



## POLICE ROUNDUP

### Morning Blaze Damage Totals About \$12,000

The Chapel Hill Fire Department was dispatched to 719 Pritchard Ave. Extension for a structural fire at 10:37 a.m. Monday.

Firefighters found smoke coming from the roof area, and four units were dispatched to extinguish the fire. The fire originated in the kitchen area and was extinguished. Damage is estimated to be \$12,000. Building contents received smoke and water damage estimated to be \$5,000.

The home was unoccupied at the time. One pet dog was rescued and no one was injured. Officials said the cause appears to be electrical at this time.

### University

Sunday, Sept. 24

■ A visitor to McIver Residence Hall received emergency treatment after suffering a possible seizure, reports state.

The subject was transported from McIver to the UNC Hospitals emergency room after a call for assistance was placed at 4:18 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

■ A UNC graduate student was hit by a Jeep Cherokee on North Medical Drive.

According to reports, the pedestrian did not see the vehicle and darted out in front of the Jeep. Reports state that the speed of the Jeep at impact was 5 mph.

The pedestrian was transported to the UNC Hospitals emergency room for treatment.

■ Reports state that a golf cart belonging to the University was vandalized and damaged. The cart had been parked at the Kenan Stadium southwest entrance Friday night.

It was found Saturday morning at the gated area of the Bell Tower parking lot with \$500 worth of damages sustained to the front right tire rim, reports state.

Friday, Sept. 22

■ A case of aggravated assault was reported at the Public Safety parking lot. According to reports, the subject tried to hit a UNC employee with a vehicle.

There were no injuries reported.

### City

Sunday, Sept. 24

■ Brian Deshawn Luster was arrested by Chapel Hill police for discharging a firearm in town limits, possession and use of firearm on town property and damage to property and resisting arrest, reports state.

Luster, of 129 E. Cornwallis Road in Durham, is being held at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough in lieu of a \$1,250 secured bond.

■ Larry Darnell Obriant of 4010 Old Chapel Hill Road in Durham was arrested by Chapel Hill police for carrying a concealed weapon, driving an unregistered vehicle and driving without insurance on the vehicle.

Reports state that after police stopped Obriant at a routine traffic stop, a handgun was found under the driver's seat. Obriant was released on a written promise and has a court date set for October.

■ Carrboro police arrested Juan Jose Flores-Medrano at 310 N. Greensboro St., at 4:29 p.m., reports state.

Flores-Medrano, of 1400 W. Main St., was attempting to conceal about \$110 in cameras and film.

Flores-Medrano was released on a written promise to appear in court.

Saturday, Sept. 23

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Zani Kahlil-Preston Mensah of 611 Lawson St. in Durham for carrying a concealed weapon, possessing stolen property and obtaining merchandise by false pretenses, reports state.

Mensah was found in possession of a stolen credit card and was concealing a kitchen knife in his left sock. Mensah is being held at Orange County Jail in Hillsborough in lieu of a secured \$5,000 bond.

Friday, Sept. 22

■ Carrboro police narcotics investigators arrested Edward Joyner Jr. and Jason Hearn after executing a search warrant at E-1 Chambers Ridge Apartments, 201 Westbrook Drive, reports state.

Joyner was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for use of controlled substances.

Hearn was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

The case is under further investigation.

# Schools Refuse to Prohibit Napster Access

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Officials at several universities, including UNC, have refused requests to prohibit campus access to Napster.

Twenty schools, including Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Duke University, sent letters to attorney Howard King last week stating that they will continue to allow access to Napster through their Internet servers.

Earlier this month, King, who repre-

sents Metallica and Dr. Dre in their lawsuits against Napster, wrote a letter to at least a dozen universities requesting that they block access to the program because it violates copyright laws.

Napster, founded in 1999 by Northeastern University student Shawn Fanning, is an online program that allows users to download musical files called MP3s for free.

Several universities sent letters denying King's request last week, stating that any restriction is a violation of informational and academic freedom.

"MIT has had a long history of pro-

viding its faculty, staff and students with uncensored access to the internet and its vast array of resources," stated James Bruce, MIT vice president for information systems, in a letter to King.

Kate Hendricks, Duke assistant counsel, also cited freedom to access information as a reason why Duke would not ban Napster.

"Banning access to Napster, therefore, would be an over-broad response to a specific problem, and it would have the effect of foreclosing legitimate and lawful uses of Napster," she stated.

Both universities also stated that they

uphold all copyright laws, but do not believe that their students are acting illegally. "The University takes very seriously its obligations under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act to respond to and act upon complaints of infringement," Hendricks stated.

But King said he disagrees with the universities' response.

"I think they are making a mistake to say that they respect (copyright laws), yet they refuse to do something about it," he said.

King said he hopes to talk to university officials and persuade them to

change their stance.

Napster officials have responded positively to the universities' actions, said Napster spokeswoman Toby Dorchel.

"We're very pleased with the universities' decisions to allow students to continue to participate in the Napster community," Dorchel said.

A letter has been sent to Duke students reminding them of copyright laws and making them aware of the university's response to King's letter.

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## Lee Solicits Votes From Young Democrats

Sen. Howard Lee blames his loss in the 1994 elections on lack of participation by Orange County Democrats.

BY RACHEL NYDEN  
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Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, met with the Young Democrats on Monday night in an attempt to rally them for the upcoming election.

About 120 students braved the dismal weather to hear Lee's speech, which focused on the importance of voting for Democratic candidates this November.

Lee, who was an active member of the Young Democrats when he attended UNC, said he was impressed with the large turnout. He said the group can help encourage people to vote Democratically on election day.

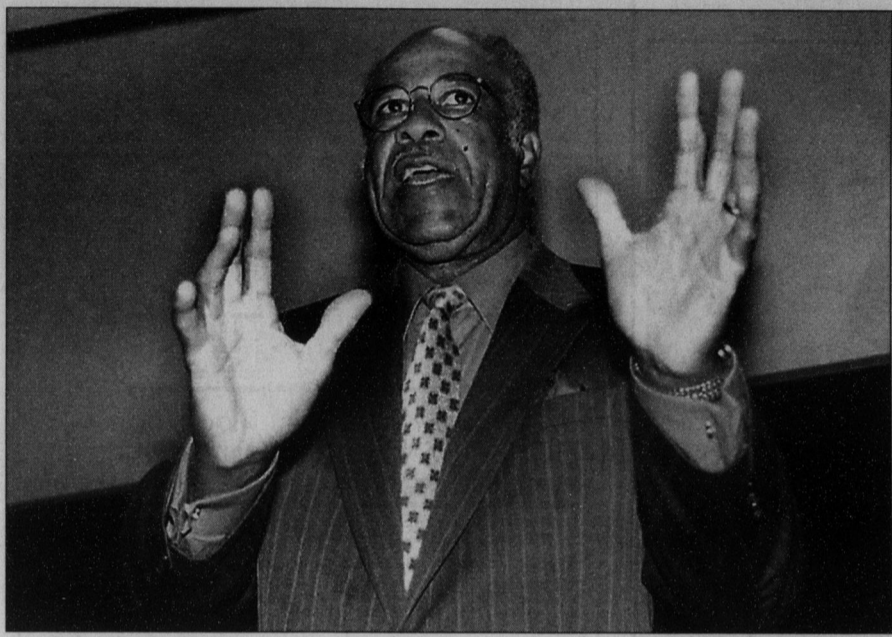
"There has not been, in my opinion, a more important election than the election that will take place on Nov. 7," Lee said.

He encouraged the group to not only vote for him, but to vote for the entire Democratic ticket, claiming the Democratic government has greatly improved the lives of the state's citizens.

An upcoming \$3.1 billion bond referendum that would fund facilities improvements at the state's universities and community colleges is one issue that Lee said Democrats must support.

"We need you to knock on doors and spread the message," he said. "The future of our state is in your hands."

He also emphasized the importance of the Orange County vote, saying that he lost the election in 1994 because Orange County Democrats did not vote in large numbers. "If it doesn't happen with your push, it's not going to hap-



DTH/EMILY SCHNURE

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, who is running for re-election Nov. 7, speaks to the Young Democrats in Bingham Hall on Monday night. Lee is a UNC alumnus and former mayor of Chapel Hill.

pen," he said.

In order to encourage voting this fall, Lee said certain polls will open three weeks in advance, a promotion he called, "No Excuse Voting."

"It is an absolutely golden opportunity to get people to polls who ordinarily would not go," he said.

Young Democrats President Christopher Brook said he was pleased with Lee's speech. "Sen. Lee made a really good distinction between the Democratic and Republican parties," he

said. "The last eight years were not a mistake. The Clinton administration down to people like Howard Lee have added to the prosperity of Americans. Republicans can't say that."

Lee praised Calvin Cunningham, the N.C. Senate candidate from Davis County, who served as UNC student body president in 1995-96.

"Our candidates are ones you can become excited about," Lee said.

The Young Democrats will help Lee advocate the Democratic ticket through

door-to-door campaigns. In addition, the group will work to counter a recent State Employees Association of North Carolina decision to support Lee's opponent, Republican Bill Boyd.

Young Democrats Vice President Liz Gardner said the efforts simply prove that the Young Democrats' voice is growing louder on campus.

She said, "It's like a fever."

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## Schools Ask for Funds to Fight Crowding

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The Orange County Board of Commissioners met Monday night with county and city school board officials to discuss the search for options in the battle against school overcrowding.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has said a ninth elementary school could accommodate the growing number of students in its system. But Orange County Manager John Link Jr., said steps needed to be taken to alleviate problems in the meantime.

"I think there are temporary solutions, and we have some of those in place," Link said.

But Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools spokeswoman Kim Hoke said the new school could still be a long way off.

"We don't have any new school planned or money for a new school,"

Hoke said. "The earliest a plan could be implemented for a school is 2003."

Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools officials have already requested additional funding from the state after realizing the dramatic increase in its enrollment. But public funding of the new school could offer additional financial support needed.

Link suggested a bond referendum could mean a longer wait for a new school.

"In order to have a successful bond referendum, all stakeholders must agree

on the issues in the bond, not just schools," he said. "You need months of preparation to have a successful bond referendum campaign."

"The earliest that I would recommend the board consider a bond referendum is November 2001."

But Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen emphasized the need for timely action by all parties involved.

His concern carried over to a subsequent discussion of county standards for the construction of new schools.

Commissioner Moses Carey proposed that the school boards adhere to standards already in place when planning for the new elementary school.

But Pedersen said he wants to see the planning process move as quickly as possible.

"(The board) would, I think, be very troubled if revisiting the standards caused a delay," he said.



Commissioner Moses Carey said any new school funding would have to come from a bond referendum.

But even with the construction of a ninth school, overcrowding could continue to be a problem.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs questioned continuing growth in Chapel Hill, asking Pedersen if overcrowding could become a recurring theme.

"We were told a few years back that Chapel Hill was almost built out and we wouldn't need to build many more schools," he said.

"Will we continue to be surprised by the growth rates?"

Pedersen responded by explaining that surprises are always possible, as enrollment rates proved this year.

"We wish we had a better grasp on what was ahead of us," Pedersen said. "There is still land within our school district that is developable, so don't think the end is in sight."

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## Southern Barbecue Adds to Fast-Food Options at Lenoir

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Hungry students now have a chance to dig into some barbecue as Mainstreet Lenoir Dining Hall's latest food station has started serving up down-home cooking this week.

The new station, serving a traditional Southern menu of barbecue and side dishes, is the first of several changes scheduled in the coming weeks.

Officials say construction of a "grab-and-go" facility is also about to begin and will be ready in October.

The barbecue theme replaced Mainstreet Lenoir's rotisserie station because demand was not significant enough, said Mike Freeman, UNC ONE Card services director.

Ken Corwin, unit manager of Mainstreet Lenoir, said, "We made the changes judging on what was going on upstairs. On barbecue day, (the students) went wild. We decided to try it here."

The new stand, called Marketplace, will serve a traditional breakfast of eggs,

grits and biscuits until 10:30 a.m. and then will switch to a menu of barbecue, chicken wings, corn and baked beans.

Freeman said he is optimistic about the changes the new station will bring to Lenoir. "This is an attempt to bring in another venue. If it goes great, good, if not, we'll look at whether there is another venue that might be better," he said.

Corwin also said the station brings a variety of appetizing new options for students at every meal.

"We have the ability now at breakfast to change and offer new things," he said. "We could not do this before with Chick-fil-A."

A new "grab-and-go island," will also be constructed during Fall Break in Ram Treats' former location, and Freeman said he hopes it will be open when students return Oct. 9.

Demolition of the Ram Treats stand was recently completed, and more seating is taking its place. But Freeman said most of that seating will soon make way for a convenience-store-style venue to speed up the process of eating at Lenoir.

The new station will feature pre-made sandwiches, salads, snacks and beverages. Sushi might be served if Auxiliary Services gets approval from the Health Department, Freeman said.

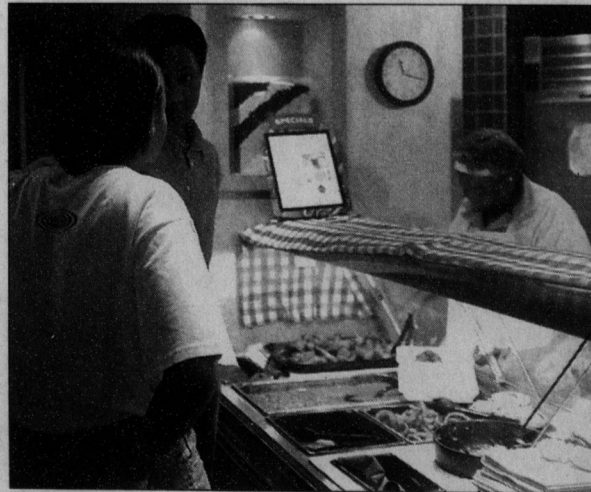
Corwin said the grab-and-go island will be open only for lunch at first, the busiest time for Mainstreet Lenoir. "We'll see how popular it is and then think about dinner."

Students say that they are pleased with the changes that have been made to Lenoir so far, and that they look forward to the new stations.

"I think this place is fantastic for a college cafeteria," said Erica Haney, a junior anthropology major, as she grabbed a meal from Mainstreet Lenoir during lunch. "I can get a huge plate of food that is fresh and decent for \$2."

Officials said saving time prompted the grab-and-go idea. Corwin said, "(The island) gives more order, which helps speed things up. I hope the students like it. We're open to suggestions."

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DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Senior Sherilynn Black and junior Shayla Higginbotham try out barbecue served to them by Lenoir employee Shirley Laney.

## Films Help BCC Study Stereotypes

The first of six lectures used movies such as "The Siege" and "Three Kings" to look at the portrayal of Arabs.

BY TITA WHITAKER  
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The viewing of popular movies led to an intimate discussion Monday night on negative Arab stereotypes in the media, kicking off a six-part "Minorities in Film" series.

The idea for the series, which is sponsored by the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, came from a belief by organizers that there should be awareness of negative images in popular culture.

"This series is designed to bring issues of stereotyping to the forefront for discussion, and to make people realize these issues are out there," said Nadera Malika-Salaam, program director for the BCC.

The lectures will focus on several minority groups: Arabs, African Americans, Native Americans, South Asians, Hispanics and Indians. Three lectures will be held in the fall, and the others will be held in the spring.

The first lecture, focused on "Hollywood Portrayals of Arabs." The speaker, Wael Masri, who is originally from Lebanon, stressed the importance of recognizing Arab stereotypes because those portrayals are not often protested.

"Movies and the media prepare people for discrimination against others and for policies that harm other groups," Masri said.

Malika-Salaam also said the media plays an important role in creating cultural beliefs. "A lot of people are being spoonfed images and don't know it's a stereotype," she said.

To dispel negative images about all cultures, Masri suggested "using a broad umbrella" encompassing three principles: respecting differences, recognizing similarities and appreciating interdependencies.

A small, personable group atmosphere set the tone for individuals to test those principles. Masri opened the floor at the beginning of the discussion for personal accounts of stereotyping and being stereotyped.

After getting ideas out in the open, clips from several movies, including "Three Kings," "True Lies" and "The Siege," were used as evidence of media stereotyping.

Masri asked participants what they saw in the clips as a way of prompting discussions about how stereotypes flourish in society.

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