

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, Sept. 27

■ A Cobb Residence Hall resident reported that an unknown male suspect entered a female bathroom at 12:15 a.m. According to police reports, the suspect then looked over the top of the bathroom stall while the female was using the rest room. The suspect was not identified.

■ At 2:18 a.m., a 1991 BMW was pulled over for speeding. The driver of the car, William O'Connor, a UNC graduate student, was suspected of being intoxicated based on his behavior after he exited his car, reports state.

■ Lt. C.E. Swain performed a sobriety test and arrested O'Connor because of his poor performance. O'Connor was charged with one count of driving while intoxicated and taken to the Chapel Hill Police Department where he registered .15 on the Breathalyzer test. The magistrate released O'Connor based on his written promise to appear in court.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

■ At 11:18 a.m., a handcrafted computer stand was reported stolen from the Administrative Information Services office at 440 W. Franklin St.

Reports stated the computer stand was stolen between 4:45 p.m. Sept. 25 and 7:10 a.m. Sept. 26. No suspects have been identified in the robbery.

■ According to police reports, a UNC employee's parking pass, service permit and gate access card were stolen from his unlocked car. The report was made at 2:47 p.m. No suspects were identified.

■ A red 1995 Ford Mustang was reported stolen from Manning Parking Lot at 4:52 p.m. The roommate of a UNC employee parked her car on the middle tier of the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. When she returned at 2:30 p.m., her car was gone, according to reports.

Reports state that there was no broken glass, indicating there was no forced entry. The officer tried calling the car's phone, but there was no answer. No suspects have been identified.

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Tuesday, Sept. 26

■ Chapel Hill police responded to reports of damaged property at 137 E. Franklin St. at 7:17 a.m.

Reports state that the ceiling of the Bank of America Center sustained about \$20,000 worth of water damage when suspects turned on fire hoses.

Electrical wiring damage are estimated at about \$5,000, reports state. Molly's Irish Pub and the Tar Heel Barber Shop also were affected by the damage, reports state. There are no suspects in the case.

■ Carrboro police responded to reports of a larceny at 602 Jones Ferry Road at 7:42 p.m. The suspect allegedly concealed unknown items and left Food Lion without paying, reports state.

There are no suspects in this case, and it is under further investigation.

■ Carrboro police responded to a complaint of fireworks being set off at 600 W. Poplar Ave., reports state.

There are no suspects in the case and the matter has been closed.

Monday, Sept. 25

■ Justin Eric Gattis of 100 W. Rosemary St. was arrested by Chapel Hill police for assault with a deadly weapon at 3:23 p.m. Reports state that Gattis, 35, was released on a written promise to appear in court on Nov. 3.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Tobias Orlando Russ, 31, at 828 Airport Road for one count of simple assault, one count of communicating threat and one count of injuring personal property. Russ, of 2216 Chautauqua Ave., Durham, was released on a written promise and has a court date set for Nov. 3.

■ Chapel Hill police were notified of a stolen vehicle at 3:57 p.m. The car, a 1993 white Ford Taurus, was taken from a parking lot at 1009 S. Columbia St, reports state.

There are no suspects in the case at this time.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Andre William Worth, of 3506 Arthur Minnis Road, Hillsborough, at 12:41 p.m. Worth, 29, has been charged with one count of making harassing phone calls, one count of second degree trespassing, and one count of stalking, reports state. Worth was released on a written promise and has a court date set for Oct. 16.

■ Edward Lashan Snipes, 25, was arrested by Chapel Hill police at 104 Park Road. Snipes, of 3518 Old Greensboro Highway, was charged with one count of larceny, reports state. Snipes was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 6.

BSM Considers Hip Hop's Image, Effects

Students discussed how materialism in rap music affects impressionable children and teenagers.

By SAM ATKINS
Staff Writer

About 60 people joined the Black Student Movement and a campus music group Wednesday to discuss whether hip-hop music has gotten a bad rap.

Hip Hop Nation, a group of UNC students who perform their own rap music, argued that some of the problems associated with the music are warranted.

"We have to appreciate hip hop because it speaks for our creativity as a people, and we need something to call our own," said Quinton Smith, a mem-

ber of Hip Hop Nation.

But some students at the meeting said the materialism promoted in hip-hop videos mires the music in negativity.

One participant said a majority of children watching the videos ignored the message, and instead, saw the jewelry, fancy cars and scantily clad women.

She was worried that because impressionable teens and children couldn't get the money to purchase those things from their parents, they might turn to selling drugs.

Artists like 2-Pac, L.L. Cool J, and the Fat Boys were mentioned specifically to show how the message and look of hip hop has evolved over the years.

"The lyrics of hip hop used to reflect what was going on in the artist's life, but now it is strictly about how much money they have and how many women they've slept with," Smith said.

One student in the audience said most videos she sees glorified drug-dealing and its monetary benefits.

Other members of Hip Hop Nation include undergraduates Jabari Jenkins, Quinton Savage and Charles Vakala. Savage said the media does not give children and teens enough credit in making sound decisions.

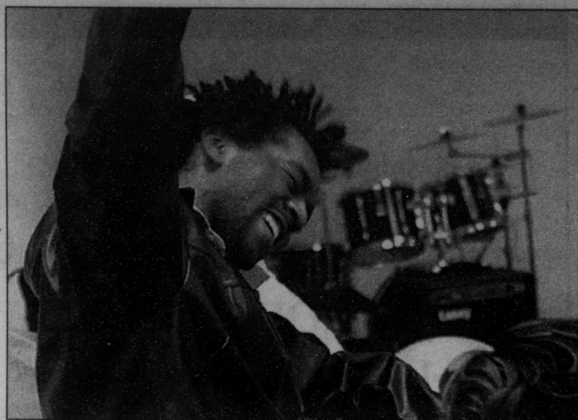
He said some of the messages told in hip-hop music are positive and should not be overlooked.

"It is a culture and relates to how we live our lives," Savage said.

Most students involved in the discussion agreed that people's behavior is rooted in their home lives. If a child grows up with a sound moral foundation, then controversial lyrics of hip-hop music shouldn't affect them, many said.

Smith said that the allegation that hip-

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Marcus Harvey, a junior from Halifax, strongly agrees with a comment made about hip-hop music during the BSM meeting Wednesday.

BAT Mobile on Lookout for DWIs

Unit Keeps Watch Over N.C. Roads

By STEPHANIE FURR
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Watch out drunken drivers: The BAT Mobile is on patrol.

Part of an aggressive N.C. Highway Patrol effort to crack down on drunken driving, the Breath Alcohol Testing Mobile Unit Mobile holds several "Intoxilizer 5000" breathalyzer units that can test alcohol levels on the spot. A magistrate, also on board, can immediately process a violator.

Orange County law enforcement agencies brought the BAT Mobile Unit to Bynum Circle on Wednesday so students could drop in and tour the vehicle.

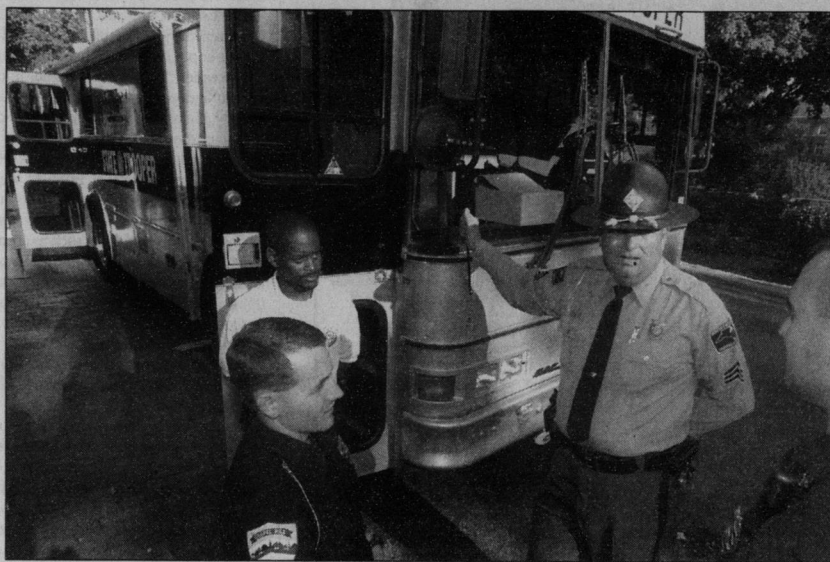
Later in the evening, officers set up a checkpoint on N.C. 54 and Country Club Road.

Sponsored by the UNC chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions, the event was one of several educational activities that SADD has planned for the school year.

Used at checkpoints along the state's roads, the BAT Mobile is valued at \$200,000. But Glenn Griffin, who coordinates the BAT Mobile's patrols, said the unit didn't cost taxpayers a cent.

"The money came from drug arrests, alcohol vehicle seizures and drug and vehicle seizures," Griffin said.

Griffin said the unit can also be used as a communications center in times of natural or man-made disas-



Alcohol Law Enforcement, State Highway Patrol and Chapel Hill police officers congregate outside the BAT Mobile (Breath Alcohol Testing Mobile Unit) sponsored by Student Against Destructive Decisions.

ters and can be used to coordinate officers in emergency situations.

In case of emergency, the unit has a low-band and high-band 800 megahertz radio, an IBM 390 Thinkpad and a docking station so communications can be completely wireless. The vehicle also carries a 100-gallon supply of diesel fuel.

"We figure we can stay in one place without moving for 19 hours, and that's with our lights, radios and computers fully operational," Griffin said.

But Sgt. Phil Wadsworth of the Highway Patrol said the officers most appreciate the efficiency of the unit in the battle against drunken driving.

Without the BAT Mobile, a suspect

must be transported to the county jail, where Intoxilizers are normally kept.

Then they must see a magistrate for processing. This process can sometimes cost officers valuable time away from the checkpoint, Wadsworth said.

"By the time they get back out there they would have missed two or three drunk drivers," Wadsworth said.

Because of the BAT Mobile, officers can stay on the scene and do breathalyzer tests more quickly, providing a more accurate BAC reading.

Erin Lawler, senior and co-president of UNC's SADD organization, said the educational tours of the BAT Mobile help change people's attitudes toward drunken driving.

"We're not out to get people," Lawler said. "We're here to save lives."

Other SADD events include the First Annual Substance-Free Halloween Bash, which will be held Oct. 30 in the Great Hall of the Student Union, and possibly free swing-dancing lessons next semester.

Wadsworth said groups like SADD are instrumental in educating the public about the dangers they face when mixing alcohol with driving.

"It's a combination of everything. You've got to have law enforcement, you've got to have education."

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Notetakers Still Hope For Check

A four-month delay on their checks leaves two students wondering about endorsing a dot-com site to others.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
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Some students looking to make a few extra bucks by submitting their class notes to Web sites have yet to see the fruits of their labor.

UNC student Cara Fratto, a junior business major, signed up to take notes for two of her classes last semester with NotesU.com, an online academic Web site run by Houston-based Uzone.com. The company then claimed that it would pay \$400 per class each semester, she said.

Fratto said she expected her \$800 check from Uzone.com at the beginning of the summer, but that she has yet to be paid. "I want to warn students because I don't want them to go through taking good notes and posting them every day just to get let down," she said.

An extension of Uzone.com's StudentU.com, NotesU.com is a Web site offering students free online access to academic services, including lecture notes, book summaries and study guides.

Under Uzone's "Earn While You Learn" program, students who take notes for the company can earn more than \$300 per course per semester, given they attend all lectures and post their notes within 24 hours.

Fratto said she followed NoteU.com's policy last semester while taking notes for Drama 15 and Geography 59. But after her check was a month past due in

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Bond Campaign Ads Debut Aldermen Back Funds For UNC-System Needs

By ALLISON MITCHENER
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Raleigh — Prepare to be bombarded with new ads promoting the upcoming multibillion-dollar bond referendum for the state's universities and community colleges.

North Carolinians for Educational Opportunity, the organization leading the campaign for the Nov. 7 \$3.1 billion bond referendum to fund capital improvements, unveiled its new television advertisement Wednesday at campaign headquarters in Raleigh. The 30-second ad, created by Scott Howell & Co., a Dallas advertising agency, claims the bond will improve N.C. colleges without requiring a tax increase.

The campaign's commercials will run from this week until Election Day on Nov. 7. The ads will appear on 25 broadcast stations during day and evening time slots.

Campaign officials said it is likely the average TV viewer will see the advertisement as many as 45 times a week.

The ad depicts students on various campuses and has a voice-over describing how the package could help alleviate overcrowding. The slogan "Get the facts. Keep the door of opportunity open" is used in the ad to make voters aware that the bond is on the ballot and that they should support it. "We think it's real important that people know the facts about the issue," campaign director Leslie Bevacqua said.

Bevacqua said North Carolinians for Educational Opportunity is releasing its media campaign earlier than any other campaign for a bond package on the ballot.

Several other education-related county bond proposals also will appear on the ballot in November.

UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President Brad Matthews said the TV ad will appeal to the majority of voters.

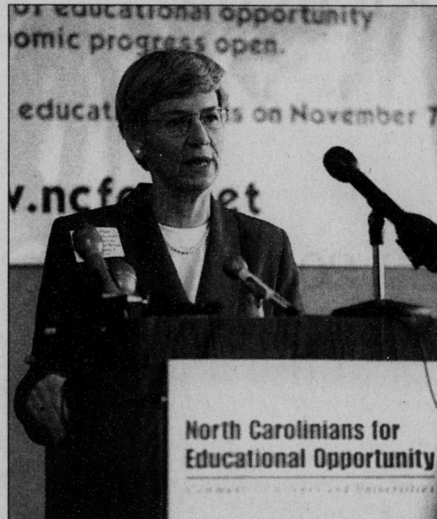
"It presents the issues in a way that's easy to understand," Matthews said. "If you've had a class in Murphy 111, then you know why the bond has to pass."

Up to this point, efforts to support the bond mostly have consisted of voter registration drives.

But Matthews said it is time to shift from drives for voter registration to drives for voter education.

Bevacqua said the commercial would help launch the education portion of the campaign, spreading awareness of the bond throughout the state.

"The more people know about it, the more come over to



Leslie Bevacqua, campaign director of NCEO, unveils the bond campaign's first TV advertisement.

our side," she said.

Liz Gardner, UNC Association of Student Governments vice president, said the more involved people are in the issue, the more likely they will be to vote. "Senators, teachers, government officials — everyone is plugging this bond," Gardner said. "But for some reason, students just haven't gotten it yet."

Bevacqua said it would take aggressive media tactics and a nearly \$1.5 million advertising budget to show people, including students, the true importance of the bond.

"We do think this is the most important issue on the ballot."

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By AMY DOBSON
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Carrboro has become the latest local government to approve a resolution supporting a higher education bond on November's ballot.

On Tuesday, the Board of Aldermen pledged full support of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum, which would fund capital improvements at the state's community colleges and 16 public universities, including UNC-Chapel Hill.

Support from municipalities like Carrboro is what UNC-system officials hope will ensure the bond's approval in November.

A statewide bond campaign powered by North Carolinians for Educational Opportunity is targeting local governments like Carrboro and Orange County, which gave the referendum the thumbs up Sept. 19.

"The University is an integral part of our community," Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said. "We want to see UNC do as best as it can."

Gist said any improvements made to the University would have an effect on the surrounding community.

Alderman Mark Dorosin said the board formally supported the referendum to set a precedent for other municipalities. He said the key issue in getting public support is increasing awareness about the state's public higher education needs.

"People who aren't involved in the university system don't have a sense of the needs on these campuses," he said.

"We need to react to the buildings' needs for renovation and the rapid technology changes."

Dorosin said another deterrent to people voting for the referendum is the assumption that UNC-CH would receive the bulk of the funding. UNC-CH stands to receive \$500 million should the bond pass.

"When people think of a bond, they think of Chapel Hill," Dorosin said. "In actuality, much of the money will benefit the other UNC schools and community colleges."

Despite the fact that the bond's approval would give almost one-sixth of the money to UNC-CH, Dorosin said the needs of other schools were considered in the decision of where to allocate the money.

"In the past, the needs of the historically black colleges have been ignored," she said. "This referendum will send money to these schools and address these needs."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Flicka Bateman said the council has not passed a resolution supporting the referendum, but support is widespread. But Bateman said she doubts endorsements by town officials would bring about a sweeping change in the polls.

"I don't know how many people would vote based on what council members think," she said. "They will probably make the decision based on their own judgment."

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