

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, March 4

■ A UNC reserves officer reported the license tag missing from the public safety van he was driving at 3:30 p.m., after having parked the vehicle in a spot reserved for special events outside of the Smith Center.

An unknown suspect removed the tag from the van, which is used to transport officers to and from special events. There is no further information at this time.

■ A UNC student was taken to Student Health Service by Orange Rescue after a Chapel Hill police officer advised University police that an individual was lying in the street.

Reports state that the victim was found at the corner of South Road and South Columbia Street at 1:08 a.m., trying to walk out into the street.

Police regained control of the student and notified telecommunications to get in contact with Orange Rescue.

■ University police arrested William Alfonzo Jr. Thorton of Baltimore at 3:30 p.m. for obtaining property under false pretenses after he attempted to sell counterfeit tickets.

Police reports state that the victim arrived at the scene and said Thorton had sold him three tickets at \$100 apiece and that he had paid for them using all new \$20 bills. Thorton denied having sold anyone tickets, telling officers that he was trying to buy tickets.

The police officers asked to see Thorton's money, which contained at least \$300 in \$20 bills. Thorton did not have any tickets on him at that time, and denied having ever seen the victim.

Police seized a total of \$476 in cash. Thorton was taken to the magistrate's office, where he was put on \$3,000 secured bond, and then later taken to Orange County Jail in Hillsborough.

Friday, March 2

■ An unidentified white man took a book valued at \$35 from Davis Library at 5:45 a.m. A library employee advised that the man come and check the book out after the detection system went off, but instead he ran toward Polk Place.

City

Monday, March 5

■ Chapel Hill police received a report of a larceny at Carolina Coffee Shop, 138 E. Franklin St., at 12:03 a.m.

Reports state that a rock was used to break glass on the rear door, and an undisclosed amount of money along with a \$50 bottle of Wild Turkey were taken. The case has been closed due to exhausted leads.

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■ Carrboro police arrested Walter Nell Morrow, 57, of 501 Jones Ferry Road, Apt. H-1, for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, at 10:52 p.m. Officers arrived at the apartment to find Morrow holding a large knife, which he used to stab his wife in the back, reports state.

Morrow was taken to Orange County Jail and held without bond. His first appearance was March 5 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested David Gerard Browne, 22, of Williamsburg, Va., at 1:06 a.m. for assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, and being drunk and disruptive.

Browne was arrested at 157 E. Franklin St., where he brandished a knife toward an officer on a public sidewalk, reports state.

Reports also state that Browne was transported to Orange County Jail, where he was held in lieu of a \$1,500 bond. Browne's first appearance was March 5 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested William David Corriher, 19, of 1201 Granville Towers West at 1:10 p.m. for ticket scalping. Corriher was overheard by an officer at 157 E. Franklin St., attempting to sell a ticket to the UNC-Duke basketball game for \$200, reports state.

Corriher was released on a written promise and he is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on April 23.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Seth Adam Mattson, 19, of Hull, Mass., and Daren Juan Abreu, 20, of High Point for larceny and possession of stolen goods at 1:40 a.m.

Reports state that Mattson and Abreu stole a Sony PlayStation 2, a Sony DVD player, and various food items valued at \$30 from Delta Sigma Phi, 200 Finley Golf Course Road.

Reports also state that the stolen items were returned and both Mattson and Abreu were released on a written promise. Both men are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on April 9.

International Hero Speaks at FCA Meeting

By JESSICA JOYE
Staff Writer

Amid an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship, an international hero shared his personal miracle to members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Monday.

Clarke Bynum addressed the role of God in his heroic act of saving a British Airways flight from a terrorist attack last December to a crowd of about 100 in the Kenan Field House.

Bynum was on his way to Uganda on a two-week missionary trip. He said his prayer for the trip was to clearly see God in action and to change his life. "I just never knew how true those words would become," he said.

After the initial flight from Charlotte to London, nothing went as planned, Bynum said. He and his friend, Gifford Shaw, missed their flight from London to Uganda due to an ice storm. They were put on a plane to Nairobi several hours later.

"Here we were on a flight we never should have been on," Bynum said. "Everything from this point on was divine intervention."

He and Shaw were seated on the second level of a Boeing 747, two rows behind the cockpit door.

About one hour into the flight, Bynum said he awoke to the "most tremendous jolt you could imagine." Bynum would later find out that the

plane dropped 19,000 feet in less than two minutes.

He said he then heard horrendous screams coming from the cockpit. Bynum said he knew at that moment he was going to die.

"It was the strangest thing to know that in three to five seconds I was going to be in heaven," he said. "The first thing I felt was peace. But then I thought of my wife and kids and felt incredible sadness. It was then I felt the overwhelming need to do something."

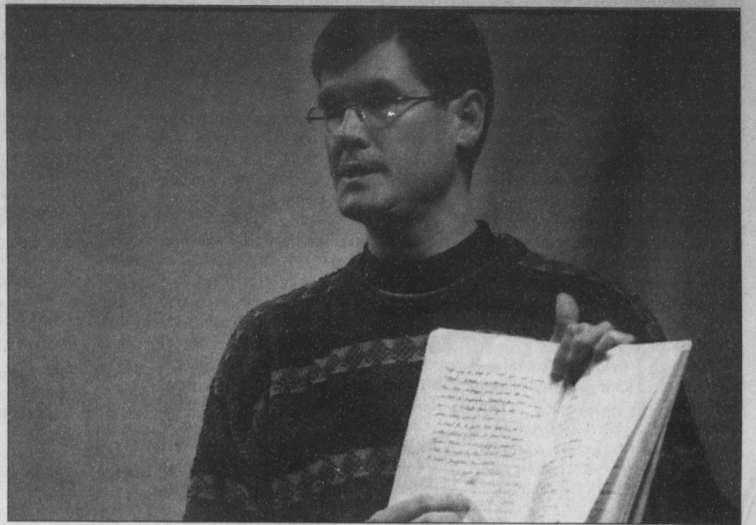
Bynum took one step to the cockpit door and opened it to find an unarmed Kenyan man standing over the pilot, forcing the plane down.

Bynum, a 6-foot-7 former Clemson basketball player and UNC recruit, then grabbed the man and pulled him as hard as he could. After he wrestled the man to the ground, other passengers helped hold the man down and handcuff him.

Bynum said his courageous behavior was not typical of his personality. "If I hear a bump in the night, I tell my wife to go check it out," he said, drawing laughter from the audience. "I'm really not the bravest person. My bravery in that situation was an act of God."

FCA Vice President Mary Cort said her organization invited Bynum to speak because his Christian values mirrored the beliefs and ideals of FCA members. "His experience on the plane is a testimony to

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Former Clemson basketball player Clarke Bynum shares his journal, written about the time he saved a plane from a terrorist, at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting Monday night.

How Sweet It Is

Alternative rock singer/songwriter Matthew Sweet is now out on a self-promotional tour after leaving his record label and will be at Cat's Cradle on Thursday.

By SARAH KUCHARSKI
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Pretend you're a famous musician. Now take one U-Haul and fill it full of expensive instruments and gear.

Lock the back door improperly and attach the trailer to your vehicle. Begin transit from point A to point B, but along the way you'll fail to notice as a road case and classic guitar fall from the U-Haul into the middle of a busy highway. Next you'll continue driving, oblivious, only realizing the mistake one mile later.

Suddenly you'll stop, scream in alarm and send two crew guys sprinting back down the highway for the aforementioned mile. Amazingly, your crew guys will find your gear unharmed. They'll dodge traffic until they're within 100 feet of said gear, risking life and limb. But as your crew guys get closer, so does an ill-timed semi.

As the semi barrels toward you, you'll hold your breath and watch in horror as the road case and guitar are smashed into thousands of tiny pieces.

Welcome to a bad day in Matthew Sweet's life on the road. But don't worry — it gets a little easier, he said.

"Touring is certainly something that, over the years, I've definitely grown fonder of than in the beginning," Sweet said.

Sweet, an alternative rock singer/songwriter with an ear for classic, Beach Boys-esque pop, has been described as an amalgamation of the Beatles, R.E.M. and Neil Young. His 1991 album *Girlfriend* won critical acclaim and reached the top five on the modern rock charts, and his 1994 effort, *100% Fun*, received radio airplay with "Sick of Myself." He even collaborated with comedian Mike Myers, co-writing "BBC" for Myers' hit "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery."

After a greatest hits compilation and a few brief tours promoting 1999's *In Reverse*, Sweet ditched his record label and set out on his own.

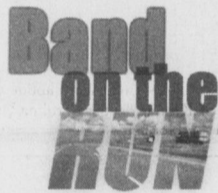
Faced with the task of self-promotion, he accepted offers for double-night bookings in Chicago and New York. From these club dates spawned his current tour across the Midwest and East Coast. All in all, Sweet will visit 11 states and the District of Columbia in less than a month.

Now, after four or five years away from N.C. clubs, Sweet will roll in to Cat's Cradle on Thursday.

Traveling from state to state via tour bus (mostly due to his extreme fear of flying), Sweet said touring definitely has its pros and cons.

"I would say I like touring from the standpoint of getting to see the peo-

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A four-part series exploring the lives of musicians on the road.



Singer/songwriter Matthew Sweet will be performing at the Cat's Cradle on Thursday as part of his 11-state tour. Throughout the '90s, Sweet's infectious pop songs were heavily rotated on alternative radio.

Rebel Flag Debate Hits UNC NAACP

Most participants spoke out against the flag, saying they feel it symbolizes racism, hate and oppression.

By JENNY FOWLER
Staff Writer

Members from several minority groups on campus participated in a forum Monday night to debate the meaning of the Confederate flag and whether it should be flown over Southern state capitol buildings.

The debate, held by the UNC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, invited members of the Black Student Movement, Students for the Advancement of Race Relations and the Duke University chapter of the NAACP. Other non-affiliated students were in the audience as well.

The NAACP held the event in an effort to educate students about the recent debate about the meaning of the Confederate flag — racial hatred versus Southern heritage. "We want people to realize that the Confederate flag is still an issue," said NAACP President Ryan Wilson. "For me, and for the NAACP (at UNC), it is a symbol of racism."

Sophomore Ebonie Monique Hall, who led the debate, said the controversy reflects larger racial problems affecting society today. "The purpose is to inform other students on campus about the issues that face leaders of this country," she said. "We also want to inform students of the issues that are hindering race relations on this campus and in this country."

English Professor Mae Henderson, who moderated the debate, said the display of racism inherent in flying the flag is bringing all black organizations

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Renovations to Close Joyner State Senate Approves Elections Team Ticket

Students who will be displaced by renovations will receive priority in the reassignments this month.

By BEN DAVIDSON
Staff Writer

Joyner Residence Hall will close the next academic school year to undergo renovations as part of a 10-year plan to renovate all campus housing.

State-mandated sprinkler systems, electricity and fire alarm upgrades, and drop ceilings to cover exposed pipes will be installed in Joyner during the next school year.

Officials say the closing of Joyner is not expected to cause any problems with housing students next year.

"Joyner has 172 beds," said Rebecca Casey, assistant director of marketing for the housing department. "We try to keep the same number of dorms under renovation every year so that the number of beds remains relatively constant."

Problems with bed space have been alleviated by moving graduate students from Craige Residence Hall, where they were given the option of living alone, to Whitehead Residence

Hall, where they must live with a roommate.

Some students indicated that these upgrades were not all that needed to be done.

"I've never had problems, but the building needs new paint and is not handicapped-accessible," said Joyner resident Erin Baker, a freshman psychology major.

Renovation plans also include scheduled upgrades for Alexander, Conner and Winston residence halls during the 2002-2003 school year.

Casey said students being displaced by any renovations will receive priority in housing assignments for the next school year.

"During the recontracting period, March 19 through 23, students will have the option of living in the same region or another residence hall," she said. "They will receive priority assignment."

But not all students are happy about the upcoming move.

"Some of my friends are angry about having to move," said Joyner

resident Emily Hardy, a senior business major. "But personally it won't impact me."

Other residence hall renovations are scheduled for the summer. The South Campus high rises usually used for housing during special events and conferences will not be available for summer use due to rewiring and the installation of sprinklers.

Casey said the plan to renovate all residence halls is funded by general housing revenue, not the \$3.1 billion bond referendum, and is part of the Master Plan.

"We plan to stick to the scheduled renovations," Casey said. "This is a way to keep current on all renovations."

And Hardy agreed upgrades were much needed in Joyner.

"Joyner needs some improvements," she said. "The pipes make a lot of noise, the roaches are bad, and a lot of people had to repaint their own rooms."

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By MICHAEL DAVIS
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The face of N.C. elections could undergo drastic changes with the passage of an N.C. Senate bill last week that calls for the governor and lieutenant governor to run on the same ticket.

The bill — which would require a constitutional amendment — must now pass the N.C. House.

Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, who sponsored the bill, said this change is greatly needed.

Rand said that with a two-party state, problems could arise if the governor died and were replaced by a member of the opposing party.

"It doesn't work very well to have a lieutenant governor of one party and a governor of (another) party," he said.

He also cited the high cost of elections as another reason for the change. During last year's race, \$3.8 million was spent.

Rand, who ran for lieutenant governor in 1988, added that women and minorities often have a hard time gaining representation in the state's highest offices because it is difficult for them to raise campaign funds.

"(This amendment would) make the position more available to more underrep-

resented groups," he said.

But Rep. John Blust, R-Guilford, is not sure whether this bill would provide a positive change for the state.

"I've got mixed feelings about it," he said.

He said the amendment would cause the potential future governor to be picked by party officials rather than voters.

He added that this would give the lieutenant governor an immediate advantage if he decided to run for the state's top spot.

He expects the issue to be approved by a slight margin in the House but is not sure whether it will receive the needed three-fifths to add an amendment to the constitution.

He also said state parties could begin holding conventions if the two gubernatorial positions are combined.

"It might strengthen the hand of the parties," he said.

Rep. Leslie Cox, D-Lee, does not understand the motivation behind the bill.

"I think our people should elect officials rather than a select few people," he said.

"I think (the bill) will take the second-highest rank in the state, and have a committee elect them."

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