



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Monday, Oct. 16

■ Responding to a noise complaint in the area of 300 Mason Farm Road at 1:17 a.m., a University police officer observed two men in a silver Dodge Intrepid and one man in a black Jeep Cherokee matching the description of a vehicle stolen Sunday from the Smith Center parking lot.

Reports state that after verifying that the Jeep was the vehicle reported stolen, the officer drew his weapon and held both vehicles until he received backup.

According to reports, the three suspects were handcuffed and transported to the University police. The juvenile suspect was released to his mother, and the two other suspects, a Carrboro resident and a Chapel Hill resident, were charged with larceny of a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. Both were placed under a \$6,000 secured bond and transported to the Orange County Jail.

City

Sunday, Oct. 15

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Willie Chester Robinson, 38, of 529 Hillsborough St. for attempting to obtain property under false pretenses.

Reports state that Robinson attempted to purchase beer from Harris Teeter on South Estes Drive with a counterfeit \$100 bill. Robinson was released after a \$500 unsecured bond was posted, and he awaits an Oct. 17 court date.

■ Carrboro police arrested Jose Hermenegido Perez Gonzalez, 23, of B-16 401 N.C. 54 for carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon. Reports state Gonzalez was in possession of a knife with a fixed blade and attempted to strike a woman with it.

He is being held at Orange County jail on a secured bond of \$100 and awaits a Nov. 20 court date.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Nicholas Eric Turner, 21, of 2314 Oak Ridge Road in Durham for breaking and entering, larceny and possessing stolen goods.

Reports state police interrupted a breaking and entering at Crown Honda-Volvo at 1740 N. Fordham Blvd. Reports state officers found Turner with multiple sets of car keys in his pocket.

He is being held at Orange County jail with a secured bond of \$5,000 and is awaiting an Oct. 17 court date.

Joseph Bernard Alston, 19, of 2315 Oak Ridge Road in Durham, and Anthony Jarome Brown, 18, of 309-B Gray St. in Durham were also arrested by Chapel Hill police for breaking and entering the Crown Honda-Volvo car dealership.

Both are being held at Orange County Jail with secured bonds of \$3,000. They await Oct. 17 court dates in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a fight in progress at Shoes at the Square at 123 W. Franklin St.

Incident reports state that two of the store's windows, valued at \$2,000, were damaged as the suspects fought using their fists and threw bottles. Police have not identified the suspects at this time.

Saturday, Oct. 14

■ Carrboro police arrested Roberto Carlos Bocancora, 27, of D-16 306 Estes Drive for resisting, delaying and obstructing. Reports state that Bocancora was arrested at the intersection of Lions Club Road and Fidelity Street.

He is being held at Orange County jail with a \$50 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 20.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Scott Dixon Poe, 19, of 138 Lake Ellen Drive for possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Reports state that 20 grams of marijuana were found in Poe's residence. Poe was cited and is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 4.

■ Carrboro police responded to reports of an assault at The Pantry at 500 Jones Ferry Road.

The victim was struck in the face by a white male in his early 20s with blonde hair, a goatee and a nose ring through the bridge of his nose, reports state.

Reports state that the suspect fled the scene in a late-model cream-colored Jeep Wrangler.

The case is under investigation.

Friday, Oct. 13

■ Jon Aaron Jaffe, 38, of 130 S. Estes Drive was arrested by Chapel Hill police for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Reports state that officers found 2.5 grams of marijuana after a police search revealed a marijuana pipe. Jaffe was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 12.

Southeast Asia Experts Share in Q-and-A

By LOREN CLEMENS
Staff Writer

Honors students had a chance Monday to discuss issues facing Southeast Asian nations with some of the leaders who understand those countries best.

The Cambodian ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Roland Eng, sat down to eat with a group of about 30 honors students in the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

Eng was joined by William Itoh, the former U.S. ambassador to Thailand, and Sichan Siv, the deputy assistant secretary of state for Southeast Asia during the Bush administration.

This informal lunch was the first in a series of Food for Thought discussions, which are organized by the Honors Program Student Advisory Board.

"Our goal is to increase interaction throughout the student body regarding important issues," said Christian Sawyer, who

is part of the organizational committee.

The students attending were well-informed about issues pertinent to Southeast Asia, and questions ranged from inquiries concerning this rainy season's severe flooding in Cambodia to problems with U.S. foreign policy. "I'm pleased to see everybody has done their homework," Eng said.

Siv said he had just arrived in the U.S. and was still recovering from the time change. He answered questions and discussed personal accounts of his travels in Cambodia. "People and animals came to live along the road (after the floods)," Siv said. "There were incidents where people were killed avoiding traffic."

Long Vo, a sophomore anthropology and history major, used information from a recent class lecture for his question about environmental issues in Thailand. "I learned that Thailand used to be 80 percent forested, and that number has been cut to 5 percent," Vo said.

Responses to this question led to discussion of the broader theme of cultural differences

between regions, with Itoh saying family welfare often takes priority over social issues such as the environment. "In many places in Thailand, as in the whole of Southeast Asia, focus is on family and community - what needs to be done is to have environmental consciousness raised," Itoh said.

The speakers also told stories of their lives before they entered politics, including wartime losses of loved ones. "I lost my parents, five sisters and two brothers (in the Cambodian conflicts of the 1980s)," said Eng. "Always, I believed one family member to be alive."

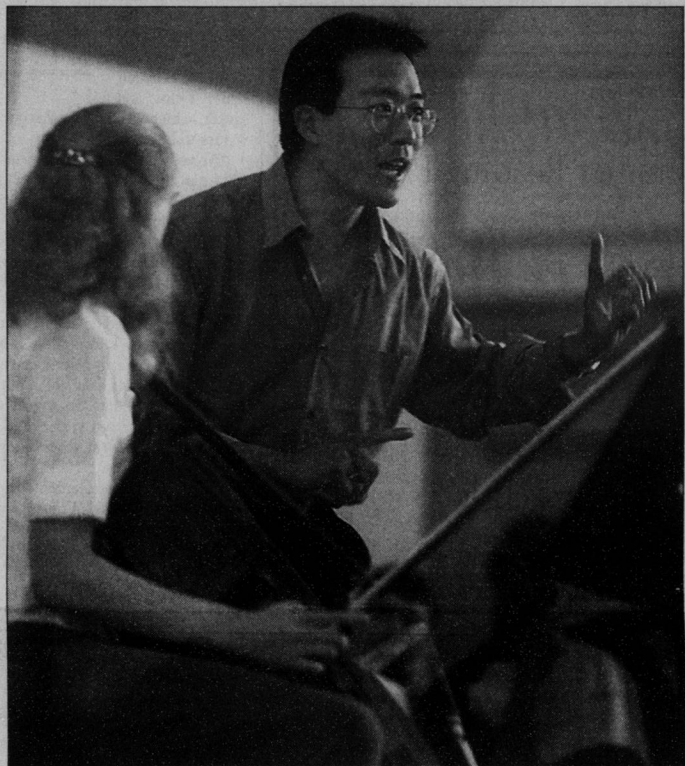
Students closed the question-and-answer session by examining the realities of living and working in the global market. "Gone is the day that the U.S. is so strong and self-contained that what happens outside doesn't matter," Itoh said. "What happens in other countries does affect us."

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Sichan Siv (center) former U.S. diplomat to Southeast Asia, stresses intercultural understanding Monday afternoon.

Cellist Exhibits Skill, Charisma



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Internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma works with Duke University student Maureen Hurtgem during a cello master class on Monday afternoon in Hill Hall.

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Performance Full of Expression, Beauty

By JOANNA PEARSON
Staff Writer

If Yo-Yo Ma were not the best cellist in the world, he would still be the most charming.

As a jam-packed Memorial Hall erupted into almost aggressive applause, Ma looked as pleased and surprised as if this were the first time anyone had ever clapped for him.

This, however, is certainly not the case. At 45, Ma has long held the international reputation as one of the world's greatest cellists. Based on the audience's raucously enthusiastic response, this reputation is well-deserved.

The cellist visited UNC as the featured performer in the fifth annual Carolina Union Virtuoso Benefit Concert, and Ma's

performance consisted of three of the six suites composed by Johann Sebastian Bach for unaccompanied cello.

In short, the performance was beautiful. When people speak of passionate musicians, they are referring to musicians like Ma. As he sways, grimaces into his scroll, flies up and down the fingerboard and almost leaps out of his chair on accented notes, one realizes that the musical experience with Ma is as visual as it is auditory.

Ma does not play music - he is possessed by it.

His facial expressions range from looks of horrible anguish to the eyes-closed smile of someone in a pleasant dream.

Each movement in the Bach suites became, for Ma, a chapter in a story. He performed each suite as if it were an irresistible drama unfolding.

The cello, a rather awkward-seeming, odd-sized contraption to the untrained eye, seems like a natural extension of Ma's body

in his sure-fingered hands.

And with these hands, Ma is able to draw the deepest and richest of sounds from his cello. Whether his bow is skipping across the strings during the Courante or drawing out the longest legato passage in the Allemande, Ma is so in control that he can afford to lose himself to the music.

Ma is able to make his notes ring almost indefinitely and continue to vibrate until only the faintest wisp of a final note is left hanging in the air.

Perhaps the most wonderful moments of the concert were the final ones.

After a rousing ending Gigue in the Suite No. 6 in D major, Ma returned to the stage to play "Appalachia Waltz" as an encore.

Ma has a way of being entranced by his own music, and it is hard not to be entranced with him.

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Yo-Yo Ma Makes Time For Students

By RUSS LANE
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

It might as well have been a rock concert.

Internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma taught a cello master class in Hill Hall auditorium Monday, as spectators nearly filled the 700 seats with an anticipation of Beatle-esque proportions, matched only by the auditorium's heat.

Although his plane had landed less than two hours before, Ma's demeanor was not plagued by jet lag. He often erupted into laughter, gestured wildly to emphasize his suggestions and signed autographs.

And while many attended the master class to learn from him, Ma does not see himself as a teacher.

"I'm not trying so much to teach people but to be a listener," he said. "I always ask students what they like about the thing they're doing. If what they like matches what they're doing, then that's fantastic. If it's not, then you look at the points in

Campus Y Brings Sensitive Subject To Dinner Table

An array of student groups attended the Campus Y's roundtable discussion on racial profiling as part of Race Relations Week.

By JESSICA JOYE
Staff Writer

The delicate issue of discrimination was a hot topic Monday night among students of all races.

The Campus Y Dinner Discussion and Criminal Justice Action and Awareness committees hosted a roundtable dinner discussion on racial profiling - the singling out of groups based on racial quotas - as part of Race Relations Week.

The dinner was held to raise awareness of the issue and to discuss possible solutions, said Cianti Stewart-Reid, co-chairwoman of the Dinner Discussion Committee.

Students in attendance represented a wide range of campus groups including the Students for Advancement of Race Relations, the NAACP, CHisPA and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty. Other students said they came to the discussion because of the controversial topic.

Public policy Professor Joel Schwartz, the discussion's host, said racism deserves close attention because of its widespread influence.

"This is a broad phenomena that affects many layers within our society," he said. "We can't ignore it."

Much of the debate centered on the "Driving While Black" issue, which was the topic of a study commissioned by the N.C. General Assembly in 1998. The study and discussion focused on black drivers' claims that they were being pulled over and harassed by police officers for no apparent reason except that they were black.

The legislature plans to revisit the issue when it reconvenes in January.

This issue represents a large gray area because it is difficult to prove, Stewart-Reid said.

"A cop can always say he didn't stop a black man just because he is black," she said.

"It's very ambiguous because there is always a way to cover up for yourself."

Because of this ambiguity, students voiced concerns over possible solutions for the problem.

Several students said they believe the key to solving this dilemma lies in education rather than legislation. Kelly Krulisky, a sophomore SARR member, said legislation does not necessarily change people's minds.

"We need to focus our attention on education so that people can understand the issue and change their opinion of it," Krulisky said.

"Then we can work on solving it."

The discussion closed with talk of changes in race relations over the course of a generation.

Many students said racism might have become more subtle since the visible oppression of the 1950s, but that there is a long way to go before it is eradicated.

Sophomore Lindsay Reed said racism has lessened, but it is still in a progressive stage.

"Racism is not over. We are not at the point where we can all be friends yet," Reed said.

"Black people have been getting screwed for a long time, and it's going to take a long time for me to forget and say everything is OK."

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Young Democrats Debate Same-Sex Marriages

The discussion reveals that the issue knows no party bounds, with students of all affiliations raising concerns.

By RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

The Young Democrats proved Monday night that despite a common political ideology, there is a lot of variation within the organization on at least one issue.

The group gathered for a forum about same-sex marriage titled "Cultural Taboo or Long Overdue?" Although the majority of participants were members of the Young Democrats, they still had different questions and concerns. "I'm a member of the Young Democrats, but this is an issue that I don't really have a

solid opinion on yet, so I'd like to hear both sides of it," said Mike Peterson, a freshman history and political science major.

The forum began with two short speeches advocating each side of the issue. First, junior political science major Michael Songer spoke for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

He said tradition is not a reason to ban same-sex unions because traditions also have been changed with regards to interracial marriages. "Our conception of marriage has changed significantly over time as we've changed our perceptions about what's fair," Songer said.

Several problems with legalizing same-sex marriages were then presented by Justin Johnson, a senior political science and French major and a member of the College Republicans. He said legalizing same-sex marriage will create problems with states' rights.

"When a state extends marriage rights, say Vermont for example, these rights extend to all 50 states." Johnson said this forces other states to accept the decision, which many believe they should not have to do.

Johnson then said the majority of voters are against the legalization of same sex marriages, saying that Hawaii overwhelmingly rejected a proposition for it despite being a fairly liberal state.

Although Republicans are usually characterized as being against same-sex marriages, not all Democrats agree with the concept either, said Chris Brook, a junior from Raleigh and president of the Young Democrats. "Al Gore, who's run-

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MICHAEL SONGER
Junior Political Science Major

extend many rights that are granted to heterosexual married couples to homosexual couples.

Johnson agreed with Brook, saying, "If Bill Bradley is against gay marriage, you better bet 80 percent of the country is against it."

The majority of the opinions voiced, however, supported same-sex marriages.

"That type of discrimination should not be allowed," Songer said. "Just because there is opposition does not mean we

shouldn't undertake these things."

One student was opposed to the government control of private actions. "I don't see why there is this intense concern by social conservatives on how people want to live their lives," said Sasha Bernier, a sophomore business major. "We can think, we're capable of making our own decisions."

While most Young Democrats attending supported this view, they differed on the best manner to achieve the goal. "When people are denied rights, it's usually very difficult to give them to them all at once," said Peterson. "We have to do it one step at a time."

But Jonathan Miles, a freshman philosophy and physics major, said it was crucial to stick to political principles. "We can't afford to compromise."

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