reports, the victim said the suspect was a friend of an ex-boyfriend. When contacted, the ex-boyfriend denied any knowledge of the phone calls and gave the address of the suspect. The suspect could not be reached, reports state.

## City

Sunday, Feb. 27

■ Police arrested a fugitive early Sunday evening in Orange County.

Police reports said Pezullo Marshall Scurlock of Silk Hope was caught after being declared missing from state correctional facilities. Scurlock was previously arrested and imprisoned for an undisclosed crime.

Chapel Hill police were acting upon a state request from the Department of Corrections. With his break from authorities, Scurlock has been charged with another felony count.

He is being held in Orange County Jail in Hillsborough without a posted bond.

■ A Hillsborough resident was arrested for vehicular larceny early Sunday morning.

At 3:40 a.m., Patrick Leroy Crisp of 10 Whitted Forest Apartments in Hillsborough was arrested and charged with three felony counts stemming from a stolen car, police reports state. Crisp was charged with speeding in order to elude officers, larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen car — all felonies.

Crisp allegedly took a red 1996 BMW from 133 W. Franklin St. When police caught up to the speeding vehicle, Crisp failed to stop, lost control of the car and ended the chase on foot. He was found hiding in a nearby treeline adjacent to N.C. 86, reports state. The vehicle was removed from the scene and impounded at Chapel Hill police headquarters.

Crisp is being held at Orange County Jail in Hillsborough in lieu of a \$10,000 secured bond.

Saturday, Feb. 26

■ Carrboro police are searching for an unknown perpetrator in connection with a robbery.

Reports stated that at 3:37 a.m., an intruder broke into Elmo's Diner, breaking a window and forcibly entering the business. Police responded to an alarm activation at the site and entered the diner, finding broken glass on the floor. The glass door to the beverage cooler was found slightly ajar with one beer missing. The cash register was found open, but no money was stolen.

# Council OKs Speedier Sprinkler Review

By AMY DOBSON  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council took a step forward Monday night in the installation of sprinkler systems at all UNC fraternity and sorority houses.

Council members granted the fraternity and sorority houses expedited review, which would afford them more time to implement sprinkler systems by waiving the lengthy approval procedure and allowing renovations to proceed immediately.

After the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity

house was destroyed by fire in 1996, killing five students, the council enacted an ordinance requiring automatic sprinkler systems to be installed in each Greek house by fall 2001.

Ron Binder, UNC director of Greek affairs, and Aaron Nelson, coordinator of local relations, issued the request to the council in early January.

Binder said the procedure a renovation application had to go through for approval could take up to six months — an amount of time fraternities and sororities could not afford to wait out.

"The six months that it would nor-

mally take to obtain a permit needs to be used by the fraternities and sororities for renovating," Binder said. "(Without expedited review) it is very difficult for groups doing renovation."

Council member Joyce Brown expressed enthusiasm over the passage of the application prior to the meeting.

"I doubt very seriously that there is any opposition," Brown said.

Council member Flicka Bateman echoed this sentiment. She said there was a pressing need for sprinkler systems in fraternity and sorority houses.

"I can't imagine why anyone would oppose this," she said. "We need to move with all necessary speed to install these safety precautions. We can't afford to not install these sprinklers."

Chapel Hill Fire Marshall Caprice Mellon stressed the importance of sprinkler systems, especially in the wake of fire tragedies in Chapel Hill and across the country.

"Sprinkler systems are extremely effective," she said. "A fire can be contained by the activation of one sprinkler head alone."

Mellon also said sprinklers were needed even if a house had a smoke

detector.

"Smoke detectors can give an early warning, but they can't put out the fire," she said. "You must have sprinklers to be absolutely sure of your safety."

Binder said approval of expedited review was necessary and beneficial to the community. "We received a lot of positive reassurances from the Chapel Hill planning department," he said. "Everyone realizes that the expedited review will be a win-win situation."

The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.



DTH/KATHERINE EAKER

Chapel Hill police officer Everett Johnson earned his new promotion as police captain in early February after undergoing extensive testing and interviews. His promotion makes him the highest-ranking black officer in the history of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

# Captains Eager to Begin New Programs

By AMY DOBSON  
Staff Writer

Two Chapel Hill police officers recently earned promotions, making one the highest ranking black officer in the department's history.

Everett Johnson and Bob Overton, with 29 years of combined experience, were promoted to captain after undergoing an extensive five-part selection process in early February.

Johnson, 40, said he was proud to be the first black captain but said race was

not an issue.

"A lot of people have paved the road for me," he said. "The main issue is the work ahead of me."

Overton, 38, also selected for the position, said the promotion carried with it increased responsibilities.

"I have a lot more authority," he said. "There is also more writing and public speaking."

Maj. Gregg Jarvis said seven of the eight lieutenants at the department applied for the two available captain positions.

Candidate selections were based on their performance in five exercises including an oral interview, a research paper, a role-play activity and a community presentation. "The candidates needed good reasoning and speaking skills to excel throughout the promotion process," Jarvis said.

Five different boards, each consisting of three Chapel Hill citizens selected by the department, critiqued the candidates on the five exercises. Afterward, they prepared recommendations for Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph, who made

the final decision.

Johnson and Overton have not yet been assigned their new duties. However, Pendergraph will appoint one to the patrol division and the other to the investigations division.

"We won't know exactly what responsibilities we will have until we know what division we will oversee," Johnson said.

The newly promoted captains both expressed excitement and anticipation

See CAPTAINS, Page 6

See HONOR COURT, Page 6

# BSM Taps 2000 Executive Board

By LAUREN BEAL  
Assistant University Editor

Four newly elected students will have the chance to lead the Black Student Movement next year.

BSM members elected Tyra Moore as president, Jokena Smith as vice president, Joycelyn Curry as secretary and Kimberly Johnson as treasurer at Thursday's elections.

The new Executive Board members will take office April 6 and serve through the 2001 school year.

Moore, a junior from Charlotte, said she wanted to serve as president to continue the tradition of the group holds.

"I see the BSM as a very important organization, for especially minority stu-

dents, but also for the campus as a whole," said Moore, who now serves as an executive assistant and worked as co-chairwoman of the political action committee in the fall.

Moore highlighted the current Executive Board's work to bring BSM committees and subgroups together as an accomplishment she planned to continue.

As president, she said she wanted to continue to work closely with the Office of Minority Affairs and to encourage voter registration and education.

Moore's goals also include rejoining the fight to save affirmative action and bringing more speakers such as Johnnie Cochran to campus.

BSM President Chris Faison issued a

statement commending the new officers. "This Executive Board is fresh in new faces, ideals and executive experience," he said. "I believe they will continue to revitalize the strength and integrity of the Black Student Movement."

In addition to the four students elected Thursday, two others will work as executive assistant and parliamentarian to constitute the total Executive Board.

The positions are appointed by the incoming president, usually by the second or third week of March. The new executive assistant and parliamentarian will take office with the other members April 6.

The University Editor can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

# Rabies Case Causes Alarm for County

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Following Orange County's first reported rabies case of 2000, animal control officials were quick to stress that the deadly disease's threat had not existed the area.

The Orange County Animal Control reported the year's first rabies incident after picking up a rabid raccoon near Palmers Grove Road last week.

Animal Control Director John Sauls said rabies would persist in Orange County despite safe confinement of the diseased raccoon, which was found dead.

"Everyone should know that rabies is

here," he said. "People want to think that rabies will go away, but it won't."

Rabies is a virus that attacks an animal's brain, leading to disorientation and then potential death. The strain that hit the raccoon population first appeared in Orange County in the summer of 1996 and then spread to other animals.

Other wild, land-dwelling animals, such as foxes, skunks and cat species, have also been known to contract the disease, but Sauls said raccoons were the primary carriers in the area.

The 106 reported cases of rabies in Orange County in 1997 signaled the peak of the epidemic. The number of rabies accounts has declined since then,

## Take a Bite

After peaking in 1997, the number of rabies accounts has declined in the area.

Year	Rabies Cases
1996*	18
1997	106
1998	39
1999	9
2000**	1

Rabies cases in land animals, not bats.  
\*Records for 1996 show only 6 months worth of data  
\*\*Since January 2000

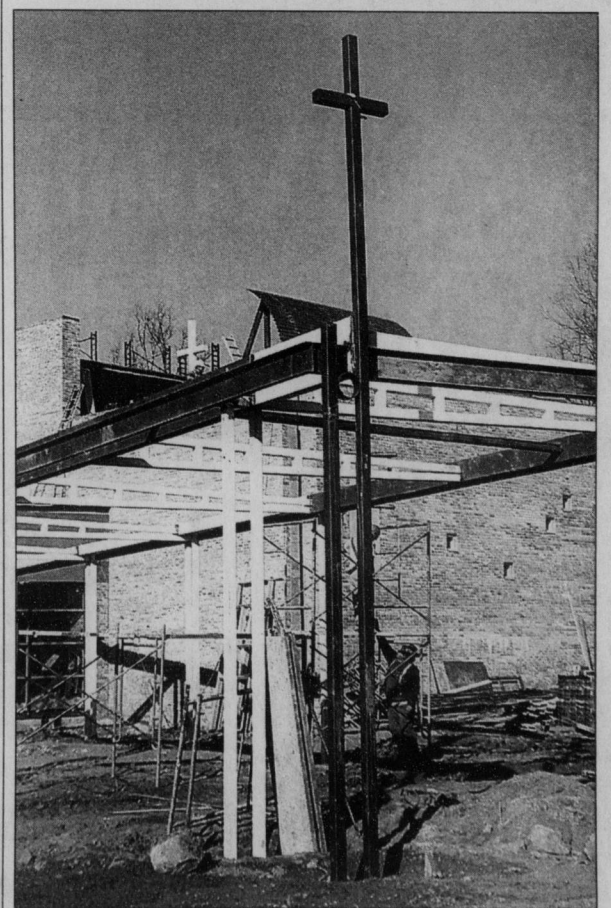
SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

with 39 cases in 1998 and nine cases in 1999.

Sauls said the diminishing reports indicated a beginning pattern of peaks and valleys. He said the trend had very little to do with the seasons, as rabies

See RABIES, Page 6

# MORE ROOM FOR WORSHIP



DTH/ALISON DOMNAS

Work continues on the United Church of Chapel Hill, located off Airport Road. The \$5 million project, which is slated for completion by April, will add 30,000 square feet to the church. See story Page 6