

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Tuesday, Sept. 19

■ A female Durham resident reported that her purse was stolen from a third-floor conference room in Wing C of the UNC School of Medicine.

The purse contained an address book, a credit card, Visa card, Belk's charge card, Dillard's charge card, an American Express credit card, a check-book and \$30 cash.

■ An IBM Thinkpad laptop computer was stolen from Carmichael Residence Hall, police reports state.

A female student said she was in a television lounge when she saw five black males enter her suite, reports state.

Reports state that the victim said they were wearing baggy clothes and only stayed in her suite for five minutes.

A witness said she saw the same males enter several suites on the floor, and said they smelled like alcohol, reports state.

Reports state that the laptop is valued at \$3,000.

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■ Bradley Everts, a freshman resident of Hinton James Residence Hall, was arrested for assault on a female, reports state.

Everts was taken to the magistrate but was released on a written promise to appear at a later court date.

No further information was available.

■ At about 11 p.m. a graduate student of UNC's School of Law was served a warrant for arrest on an undisclosed charge at 611-B Hibbard Drive in Odum Village, reports state.

Robert Marion Tatum notified police that he was concealing a 10 mm Colt semi-automatic weapon in the back of his pants.

Tatum was charged for possession of a weapon and brought before the magistrate at the Chapel Hill Police Department.

He was assigned a \$1,000 secure bond for having a concealed weapon on campus.

Tatum is required to appear at court for the first time at 9 a.m. Sept. 19 in the Hillsborough District Court.

City

Wednesday, Sept. 20

■ Carrboro police arrested Jose Julian Ramirez of 200 N.C. 54 Bypass F-207, reports state.

According to reports, he was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, driving while impaired and for not having an operators license.

Reports state that police stopped Ramirez at 310 N. Greensboro St. when the vehicle that had been reported stolen was recognized.

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■ Chapel Hill police arrested Joseph Ellis Herrin of 29 Mt. Bolus Road for careless and reckless driving, driving under the influence and for trying to elude officers.

Police attempted to pull Herrin for speeding and chased him down to a dead end on Mt. Bolus Road when he did not stop.

He was released on a written promise to appear in court.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a report of breaking and entering at Bolinwood Apartments on Umstead Road.

Reports state that a suspect stole about \$1,100 worth of speakers and amplifiers from a truck parked in the Bolinwood parking lot.

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■ Chapel Hill police arrested Johnnie Junior Moore at BW-3 at 206 West Franklin St. for possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of uttering, reports state.

Moore is being held under a secured bond of \$1,000.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a breaking and entering incident at Melville Loop during the morning hours.

The suspect attempted to enter the apartment first through a bedroom window using a pry device, reports state.

According to reports, the suspect then broke out a living room window and entered the residence during the night.

A Toshiba laptop, valued at \$2,500, was taken.

■ Phyllis Ann Jones of 2132 South Roxboro St. was arrested by Chapel Hill police at 1218 Raleigh Road for larceny and possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state.

The suspect was transferred to the Carrboro Police Department and is being held under a \$750 secured bond.

Increased Funding Sought To Combat Juvenile Crime

Last year Orange County sent nine kids to a training school designed to teach personal responsibility.

By AMY DOBSON
Staff Writer

N.C. policymakers held an open discussion Wednesday to brainstorm effective ways to keep youngsters out of trouble.

The N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which hosted a forum at the Friday

Center, oversees detention facilities, or training schools, for adolescents who have committed felonies, as well as counseling programs for those who have committed lesser crimes.

Local officials and employees of juvenile programs came to the public forum to discuss the needs for increased funding and decreased administrative costs so that the department can meet rising demands for services.

Department Secretary George Sweat, who moderated the forum, said Cabinet-level departments should answer to the people's needs for more programs, no matter what method it took to secure funds.

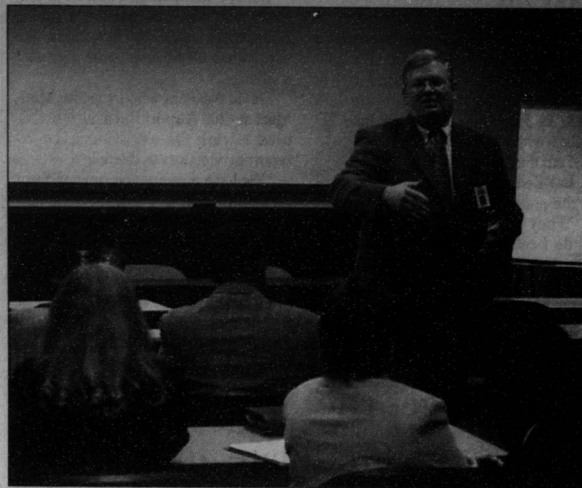
"I want to be responsive to the community," Sweat said.

"I want to move the department in the direction that helps empower the people directly involved in juvenile justice."

According to the department's Web site, North Carolina sent 1,118 youth to training school in 1999, nine from Orange County. These schools, commonly referred to as "jails for youth," aim to teach personal responsibility and healthy decision making.

Orange County manager and former juvenile court counselor John Link said

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George Sweat, secretary of the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, discusses funding issues Wednesday.



Dr. John Mackenzie, a microbiology professor at N.C. State University, explains the advantages of using 3-D computer technology in the classroom. The technology enables chemistry and biology students to see how a specimen functions in its surroundings.

Expo Shows Off Classroom Gadgets

Project FORESEE, a math tutorial program on the Internet, was one of the 75 demonstrations at the information exposition.

By JOSHUA BASSINGER
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RALEIGH — Hundreds of people packed into N.C. State University's Jane McKimmon Center on Wednesday to explore technological innovations that soon could be used in classrooms across the state.

The exposition included exhibits ranging from a virtual reality booth to new wireless computer technology.

The fifth annual Information Technology Exposition was sponsored by N.C. State's provost's office and coordinated by the university's Information Technology Division.

ITD spokeswoman Sarah Noell said she expected more than 500 people would view the expo's 75 demonstrations. "Our hope is to give faculty the opportunity to show how they are using technology in the classroom," said Noell. "The exposition is purely faculty driven — no vendors here at all."

This year, the exposition was open to the

general public for the first time. In the past, only N.C. State students, faculty and staff were allowed to attend.

One of the 75 demonstrations, Project FORESEE, is an Internet-based program that helps teach children math more effectively. Director Lynne Brock said the project focuses on helping at-risk students perform well on end-of-grade tests.

Project FORESEE's exhibit included a tutor and a student demonstrating how the tutoring sessions are conducted online. The tutor and the student can see each other on the screen

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UNC Fairs Focus On Minorities, Technology Buffs

The last of three University Career Services job fairs on campus will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the Smith Center.

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Clad in business suits and armed with résumés, students set their sights on the future Wednesday when they gathered to learn more about job opportunities.

University Career Services organized three career fairs for UNC students, one focusing on technology, one targeting minorities and one catering to general career interests. The minority and technology fairs were held Wednesday, and the general career fair will be held today in the Smith Center.

"Each fair is provided in order to offer students a chance to meet employers and get a better idea of internships and full-time employment opportunities," said Marcia Harris, director of UCS.

Forty-five employers attended the Technology Career Fair, held in the Smith Center, to talk with students about jobs in their companies.

It was open to students of all majors, but specifically targeted students with experience and skills in information technology, said Melanie Sinche, UCS assistant director.

"Last year, we actually had a student who was invited to three formal interviews after the fair, so I think it's a really helpful venue for students to connect with employers," Sinche said. She said there are many positions dealing with information technologies available in the job market. "The good news is the number of students in computer science and information science at UNC has been increasing."

Sinche said career fairs are not only for seniors, although that's a common misconception. "In addition to exploring full-time opportunities, this fair also gives underclass students or undecided students a chance to explore internships or other occupations."

Several students said they believe the Technology Career Fair is a good opportunity for jobseekers.

"I highly recommend it — anything that helps you find out about job opportunities is a plus," said Fletcher Manuel, a junior from Germantown.

The Minority Career Night, held in the Great Hall, was full of meandering students, dressed to impress, gathering information as well as free giveaways from 58 employers.

Employers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, BB&T and State

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Speaker Details Israeli Politics UT Faces Space Crunch After Enrollment Jump

By BLAKE ROSSER
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A foreign policy analyst specializing in Middle East peace negotiations explained the significance of recent events in the negotiations between Israel and Palestine to UNC students Wednesday.

Eric Magnus, a foreign policy analyst for the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee, spoke to a predominantly Jewish group of students in a speech titled "The Palestinian Track of the Middle East Peace Process." The event was sponsored by Chaverim, N.C. Hillel and Carolina Students for Israel.

Magnus, a graduate of Georgetown University, began his lecture in the Student Union with a comment on the timeliness of such a discussion.

"Right now is one of the most important moments in history concerning the talks between Israel and Palestine," he said. He proceeded to outline the reasons for making such a statement, noting that President Clinton, who has played an instrumental role in uniting the two factions, will leave office in January.

He said Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak might soon be challenged by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which could set the process back several steps. "Probably within a few days, Netanyahu will return to politics and unite the opposition against the current government," Magnus said.

Magnus highlighted the accomplishments of the recent Camp David Summit, hosted by Clinton.

He said the two parties have moved closer to an agreement on dividing territory, but they cannot agree on either the returning of Palestinian refugees to



Arab-Israeli expert Eric Magnus (right) answers questions Wednesday for UNC students Josh Isserman (center) and Nathan DeVillers (left).

Israel or the division of Jerusalem.

Magnus pointed out the president's current position. "Clinton will not go to another summit unless he knows an agreement will be reached," he said.

Ultimately, Magnus was not optimistic about the prospects of an agreement being reached any time soon, and said Israel might return to peace talks with Syria, which were almost complete before being abandoned.

He also acknowledged the hostility that both Iraq and Iran still display toward Israel. "The peace process is essentially a way for Israel to avoid war in the Middle East by isolating Iraq and Iran (as the only two hostile powers)," Magnus said.

Magnus' speech was well received by

the audience of about 50 students.

"I was actually in Israel for the last election [of Prime Minister Ehud Barak]," said Rachel Suls, a freshman public relations major. "But it's always nice to know that there are organizations out there that are trying to get those problems resolved."

Event organizers said their goal for the evening was accomplished.

Carolina Students for Israel Co-president Aaron Hiller said, "The goal of CSI is to provide a forum for all students to stay informed of politics in Israel as well as to participate in cultural activities."

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Despite a fall semester student population exceeding 50,000, officials at the University of Texas-Austin say they are confident the school will be able to handle the campus' soaring enrollment.

Preliminary statistics released Monday indicated university enrollment had reached 50,010, an increase of 1,001 students from last year.

UT has the largest student population of any university in the country, making it the most conspicuous example of a nationwide trend of rapidly rising college enrollment.

But an enrollment of 50,000 is not new to the campus, which also surpassed the mark in fall 1988 and 1989.

"In a sense, it's a milestone to go back," said James Vick, vice president of Student Affairs. "In 1994, we made a commitment to get back down to 48,000. I think that we'll try and get back down, but I don't think that we'll push hard to do that."

UT officials attributed the enrollment explosion to several different factors. "I think it is the quality of our programs and the publicity of the quality of our programs," said Marsha Moss, the school's institutional planning director.

Moss said the boom also could be the result of an increase in the state's population and the low out-of-state tuition that the university offers.

Population growth in North Carolina recently led UNC-system officials to predict that enrollment at the state's

public universities, now at 155,000, would increase by nearly one-third in the coming decade.

The projection has some concerned about how the UNC system will absorb the enrollment increase.

But UT officials say that the school is well equipped to handle the increase. Moss said the high enrollment has caused relatively few problems, at least with the school's academic programs.

According to the most recent statistics, only 35.5 percent of UT students graduate in four years.

But Moss said the low four-year graduation rate was not because of a shortage of classes and faculty — a possible result of high enrollment — but to a light course load that many UT students choose to take. "The average student here takes 12.5 hours a semester."

Vick also said the university will have enough funding to handle the increase. He said student fees and tuition will cover most of the extra costs.

But housing could be the biggest obstacle for campus officials and students.

"Traditionally, there are less than 6,000 rooms on campus," said Moss.

With a fall freshman class of 7,685, even first-year students are not guaranteed on-campus living.

Moss said, "We have just added a new dorm on campus, but we have not had enough housing in many years for all the freshmen."

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