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Hide Your Halogen

Thanksgiving Break room checks will look for illegal items.
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Say Cheese

The UNC School of Medicine's Operation Smile chapter gets in gear.
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Backstreet Boys?

Local business encourage creative Halloween costumes.
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Weather

Today: Sunny; H 70, L 39
Wednesday: Sunny; H 70, L 45
Thursday: Cloudy; H 74, L 52



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FBI Advises Nation to Be on Highest Alert

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft asked citizens to be patient with further increases in security.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI issued a new terrorism warning Monday asking Americans and law enforcement to be on the highest alert for possible attacks this week in the United States

and abroad.

The alert was based on new information that was deemed credible but was "not specific as to intended targets or as to intended methods," FBI Director Robert Mueller said.

The warning went out to 18,000 law enforcement agencies. "The administration has concluded

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Nation's 15th Case of Anthrax Confirmed in N.J.
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based on information developed that there may be additional terrorist attacks within the United States and against United States interests over the next week," Attorney General John Ashcroft said. He said that while the informa-



U.S. President George W. Bush urged public activity.

tion was not specific, the FBI was issuing the alert to the American people because "they can make good judgments and can understand this kind of information."

The attorney general asked citizens to be patient if they encounter additional security measures and to note any suspicious activities.

"We urge Americans in the course of their normal activities to remain alert and to report unusual circumstances and inappropriate behavior to the appropriate authorities," he said.

Mueller and Ashcroft declined to discuss the nature or source of the information that prompted the warning, saying only that it was deemed credible.

Ashcroft canceled plans to travel to Toronto to address a conference of police chiefs.

The alert is the second this month. On Oct. 11 the FBI said it had gathered "certain information" that additional terrorism attacks could occur within days.

Earlier Monday, President Bush was

asked whether the government expected more attacks from groups associated with Osama bin Laden, the primary suspect in the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings, that killed thousands of Americans in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Underscoring the balancing act that officials face in warning the public but not inciting panic, Bush urged people not to stop their daily activities.

"The American public must go about their lives. I understand it's a fine balance," Bush said.

Mayoral Candidates Discuss Issues



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Chapel Hill mayoral candidates Kevin Foy, Cam Hill and Lee Pavao participate in a debate in Hamilton Hall on Monday night (above). Carrboro mayoral candidates Stacy Smith (left) and Mike Nelson answer questions concerning issues such as housing and local business (below).

Chapel Hill Forum Focuses on Growth 2 Carrboro Contenders Face Off

By TOM KINGSLEY
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill mayoral candidates fielded questions about growth, student housing and businesses in the area at a public forum Monday night.

Candidates Kevin Foy, Cam Hill and Lee Pavao discussed the issues with audience members and a three-person panel at the forum, which was co-sponsored by Carolina Public Policy and The Daily Tar Heel.

The panelists were David Godschalk, a professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning; Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce; and Katie Hunter, editor of the DTH.

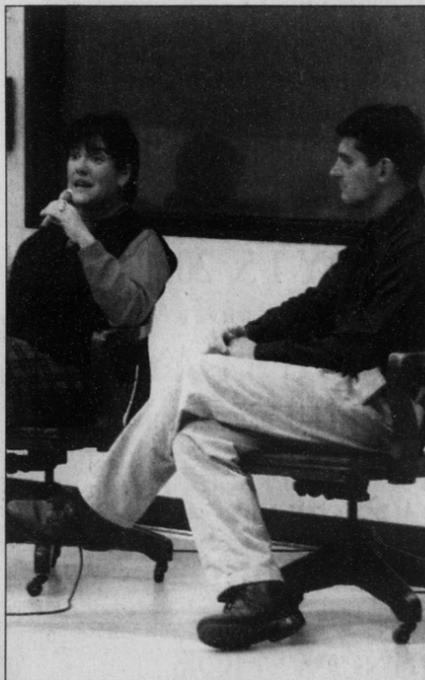
Godschalk posed the first question of the forum, asking about a proposed transportation system linking Chapel Hill to surrounding communities like Durham as a way to mitigate traffic problems associated with growth.

Foy responded by saying the town must act now to prepare for growth. "If we can export ideas now, transportation problems will be less difficult to solve," he said.

But Hill said a proposed solution would not work without encouraging residents to seek alternate modes of transportation other than driving. "When the benefits of taking the bus outweigh the benefits of driving, people will take the bus," he said.

Pavao suggested creating a special task force to examine regional transportation and cooperation with surrounding communities. "We have to think regionally," he said. "If I am elected I will have a regional transportation task force with council members and citizens." Pavao also said UNC students would be included in the proposed task force.

All three candidates said UNC must be pushed to build attractive housing on campus to reduce the number of students
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DTH/ERIN ESCARSEGA

One topic of discussion at the forum was how each of the candidates would try to build Carrboro's commercial sector.

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Carrboro mayoral candidates Mike Nelson and Stacy Smith shared their views Monday night concerning local businesses, affordable housing, student residents, community safety and other issues at a public forum.

The forum, hosted by The Daily Tar Heel and Carolina Public Policy, was led by three panelists who each asked the candidates two questions. Audience members also asked the candidates about issues.

The panelists were Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce; Katie Hunter, editor of the DTH; and David Godschalk, a professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning.

After opening statements by each candidate, Aaron Nelson initiated the informal discussion by asking how both candidates would improve the Carrboro business community.

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Officials React To Decision About Parking

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff applauded the decision to eliminate campus parking for students in residence halls.

By JENNY MCLENDON
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Officials say the decision made last week to eliminate campus parking for all students living in residence halls will address a serious need of faculty and staff, even though they expect some students to express concerns.

Provost Robert Shelton and Nancy Sutfenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, announced their decision at last Thursday's Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meeting to eliminate on-campus parking for students in residence halls, which they have said is based on a pressing need for faculty and staff members to have access to on-campus parking.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff said the decision, though controversial, was an inevitable one because of faculty and staff's unique needs and the difficulties they have faced for many years.

"Nobody wanted to make this choice," she said. "The real culprit is 20 years of lack of planning and procrastination. This shouldn't surprise anyone — we knew it was coming."

Estroff said because faculty and staff do not have access to reliable public transportation, commuting to and from work can be a daunting task. "If you think about UNC as a workplace, it's like extreme sports — can you even get there?" she said. "I think many faculty would be happy not to drive to work if there were reliable public transportation, but there isn't."

Estroff said faculty members with special needs, such as research and night classes, also have reported problems finding parking spaces. "I've gotten e-mails from teachers in the evening college who can't find spots at night because of student parking," she said.

Estroff said some faculty wait years to receive permits in certain lots. "I hear people say things like, 'My students have

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UNC Hospitals Might Lose Their Reimbursements

The Medicare agreement will be terminated Nov. 18 unless UNC Hospitals improve their procedures for treating mentally ill patients.

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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A division of the federal Department of Health and Human Services has formally notified UNC Hospitals that its Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements will be terminated due to findings from a state investigation of a mentally ill patient's alleged suicide.

But department officials said the hospital can prevent the termination if it significantly improves its procedures for dealing with mentally ill patients by Nov. 18.

In a letter sent to the hospital Friday, representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services told hospital officials that the Medicare agreement between the UNC Hospitals and the federal agency will be terminated Nov. 18.

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Voters don't decide issues, they decide who will decide issues.

George F. Will