



POLICE ROUNDUP

City

Saturday, Sept. 1

■ Chapel Hill police reported a robbery of an individual at 3:45 a.m. Reports state that an assailant approached the victim in a parking lot at 325 W. Rosemary St., punched him in the mouth and stole \$300 in cash.

The case is under further investigation, reports state.

■ Chapel Hill police cited Christine Cox of 820 Nancy St. for driving while impaired and reckless driving at 12:01 a.m.

Reports state that Cox hit the curb several times while driving down East Franklin Street. Reports also state that she performed poorly in sobriety tests and blew a .10 on the Intoxilyzer 5000.

She was released on a written promise to appear at District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill on Sept. 14.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a call at 2:13 a.m. of a suspect disturbing the peace and trespassing at the Holiday Inn at 1301 N. Fordham Blvd.

Reports state that the suspect was kicking a door and yelling. The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a breaking and entering at 7:37 a.m.

Reports state that a victim found screens removed from her windows at her residence at 106 Bolinwood Dr.

The case is under further investigation, according to reports.

Friday, Aug. 31

■ Chapel Hill police reported a vandalism and damage to property at 114 S. Columbia St.

Reports state that an assailant used an unknown object to vandalize a green Range Rover, causing \$5,000 in damage.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to an altercation at 11:32 p.m.

Reports state that a victim was cut by a knife following the altercation at a parking lot at 315 S. Estes Dr.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Jose Amaro Aguilar, 29, of 801 Jones Ferry Road K-6, for a misdemeanor charge of drunk and disruptive conduct.

Police reports state that Aguilar was arrested at 11:04 p.m. at He's Not Here at 112 1/2 W. Franklin St. after bouncers at the club summoned police.

Police reports state that Aguilar was trying to climb a wall to gain entry to the business when an officer told him to come down.

Aguilar cursed at the officer in Spanish, reports state.

Reports state that the officer then asked for Aguilar's identification. Aguilar provided the identification and upon receiving it back, balled it up and threw it at the officer, hitting him in his feet.

The officer placed Aguilar under arrest, and he resisted being put in the officer's car, reports state.

Thursday, Aug. 30

■ Chapel Hill police reported an indecent exposure at 1:10 p.m.

Reports state that suspects exposed themselves to a victim at the UNC building at Timberlyne.

The case has been closed. Leads are exhausted.

■ Chapel Hill police reported a vandalism with damage to property at 3:12 a.m. Police reports state that an assailant defecated on the floor at Granville Towers at 125 W. Franklin St. The case has been closed. Leads are exhausted.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Sergio Lance Henry, 19, of Duke University West Campus Campus House Z 304 in Durham, for speeding, provisional license and possession of an open beverage, reports state. Reports also state that Henry was stopped for speeding on East Franklin Street at Estes Drive. Reports also state that Henry had alcohol on his breath and refused a breath-alcohol test.

Henry was released on a written promise to appear in District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill on Oct. 30.

■ Damien Curtis Moore, 19, of Duke University West Campus House Z in Durham for one misdemeanor count of marijuana possession, reports state.

Reports state that a bag containing 18.5 grams of what appeared to be marijuana was found in the passenger's side door next to where he was sitting.

Moore was released on a written promise to appear in District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill on Oct. 30.

■ Chapel Hill police reported a breaking and entering with force and larceny from a coin machine at 9:40 a.m. at La Hacienda restaurant at 1813 N. Fordham Blvd.

Reports state that a thief or thieves broke the glass front door, entered the business, damaged vending machines and took an undisclosed amount of money. The broken door is valued at \$300, reports state.

Commissioners Ready to Announce Bond Amounts

The finalized bond package includes a new middle school and two elementary schools but no high school.

By CAROLYN PEARCE
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners finalized specific allocations for the \$75 million bond referendum Thursday and publicly will announce the package tonight.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Building in Chapel Hill.

The bond provides a total of \$47 mil-

lion for both the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County school districts but does not include funding for construction of a new high school.

But Commissioner Barry Jacobs said the board did approve a separate resolution of intent to borrow \$2 million to begin planning for a new high school in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. "We have to figure out where we have space or if there should be special programs there," Jacobs said. "But we are committing ourselves to plan for a new high school."

County Budget Coordinator Donna Dean said the bond does include plans for two new elementary schools for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro district, estimated at \$12.8 million each.

Officials also allocated \$2 million in

the bond for renovations to the existing schools in the district.

If the bond passes, Orange County Schools will receive \$18.5 million for a new middle school and \$900,000 for renovations to existing schools.

Although the \$47 million for schools is less than what the schools requested, Dean said the amounts the commissioners approved are in line with set school construction standards.

"The prices are agreed on by standards," Jacobs said. "We look at state

standards and adjust them based on the students and costs for Orange County."

A total of \$20 million was allocated for parks, recreation and open space. One of the largest recreation projects is \$3.5 million for the construction of an aquatic center at Homestead Park in Chapel Hill.

"(Chapel Hill officials) convinced us that (the aquatic center) is important to the people of their jurisdiction."

Another priority for the commission-

ers is the creation of a large soccer complex in the future, as well as new fields around the county.

Two million dollars were set aside as a floating fund to add fields to existing field complexes. "We have a gross shortage of fields and a large populous of players," Jacobs said. "The idea is to concentrate a burst of support for soccer in one place and to have money left to spread more fields around the county."

Senior centers and affordable housing projects each received \$4 million of the \$75 million bond.

The bond referendum will go before Orange County voters on Nov. 6.

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Blaise Kielar plays a violin among sarangis and sitars in his store, Music Explorium. Kielar began selling instruments from different cultures after playing them improvisationally.

Music Explorium Offers Variety of Instruments

Owner Blaise Kielar said he feels that world music instruments are perfect for novice musicians because they are cheap and user-friendly.

By TIFFANY FISH
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Honey-colored sitars hang on the wall, a rainbow assortment of drums clatters a side room, and electric violins line the back room.

Everywhere you turn there are instruments, big and little, that come from exotic places like Africa or Turkey and familiar places like the United States. Materials range from bamboo to PVC piping.

The sea of world instruments that fill Music Explorium in Carrboro, whether plastic or wood, large or small, come with a common theme. They are easy to play even for the musically inept.

"We try to get a lot of instruments in that anyone can play," said Jubal Creech, an employee.

The store resounds with the sound of people banging, shaking and blowing on instruments and their subsequent exclamations of "cool" and "wow."

The hands-on policy that Music Explorium has is unusual for a music store: Employees are more likely to join in playing one of the instruments than scolding a customer for touching a gong or xylophone.

Paul Simon's percussionist, Jamey Haddad, marveled at the fact that the store carried items he played but had never seen sold in a retail store.

"I really appreciate their hands-on policy so people can really play," said Leigh Hall, a regular visitor to the store. "This place is an asset to the town."

"I've never seen a place quite like it." And owner Blaise Kielar likes it that way. After studying musicology at New York University, Kielar came to Chapel Hill in the late '70s. He managed Hillmusic Fine Violins for 12 years, while teaching violin and clarinet on the side. Among these classes included one titled "Improvising Music For Everyone." Kielar said he found that not only do world music instruments invite improvisation but also that their cheap and user-friendly nature make them ideal for the novice musician to try out.

These findings fueled the creation of the Music Explorium, he said. "One of the goals of the store is to get more people playing music, especially people who don't play," Kielar said.

The store opened in 1999, and it enjoyed the success of being named the Best New Local Business in the Triangle by The Independent Weekly's readers last year.

Some of the rarer instruments Kielar carries are the shofar, a horn that is blown to mark the Jewish new year; the udu, a clay drum from Turkey; and the goje, a one-stringed instrument from Ghana.

The assortment of strange names and places that the instruments claim seems to have no end.

Kielar makes a conscious effort to find quality instruments to offer in his store. He gets his didgeridoos from an Aboriginal family in Australia, and recently he has hired and trained new employees so that he will have the chance to travel and find more instruments to offer. "We have instruments for everyone," Kielar said. "Wind instruments, mouth instruments, percussion instruments - there are no wrong notes."

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Crash Injures Biker On Raleigh Road

By KATHLEEN WIRTH
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A Chapel Hill man was flung 7 feet in the air after his bicycle collided with a vehicle Friday.

John Farley, 24, of 806-A Old Mill Road suffered minor abrasions and injuries to his shoulder, right wrist and forehead in the accident that happened on Raleigh Road.

Police reports state that Farley was riding his bike on the sidewalk when Will Stanley, 26, of 3109 Five Fork Road pulled out of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Place driveway, located at 531 Raleigh Road.

Stanley pulled his vehicle out further onto the sidewalk because nearby shrubs obstructed his view of the road, reports state.

Farley was traveling at an estimated speed of 15 mph when his bicycle struck the front, right panel of Stanley's vehicle, reports state.

Stanley said he was waiting to turn left onto Raleigh Road when Farley flew

over the hood of his car.

"He couldn't really see me, and I couldn't really see him," Stanley said.

"I didn't see him until he flew over my hood," he added. "I'm a new driver, so I really didn't know what to do."

But Audrey DeNazelle, a UNC graduate student from the School of Public Health, said Friday's accident could have been avoided had the bicyclist been riding on the street rather than the sidewalk.

"Riding on the sidewalk, however tempting, is more dangerous," said DeNazelle, who is also a member of Critical Mass, a part of a worldwide movement to establish cyclists' right to use the road. "It's not a safe idea for bicyclists or pedestrians," she added. "There is way too much space given to cars on campus, and oftentimes bicyclists think the sidewalks are safer."

Farley could not be reached for comment.

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Effort Aims to Enforce Prerequisites

By KAREY WUTROWSKI
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Officials are working to prevent students from enrolling in classes without meeting the prerequisites, but in the meantime misguided or deceptive students could slip into classes for which they haven't paid their dues.

Student Central currently has no feature to check a student's previous coursework before allowing a student to register for a class. "We haven't found a clear way to do that and not disrupt the whole system," said David Lanier, the University registrar.

A project is under way to add a prerequisite screening feature, but it will not be completed for one to two more years. The project keeps getting pushed back because of other jobs demand the attention of the registrar's office, Lanier said.

Carolyn Cannon, associate dean of academic advising, said her office is concerned that there is no registration filter on Student Central.

Cannon said there are two main problems with students taking courses for which they haven't fulfilled the prerequisites. First, the student probably does not have the necessary background to succeed in the course, and second, it takes

up seats that could be filled by students who need the course and have completed the prerequisites. "If a student needs a course to graduate, and they have the prerequisites, you don't want a freshman accidentally registering," Cannon said.

Cannon said students occasionally key in the wrong call number and don't realize they registered for the wrong class. Other students just don't thoroughly examine the directory of classes.

But some students intentionally register for the wrong class in an attempt to bypass a prerequisite or because they don't feel they were placed in the appropriate level, Cannon said, adding that such incidents are more likely to happen in math and science courses, which have defined sequences.

Cannon used the example of a student registering for Math 31 even though he didn't pass Math 30 with the required grade of C- or better. "Some people say, 'Even though I made a D, I can do better, so I'll be fine,'" Cannon said.

To avoid such problems, Warren Wogen, chairman of the Department of Mathematics, said his department requires students to fill out a form on the first day of class explaining how they've satisfied the prerequisites for the course.

Wogen said it's possible that a student

slips by without taking the prerequisites once in a while but that the forms have been effective for his department. "Prerequisites are there for a reason, and students are likely to get in serious academic trouble (if they lie on the form)," he said.

Brad Newcomb, student attorney general, said he doesn't remember a student being charged in the Honor Court for lying about prerequisites. But he said lying would qualify as the furnishing of false information, with intent to deceive, to members of the University community or as the forgery, falsification or fraudulent misuse of University documents, records or identification cards.

The sanction would depend on the circumstances of the case but it probably wouldn't be anything greater than academic probation, Newcomb said.

But Cannon said students who register for courses without fulfilling prerequisites are probably unaware of their mistake.

And Lanier said he hopes a registration filter will also help misguided students. "It's not much use if the barn doors are open, and the cows are out," Lanier said. "We want to stop them at the front door."

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Drainage Problems Continue

By STEPHANIE FURR
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Shop owners and employees at the Eastgate Shopping Center still see drainage problems more than a year after a flood damaged businesses there.

On July 23, 2000 seven inches of rain fell in the Triangle in a period of 12 hours, resulting in localized flooding.

Eastgate was one of the spots that was hit the hardest, with flooding causing \$6.8 million worth of damage and causing some stores to close for months.

But since the late July flood, tenants have yet to see repairs that were

promised to them.

According to an engineers' report, Sal's Pizza & Italian Restaurant - along with other businesses in the shopping center - experienced flooding because a nearby drainage pipe from the Staples Office Center directed water to the area.

Repairs on the drainage pipe and other storm water system improvements were originally slated to begin in the spring.

But now the completion of the pipe has been pushed back until late September or early October.

Jeanne Connor, chief operating officer for the Mid-Atlantic Region for Federal Realty, said the repair process

was more complex than first estimated.

Connor said the town of Chapel Hill and the N.C. Department of Transportation had to be consulted before work could begin on the center's drainage system. A full engineers' report also had to be submitted.

"What no one really anticipated was all the various government groups that would weigh in on changes that were needed at the center," said Connor.

After all the input was collected, blueprints for the improvement projects were not completed until July.

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Treadmills and exercise machines at Eastgate Shopping Center's Play It Again Sports were damaged because of flooding in July 2000.