

POLICE ROUNDUP

Police Catch Suspect In 2 Bank Robberies

Chapel Hill police arrested Roland Albert Corley, 54, of 1916 Hart St. in Durham, at 11:54 a.m. Wednesday with warrants for two bank robberies. Reports state that Corley approached the tellers at CCB at 1775 Dobbins Drive on two different occasions with a written note, demanding money.

The first robbery occurred March 3, and the suspect obtained an unspecified amount of cash, reports state. A second robbery occurred Sept. 5 during which the same suspect again obtained an unspecified amount of money.

Tellers positively identified Corley as the suspect, and he was arrested at his residence Nov. 22, reports state.

Corley is being held at Orange County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Nov. 27.

University

Wednesday, Nov. 22

■ According to UNC police reports, a truck valued at about \$5,000 was stolen from the Kenan Football Center. The vehicle was UNC property.

■ A Palm Pilot worth about \$250 was stolen from the Burnett-Womack building, according to reports.

■ Reports state that a pager and \$150 cash, both personal property, were stolen from Aycock Family Medicine. The pager was valued at \$50. Computer speakers, which were UNC property and worth about \$50, also were stolen from the building.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

■ Reports state that a fire alarm was activated in the Thurston Bowles building. A plastic jar caught on fire, but there was no damage.

City

Sunday, Nov. 26

■ Chapel Hill police were alerted to a breaking and entering on Kenan Street at 12:05 p.m. Reports state that a Panasonic VCR, a Sanyo VCR, an Awia stereo, a Sony PlayStation and a Time Warner Digital Cable box – totalling about \$1,300 – were stolen from a residence.

There are no suspects in the case. The case status is inactive.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a 17-year-old male for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession with intent to sell marijuana.

Reports state that the minor's parent alerted police that he had taken a car without permission.

When police stopped the minor in the car, they searched the vehicle and found 71 grams of marijuana in the center of the vehicle's console.

Reports also state that the marijuana was in 10 plastic sandwich bags.

The minor was transported to Orange County Jail in lieu of a \$500 secured bond.

He is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Nov. 27.

Friday, Nov. 24

■ Carrboro police arrested Requa Maya-Cortez, 25, of 200 N.C. 54 Bypass, Apt. F-103, for child abuse and assault on a child under 12.

Maya-Cortez was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 8.

■ Arturo Jose Hernandez, 28, of 45 Beaumont Lane in Pittsboro, was arrested by Carrboro police for shoplifting.

Reports state that Hernandez stole two six-packs of beer and two packs of pork chops from Food Lion at 602-A Jones Ferry Road.

Hernandez is being held at Orange County Jail in lieu of a \$100 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Feb. 2.

Thursday, Nov. 23

■ Anthony Marvett Purefoy, 39, of Chapel Hill, was arrested by Chapel Hill police for breaking and entering.

Reports state that police arrived at the Phi Delta Theta house at 304 S. Columbia when the house alarm went off.

Reports also state that police found two doors open and two men in the back parking lot. Purefoy reportedly admitted to entering the house.

Reports indicate nothing in the house was damaged.

Purefoy was released on a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 29.

Legislators to Consider Moratorium in 2001

By APRIL BETHEA
Staff Writer

State legislators are divided on the future of a proposed statewide moratorium on the death penalty that the N.C. General Assembly likely will debate early next year.

A legislative study committee, charged with examining capital punishment, unanimously recommended last week that the state ban executions of the mentally handicapped and temporarily

halt all executions.

The committee's final meeting will be Dec. 12 to approve the moratorium and other proposals, one of which would discourage prosecutors in capital cases from selecting or dismissing jurors based on their race.

The General Assembly will vote on the committee's proposals when it reconvenes in January.

Sen. Frank Ballance, D-Bertie, chairman of the study committee, said the moratorium would halt executions until

any questions of fairness – including allegations of racism in the judicial system – are solved.

"We are recommending that there be a halt in as so much time as to ensure that innocent peoples' lives are not being



Capital Punishment Committee Chairman Frank Ballance

jeopardized," Ballance said.

He said committee members also will push for the Racial Justice Act, which would ban executions in cases in which race was determined to be a factor in sentencing.

But Rep. Sam Ellis, R-Wake, said he opposes halting executions because he believes capital punishment itself is not flawed – even though there might be some problems in the judicial process.

Ellis said he supports a thorough examination of the judicial process,

which will identify any problems with in the system.

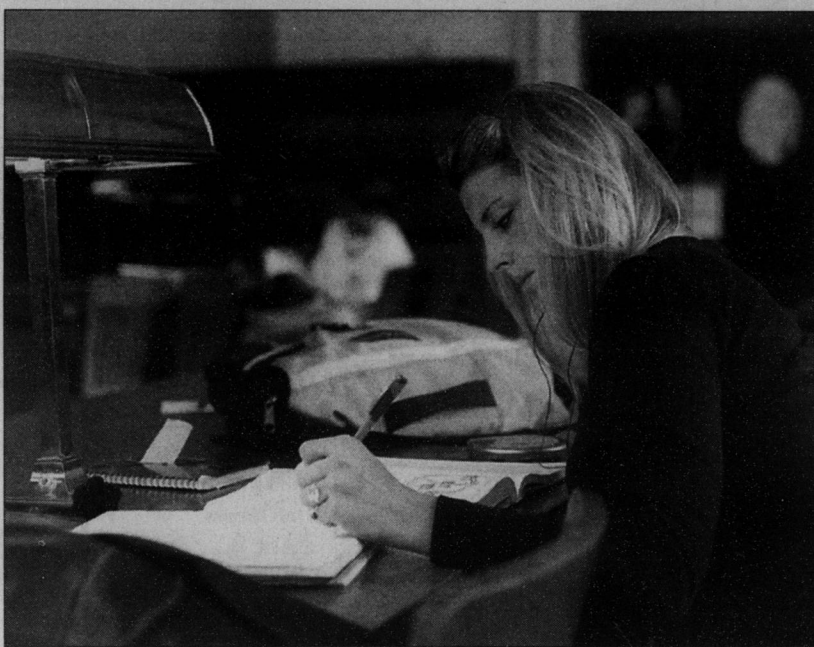
"We need to go to the judicial process and determine why justice is not being served," he said. "We need to restore people's confidence that there is justice."

Several of the state's municipalities – including Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Winston-Salem – have called for a statewide moratorium on the death penalty.

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Cramming in New Places

Ashley Prange (right) studies for her Economics 10 exam in Wilson Library on Monday. Robin Thompson (below right), a sophomore chemistry major, reviews equations with Cutler Andrews and Sarah Kiehna in Venable Hall.



DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Renovations Force Students To Different Study Areas

By BROOK CORWIN AND TYLER MALAND
Staff Writers

A "We're Moving" banner hanging above the Undergraduate Library is reminding many students that they will soon be in search of alternative locations to hit the books.

In anticipation of the upcoming renovation of the Undergrad, which closes its doors Dec. 19, Davis Library will extend its hours and security, almost certainly creating larger crowds in the typically hushed environment.

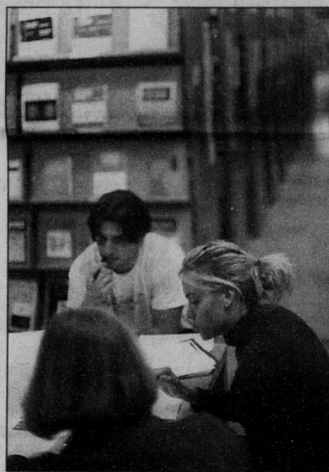
And some students looking to avoid the inevitable crowds will soon join those who

seek out UNC's lesser-known libraries and other atypical study spots.

"Davis doesn't have many tables, and all the study rooms are usually taken," said senior Spanish and international studies major Elizabeth Kissling as she studied in the Union Gallery. She said the lack of tables forces her to retreat to more isolated locations in Davis Library. "You have to go up to the seventh or eighth floor, and it weeds me out."

Kissling said she also tends to her studies at the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, which features lavish furniture underneath crystal chande-

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DTH/VALERIE BRUCHON

Town Council Names Possible Areas for Annexation

By LEAH COLE
Staff Writer

When a town wants to grow big and strong, does it need to drink its milk? Not exactly.

A town grows in size by taking surrounding areas and formally claiming them through a process called annexation.

Last night, the Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously passed a resolution identifying areas under consideration for future annexation after no debate.

The resolution is necessary because North Carolina state laws require a planning board or council to adopt a resolution identifying areas under consideration at least one year before adopting a resolution of intent to annex that land.

"This resolution identifies all areas that potentially could become the subject of annexation," said Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton.

Those places included in the resolution are areas near Notting Hill, including land east of Erwin Road and north of Sage Road, and Southern Village, also

including Dogwood Acres and Zapata Lane.

The Southern Village area is one that the council has been considering annexing for years, but council members now believe the time is right to pursue it.

When land is annexed, that area becomes officially included in the town limits.

In addition, annexing areas allows Chapel Hill to form its borders to match areas of increased urbanization, creating easily recognizable town limits.

But annexation does not come with-

out responsibilities on the part of the town.

These areas are guaranteed multiple municipal services, such as law enforcement protection, fire protection, garbage and trash collection, along with maintenance and lighting of public streets.

Some areas across Chapel Hill became part of the town by petitioning for annexation to the council.

These areas have included Springcrest and Culbreth Middle School.

In the past decade, Chapel Hill also

has completed numerous town-initiated annexations including Sherwood Forest, the Englewood subdivision, Weaver Dairy Road/Erwin Road and the UNC/Faculty-Staff Club.

But the council has declared its intent not to expand beyond the Urban Services Boundary, identified in its 2000 Land Use Plan, as the extent to which its services can expand.

In the future, the council plans to recommend annexation for all areas in between the current town limits and the

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Republican to Vie for Speaker Post

By JENNIFER HAGIN
Staff Writer

The slim Democratic majority in the N.C. House of Representatives might provide an unusual opportunity for a member of the minority party to become speaker.

Rep. Connie Wilson, R-Mecklenburg, recently announced her intention to seek the speaker post, making her the race's third candidate.

The Democrats have a four-seat majority in the House, holding 62 seats to the Republicans' 58. Two Democrats – incumbent speaker Rep. Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, and Rep. Martin Nesbitt, D-Buncombe – are also seeking the position, possibly splitting the party's vote.

Both Democratic speaker candidates said a Republican would not control the speaker position.

But Wilson said she decided to seek

the post because a member of the minority party had a chance at victory if two Democrats were running.

"Even though we're in the minority, the numbers give us a unique opportunity to run," she said. "I plan to solidify the Republicans in caucus and develop a coalition between interested Democrats."

Wilson said she was confident her campaign could be successful.

"It's not going to be easy, but it's definitely possible," she said.

A coalition of Republicans and black Democrats trying to increase their power in the House nearly defeated Black in 1998. Black beat out Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, by only one vote.

But Black said he was confident he will be re-elected Jan. 24 because he has commitments from Democrats that they will vote for him and has been contacted by possible Republican supporters.

"With the 54 (votes) I already have, I

expect to get 61 votes or more," he said. "I'm the only one with 54 commitments."

Black said he did not see Wilson as a threat. "Connie Wilson may get her (vote) and three or four others, but I don't see many more," he said.

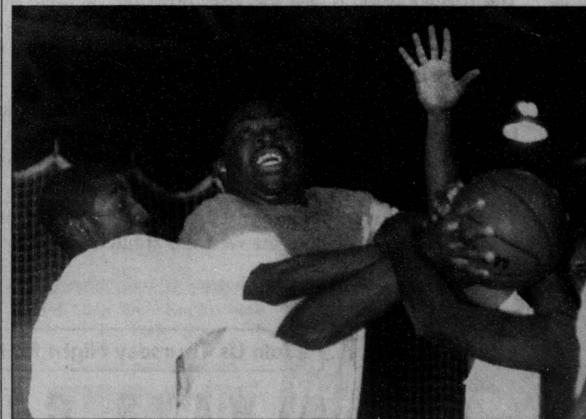
Nesbitt said a Republican candidate and multiple Democratic choices increased his own chances of winning. He said representatives will realign as they see which candidate is pulling ahead in support.

"Everyone in the caucus is waiting on who can get 61 votes to win; he doesn't have 61, and I'm convinced he can't get it," he said. "I think I can get 61 votes, and that's what I'm working towards."

Some legislators have speculated that Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, who was recently elected House minority leader, also will enter the race, but

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NO BLOOD, NO FOUL



DTH/BRENT CLARK

Senior Jermaine Glaspie takes a few hacks from opposing players as he goes for an inside layup. Jermaine and other UNC students were playing a pickup game Monday evening in Woollen Gym.