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## N.C. House Approves Terror Bill

The bill, which is expected to pass both the Senate and governor easily, is designed to help stop terrorism.

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In response to the Sept. 11 attacks and recent threats of anthrax infection nationwide, the N.C. House unanimously passed a bill Thursday aimed at protect residents from terrorism.

The legislation would create harsher penalties for dealing with weapons of mass destruction. It prohibits the "unlawful manufacture, assembly, possession, storage, transportation, sale, purchase, delivery, or acquisition of a nuclear, biological, or chemical weapon."

The bill defines a weapon as any object that has the purpose of causing death or serious bodily harm, including poisonous chemicals, disease organisms and radiation.

The bill is in the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration. It must still be approved by the Senate and Gov. Mike Easley before becoming law.

Sen. Robert Carpenter, R-Haywood, said he expects the Senate to stand behind the bill. "I would think we would jump right on board."

Fred Hartman, Easley's press secretary, said the governor also is planning to launch a terrorism task force. This group will include law enforcement, health professionals and public officials.

"We are in contact with everyone who has a part in this effort," Hartman said.

The bill also outlines specific punishment for terrorism.  
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## Parking for Students to Be Eliminated

Future parking crunches will require students living on campus to park in the PR lot, which will be expanded.

By ADDIE SLUDER  
Staff Writer

On-campus parking for students living in residence halls will be eliminated in the near future, officials said Wednesday.

At the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday, officials discussed recommendations from Provost Robert Shelton and Vice Chancellor for Finance Nancy Suttentfield that address campus parking problems, which will worsen with the implementation of the University's Development Plan.

The plan details campus growth for the next eight to 10 years.

"There is no option that (resident) student parking will be eliminated," said Assistant Provost Linda Carl. "The decision has been made."

The recommended parking plan would not affect married student housing, hardship parking or student commuter parking.

The committee has been given the responsibility of developing a way to implement the provost's decision to eliminate resident parking.

"Parking is a horrible, horrible problem here," Shelton said. "This is not an easy decision."

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## Spread of Anthrax Heightens Fear

The strain of anthrax used has been identified as one from Ames, Iowa, used for U.S. bioweapons research.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A State Department mail handler lay ill with inhalation anthrax Thursday, and the besieged Postal Service set up spot checks at facilities nationwide as the bioterror scare widened.

"We still don't know who is responsible," said Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge.

At a White House news conference, Ridge also disclosed that the anthrax contained in mail addressed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle had been

altered to make it more of a threat. "It is highly concentrated. It is pure, and the spores are smaller," he said. "Therefore they're more dangerous because they can be more easily absorbed in a person's respiratory system."

Ridge identified the strain of anthrax used in the U.S. attacks as Ames, a substance named for the university city in Iowa and used in American bioweapons research and in vaccine testing.

Three weeks into the nation's unprecedented bioterrorism scare, lawmakers were permitted to return to several of their office buildings on Capitol Hill.

And White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said there had been no evidence of anthrax exposure among officials there who came in contact with mail that went through an off-site machine where anthrax was detected.

"We are here to conduct the nation's

business. We will not be frightened," said Secretary of State Colin Powell as he appeared before a Senate committee.

But there were words of caution elsewhere. "We are very concerned about additional letters. We would be naive to think this is over yet," said Dr. Julie Gerberding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There was further jolting news: A disclosure from officials in New Jersey that a postal worker was being watched for suspected inhalation anthrax, the discovery of two more areas of contamination in a still-closed Senate office building and then the announcement from the State Department.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said a department employee who works at a mail handling site in Sterling, Va., had become the nation's latest victim of a disease last seen more than two decades ago.

Dr. Ivan Walks, head of Washington, D.C.'s public health department, said the 59-year-old man was hospitalized in guarded condition with inhalation anthrax. Unlike other area residents who have been hit, this patient had been asked whether his job required him to go to the Brentwood postal facility that serves as the main mail processing center for the nation's capital. "His answer was 'never,'" Walks reported.

A second man, who works at the same mail facility as the infected worker, has flu-like symptoms and is being tested at a hospital, Boucher said.

Mail to federal agencies passes through the Brentwood facility, and the latest diagnosis added to the mounting evidence that investigators have not yet found all the anthrax-tainted mail in the area's postal system. Postal Service Vice President Deborah Willhite said the

agency would begin testing all government mail intake facilities in the region for signs of anthrax.

In other news, the Senate sent President Bush a package of anti-terror measures Thursday that gives police sweeping powers to search people's homes and business records secretly and to eavesdrop on telephone and computer conversations.

Bush said he will sign the bill "so that we can combat terrorism and prevent future attacks."

The Senate approved the bill 98-1 a day after the House signed on.

But lawmakers, who are worried about possible abuse of the new wire-tapping and surveillance powers, decided to place a four-year cap on that part of the legislation.

"It gives us the time to investigate whether there were any outrageous abuses," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.



DTH/KATIE RIGGAN

Construction workers unload building materials for work on Murphey Hall on Thursday. Fencing that was erected to ensure the safety of passers-by and allow vehicle access has caused congestion in the area.

## Construction Fence Frustrates Students

By JOELLE RUBEN  
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Students returning to class from Fall Break were surprised to find even more construction on campus this week.

A large fence running parallel to the back of Lenoir Dining Hall and Greenlaw Hall is the product of renovations to Murphey Hall.

The construction is slated to end in October 2002, with the fence in place during the project's entirety, said construction Manager Dana Leeson.

According to the Facilities Planning and Construction Web site, the renovation is part of the \$510 million fund for construction established by the \$3.1 billion higher education bond passed last November. Nearly half this money will be spent to renovate existing facilities such as Murphey Hall.

The project includes improvements such as enhanced building safety and security, new ceilings and lighting, new electrical and telecommunication resources and central air, the Web site states.

But most students do not know about the plans to create a better Murphey Hall, only the construction's effect on pedestrians. The new construction has eliminated shortcuts and created narrower footpaths.

"It's annoying," said Michelle Bercovici, a sophomore art history and English major. "It causes traffic jams and impedes movement."

Sophomore Jonathan Saks said he is disappointed by the lack of communication that left students surprised.

"There was no campus discussion, no student input that I know of," he said. "This is something I want and expect to hear about before it occurs."

Karen Geer, the administrative officer for facilities planning, said signs will be posted to direct students away from the construction.

Geer said all classes were moved from Murphey to Howell Hall last summer so students wouldn't have to relocate in the middle of this semester.

"We hope that everyone understands we're not out trying to make the students' lives miserable," she said. "We're just trying to do our jobs and trying to give them facilities that are as up-to-date as possible."

She said the fence, although needed for vehicle and equipment access, is essential for student, faculty and visitor safety. "There's no real way I'm aware of not to put the fence up," Geer said.

"We have to look at safety concerns more than convenience concerns."

But Leeson said a great deal of study went into finding an access road that would be the least problematic for pedestrians. "The most ideal construction site would be adjacent to Davis Drive," he said. "We instead chose a site which appeared to be the safest and blocked the least distance of sidewalk."

Leeson said the University limits construction activity during key events and testing periods. These include exam weeks in December and April, graduation, University Day and home football games.

He also said he does not see this specific project as a major noise disturbance. "The majority of the Murphey construction will be on the interior of the building, largely limiting noise to the demolition period and excavation of the building's basement," Leeson said.

Jamila Vernon, a senior journalism and political science major, said she feels the construction detracts from the appeal of UNC.

"People come to this school not only for the academics but the aesthetics of the campus," she said.

"When I used to look around campus, it was beautiful. Now, it's just a mess."

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## Lamp Sparks Fire in Craige

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No one was hurt in a Thursday fire in 456 Craige Residence Hall that began when a halogen lamp fell onto a mattress.

Robert Bosworth, deputy chief of operations with the Chapel Hill Fire Department, said no one was in the room when the fire started about 1 p.m.

An e-mail to Craige residents from Lisa Wells, assistant director of residential education, stated that the fire started when a halogen desk lamp fell onto a mattress. The e-mail also stated the residents of the room have been temporarily relocated while the room is repaired.

Bosworth said the fire and its damage were limited to the room it started in and that smoke and water damage were limited to the suite. "It was a fire that got a little past starting and then went back to a smolder," Bosworth said.

About 1 p.m. alarms sounded to evacuate the building. Firefighters arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire.

Freshman Tiffany McGinnis, who lives directly above where the fire occurred, said she and her roommate smelled the smoke. "Smoke started coming in our room," McGinnis said. "But the fire alarms weren't going off."

She said it was about five to 10 minutes before the alarm sounded.

Rebecca Casey, assistant housing director, said the delay in the alarm would be investigated. She said this summer fire alarms were installed in each room of Craige. These alarms trigger the hall alarms that evacuate the building.

Jeff McCracken, deputy director of the Department of Public Safety, said students should not wait for the alarm to sound if they think a fire might be in progress.

"Students shouldn't hesitate any time they smell smoke or anything suspicious," he said. "They shouldn't wait. They should go ahead and call us."

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DTH/CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Chapel Hill firefighters stand on the fourth floor of Craige Residence Hall on Thursday, discussing a mattress fire that was started by a fallen lamp.

I have a theory that the truth is never told during the nine-to-five hours.

Hunter S. Thompson