



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Seven UNC students were cited for underage possession of alcoholic beverages. Reports state that the students were all cited at the Fraternity Court parking lot between the hours of 1 a.m. and 3 a.m.

■ A car parked in the Porthole lot had trash poured over its trunk. The vandalism was reported at 3 a.m., and the car was last known to be secure at 6 p.m. the night before, reports state.

■ A beer bottle was thrown through the window of a room in Whitehead Residence Hall at 3:45 a.m., reports state. The suspect in the incident was arrested quickly after the vandalism occurred.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Two UNC students were cited for displaying airplane bottles of liquor at the football game at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively. Reports state that the students were evicted from the stadium.

■ Two students were cited at 3 a.m. for possessing open alcohol containers in their vehicle while parked at Fraternity Court.

Reports state that the students' car was searched after another student accused them of stealing alcohol from his fraternity house.

■ Two cars parked in the Kenan-Flagler Business School parking deck were vandalized during the afternoon. Both cars had their rear right windows smashed in and had items valuing a total of \$300 removed from the interiors, reports state. Both incidents were reported around 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 12

■ An employee at Lenoir Dining Hall was transported to the UNC Hospitals emergency room after experiencing serious chest pains. Reports state that the employee was assisted by emergency medical service personnel at 7 p.m.

City

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Carrboro police responded to a call of a robbery at Domino's Pizza on 412 E. Main Street. Reports state that the subject robbed an employee at the restaurant with a razor at 12:26 a.m. The total value of the stolen property is unknown at this point, reports state. The case is under further investigation.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Carrboro police arrested Javier Hernandez, 33, of 1314 Wyldewood Drive in Durham around 6 p.m.

Reports state that Hernandez was arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count of no operator's license and one felony count of hit and run.

Hernandez was arrested at the Pantry, located at 500 Jones Ferry Road, reports state.

Hernandez was given a \$1,000 secured bond and was transported to Orange County Jail, reports state.

Hernandez was scheduled to appear Monday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a call that items had been stolen from the front porch of the Delta Zeta sorority house sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The total value of the stolen property, which included banners, plants, chairs and benches, was \$510, reports state.

The case has been closed, leads exhausted.

Friday, Oct. 12

■ Chapel Hill police arrested John Dill, 22, of 316 W. Rosemary Street at 1:05 a.m.

Reports state that Dill was suspected of trespassing and refused to leave the area.

Reports also state that Dill assaulted an officer and resisted arrest.

Later, Dill was transported to the police department for processing where officers found marijuana in his front left pocket, reports state.

Dill has been charged with two misdemeanor counts of assault on an officer, two misdemeanor counts of vandalism to personal property, one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

Dill was placed under a \$250 secured bond and was released to his parents. He is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Nov. 12.

Students Can Expect Long Waits at Airports

BY RACHEL LEONARD
Staff Writer

Students flying home during Fall Break could face numerous hassles at airports thanks to increased security measures instituted nationwide since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Armed National Guard troops have been deployed to most major airports, and travelers can expect longer lines at airport officials have stepped up security measures — including more thorough

screening of passengers and luggage. Students planning to fly should be aware of the new rules when packing bags, planning the time of their arrival at the airport and going through security checkpoints, airport officials said.

New luggage restrictions allow for only one carry-on item and one "personal" bag, such as a purse or a briefcase, said Mirinda Kossoff, communications director at Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Sharp instruments of any kind, includ-

ing nail clippers, Swiss Army knives, ski poles and knitting needles are prohibited in carry-on baggage, Kossoff said.

Curbside check-in has been reinstated at RDU after being suspended for several weeks, but all checked luggage could be subject to random searches.

Kossoff said passengers' pockets and other belongings will be examined. "If you're carrying a laptop, you'll have to take the laptop out of its case, and it will go through separately," she said.

Kossoff stressed students should arrive

about two hours before departure time for domestic flights and three hours for international flights — especially during the early morning and the late afternoon. "If at all possible, try to fly during the middle of the day," she said. "(And) bring a book."

Kossoff said finding parking spots at RDU should not be a problem, but passengers should remember that curbside parking at the terminals is not allowed.

She said unattended cars parked curbside will be towed, and people sitting in cars at the curbside will be asked to move.

UNC students planning to travel during the week have had mixed reactions to the increased security regulations.

Junior Chris O'Connor, who plans to fly to London during Fall Break, said he is not afraid. "It's probably safer to fly now than at any other time," he said. "Security's so tight now, (it would) be a lot harder for anyone to pull off an attack or anything."

But a longer wait at the airport will be

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Betty Landers, a senior psychology major, exits the P2P disabilities van at the Hanes Art Center. Recent downsizing has caused the number of P2P drivers to be reduced drastically, resulting in potentially long waits for riders.

Construction Causes Delays, Danger

BY RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

The construction on campus will eventually result in better, more accessible buildings for disabled students — but in the meantime, the clamor and machinery have created substantial difficulties for them.

Disabled students face special problems as a result of the changing campus landscape, said Jim Kessler, the University's director of disability services.

The problems arise from the day-to-day nature of the changes that dot campus — the massive machines occupying the quad in front of Ruffin and Mangum residence halls, the closed sidewalk on South Road near the Student Union and the blocked doors in Bingham Hall are just a few of the constantly evolving obstacles.

Freshman Danielle Iredale, who is blind, said she and her Seeing Eye dog, Inka, have had to change their routes around campus almost every day or two. "She and I have both had to work," Iredale said.



Accessibility

"I live in Aycock — there's construction on three sides of it. I used to have three routes out of it, but there's only one, and it's not very good," she said.

Iredale said she has frequently had to ask strangers to point her around the new construction sites since the start of the semester.

"People were being very helpful, but it was not a good situation," she said. "And it switches every day or two so it's impossible for Inka to learn it."

But William Koch, a professor in health affairs and the chairman of the Disability Advisory Committee, said the construction comes with some benefits for disabled students — the renovated buildings will be brought up-to-date with present accessibility standards. "The obvious and blatant (improvement) is access to the chancellor in South Building," he said.

He said there is no wheelchair access to Chancellor James Moeser's office but that an elevator will be installed in South Building soon. Robert Cannon, the Equal Employment

Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act officer for the University, is the administrator for the Disability Advisory Committee. He said the committee has made several recommendations for access improvements, including suggesting that the main entrance to each campus building have a ramp and that assisted listening programs be installed in all large lecture halls.

But not all accessibility problems can be easily fixed. "There are other buildings where the solution just isn't at hand — Hanes Hall is the obvious one," Koch said. In Hanes Hall, the Micro Computing Support Center is on the fourth floor, but the elevator only goes to the third floor, he said. "(With) the new construction, of course, the buildings will be fully accessible — that's the law," Koch said.

Since 1977, campus buildings have had to be accessible to people with disabilities, but only on the first floor, Kessler said. Since 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act has mandated that all floors in new buildings be made accessible.

Kessler said construction will last at least sev-

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Local Mail Anthrax Scare Causes Increased Caution

Greater emphasis has been put on mail service security while fear of anthrax grows both locally and nationally.

BY TINA CHANG
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Local officials are taking action to ease the concerns of a potential anthrax threat that came about Friday after a Chapel Hill man received a letter containing a suspicious white powder.

Mail service officials in particular are working to assuage the community's fears that the local mail system is susceptible to attack. Testing of the substance found in the letter is expected to take one to two days, and the results will determine the nature of the department's investigation, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

N.C. laboratory officials have said preliminary test results show that the substance likely is not anthrax.

Cousins said this is the first time the police department has had to send something to be tested for the bacteria.

Other town officials said they are concerned about the letter and the possibility

that the white substance is anthrax. "The fire department is working with the police department and the health department to develop a response policy in line with the (Federal Bureau of Investigation)," said Chapel Hill's Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bosworth.

Supervisor Keith Moser of University Mail Services said the agency has been on alert after recent reports of mail-delivered anthrax cases. "The managers have posted memos around the office and talked to employees about what to look for," she said.

After Sept. 11, the University's post office, located in the basement of Student Stores, began enforcing its policy requiring patrons to show valid University identification when mailing a package more than 16 ounces, said Callie Council, UNC Postal Service supervisor.

Council also said suspicious packages or envelopes received at the UNC post office are placed in a target bag, which is picked up by the federal post office.

"We've always had the precaution that if a package looked or smelled bad or ticked, we kept it separate and it went to a separate distribution center," she said.

But Council said there are no new policies regulating the mailing of letters. "There should always be a return address with letters," she said. "We don't

beat people over the head if they don't have (a return address on a letter), but they always have to have one on a package."

Other University officials said they also are remaining aware of the risks of terrorists targeting officials.

Brenda Kirby, assistant to the chancellor, bought a box of surgical gloves for the employee who opens the chancellor's mail. "I just asked him to be cautious, like we all are at this point," Kirby said.

Several students said safety concerns have led them to take extra precautions with mail. "It's like you're on a 24/7 watch-out," said Stella-Monica Mpande, a sophomore journalism major.

Mpande said she feels overwhelmed by the recent anthrax scares, particularly because it is happening so soon after the attacks on Sept. 11.

Freshman history major Amy Ivey agreed that the widespread cases of anthrax have caused her to worry. "I've been more cautious in making sure that the mail I open is mail that I recognize."

Council urged others to follow necessary precautions with mail from unidentified sources. "My co-worker said he opened a package, and he didn't know who it was from. I would never do that."

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Transit Made Easier With Point-2-Point

Budget cuts could cause problems for many students with disabilities who rely on the Point-2-Point shuttle to get around campus.

BY LANITA WITHERS
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The orange sign read: "Reserved. UNC disability parking. Permit required. Towing enforced."

It was yet another space where senior communication studies major Alicia Chavis, who uses a wheelchair, couldn't park. The permit swinging on the rearview mirror of the car Chavis was riding in was the wrong color, a state-issued blue instead of the University-issued orange that would allow her to park in the space.

The challenge of finding a valid parking space is one of many potential transportation difficulties facing disabled students and faculty at UNC. With the state's budget woes and campus construction, services and privileges that disabled students need to get around campus have taken a hit.



Getting Around

One of the first transportation inconveniences disabled students face is finding a place to park. Of the 637 handicapped spaces on campus, 258 are set aside as public disability spaces, where the state-issued handicapped parking permit with the blue wheelchair figure is valid. The other 379 spaces are UNC disability spaces, reserved for students and faculty on the proper University-issued permits for the parking lot or zone.

According to the Department of Public Safety's disability parking information Web site, only vehicles displaying the proper UNC disability permit are allowed to park in campus disabled spaces. Likewise, an ordinance regulating campus parking limits public disability spaces to disabled campus visitors. University permit holders aren't allowed to park in public spaces to "ensure that these spaces are available to campus visitors."

But those regulations put Chavis and her friends and family, who come by campus to take her places, in a bind. "Parking is a problem," Chavis said. "People come to take me from point A to point B, but they have nowhere to park."

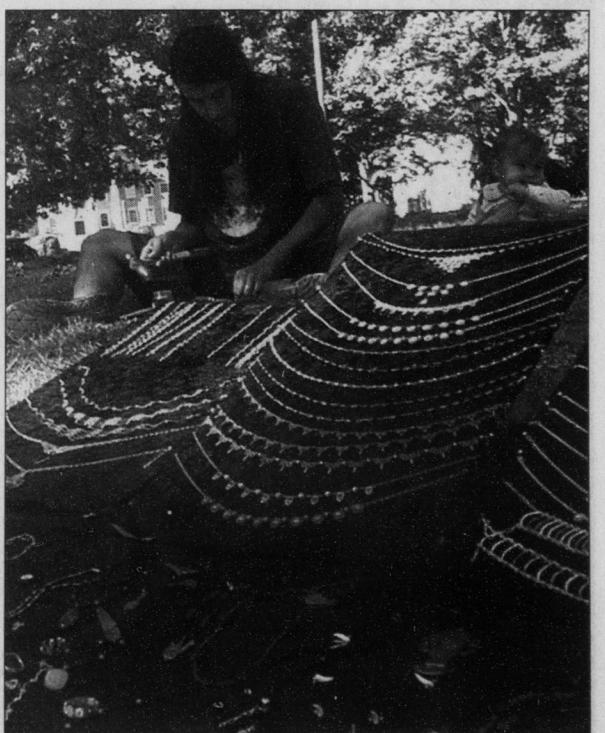
Officials at DPS say they do all they can to accommodate students, but limited space on campus affects what they are able to provide. "Disability parking is like regular spaces are on campus," said Felix Stevens, parking registration manager for DPS. "We could always use more."

Stevens said the department tries to work with other services on campus to ensure that students have necessary transportation. He said DPS gives disabled students a permit for one of the spaces at a remote lot, like the Smith Center, then relies on another service like the Point-2-Point to transport them to their destination.

For many disabled students on campus, the P2P is the most efficient way to travel. The disabled P2P service is "on

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POLK PLACE MARKET?



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Fernando Boza makes jewelry in Polk Place on Monday afternoon as his daughter watches. Warm weather brought students and faculty out into the quad, and many stopped by to look at Boza's handiwork.