

Campus Calendar

Today

8:30 p.m. - Professor Richard Kohn will discuss "The American War on Terrorism: Perspectives and Speculations."
Kohn is a noted top-level terrorism expert. He is also the chairman of UNC's curriculum in peace, war and defense.
His talk will take place at N.C. Hillel.
The talk will be preceded by Shabbat service and dinner, which will take place at 6:15 p.m.
In order to get additional information or to RSVP, e-mail abbie@nchillel.org.

For the Record

The caption accompanying the Oct. 4 photo for the story "Butchies Embody Tough Estro-Punk" incorrectly identified the subject as guitarist/vocalist Kaia Wilson.
Bassist/vocalist Alison Martlew is the subject of the photo.
The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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Police Investigating Lenoir Register Thefts

Employees noticed that \$166.81 was missing from a safe at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday when they opened Lenoir.

By DEB MCCOWN
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UNC police are investigating a string of thefts at Lenoir Dining Hall, the most recent of which was discovered Tuesday morning.
Police reports state that Carolina

Dining Services employees opening the dining hall at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday realized that \$166.81 had been stolen from a safe at the top of Lenoir.

In another incident, a CDS employee discovered at 4:34 p.m. Saturday that \$299.39 was missing from the cash register after being there for only about 15 minutes, according to a report filed later that day.

The employee reported the incident about two hours later, when he told police that all the \$10 and \$20 bills had been removed from the drawer, according to the report.

University police cannot give out any more specific information because the case involves an ongoing investigation, said Mark McIntyre, captain of the criminal investigations division of the Department of Public Safety.

But McIntyre said problems like these recent thefts have happened on campus in past years. "A lot of times there have been problems in the past," he said. "A person starts stealing from their place of employment, and they keep stealing until they get caught. If they continue doing it, we catch them."
Ira Simon, director of auxiliary ser-

VICES for CDS, declined to comment on whether an employee was committing the thefts. "I think they have an opportunity to catch the person, so we're trying to keep it as confidential as we can," he said.

Even before the recent thefts, Lenoir had security measures in place. Evan Klingman, general manager of dining services, said Lenoir is equipped with 14 closed-circuit security cameras, which the building has had for about five years.

Aramark Corp., the food services provider for CDS, has specific procedures for handling cash, which include locking it in a safe during the night, Klingman said.

This is not the first brush CDS has had with the law in recent weeks - several employees have been arrested for various crimes, mostly of a violent nature.

But after the thefts, Klingman said more safety measures might be taken. "We want to work as hard as we can to eliminate these problems," he said. "When the police are done investigating, we're going to find out how (the thefts) happened, then get feedback from them that could eliminate this in the future."

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Commutation Raises Questions

This is the first time Gov. Mike Easley has commuted the sentence of a death row inmate since taking office.

By RACHEL LEONARD
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Gov. Mike Easley granted clemency to a death row inmate this week for the first time since taking office, raising questions of whether other death row inmates could have their sentences commuted.

Robert Bacon was scheduled to be executed Oct. 5., but Easley commuted his sentence Tuesday to life in prison without parole.

The move caught attention because another death sentence similar to Bacon's is up for Easley's consideration next week, leaving some to wonder whether Easley might grant another commutation.

Easley declined to discuss Bacon's case but issued a statement stating, "My review of this matter in its totality causes me to conclude that the appropriate sentence for the defendant is life without parole."

Gretchen Engel, one of Bacon's lawyers, said she is thrilled about the decision. "Robert deserves to live," she said. "(He's) very thankful for the governor's actions."

Questions had been raised about whether jurors opposed to interracial relationships had unfairly given Bacon a harsher sentence.

Bacon and his lover Bonnie Clark had conspired to kill Clark's husband. Bacon, who is black, was sentenced to death for the 1987 stabbing, and Clark, who is white, was sentenced to life in prison. "My guess is that questions of racism were troubling to the governor," Engel said. "He's demonstrated his sensitivity to race issues."

Easley, who opposed death penalty appeals while working as attorney general, has refused to commute three previous death sentences.

Lawsuits alleging that Easley is biased and therefore unfit to consider death penalty appeals had been filed in state and federal courts by Bacon's lawyers but were dismissed.

In August, the state Supreme Court ruled that convicted murderers do not have a constitutional right to have an impartial person decide their clemency request. Other suits might be forthcoming.

Sen. Frank Ballance, D-Warren, said he thinks the governor's actions were not motivated by the lawsuits. "You just have to believe that people are going to

do what the facts call for."

Ballance said he does not know if the commutation will affect the outcome of potential lawsuits. "It could have an impact," he said.

Ballance said he commends the governor for his handling of the case in light of the racism allegations involved.

But others said that although they are pleased with Easley's decision, they doubt whether he will apply the same scrutiny to upcoming cases.

UNC senior John Johnson, a member of UNC's Campaign to End the Death Penalty, said the decision was an appropriate use of the governor's clemency power. "It's unfortunate, though, that so many people have been allowed to be executed despite the fact that their cases were as bad, or worse, than Bacon's," Johnson added.

"My biggest fear is that Easley will feel like he did his 'good deed' and won't feel obliged to correct any more injustices in the future."

Easley will decide next week whether to grant clemency to David Ward, who is scheduled to be executed next Friday.

Engel said that Ward's case was very similar to Bacon's. "Ward's co-defendant is the one that planned the murder, and he got a life sentence," Engel said. "That doesn't seem fair."

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Chambers Named Head Of Civil Rights Center

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Julius Chambers, former chancellor of North Carolina Central University and famous civil rights lawyer, has been tapped to lead a new civil rights center at the UNC School of Law.

The Civil Rights Center of the University of North Carolina, which will begin operating in the spring, will work to raise awareness and knowledge of civil rights issues, said Gene Nichol, the dean of the law school.

"The principle goal is to further the study and understanding of civil rights and liberties issues," Nichol said.

Jack Boger, UNC law professor and deputy director of the center, said Chambers signed on last spring and was involved in the center's planning during the summer.

Nichol said Chambers, a graduate of the UNC's law school, is an ideal candidate for the director's position because of his extensive experience with civil rights issues. "Julius Chambers is the most accomplished civil rights lawyer in the United States," Nichol said. "He's an educator, a teacher and a great leader."

Chambers founded a law firm in Charlotte that won cases involving employment discrimination and school segregation in the 1970s.

He also served as director counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund from 1984 to 1993, where Boger worked with him.

As director, Chambers will teach a class this spring semester and oversee the direction of the center. "His hand will be in all the major decisions," Boger said.

Boger said the center plans to hold seminars, bring speakers to campus and do research, all while drawing on UNC and NCCU faculty with an interest in civil rights.

"A lot of things are still in progress," Boger said. "All these things have real attraction for us."

Boger said they hope to have their first conference this spring, drawing leaders from across the country.

The civil rights center has been in the works for more than two years, Nichol said. It will be housed in the School of Law, but Nichol said the center does not yet have office space. And while they have finished fund raising, Nichol said they do not have enough to support the staff, salary and conference costs the center will incur.

"We secured and set aside some private seed money, but it's not enough to see it through," he said. "We hope to raise money to sustain the center."

Nichol said the formation of the center is especially important in light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "I think there is no more of an important time to think about what it means to be an American," Nichol said.

"And that means to have a commitment to civil liberties."

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