

POLICE ROUNDUP

Police Seek Suspects in Attempted Kidnapping

Carrboro police received reports of an attempted child-luring that occurred at 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Reports state that a young boy was walking home in the Hillsborough Road area when a light blue boxy-style van approached him. Reports state a passenger of the van offered the boy candy and tried to get him to come closer to the van. The passenger then began to get out of the car. The boy ran away from the van to a friend's house, where he called the police, reports state.

The passenger of the van was described as a male in his 50s with thinning gray hair. The driver of the van was described as a white female with dark hair in a ponytail. Investigation is continuing in the case.

University

Sunday, Jan. 7

A UNC employee at the Dogwood Deck reported that the Mason Farm Road and East Drive gate arms had been knocked down, according to University police reports. No suspects are reported at this time. The previous day the control arm at the south visitor entrance was reported broken.

Saturday, Jan. 6

University police reported to the School of Education after receiving a call from CIPI Alarm Services.

After inventory had been completed, it was discovered that a 19-inch IBM P70 monitor valued at \$400 was missing from the front office.

City

Monday, Jan. 8

Chapel Hill police received reports that a car had been vandalized at 2:36 a.m. on West Rosemary Street.

Reports state that an unknown suspect broke out the vent window of a 1984 Volkswagon Fox with a rock.

Leads are exhausted on the case.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Chapel Hill police received reports of vandalism to a residence on South Columbia Street. Reports state that an unknown suspect threw a brick through the glass doors of the residence, causing \$1,200 in damage. Leads are exhausted on the case.

Carrboro police received reports of larceny of a motor vehicle at 12:10 p.m. Reports state that an unknown suspect stole a black 1994 Jeep Cherokee worth \$10,000 from the parking lot of AC Fitness. Also taken was \$200 cash, a jacket worth \$100, a car seat worth \$50, a backpack worth \$75, ski pants and a jacket worth \$100, CDs worth \$120 and a foldout crib worth \$50.

The case status is inactive at this time.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Chapel Hill police received reports of a bomb threat at 7:10 a.m. at 1213 Airport Road.

Reports state that an unknown subject called the police, warning them of a note left on a phone booth in the area which they had "better take seriously." In the note, the suspect threatened to blow up the construction site of "Grady Smith Middle School" at 9:30 a.m. There were no further incidents.

Case status is inactive at this time.

Chapel Hill police arrested Timothy Michael Elhage, 33, of 129 Scott Lane. Elhage was charged with one count of assault on a female, two counts of tampering with phone lines and one count of credit card theft.

Reports state that Elhage assaulted a female, ripped phone lines out of the wall of her residence and stole her credit card. The victim was transported to UNC Hospitals with internal injuries.

Elhage is being held without bond at Orange County Jail. His trial is set for Jan. 8 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Chapel Hill police are investigating a larceny that occurred at 2:15 p.m. at Ritzies Yogurt and Ice Cream on 201 S. Estes Drive. Reports state that an unknown suspect stole money from the cash register during business hours.

Investigation is continuing in the case.

Friday, Jan. 5

Carrboro police are investigating a report of armed robbery which occurred at 9:30 a.m. at 507 Jones Ferry Road.

Reports state that two male suspects wearing dark clothing robbed the victim of \$430 cash at gunpoint near the mailboxes in front of Abbey Court Apartments. The suspect then left on foot, running toward Carolina Apartments.

Investigation is continuing in the case.

Workers Lay Foundation For New South Campus

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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South Campus construction is expected to gain steam this week as workers begin to lay foundations for the new residence hall communities.

A construction update by the UNC Department of Housing and Residential Education said major earthmoving work has been finished at the communities adjacent to Morrison, Craige and Ehringhaus residence halls.

But Ed Willis, director of construction management, said there is no definite completion time slated for the foundation construction because the work is not completed in specific phases.

"We really don't measure it in that great of detail," he said. "All of these activities will overlap."

The installation of electrical and telephone duct banks at the Hinton James Residence Hall site also will continue this week.

"The previous electrical duct bank is

currently on the footprint of the new building," Willis said.

The work will create additional inconveniences for pedestrians, however. The steam line that runs along Manning Drive currently protrudes above a section of sidewalk and will require a temporary safety ramp for students to cross.

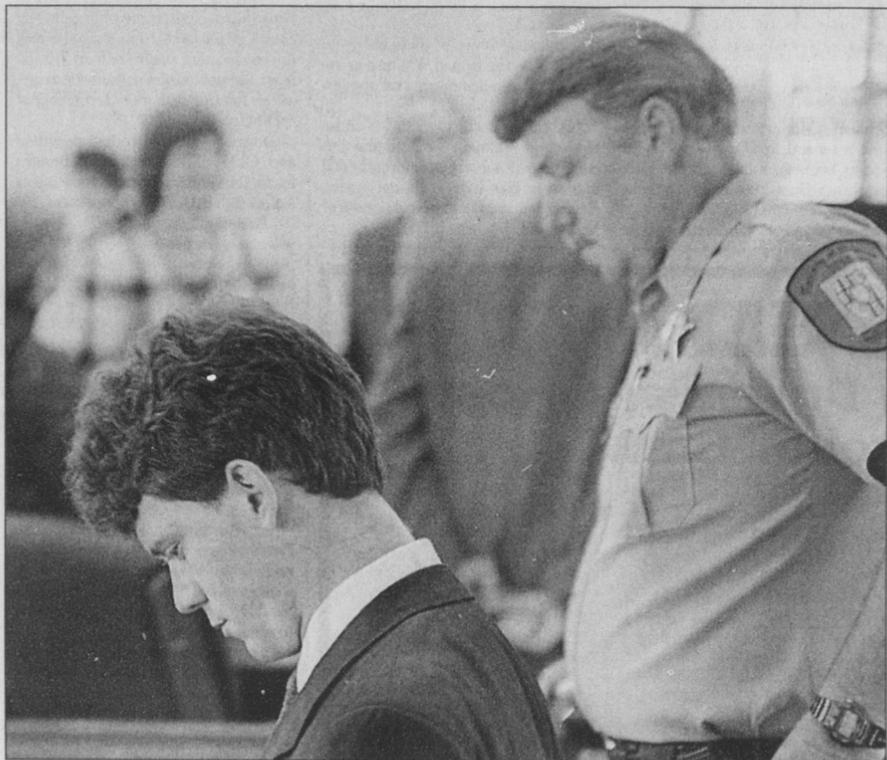
But the work is expected to finish this week and a portion of the sidewalk will

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An area outside of Morrison Residence Hall awaits foundation work, scheduled to begin next week, for a new residence hall.



DTH FILE PHOTO

Wendell Williamson is escorted to Orange County Jail on Sept. 10, 1998 during his malpractice suit against Dr. Myron Liptzin. Williamson won the suit. The N.C. Court of Appeals overturned the decision in December.

Williamson Decision Pleases Psychiatrists

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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Physicians are breathing a sigh of relief after the state Court of Appeals overturned a jury verdict that held the psychiatrist who treated former UNC law student Wendell Williamson liable for Williamson's 1995 shooting spree on Henderson Street.

The unanimous Dec. 19 ruling overturned the 1998 jury decision that found former Student Health Service psychiatrist Myron Liptzin negligent in his treatment of Williamson, who has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. Liptzin was ordered to pay Williamson \$500,000.

Liptzin said he is glad the case has been resolved because the jury ruling could have made psychiatrists hesitant to treat severely mentally ill patients.

He said Williamson's civil suit never should have made its way to a jury. "When it went to trial, I was astounded."

For a period of three months in 1994, Liptzin treated Williamson while he attended law school at UNC. In January 1995, eight months after their last session, Williamson created seven minutes of terror on Henderson Street when he opened

fire on pedestrians and passers-by. He killed a UNC student and a Chapel Hill resident and wounded a police officer.

Williamson is being treated in Dorothea Dix state mental hospital after an Orange County jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity in 1995.

But Liptzin said that it was impossible for him to foresee the near-campus shooting spree and that Williamson had made great improvements during their six sessions. When Williamson came for care, Liptzin said he was on the verge of being kicked out of law school.

"He was a good patient and followed my instructions," he said. "His friends said that while he had been driving them up the wall with his psychotic delusions, he was back to his old self."

Liptzin said the problems started when Williamson went home in May 1994 and did not continue medical attention.

"He was able to finish the semester, and he didn't follow instructions to stay on medication, and he didn't follow up to see anybody," he said. "The event in January was a shock. He was so well, so focused on what he was doing."

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Student Stores Offers One-Stop Shop for Coursepaks

Although the Copytron on Franklin Street has closed, its coursepaks will continue to be available at UNC.

By RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

Students who previously had to shuttle back and forth between Copytron and Student Stores to collect their coursepaks will now be able to buy them all in one place.

Copytron, which was bought in August by Booktech, is still producing coursepaks, but the rest of its departments have been eliminated and the company has closed its Franklin Street location.

For the first time, UNC Student Stores has agreed to allow the coursepaks produced by Booktech - a company specializing in coursepaks - to be sold in the textbook department, said Rebecca Courin, the mid-Atlantic regional manager for Booktech.com.

The transition has not been a difficult one, said John Jones, director of Student Stores. "We're treating them as we do a

publisher," Jones said. "We received them in the same way we do textbooks."

Despite the changes, both Student Stores and Booktech plan for all coursepaks to be available to students on time.

Several students buying coursepaks Monday afternoon in Student Stores said they were largely unaffected by the change. Many said they did not buy coursepaks at Copytron anyway.

But one student was pleased with the change. "I like the fact that they're here instead of up on Franklin Street," said Gentry Caton, a freshman biology major.

And Courin said the switch will not negatively affect the amount of business Booktech takes in from coursepak sales. She said professors had actually requested a few more coursepaks this semester from Booktech than in previous years.

Jones said Student Stores is also producing a few more coursepaks now than it did last semester, a difference he said could be explained by professors' changes in class syllabuses and a variation in classes offered.

Jones said the change did not result in a large profit for Student Stores. "We make some money on them, but not

much," he said. "We make less than on a normal textbook."

Jones said the profit for each coursepak depends on the amount of copy-righted material it contains.

He said there is a minor difference between coursepaks from student stores, and coursepaks from Booktech.

Jones said, "They're merchandised differently - ours are in the coursepak section, and theirs are with the textbooks."

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New House Seat Adds To Redistricting Battle

By MICHAEL MCKNIGHT
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North Carolina will soon have a new voice in Washington thanks to the results of Census 2000, but the political affiliation of that voice could be determined by the redistricting efforts of state legislators.

Census figures released just before the new year stated that North Carolina's population grew by 21 percent over the last decade, giving the state an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressional redistricting is done by committees appointed in each of the houses of the N.C. General Assembly, said Rob Lamme, a spokesman for Senate President Pro-Tem Marc Basnight.

Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor, said what future congressional districts will look like depends on who directs the redistricting committees - Democrats or Republicans. The committee heads will be appointed by the leaders in each chamber of the N.C. General Assembly.

Beyle said the Democrats' comfortable majority in the Senate will ensure that a Democrat will head the redistricting committee in the Senate.

But Beyle said the fate of current House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, is uncertain because several black Democrats have complained that Black is too conservative. Beyle said the potential Democratic split could undo the Democrats' narrow four-seat majority in the House, giving the House a Republican speaker and possibly a Republican chairman of the House redistricting committee.

Neither Lamme nor Danny Lineberry,

a spokesman for Black, would say for certain who would be on committees.

Lamme said the General Assembly could not begin the process of redistricting until detailed census figures are released sometime in mid-March to early April.

Beyle said all areas of the state will be affected by the added district.

"The districts in major metropolitan areas will get smaller and districts in rural areas will get bigger," Beyle said. "Triangle districts will get smaller."

Despite the contention, state party leaders are optimistic about the opportunities an additional seat in Congress could provide.

"We're glad to have an extra seat," said Scott Falmlen, executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party. "We're going to do everything in our power to make sure it's a Democratic seat."

But Republican leaders are hoping the new district will help them retain the seven U.S. House seats they already have. "We are excited about North Carolina getting another seat," said Bill Cobey, chairman of the N.C. Republican Party. "From a partisan standpoint, I think it gives us a better chance to hold on to our seven incumbents in Congress."

Cobey said the Democrats will try to draw districts that make it more likely for them to be elected. But he said these efforts might not have a detrimental impact for Republicans. "(Redistricting) is a zero-sum game," he said. "You can't create better districts for Democrats without creating better districts for Republicans."

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Court Reverses KSU Censorship

A recent 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision overturned a ruling allowing yearbook confiscation.

By ALEX KAPLAN
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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit last Friday reversed a lower court's decision that upheld the confiscation of Kentucky State University's yearbook by campus administrators.

In November 1994, KSU officials confiscated about 2,000 copies of the 1993-94 KSU student yearbook, "The Thorobred."

University officials objected to the book's purple cover - KSU's school colors are green and gold - its "Destination Unknown" theme, the lack of captions under many of the photos, and the inclusion of current events unrelated to KSU. In November 1995, two KSU students filed suit against the KSU officials, claiming violation of their First and 14th Amendment rights and launching a legal battle that continues today.

But the ramifications of Friday's ruling could stretch beyond the confiscation of a few yearbooks at a small, public university. "This ruling will tell college officials nationwide that are inching towards censorship to stop in their tracks and consider what they are doing," said Mark Goodman, executive director of Student Press Law Center.

Goodman said many college officials feel that because they provide funding

The Color Purple

Kentucky State University officials and students fought in court for more than five years after school administrators confiscated the school yearbook. The latest court ruling favors the students.

■ **11/22/95** — Charles Kincaid and Capri Coffey file suit against Betty Gibson, Mary Smith and the individual members of the KSU Board of Regents alleging violation of their First and 14th Amendment rights with respect to administrative action taken against then-Vice President for Student Affairs Laura Cullen, the student newspaper and the student yearbook.

■ **12/11/95** — KSU files motion for to dismiss.

■ **6/26/96** — Judge Joseph Hood issues Memorandum Opinion & Order in which he finds that Kincaid and Coffey have standing to sue. Hood also denies KSU's motion to dismiss students' First Amendment and breach of contract claims. He grants KSU's motion to dismiss students' 14th Amendment due process claim.

■ **6/19/97** — Students file motion for summary judgment.

■ **6/20/97** — KSU files motion for summary judgment.

■ **11/14/97** — Hood issues Memorandum Opinion & Order granting KSU's motion to dismiss.

■ **Summer 1998** — Briefs filed before the 6th Circuit by parties and amici.

■ **3/18/99** — Oral arguments heard by 6th Circuit Panel consisting of judges James L. Ryan, Alan E. Norris and R. Guy Cole, Jr.

■ **9/8/99** — In a 2-1 decision, the 6th Circuit affirms the district court's ruling.

■ **9/22/99** — Students file a Petition for Rehearing En Banc before the full panel of judges on the 6th Circuit.

■ **11/29/99** — Petition for rehearing en banc granted by 6th Circuit.

■ **1/05/01** — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit issued its decision this morning in Kincaid v. Gibson, the KSU censorship case. By a 10-3 vote, the court reversed the lower court decision that had upheld the confiscation of the student yearbook.

SOURCE: STUDENT PRESS LAW CENTER

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