

### POLICE ROUNDUP

#### University

#### Monday, April 17

■ According to police reports, UNC senior Adam Bruce Wall of 739 Homeplace Drive, Apt. 2, was arrested at 306-A W. Franklin St. and charged with assault with a deadly weapon

inflicting serious injury.

Reports state that there was an assault called in at the Carolina Inn parking lot. Upon the officers' arrival, witnesses gave out a description of the suspect. The officers located the suspect at Gumby's Pizza on West Franklin

Witnesses came to the scene and identified the party as the suspect. Wall was taken into custody and taken before the magistrate at the Chapel Hill Police Department.

He was charged and released on a

promise to appear in court.

Timmy Dante Person, a resident of 505 1/2 Womble St., Siler City, was arrested on a misdemeanor count of failure to yield to a pedestrian at a cross-

According to police reports, the subject was placed under arrest and trans-ported to the magistrate's office and subsequently released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court at 9 a.m. June 20.

#### Sunday, April 16

■ The glass of the fire alarm boxes was shattered on floors one through six of Carmichael Residence Hall, reports

A water fountain was smashed on the fourth floor, and a water fountain was ripped from the wall on the sixth floor.

No further information is available at

#### Saturday, April 15

■ A UNC student suffered a mild seizure in Woollen Gym, according to Orange County Emergency Medical

Reports state that when an officer to remember anything prior to her seizure. The victim was transported to Student Health Service for an evaluation.

#### City

#### Sunday, April 16

■ Three men were arrested Sunday morning in connection with an assault on a Chapel Hill man.

Antoine Chad Edwards, of 101 Cooper St., and Ben Uhlenberg and Rodney Eugene Oldham, both living on the streets of Chapel Hill, were arrested for a misdemeanor aggravated

assault at 1:53 a.m., reports state.

Chapel Hill police responded to a loud disturbance in front of the town's public housing complex.
As police officials were leaving the

the victim of the assault approached the officers.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the victim explained that he was beaten and kicked in the head and in

the face. Lacerations were visible.

The victim was able to identify the assailants, and arrests were promptly

The three men were taken to Orange County Jail and are being held on \$500 secured bond. A court date has yet to be

■ Orange County Communications contacted Carrboro police in connection with a stolen Carrboro vehicle that was tracked and

Florida Highway Patrol Officer Dean Carol reported to the OCCC that a missing Peugeot had been found on Interstate 95 near Palm Beach.

The vehicle was found by Florida Trooper James Crowley, who said the vehicle was in a dilapidated state.

The car has been towed and is being held at an undisclosed site.

Carrboro officials attempted to contact the suspected owner of the vehicle with no success.

The case is still under investigation.

#### Saturday, April 15

■ A man was assaulted and robbed early Saturday morning while walking

Chapel Hill police said the man was walking down Roberson Street when a silver Dodge minivan pulled up beside

Two men exited the vehicle and approached the victim. One man struck the pedestrian in the head with a lead

pipe.
Chapel Hill police spokeswoman
Jane Cousins stated that the victim fell

to the ground. The robbers searched the man's pockets and took \$180 in cash, police said. Police have no suspects and are continuing to investigate.

# **Students Wary of Moeser's Tuition Tactics**

By Jason Arthurs

Students who led the fight against tuition increases during the fall listened skeptically to Chancellor-elect James Moeser's weekend remarks about the cost of a UNC education.

Moeser's comments, linked with his

opinions concerning tuition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, have caused some students to worry about future tuition increases at UNC.

Moeser said he was ready to take any steps to make UNC the best school in

the nation and to recruit and main-tain top faculty.

"I don't think you can keep (tuition) at rock bottom and be the kind of university you want to be," Moeser said Friday after being officially elected UNC's ninth

chancellor. Moeser hails from Nebraska, a school

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whose tuition is increased yearly based on inflation indexes by the Board of Regents, said Scott Lewis, UNL vice chancellor for Business and Finance. AZG-Raising tuition and faculty salaries is a not a new topic for Moeser, as UNL

has initiated tuition increases between 3 percent and 5.4 percent every year for the past four years.

Lewis said the process of yearly

increases had no immediate connection to Moeser, as it was established before Moeser became chancellor in 1996

This year's battle against a significant tuition increase came after UNC

dropped in national rankings due in part to relatively low faculty salaries.

Former Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner, a leader in this year's fight against the tuition increase, said that from what he had heard Moeser say, he was initially concerned that the new chancellor would favor tuition increases in the future.

"He seemed to couch the issue the way a lot of people did by saying 'It's OK as long as there is financial aid,' but that ignores a sticker-shock issue,

"I think it's great to want to be number one, but we should be striving to be number one in access."

Sandi Chapman, a member of the Coalition for Educational Access - a group formed this year to protest the increase - echoed Conner's concern

about a high "sticker price."

She added that her first impression of Moeser's views was that he was in favor

of a high tuition and high aid model.
"That's a sliding scale," she said. "The

**Child Care** 

**Center May** 

**Shut Down** 

Day-care staff at La Petite

Academy claim they have

addressed safety violations

but face losing their license.

A local child care facility might close

its doors unwillingly after state officials repeatedly found cases of neglect and safety violations over the past several

years.
On Friday, the N.C. Division of Child Development alerted Chapel Hill's La Petite Academy that its license might be revoked.

Talitha Wright, chief of regulatory services for the DCD, said La Petite's

license was in jeopardy because of con-

tinuing problems at the facility, located at 110 Kingston Drive.

"You have to look at the history," she said. "It seems like (La Petite) has some

overriding problems, so (the DCD) decided to take action."

Although the DCD is pushing to

revoke the day-care's license, La Petite regional director Tammy Hicks said

there were no unresolved violations at

the child care center.

"We have been scrutinized closely,

but the most recent violations were cor-rected in two weeks," she said. "We want to satisfy the state's needs." Since 1988, the DCD has noted cases

at La Petite regarding improper staff to child ratios, unlocked medicine cabinets,

unattended children and other violations.

La Petite was put under a two-year probation following an incident in which an unattended child left the facility for 10

minutes. Similar incidents had occurred

of Social Services reported that a teacher at La Petite allegedly bruised a child's

several times prior to the probation Problems continued in August 1999 when the Corange County Department

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT

thing about the current (proposed) See TUITION, Page 4

# **School Violence Saturates Airwaves**

### **Public Pushes** For Limits To Brutality In U.S. Media

By Lucas Fenske

Bang. It's a simple sound. A sound repeated in everything from trailers of the Oscar-winning movie "American Beauty" to commercials for the critically acclaimed television show "Law & Order."

It's the sound of Elmer Fudd shooting at Bugs Bunny, and a marine shooting demons in the computer game "Doom." It's the sound of revolution heard

Columbine:

One Year Later

on CNN and on television

And according to some officials, it's a sound seeping school across the nation, carried there on lengths of the mass media.

A four-part series examining the shooting's aftermath A year ago this week, national attention focused on a suburban high school

in Colorado in part to the intensive

round-the-clock media coverage of

the Columbine shooting.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG F. WALKER/THE DENVER POST

District Attorney David Thomas is surrounded by media during a press conference in Littleton, Colo., after the Columbine High School shootings. Some claim the media played a role in sparking the violent attacks.

The week before the Columbine shooting, only three news shows were ranked in the top 20 slots of the Nielsen Ratings. But during the week of the incident, five news shows were ranked in the top 10 and another four in the top 20.

The news media descended on the school, while parents and the nation watched the horror unfold live on television.

When the shooting ceased and people began to look for answers, parents and others across the nation

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#### News Programs Ranked in the Top 10

Week of 4/12/1999 -	4/18/1999		
Program	Network	Rank	Percentage
60 Minutes	CBS	1	12.7
Dateline (Mon)	NBC 1"	1 10	10
Week of 4/19/1999 -	4/25/1999	north contracts	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY
Program	Network	Rank	Percentage
20/20 (Wed)	ABC	2	12.7
60 Minutes	CBS	5	12.1
Dateline (Fri)	NBC	8	11.7
Dateline (Wed)	NBC	9	11.6
48 Hours	CBS	10	11.0

## Men Campaign to Prevent Sexual Assault

**Events for the White Ribbon** Campaign this week will include a rally featuring football coach Carl Torbush.

By ELIZABETH BREYER

The latest fashion statement on campus this week allows men to make a mark far beyond looking trendy expressing support for the prevention of violence against women.

The second annual White Ribbon Campaign kicked off at UNC on with about 100 men sporting white ribbons and collecting signatures to encourage others to speak out against rape and sexual violence

Our main mission is to really show men working against men who abuse women, and show that this isn't just a Parthasarathy, a member of the White pledge sheets to garner signatures of

Ribbon Campaign planning committee.

The campaign is an international event that began in Canada as a remembrance of a 1989 Montreal mas sacre in which an armed man killed 14

However, Chairman Jesse Moore said the UNC celebration was fitted to specific problems pertinent to the campus.

tailored (the campaign) to address campus needs," he said. "In other places, it may have more focus on domestic cern is sexual assault." our primary con-

The week began with volunteers distributing white ribbons and information about sexual viothose who supported the cause.

Last year, organizers gathered about 1,700 signatures, and they said they hoped for more this year.

Campaign events will continue with a rally on Wednesday afternoon, featuring head football coach Carl Torbush, and a discussion seminar Wednesday night. All of the campaign members are

expected to attend the noon rally, lining up in the Pit in "We want to have men who their T-shirts and ribbons.

"All of the

the cam-

paign as well,'
Moore said.

have been silent for a long time step forward and members coming should make a big show their support." visual image of sol-idarity which will

**BHARATH PARTHASARATHY** White Ribbon Campaign Member

> the discussion would be helpful. "Starting a dialogue is a step in the right direction. Even without solutions, getting people to talk is really great,"

boost

He said he hoped to display the sheets of men's signatures in a visible location after the week ended. Justin Hicks, a sophomore from

Charlotte and a campaign volunteer, said he was getting involved because the issue was one that was close to his heart.
"I have friends who have been vic-

tims, and I was raised to believe in the values (of respecting women)," he said. "One of my teammates brought it up, and it seemed like a good thing to do. Parthasarathy also stressed that vio-

lence against women could happen to anyone, and he said he hoped the campaign would bring visibility to the issue 'A lot of men don't realize the issue

affects their girlfriends, friends, mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers," he said. "We want to have men who have Moore also said been silent for a long time and show their support."

The University Editor can be reached

face while trying to get his attention.

Wright said another serious case occurred in February when La Petite staffers failed to notify caregivers about a child's peanut allergy. A teacher served the child peanut butter, and he

suffered an allergic reaction.

"The incident with the peanuts was a very serious situation," Wright said.

"Obviously, that caused us to look closely at (La Petite's) situation."

Following the allergy incident, DCD officials made an unannounced visit to La Petite in late February, where they found improperly installed playground equipment, no record of monthly fire drills and incomplete staff tuberculosis records.

Wright said the DCD, which usually revokes 12 to 15 licenses a year, would give La Petite officials the chance to dispute the charges.

Hicks said she had scheduled a meeting with state officials for Wednesday, where they would discuss the revocation

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After casting votes during Monday's penny poll at the post office, Chapel Hill residents Mario P. Katona (left) and Dirk Spruy (right) discuss where tax dollars should be spent.

### **Locals Put in Their 10 Cents About U.S. Budget Spending**

By Amy Dobson Staff Writer

Ten cents doesn't buy much these days, but on Monday, a handful of pennies gave many a chance to voice how they would distribute the federal budget.

The Orange County Peace Coalition's penny poll is held annually in front of the Franklin Street post office on the day federal and state taxes are due.

This year, the poll featured several older ladies sporting straw hats and offering passers-by 10 pennies to drop in various jars representing sectors of the federal budget.

Town Council member Joyce Brown said the poll provided a chance to exercise their First Amendment rights, because the results would be sent to N.C. senators and representatives.

"This poll gives the citizens an opportunity to look

at the reality of how tax dollars are spent vs. how they would spend the money themselves," she said. Coalition member Margaret Misch said she

organized the poll to reveal the amount of the federal budget allocated to defense spending.

"People don't know how much of their money is

ing towards the military," she said. "It's more than they want to spend."

The education jar received the most pennies, followed by health care and the environment.

Military, housing and transportation shared fourth place, and the jar labeled "other" (administration, Congress, foreign affairs and judiciary)

received the fewest pennies.

The jars reflected the discrepancy between the opinions of participants and the reality of the fed-

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