



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Oct. 8

■ A man reported that he saw three men come out of a basement window on the back side of Peabody Hall at 4:40 a.m.

According to police reports, the three subjects emerged from Office 016 in Peabody Hall.

Reports state that the owner of the office said nothing was taken, but someone had used the office computer to access the Internet.

Friday, Oct. 6

■ A man reported a damaged window screen to the security office located at the Bowman Gray Memorial Pool.

According to reports, the window screen had been unscrewed and slightly damaged.

Reports state that the incident was first reported as breaking and entering, but there was no attempted entry other than the attempted removal of the screen.

Reports state the damage is estimated at \$25.

City

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■ At 3:04 a.m., Chapel Hill police responded to an armed robbery in McDonald's at 1748 Fordham Blvd.

Reports state that the suspect threatened the cashier with a machete and demanded money.

Reports state that the suspect, a male, is 6-foot-2, 250 pounds, and was wearing a grey hat, a green plaid shirt and jeans.

The suspect was last seen running on foot toward the Europa Center.

The case is under further investigation.

■ Charles Cameron Dean, 36, was arrested by Carrboro police for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, reports state.

Cameron, of 103 Hill St., was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 3.

■ Carrboro police responded to 101 Barnes St. at 3:43 a.m. when the alarm system at Barnes Supply Company was activated.

Reports state that unknown perpetrators broke a street-front window with cement rocks, causing about \$475 in damage. The case is under further investigation.

■ Ellis Li was arrested by Carrboro police at 12:15 a.m. for simple assault.

Reports state that Li, of 115-A Old Pittsboro St., hit her husband in the head with a ceramic cup during an argument.

Li is being held at Orange County Jail without bond and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 13.

Saturday, Oct. 7

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Gregorio Juarez Mata of G-1 1105 N.C. 54 for assault on a female and damage to property, reports state.

Mata is being held at Orange County Jail without bond until his Dec. 11 trial.

■ John Junior Mitchell of 2305 Elmwood Ave. in Durham was arrested by Carrboro police for possession of cocaine and for resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest.

Reports state that Mitchell was arrested at the 100 block of Wesley Street when officers confiscated one dosage unit of cocaine.

Mitchell was released on a written promise and given an Oct. 9 court date.

■ Carrboro police arrested Joseph Garver, 71, for assault on a female.

Garver, of Apt. 135, 600 West Poplar Ave., was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 13, reports state.

■ Benjamin Gilbert Uhlenberg of 501 Edwards Drive was arrested by Chapel Hill police for simple possession of marijuana.

Reports state that Uhlenberg was arrested at Whitaker and North Roberson streets when officers confiscated 2.1 grams of marijuana.

Uhlenberg was released and is awaiting a Nov. 27 trial date.

■ Carrboro police reported to Apt. K-8 306 Estes Drive at 10:40 a.m. in response to reports of assault on a female.

The victim was reportedly struck in the face and head by a male suspect, reports state. The case is under further investigation.

Friday, Oct. 6

■ Benjamin Justin Gear of 515 Merritt Mill Road was arrested by Chapel Hill police for assault with a deadly weapon and for possessing a weapon on school property, reports state.

Gear is being held at Orange County Jail with a secured bond of \$100 and awaits an Oct. 30 trial date.

Speaker Discusses Alternatives to Dissection

By TYLER MALAND
Staff Writer

A sparse audience gathered Monday night in the Union Auditorium to learn about options to cutting up critters in class.

Jonathan Balcombe, assistant director of Education and Animal Research Issues with the Humane Society of the United States, gave a lecture on "Alternatives to Dissection and Live-Animal Experimentation in Education."

Carolina Animal Rights Effort, a UNC student group, sponsored the event.

Balcombe said alternatives are needed not only to prevent cruelty to animals, but also to accommodate students who object to dissection. "It is my feeling that current methods in life science education tend to undermine rather than encourage empathy toward animals," he said.

Balcombe said dissection creates many ethical concerns, especially regarding how the animals are put to death. He cited rough handling of animals and questionable embalming practices.

Balcombe also said too many animals are killed in the name of science. He

said it is estimated that more than six million vertebrate animals are dissected each year in U.S. high schools alone.

CARE Co-chairwoman Kathleen Martin said dissection is not only about animal rights, but students' rights as well.

Balcombe said it is unethical not to provide an alternative method for students who choose not to dissect an animal.

He said dissection creates many social and academic dilemmas. "One concern is that students may be alienated from life sciences in general," Balcombe said.

He said dissection can cause poten-

tially detrimental effects on the life sciences field because it might turn away more compassionate people. He said this could eventually create less sensitive people in medicine and nursing.

Balcombe also expressed concern about desensitization of students - dissection can sometimes lead to indifference toward the animal.

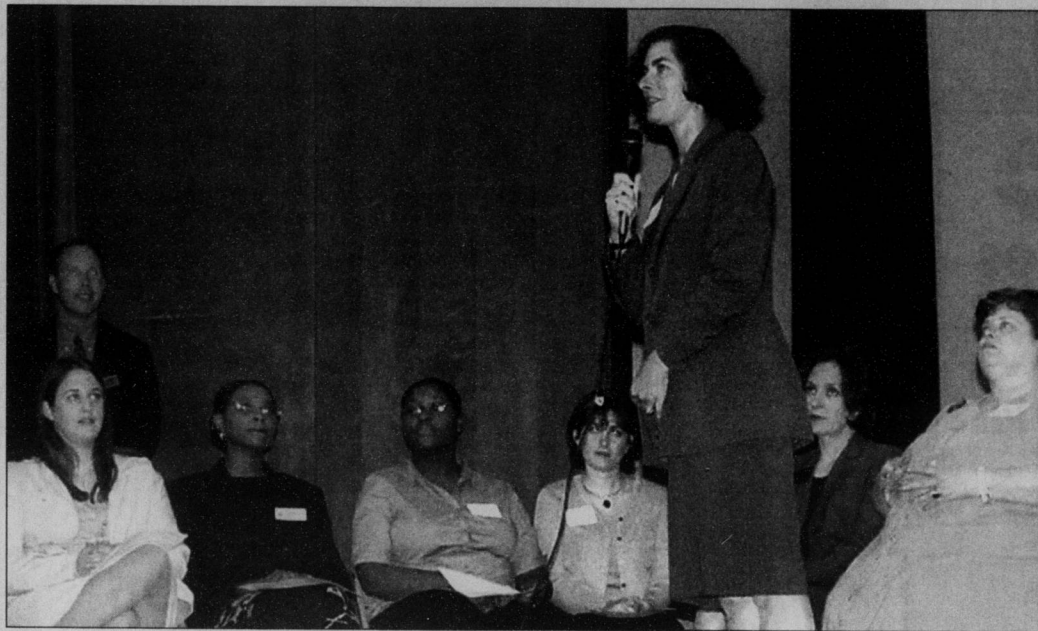
He said the main alternatives to dissection are CD-ROM, interactive computer programs and 3-D models. But Balcombe did acknowledge that these alternatives are not the same experience as dissection. "I advocate combining

learning methods," he said.

Anne Hancock, a sophomore from Chevy Chase, Md., said she liked the lecture. "I have been a big animal rights advocate for a long time, and I think it is wonderful that the University supports this speaker as well as similar organizations," she said.

Balcombe said modern times call for a change. "It is time to discard old traditions and move into a time of respecting animals as well as students."

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Jennifer Weiss, an incumbent Democratic candidate for House District 63 and a UNC graduate, speaks to a student panel at Peace College in Raleigh on Monday night.

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Local Theater Closes Doors After 20 Years

Financial problems have forced the owners to close the Ram Triple, freeing up valuable retail space in downtown Chapel Hill.

By BEN GATLING
Staff Writer

Those seeking a cheap alternative to expensive movie theaters have one less option to choose from in Chapel Hill.

The Ram Triple movie theater on Rosemary Street closed its doors Thursday after 20 years of service.

Carmike Cinemas, the company that managed the Ram Triple, has closed several area theaters over the past few months.

Carmike is cutting back to recover losses caused by an increase in multi-screen, stadium-style theater construction. The theaters have become popular across the nation, although there are none in the Chapel Hill area.

Susan Brown, spokeswoman for Carmike, said the Ram Triple closed as part of Carmike's bankruptcy proceedings.

"It was just in Carmike's economic interests to close the Ram Triple," she said.

But she said she could not comment further on the company's financial situation because of legal restrictions.

Adrienne Kovacic, a UNC sophomore from Raleigh, said she is disappointed that the theater is closing.

"My life is over," she said. "(Ram Triple) seemed like it would always be around. It was a staple."

But Andrew Neal, an employee at nearby Second Foundation Books, said Ram Triple's closing will not affect most area movie watchers.

"I wouldn't say it's a big loss," he said. "By the time the movies got there, they were already out on video anyway."

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said retail space in downtown Chapel Hill is very desirable, but he does not know what will fill the vacated theater location.

"Any business would do well in the space," he said. "But we could sure use some more office space."

Stephanie Carder, of Council Travel adjacent to the Ram Triple, said Chapel Hill needs a cheap movie theater to compete with the higher-priced theaters in the area.

"I know that Raleigh has a really nice cheap theater, and it's always busy," she said. "But the Ram Triple was pretty trashy, and it (was) just going to get worse."

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Female Politicians Inspire Students

By JOSHUA BASSINGER
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RALEIGH - Women ruled the night as students at Peace College, an all-girls school in Raleigh, gathered Monday night to hear female political candidates express their views of government in North Carolina.

Thirteen women, both political incumbents and first-year office seekers, shared their political experiences with about 30 Peace College students and encouraged each of the students to advance themselves and their gender in state government.

"This is a good way for our students and other women in the community to understand what it is like to be a woman candidate," said Melissa Allen, Peace College media relations manager. "Women are still in the minority, and we are trying to focus on their advancement."

The candidates shared with the mostly female audience how they each have contributed to breaking gender barriers in N.C. government.

N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall said she was the first woman to hold a statewide office in North Carolina.

"I have transformed the secretary of state office by making more information available to every citizen of the state," Marshall said. "We serve more citizens online than by mail, phone or walk-in."

Marshall said she implemented the agency's Web site to inform a wide range of the state's citizens, especially women.

But the candidates said they do not want special treatment in North Carolina because of their gender.

"I never want to get something because I am female," said Republican candidate Nancy

Brown, who is running for an N.C. House seat in Wake County. "I expect to get something because I am qualified."

Many of the women candidates voiced ways to eliminate pay inequity between men and women in the same jobs.

"You have to confront discrimination when it happens," said Wake County Commissioner Yvonne Brannon, a Democrat.

Despite the challenges facing female political candidates, some women in the audience said they were inspired by the speakers.

"I feel more inspired as a woman knowing that they all have a good idea of what we want and what we are about," said Peace College junior Allison Moore of Wendell.

"We all have to expect changes."

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CP&L Conducts Annual Test of 81 Alert Notification Sirens

By MATT MANSFIELD
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Sirens blared sporadically at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant on Monday, although nearby residents did not have to "duck and cover" like in a true emergency.

Carolina Power & Light Co. conducted an annual check of alert notification sirens at its Wake County power plant, which sounded two times between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for three minutes each.

"We are constantly testing our sirens," said Jeanne Bonds, CP&L's site commu-

nications manager. "But a couple of times a year we'll do a full-volume test."

CP&L sounds some sirens at low volume once a month but annually tests all of its 81 sirens simultaneously, Bonds said.

But Jim Warren of N.C. Waste Awareness and Reduction Network questioned whether the test instilled confidence among the 31,000 residents who live within a 10-mile radius of the plant.

"The very fact that (CP&L officials) do (the test) once a year shows the potential for a very dangerous accident," he said. "People that live in the zone are

constantly reminded of the dangers they're near."

A month ago, the company notified residents living near the plant that it would be conducting the siren tests Monday, Bonds said.

CP&L representatives contacted news organizations to warn people of the noise and also sent out a newsletter to residents, Bonds said. With such forewarning, CP&L officials said they hoped the siren test would cause no alarm among people living nearby the plant.

"This is just a regular annual check to see if all the sirens are working," Bonds

said. "Our emergency plan is a requirement from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

Because siren tests affect areas outside the plant, county and state officials, not CP&L, have authority in deciding to hold a full-volume test, Bonds said. Any emergency management tests affecting only the plant are at CP&L officials' discretion.

But Warren questioned the test's effectiveness. He said the press release about the testing stated it would be postponed in the event of severe weather.

Warren said if the plant could not set

off all sirens in inclement weather, then a power outage caused by a potential tornado could prevent the sirens from warning residents.

Warren explained that problems have occurred in the past with the alarms, citing examples of glitches in the system.

He emphasized that malfunctioning sirens could result in serious consequences for surrounding areas.

"There would be far more nuclear material released than at Chernobyl."

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Hunt Gives Speech Supporting Bond

Speakers in favor of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond praised the UNC-system for its positive effects on their lives.

By ALLISON MITCHENER
Staff Writer

GREENSBORO - North Carolina higher education administrators greeted Gov. Jim Hunt with a standing ovation Monday night as he spoke in support of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Introduced as the education-reform governor, Hunt addressed the needs of the public university system in his speech.

After thanking the ballroom packed with about 500 educators and teachers for their devotion to students, Hunt started pushing the bond, which will fund capital costs throughout the UNC system and the state's community colleges.

Although Hunt was largely silent on the issue as legislators debated the size of the bond package and whether it should be put to a public referendum, he stressed its importance

Monday night. "This issue is on the ballot Nov. 7. It wasn't there a year ago," Hunt said. "We got here by being bold."

Hunt told the audience the public university system, which has served as a model for other state university systems, is facing a crisis.

"We need to wake up to the reality that our universities are falling behind, and we're supposed to look ahead," he said.

Audrey Bailey, community college spokeswoman, said Hunt's presence at the forum was necessary to stress that educators need to get out and talk about the bond to as many people as possible.

"To have him here shows how important this issue is," Bailey said. "We knew his words would have a stirring effect on the audience."

N.C. Agricultural and Technical University Chancellor Jim Renick, former state Gov. Bob Scott and Board of Governors Chairman Ben Ruffin also addressed the audience after Hunt concluded his speech.

Renick spoke about how university and community college systems have transformed the lives of young men and women, many of whom were the first generation of their family to attend college.

Renick said it was important for the UNC

system to continue producing educated adults. "We need to be vigilant to provide these opportunities or we will have mortgaged the future of our community," Renick said.

Scott compared the university system to a sick mule he had on the farm. He said the mule got back on its feet when his boss gave the animal a dose of medicinal tonic.

"This university system just needs a good dose of tonic and this bond is going to do it," Scott said.

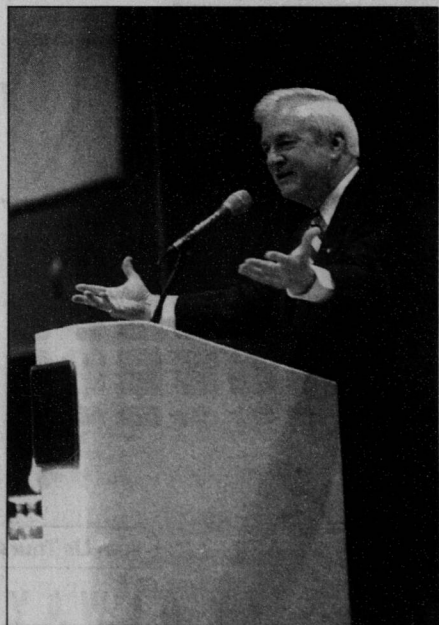
With the deep voice of a Southern Baptist preacher, which he is, Ruffin told the audience about a young man who could not afford outright to attend N.C. Central University.

He said a "layaway" plan allowed the young man to attend college.

Ruffin soon confessed that he was the young man and would not be where he is today without his college education.

"We're not just here to dream, drink and drift," Ruffin said. "We've got to get (voters) by the britches, as my grandma used to say, to make people understand the importance of this bond."

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Gov. Jim Hunt speaks to state educators about the \$3.1 billion higher education bond Monday night.