

# POLICE ROUNDUP

## University

Wednesday, March 28

■ A truck backing into the loading dock at Davis Library struck a parked vehicle at 1:21 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27

■ A UNC employee reported to University police that his parking permit was taken from his vehicle parked in the Kenan Stadium parking lot.

The doors were locked, but the window had been left open.

■ A Nokia cellular phone valued at \$100 was stolen from the bag of a student who was studying in Davis Library.

The student said she went to the reference desk at 1:15 a.m. and upon returning to her seat at 1:25 a.m. noticed that the bag had been tampered with, and the phone was missing.

■ A delivery person bringing bagels to the Daily Grind Coffee Shop at 5:16 a.m. reported a breaking and entering. Someone threw a rock through a glass door to enter the store. The cash register was missing \$137 in cash.

■ A UNC employee contacted police at 2:30 p.m. to report damage to the door lock of room 207 in Hill Commercial Building.

■ A black sign with white writing donated by the Historical Society was reported missing at 8:00 a.m. from Horace Williams Airport.

The sign, which described the origins of the airport, had been up for two weeks.

## City

Tuesday, March 27

■ Chapel Hill police received reports of larceny at midnight.

Reports state that someone removed a Giant bike worth \$709.69 from a stair rail outside the residence.

The incident is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police received reports of a disturbance at 10:10 p.m. Reports state that someone detonated fireworks outside a residence on South Estes Road.

Leads are exhausted in the case.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Justin William Lynch, 19, of 124 Avery Residence Hall at 2:01 a.m., in front of the Gap, 108 E. Franklin St., for underage possession of alcohol, consuming alcohol on a sidewalk and littering.

An officer observed Lynch drink a Miller Lite and throw it on the ground in front of 155 E. Franklin St., reports state.

Lynch is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on May 7.

Monday, March 26

■ Chapel Hill police received reports of larceny from a motor vehicle at 5 p.m.

Reports state that someone entered a 2000 Ford Ranger parked on Reade Road and took a Motorola cell phone worth \$220. The incident is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Kannon Sasikumar, 32, of 624 Berwick Valley Lane in Cary.

Reports state that Sasikumar used another person's identification to get a \$14,000 loan from the Bank of America. Sasikumar is being charged with one count of felony theft of identification, one count of felony obtaining property by false pretenses and one count of misdemeanor probation violation, reports state.

He was confined without bond at Orange County Jail. His court date was scheduled for March 27 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Elijah Josiah Walters, 20, of 6503 Treetops Drive, Hilton Head, S.C.

Reports state that Walters was arrested during a search of a car. He was found to have a marijuana pipe in his sock.

He was cited and released for one count of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date has been set for June 4 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

■ Carrboro police were notified of a breaking and entering and larceny at The Villages apartment complex at 1:54 p.m.

One of the victims came home to find his television, VCR and stereo, a total value of \$1,250, missing, reports state.

Reports also state that the victim, who was out of town, said that his dead-bolt was locked when he left and that he has yet to speak with his roommate about the theft. The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police were notified at 4:14 p.m. of theft of computer equipment from Orange County Literacy Council, 503 W. Franklin St.

A laptop and case valued at \$2,200 and software valued at \$1,000 were stolen, reports state. The case is under further investigation.

# Easley Chats It Up With Friday

By COURTNEY REID  
Staff Writer

Former UNC-system President Bill Friday chatted with Gov. Mike Easley Wednesday night about North Carolina's future and his plans to improve education and deal with a burgeoning population.

About 30 people attended the interview, which was part of the Tuesdays with Friday series at the 10th anniversary celebration of the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

The center is named after Friday, who served as president of the UNC system for 30 years.

Friday began the discussion by asking Easley about his first 100 days in office.

"I've enjoyed it, but I am surprised how isolated you can get from the people," Easley said. "I have to work hard to break the bubble and get out to see the people like I used to."

Friday then changed up issues he called important to the state, including the population boom, transportation and education. When asked how the state would work with the increased Hispanic population, Easley said the government would respond by breaking down language barriers that cause problems in health care and education.



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Gov. Mike Easley talks to Bill Friday on Wednesday night about issues affecting the state as part of the lecture series "Tuesdays With Friday."

Easley added that the increase in the population of urban areas means there will be fewer rural legislators to protect the needs of people in those areas. "If we don't work to develop the entire state, we've got the urban areas trying to support all of North Carolina," he said.

Friday also mentioned that the emission of fossil fuels in the transportation system needs to be addressed. Easley agreed, saying that mass transit is one option.

Friday then changed the topic of conversation to the quality and conservation of North Carolina's water supply.

Easley said it is essential to protect the state's water. "The quality of our water is not what it needs to be."

Easley described a possible solution, called the "river-back approach," which involves testing rivers from a certain point, then moving further upstream until the source of the problem is found.

Friday then shifted gears to discuss a central point of Easley's gubernatorial campaign — education.

He asked Easley what his plans were to help educate the almost 400,000 children living below the poverty line.

Easley responded that programs are being developed to meet these children's needs.

"We're taking a comprehensive approach — from Smart Start to college, from lowering elementary class size to closing the achievement gap, to spending funds in the university system for need-based scholarships to get more kids in college," he said.

In closing, Easley shared his definition of public service, what he said was his favorite part of the job. "Public service is about using your God-given talents to help other people."

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# Congress Tackles Last Items

Student Congress approved a student advising board that will work to improve UNC's advising department.

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With standing-room only and a packed agenda, members of the 82nd session of Student Congress opened the final meeting of their term Tuesday night.

But the crowd quickly dwindled as soon as Congress unanimously approved a resolution to approve new appointees to the Honor Court.

The Honor Court appeared first on the agenda at the request of Rep. Mark Townsend. He said the Honor Court had a gag order that prevented members from hearing any talk of allegations against the Carolina Athletic Association, which was the major focus of the night.

In other actions: ■ Congress approved a bill to create a Student Academic Advising Board in response to the consistently low scores of UNC's advising program consistently in relation to other UNC-system schools.

The bill states that the purpose of the Student Academic Advising Board is to promote open dialogue between senior administrators and students on topics involving the advising department.

■ A bill to amend the responsibilities of the speaker of Student Congress passed with no difficulty. The speaker will now have the power currently held by the student attorney general to swear-in Congress members on days other than the official inauguration day.

■ Congress also gave a thumbs-up to a bill that eliminates student committees that are either completely inactive or no longer in existence.

■ Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye then presented a bill to change the composition of the Student Fee Audit Committee, which works with the Student Activities Fund Office.

"I think people use it as a résumé builder," he said. "I want to narrow the scope of who can be on the committee and involve people who have stakes in the committee. I want to reach outside of the normal pool of applicants."

The bill passed with small objection.

■ After a brief recess, Congress moved on to tackle the night's most anticipated bills, which involved censuring and supervising the actions of the CAA. By a narrow margin of 10-9, Congress members voted to censure the CAA, even though some representatives said rumors against the group have not been properly investigated.

Congress vehemently rejected a bill that would have censured CAA President Tee Pruitt. Some members expressed their disapproval of Pruitt's actions, yet they felt it was not fair to single out one individual.

The bill to take the CAA under the wing of Student Congress received heavy debate and was amended into the wee hours of Wednesday morning. When time allotted for debate expired, Congress member Chris McClure cast the only opposing vote to the bill.

With weary eyes, Congress then approved the budget for the 2001-02 academic year.

At the night's end, several members of Congress thanked their fellow representatives for their hard work throughout the year. The consensus held that Congress performed above par this year, despite many hardships, including a budget crisis.

Although Congress had \$39,000 to appropriate to student groups in fall 1999, they began with only \$22,000 in fall 2000, placing extra stress on this year's allocation process.

"We had one hellish year," Frye said, concerning the Finance Committee. "It's hard to say no (to funding requests), but we did. We had a vision to take care of the problem now and not leave it for the future."

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# Meeting: Aletha Green

By JERMAINE CALDWELL  
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Reader, meet Aletha Green.

Aletha, the reader. Her lowdown: She's a freshman volleyball player from San Diego, Calif. Oh, but she does need you to know one thing: "There's more to my life than volleyball."

So let us catch up with Ms. Green. Because we snag her fresh perspective toward the end of her second semester there is a lot to cover: Nintendo games, N.C. life, the military (past and future), support for athletes and why she does not crack a book on the weekends.

But first, life in North Carolina.

This 18-year-old freshman, who was born in Charleston, S.C., spent the last six years in California before she came to Chapel Hill for college. Being just one of a small crowd heading to the East Coast for college, Green said her preconceived notions about North Carolina teetered from good to bad before her arrival. Between reading "Confederates in the Attic" — the required reading for freshmen — and visiting the campus September of her senior year of high school, Green said she was not really sure what to expect.

"The people are different. I don't know how to explain it," she said. "But it wasn't that big of a difference."

Green said the atmosphere here is "more conservative" than in California. She recalled a banquet she attended at which audience members joined together in a prayer before their meal. Although the prayer itself did not bother her, Green said she was used to the political correctness that came with living in California, where she said the prayer might not happen. "This would never fly," she remembered thinking. "I was like, 'What's going on here? You guys are going to get sued.'"

And although Green said, "Ever since I've been here, I can say I feel pretty comfortable here," that does not mean that she is picking up any of the speech habits of the South, "y'all" especially. "I'm not even about to hear it," she said about the flak she would receive if the expression came out of her mouth when she returned home.

The reason Green went to school across the country to the land of "y'alls" has to do with a sport called volleyball, one she started playing her freshman year of high school. And the impetus behind hitting the court was not a great love of the game. "The only way I could get out the house was to play sports," Green said. And she is 6-foot-1.

When it became time to select a university to attend, playing volleyball for UNC did not seem like such a bad idea. "I know that I'm not that great an athlete where people are going to want to pay me to advertise or keep playing volleyball," she said. "I need to go to a school where



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I can get a good education, get a job and make money."

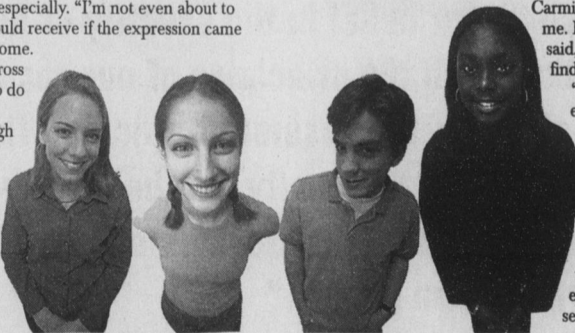
Green can easily sum up the life of a freshman volleyball player: "I've never had more volleyball in my life." In the preseason, the team practiced twice a day. And then there is a lot of weight room training as well. "You sleep and eat to play volleyball," she said about the first few weeks of practice. "That was definitely hard for me."

Being on the volleyball team required Green and her teammates to be on campus before most students this fall. And that was not very conducive to meeting new people, Green said. So she rode the elevator a couple times in Carmichael Residence Hall. "It was fun for me. It gave me something to do," she said, noting that once classes started, finding new faces was no problem.

"I just like hanging out with people, especially if they're funny," she said. "Then you can just sit back and watch them."

After a semester of meeting, greeting and hanging at UNC, Green said there are valuable lessons to be learned about people in general. "You just have to know who's looking out for your best interest." That's the main theme of last semester, she said. "There are people who just don't care; they're just along for the ride. When crunch

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Part Four of Fresh Perspectives: A four-part series following the lives of four freshman through their first year at UNC. From left to right: Katie Welch, S.J. Barrie-Chapman, Kent Welch, Aletha Green

# New CUAB President Faces Union Renovation Challenges

By GREG STEFFENSEN  
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Students: Your new Student Union is weeks behind schedule, and junior Kristi Young is keeping tabs on it for you.

Construction on the new Frank Porter Graham Student Union is just one of the issues Young will deal with in the coming months as president of the Carolina Union Activities Board.

Since being named president-elect in February by the Carolina Union Board of Directors, Young said she has been eagerly awaiting the creation of her new Cabinet and the chance to continue working on programs, such as art

exhibits and performances, for the Union.

"I've been trying to recruit so that we have a diverse Cabinet," said Young, whose term begins officially next month. "In general, I'd like to increase communication between student organizations and employees of the Union, and I'm trying to get student groups to work together more."

She said the film, theater, art and speakers that CUAB orchestrates have a large impact. "(The Union) is really the only place to sit down and relax, and since we also have the Underground and movies and all the other programs, this is definitely something important to

students," Young said. "It's in effect a home away from home."

But renovating that home could get messy, Young said, adding that construction could be as many as 90 days behind schedule. "We were supposed to be in the new temporary space by next fall, but it's looking like midsemester at the earliest."

The transition is just one of the efforts Young will coordinate. She said she is excited about next year's challenges and plans to begin preparations in earnest as soon as she chooses her Cabinet. "I've started brainstorming with (Union Director) Don Luse," she said.

CUAB applications are due today and are available at the Union Desk.

February's dancing and roller skating party in the Great Hall was one of many programs Young has spearheaded.

Fellow CUAB and CUBD member Bharath Parthasarathy said he was impressed by Young's ability to almost singlehandedly see the roller-skating party completion, especially in light of unusual difficulties. "She stuck with that roller-skating program through all the levels of bureaucracy, through all the lawyers and safety concerns of the University," Parthasarathy said. "I give her mad props for that."

Parthasarathy said he agrees with Young that construction will be a hurdle, but he remains optimistic.

"I think the positives completely outweigh the negatives," he said. "We're working to make sure that the transition from the old Union to the new Union is flawless."

Although Young ran unopposed for CUAB President, Parthasarathy said the board endorsed her without reservation. "I think it's everyone's opinion that she is supremely qualified for the job."

Carolina Union Program Advisor Tony Patterson agrees. "She has a fresh, more creative perspective on the job," he said. "I think Kristi's going to be great."

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