



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, April 11

At 10:30 a.m. University police responded to a report of a missing laptop.

An IBM Thinkpad laptop was reported missing from 241A Knapp Building. After checking with faculty, staff and students, police could not locate the computer.

Tuesday, April 10

University police arrested Davin Rodriguez Morales at 9:03 p.m.

Morales was arrested for second-degree trespassing after he was caught hanging out on the second floor of Hanes Art Center. Morales was transported to the magistrate office and received a written promise to appear in court.

A UNC employee reported to University police at 5:50 p.m. that the left-side door lock on his pickup truck had been pried and broken into.

Nothing was missing from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

At 3:55 p.m. units responded to a report of a subject having a seizure at the construction site in front of Craig Residence Hall.

The subject was found lying face-down on the ground with a laceration to his head. The subject was not conscious but was breathing. EMS units arrived and transported the subject to UNC Hospitals.

Monday, April 9

A UNC employee reported to University police the larceny of his parking permit at 10:11 a.m.

He said he parked his vehicle in the Cardinal Deck on Saturday at about 6:30 a.m. and at 5 p.m. it was gone. He said he did not have the top on his vehicle at the time.

City

Tuesday, April 10

Chapel Hill police were notified of a larceny at Harris Teeter Supermarket, 210 S. Estes Drive, at 6:38 p.m.

A suspect concealed four 6-packs of beer, valued at \$16, and left the store. The beer was later recovered, reports state.

The case is closed because leads are exhausted.

Chapel Hill police received a report of larceny from the Chapel Hill Senior Center at the Galleria, 400 S. Elliot Road, at 9:35 a.m.

A patio set including a table and four chairs, valued at \$150, was stolen from the center, reports state.

The case is closed because leads are exhausted.

Chapel Hill police arrested Brian Keith Farrington, 30, of 226 Knolls St. A, at 11:48 p.m. on a warrant for felony probation violation issued by Buncombe County on Jan. 9, reports state.

Reports also state that officials transported Farrington to Orange County Jail where he was held in lieu of a \$7,500 secured bond.

Farrington is scheduled to appear in Buncombe County District Court in Asheville on April 23.

Chapel Hill police received a report of larceny from Circle K, 106 Ephesus Church Road, at 12:09 p.m.

A suspect stole \$22.25 worth of Marlboro cigarettes, reports state.

The case is closed because leads are exhausted.

Chapel Hill police arrested Sarah Elisabeth Stottlemeyer, 22, of 250 Brookberry Circle, for driving without a license.

Police stopped Stottlemeyer at U.S. 15-501 at Brandon Road for not having a license plate on her vehicle.

They discovered that her driver's license had been revoked indefinitely, reports state.

Stottlemeyer is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on May 8.

Carrboro police received a report of larceny of a 1993 Saturn at 10:45 a.m. from the parking lot of Royal Park Apartments, 501 N.C. 54.

The case is under further investigation.

Carrboro police were notified at 12:37 p.m. of an assault that occurred at The Village Apartments, 1000 Smith Level Road, on Monday at approximately 10 p.m.

The victim was walking back from taking out the trash when three men reportedly approached and beat the victim, who suffered minor injuries, reports state.

Reports also state that the victim said there was no conversation between them and the men were not provoked.

The case is under further investigation.

Men Rally to End Violence Against Women

By KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

Members of the White Ribbon Campaign formed a shoulder-to-shoulder semicircle in the Pit on Wednesday to rally against violence.

The campaign aims to incite men to help end men's violence against women. Participants wore matching navy-blue shirts and white ribbon pins as they stood in solidarity in the Pit.

Junior Will Harcombe, the campaign's coordinator, stepped up to the podium in the center of the half-circle to address the crowd. "We as men have a responsibility to stand up and voice our opinions and take a stand," he said.

Don Appairius, assistant dean of students, also stepped to the podium to express his support of the campaign. He thanked all the men who had gathered, and he explained what he sees as the

biggest misunderstanding about violence against women.

"I think there's a comfort zone about putting it as stranger rape," Appairius said. "But most of the rapes that actually occur are when the person feels safe and they let their guard down."

The campaign has taken place on the UNC campus for the past three years, with the theme this year being "Allies at All Times," to emphasize the assumption that rape only occurs under certain circumstances.

Men standing by the Pit and listening to the campaign were encouraged to show their support by signing a pledge and wearing a free T-shirt and white ribbon.

Sophomore Alistair Cooper, a member of the campaign's planning committee, said the intent of the effort is to alleviate the social stigma that surrounds an issue in which men are often portrayed as perpetrators.

"The purpose of this campaign is to incite open dialogue about a problem that is perpetuated by passive silence," Cooper said. "We believe that the real perpetrators are a minority, but the majority is silent, and this is where the dichotomy lies."

Sophomore Marianne Burns, who viewed the rally, said it is important to let women know that there are men out there who support them.

"As a woman, it really means a lot to me that there are guys on this campus who are willing to stand up against this type of violence," Burns said.

The Wednesday campaign events continued at 6:30 p.m. with a speech given in the Union Cabaret by Dr. Michael Kaufman, founder of the International White Ribbon Campaign, who spoke on the role of men in the

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Dr. Michael Kaufman, founder of the International White Ribbon Campaign, speaks about ending men's violence against women.

EGG HEADS



Ten-year-old Christopher Gunnels (left) beats his younger brother Kevin to a plastic egg in front of Murphey Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The Spring Egg Hunt was organized for local children by the Residence Hall Association. The two boys hit the jackpot, each going home with more than 20 eggs.

BOG Vote Still Priority For Students

Student leaders say they will continue to push the General Assembly for a vote on the Board of Governors.

By METOKA WELCH
Staff Writer

Despite low student turnout at an N.C. House Education Committee debate that focused on a bill to allow a student vote on the Board of Governors, student leaders say they are committed to seeing the bill pass.

The Education Committee deliberated the bill Tuesday and approved the legislation in a voice vote. The legislation will now be sent to the House Rules Committee, which will determine when the bill is heard by the full House.

Notable absentees from yesterday's vote were Student Body President Justin Young and UNC Association of Student Governments Vice President Liz Gardner, a UNC-CH senior.

Gardner said other obligations kept her from attending the hearing.

"I had a class," said Gardner, who confirmed Tuesday that she has been linked to a controversy involving the Carolina Athletic Association presidential race. "But I think other students are just as concerned with this move as I am."

Gardner admits that the student turnout was low but that student leaders plan to take action soon. "We're already making efforts for a stronger presence (when the bill is) in the House," she said. "We expect a lot of students and leaders."

Andrew Payne, ASG president and the current student BOG member, said he is working harder to get students ready for the bill's debate in the Senate.

"I am confident that it will pass in the House," he said. "But we are trying to get more students involved when it goes to the Senate." A similar bill died in a

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BOG Committee Trims Meetings Town Takes Builder to Court

By ALEX KAPLUN
State & National Editor

Board of Governors committees discussed Wednesday plans to alter the board's tuition-setting policy and reduce the number of meetings the board holds each year.

The current BOG tuition policy calls for campus-initiated tuition increase requests to be approved only in emergency situations. But in the two years policy has been in place, the BOG has approved tuition increases at 11 UNC-system campuses, including a \$600 tuition increase last year at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Members of the Budget and Finance Committee discussed the tuition increase for several minutes but eventually decided the policy was too complicated for one committee to handle and decided to bring the issue before the full board in the next few months.

Later in the day, the BOG's governance committee approved a recommendation to cut the annual number of board meetings from 11 to eight. The proposal would eliminate the board's April and July meetings.

"I do believe that we can do our business, do it well and save a little money by going to an alternate schedule," said BOG member Jim Phillips.

The proposal will go before the full board today.

UNC-system President Molly Broad also said the proposal will allow the board to fulfill its objectives while avoiding unnecessary paperwork.

For the board to move to an eight-meeting schedule, the committee agreed to delegate more authority to the Office of the President — including approval of minor capital projects and approval of changes to tenure policies.

But BOG member John Sanders, who recently lost his bid for re-election to a second term on the BOG, discouraged committee members from accepting the proposal. Sanders said the change could hinder the board's credibility. "As you delegate more of the board's functions to others, you reduce your understanding of the university," Sanders said.

Sanders also said that while he has no doubt that the proposal will pass near-unanimously, the board should consider the full ramifications of such a change.

"It's been my observation that we have plenty to do, plenty to read in 11 months," Sanders said. "It takes meetings and times and opportunity to become familiar with the business of the university."

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Riddle Properties allegedly violated a zoning agreement requiring streetlights to be up and running in 1994.

By COKE WHITWORTH
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Chapel Hill officials are taking legal steps against a Fayetteville company, an action the town hopes will force the builder to install proper lighting at its downtown property.

The town filed a lawsuit against Riddle Commercial Properties Inc. and its owner, Joseph P. Riddle III, to have the builder finish installing three streetlights at the corner of Franklin Street and South Columbia Street.

The town began to levy a \$25-a-day fine against the builder on Nov. 23, 1999, for the alleged violation of a zoning agreement. Riddle Properties now owes more than \$12,500 in fines.

Officials said Riddle Properties was supposed to have the lights wired and working when it finished construction of its building that houses First Union and

Top of the Hill in late 1994. But none of the businesses housed in the building are involved in the suit.

Town officials said the builder left them no choice but to take legal action.

"We really thought we could get this taken care of without having to go to court," Curtis Brooks, manager of town streetscape projects, said. "We've had several meetings with them and really felt like we were making progress, but it's been a while now and still nothing has been done."

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Plan Aims to Save County Resources

By GEOFF WESSEL
Staff Writer

Orange County officials viewed the first draft of a long-term conservation plan Wednesday that aims to extend the county's environmental protection measures through the end of the decade.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners met to hear Orange County Environment and Resource Conservation Director David Stancil present environmental preservation proposals for the county.

Stancil presented the board with a preliminary draft of the Long-Term Priorities document of the county's Lands Legacy

Program, which outlines conservation plans from 2002 through 2010.

He also presented the Lands Legacy annual action plan for 2001-2002, which the commissioners approved with minor changes.

"Last February, we decided we need to think beyond the one-year action plans," Stancil said. "We're trying to create a big-picture approach to challenges and opportunities of the next decade."

The Lands Legacy Program was adopted last April as a strategy for the county's acquisition and conservation of land with unique natural and cultural resources.

Among the priorities the document

identified for the next decade are developing parklands and rivers in an environmentally responsible manner and securing about 4,500 acres of natural wildlife areas now identified as unprotected.

Other program goals include the preservation of farmlands and culturally and archaeologically significant areas. One project officials would like to complete before the county's 250-year anniversary next year is the identification of the site of the original county seat.

The 2001-2002 annual action plan pursues aspects of the county's long-term goals more modestly than last year's plan

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