



POLICE ROUNDUP

Man Gets Court Date For Carrboro Blaze

Orange County Superior Court has scheduled an April 11 hearing for Thomas Thurber, 53, of 302 Knolls Street in Chapel Hill. Thurber is being charged with malicious use of an explosive or incendiary device.

Jim Woodall, assistant district attorney for Orange County, said Thurber was scheduled to appear in court on Monday, but a grand jury indictment on March 20 precipitated the need for a hearing.

The indictment stems from a fire Thurber allegedly set to a former hotel under renovation on North Merritt Mill Road in Carrboro on the morning of Aug. 30. The blaze took one hour and 15 minutes to extinguish and injured one firefighter.

Girl Returned to Mom After Court Battle

District Court Judge Pat DeVine ordered that Hailey Bogue be returned to her mother immediately last Friday.

Tara Christie, Hailey's mother, told DeVine that she was willing to amend her lifestyle from serving as a night-shift waitress to attending a community college, in an attempt to spend more time with her kids.

Concerns have been raised by the Chatham County Department of Social Services questioning Christie's ability to raise her children.

Oscar Bogue, Hailey's father, was not available for comment.

Hailey Bogue was lost on Jan. 17 in one of the worst snowstorms ever to strike Orange County. She was found the following day and was transported to UNC Hospitals in critical condition. She was released from the hospital the following week.

University

Monday, March 27

■ A Department of Athletics employee reported that at 11:30 a.m., the front wheel cap on his car was missing.

Police reports state that when the man parked his vehicle in the PVA lot at 7 a.m., all four of his wheel caps were on the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time, reports state.

Sunday, March 26

■ Three fire extinguisher boxes were damaged in Morrison Residence Hall.

According to police reports, the boxes were located on the seventh, eighth and ninth floors. One fire extinguisher was discharged on the ninth floor in suite area 915-918. The extinguisher was discovered and reported by the resident assistant.

According to police reports, the estimated damage is \$150.

Friday, March 24

■ A Department of English employee reported that he parked his vehicle in the S5 lot and when he came back to his car, his UNC permit was missing. Reports state that the car was unlocked.

■ A resident of Hinton James Residence Hall reported that an unknown subject shattered the driver's side window of his vehicle, but the window did not break.

According to reports, he was parked in lower Hinton James parking lot. The damage is estimated at \$200.

■ Officer W.M. Hilliard found the passenger side window broken out of a vehicle of a student living in Winston Residence Hall. The contents of the glove box were emptied onto the floor. The victim stated that none of the property was missing.

City

Saturday, March 25

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a man for causing a disturbance at a local apartment complex.

Christopher Bryan Hooker, 23, of 313 Warehouse Apartments was arrested on misdemeanor charges of assault with a deadly weapon, simple assault and littering, reports stated.

The UNC student was confronted after throwing beer cans out of his apartment window. When the employees of the complex gained Hooker's attention, he continued to throw items out of his window at the employees.

Reports state that two employees attempted to talk with Hooker at the front door of his apartment. He met the employees carrying a shotgun and started threatening them.

Hooker was held at Orange County Jail in Hillsborough and released into the custody of his girlfriend.

His court date has been set for April 17 at the District Court in Hillsborough.

BOT Gives Librarians Salary Boost

By JASON ARTHURS
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees added UNC librarians to the list of faculty who stand to benefit from the proposed tuition increase to boost faculty salaries.

The BOT unanimously approved a proposal Friday to make UNC librarians eligible for money generated by the tuition increase proposed for fall 2000.

The proposal before the N.C. General Assembly includes a \$600 tuition increase over the next two years to fund faculty salaries.

"We rank way down in librarian salaries," said BOT Chairwoman Anne Cates. "It is something to be concerned about."

Library Director Joe Hewitt said UNC's average librarian salary was 80th

on the list of 110 research libraries ranked by the Association of Research Libraries. He said UNC could move up as much as 20 spots in that ranking when the salaries were raised.

"This will close the gap but this won't bring us up to where (our peer universities) are," Hewitt said. "It's hard to say just what it will do as far as rankings, but it's certainly going to help."

Eileen McGrath, a UNC librarian and president of the Librarians Association, pointed out that UNC librarian salaries were at the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

Duke University placed 21st on the recent ARL rankings and N.C. State University was 45th.

Low librarian salaries have caused some problems with recruiting specialized professionals in the last 15 years,

Hewitt said. "We're not very competitive for a lot of the higher-level positions."

Hewitt said recruiting had been a bigger problem than retaining current librarians.

But he said faculty in more technical areas often took jobs at competing universities for other reasons.

McGrath said that although the Chapel Hill community traditionally enticed many librarians to stay, she had seen money become more of an issue of concern in the last 15 years with faculty leaving for better job offers from other schools — a problem that many say plagues the University.

"The library has benefited from the fact that Chapel Hill is a great place," McGrath said. "As attractive as Chapel Hill is, most (librarians) are going to go for (a job that offers) \$20,000 more a

year."

The UNC Librarians Association, whose members include professional librarians from the three major libraries and other department libraries, has been petitioning University officials for several years to make them aware of low librarian salaries, McGrath said.

"When these rankings come out, (the Librarians Association) normally writes the provost and the chancellor to let them know how bad we are," she said.

McGrath said while she was pleased with the BOT's support, there was still a lot of progress to be made.

"This is the first big step forward for having salaries comparable to the professional nature of the work."

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Weaving That Small-Town Feeling



Intimate and progressive, Carrboro's Weaver Street Market fulfills a market niche by selling quality food with a social and environmental conscience.

Weaver Street Market is an independent cooperative grocery store where consumers can become member-owners who elect a Board of Directors and receive discounts and other benefits.

In the realm of consumer-owned stores, the market's expanding store size and profit-driven success continues to

lure customers who quickly become regulars.

Weaver Street's front lawn serves as Carrboro's unofficial Town Square, hosting Sunday jazz brunches and other events.

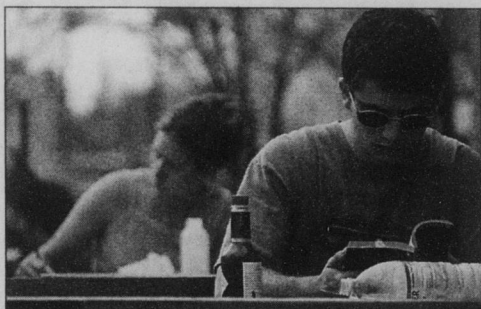
Both workers, such as Steve Seta (below), and customers speak in almost reverent tones about the friendly, supportive and knowledgeable atmosphere that lures them away from the corporate supermarket on the other side of the Carr Mill Mall parking lot.

Locally grown colorful produce, bulk grains, herbs and a wide variety of beers, wines, cheeses and fresh-from-the-oven breads tempt the senses.

Meanwhile, homeopathic medicines, a focus on local producers and a cafe-deli with indoor and outdoor seating, where UNC-grad Peter Grimes reads (left), lend a European air to Weaver Street.

The mainstream and organic foods often come at a higher price, but to many health- and socially conscious customers, it's worth it.

Breadmaker Casey Perry (above) said of his Old World-style breads, "If it's gonna be good, it's gonna take time."



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Women's Issues Spirit of Week

By HARMONY JOHNSON
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Lectures, roundtable discussions and celebrations will dominate the third annual Carolina Women's Week.

The events aim to promote awareness of women's issues and to highlight their accomplishments, said Kathryn Kooistra, co-chairwoman of Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention and a Women's Week committee member.

"Hopefully, the effect will be that people will see these issues not just as women's issues, but as problems society is facing in general," Kooistra said. "We hope that people will start taking women's issues seriously."

"Hopefully, it will be a catalyst for change, and people will speak out about things that are wrong."

This week's events kicked off with a poetry reading sponsored by women's literary group Shakespeare's Sister and a "Happy Body Day" celebration in the Bull's Head Bookshop.

"(Happy Body Day) was a celebration of the way you look and not trying to look like the women the media portrays," said senior Tasha Venters, a Women's Week committee member.

Monday's events ended with an opening reception of the "Breaking Silence" art exhibit in the Carolina Union Gallery. The interactive exhibit features the stories of sexual assault sur-

vivors, including the story of 1999 UNC graduate Alyssa Wilson, who was assaulted on campus. Wilson will speak at the Take Back the Night rally at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Pit.

The keynote address by author and minister Marcia Dyson at 8 p.m. today is a highlight of the week, Venters said.

"I heard she's a phenomenal woman and a controversial speaker, especially about women and religion," she said.

Other events include a "Menstruation Celebration" on Wednesday in the Pit, "Stop the Violence Day" on Thursday and an Outstanding Women Awards ceremony Friday in the Union Gallery.

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37 Groups Gear Up for Women's Week

Campus organizations are joining forces to spread awareness of women's issues such as preventing sexual assault. For a complete list of events visit www.unc.edu/campus/signs/women.

March 28

■ 6:30 p.m., 105 Gardner Hall — "Exposing Pornography: A Feminist Perspective": a slide show by student Rebecca Whisnant.

March 29

■ 10 a.m. to dark, the Pit — "Menstruation Celebration": a celebration of women's bodies, health and fertility. Herbalist Joyce Staman will speak.

March 30: Stop the Violence Day

■ 3 p.m., Moore-Van Allen Room of School of Law — Law school open house for undergraduates

■ 4 p.m., School of Law Rotunda — "Supreme Court Watch: Violence Against Women Act, Civil Rights Remedy": a presentation by Risa Kaufman, attorney for NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.

■ 7:30 p.m., the Pit — Take Back the Night rally, march and vigil.

March 31

■ 1 p.m., Carolina Union Gallery — discussion of "Breaking Silence" exhibit

SOURCE: CAROLINA WOMEN'S WEEK COMMITTEE

Purdue Students on Hunger Strike; Toronto Activists Silenced

By KRISTINA CASTO
Staff Writer

Students and administrators at universities across North America are moving toward drastic strategies in their struggle over labor rights.

Student activists at the University of Toronto ended a 10-day occupation of an administration building Monday, during which administrators played music by the Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls and AC/DC as a sleep-deprivation tactic for protesters.

Students who participate in demonstrations in Toronto have been told their degrees may be withheld, said Denise Hammond, member of Students Against Sweatshops-Canada.

Also on Monday, student protesters

at Purdue University embarked on a hunger strike. The strike aims to call attention to administrative inaction on choosing a monitoring service, said Marikah Mancini, member of the Purdue Students Against Sweatshops.

Last month, police in riot gear removed University of Wisconsin-Madison students from an administrative building. They were protesting the school's choice of apparel monitoring groups — arresting 54 students and community activists in the process.

Todd Pugatch, a member of UNC's Students for Economic Justice, said administrators were dealing more harshly with students involved in anti-sweatshop protests than in previous years. University protesters took over South Building for three days last April,

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JOSEPH BENNETT

Purdue Vice President of University Relations

demanding full disclosure of factory locations. "Last year's relations between students and administrators were surprisingly cordial despite the fact that students were taking over buildings," Pugatch said. "This year, things have changed — there hasn't been the congeniality."

While in some cases administrators

seem to be responding more harshly to student sit-ins, Pugatch acknowledged that students themselves have been staging different kinds of protests.

At the crux of the sweatshop monitoring debate and of the UNC labor fight is the policies of two rival associations — the Worker Rights Consortium and the Fair Labor Association.

The FLA is a Clinton administration-sponsored monitoring group made up of corporations, labor unions, human rights and consumer rights groups, while the WRC is an group organized by students, international labor rights advocates and groups who pulled out of the FLA last year.

Last week, a UNC labor committee recommended to the chancellor that the University keep ties with both groups.

But whether student protests will yield results is still a dubious question.

Joseph Bennett, Purdue vice president of university relations, said the hunger strike would not affect the university's decision on sweatshop monitoring. "The students can conduct their activity as long as they don't violate any rules of the university," Bennett said.

Pugatch attributed increasingly tense relations between student activists and administrators at some schools to frustration over how monitoring decisions have been made. "Students overwhelmingly make up the University community, but they have a very small voice — if any — in major decision-making."

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