



## POLICE ROUNDUP

### University

Monday, Oct. 29

■ A UNC employee reported Monday morning that several items were stolen from a shed near the Friday Center.

The stolen items included four blowers, two brush cutters, two edgers, one hedge trimmer, one hedge trimmer attachment and two hand-held radios, reports state.

The estimated value of the stolen items is \$5,780.

Friday, Oct. 26

■ A pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on West Drive near the Cardinal Deck Pedestrian Bridge at approximately 4:24 p.m., reports state.

The driver stated that she was moving at about 5 m.p.h. when she heard the pedestrian yell, "Watch it!"

The pedestrian was treated and released at the scene, reports state.

■ An IBM laptop computer and a bookbag were stolen from a UNC student at Davis Library on Friday afternoon, reports state.

The student left the items on a table on the first floor of the library and went to a computer work station.

Reports state that the returned at 4 p.m. to find the items had been stolen. The estimated value of the two items is \$1,215.

Thursday, Oct. 25

■ A UNC student was charged with underage possession after he was observed carrying a 12-pack of Miller Lite beer in the Morrison Circle around 11:34 p.m., reports state.

Nathaniel Freeman, 19, of 208 Lewis Residence Hall, was cited and released, reports state.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

■ A UNC student was walking in the area of Cameron Avenue and South Building at about 6:55 p.m. when a man exposed himself to her, reports state.

The victim described the man as a white, overweight male, about 5-foot-10, with blonde hair, glasses and a pale complexion.

Reports state that the suspect fled the area in a white Ford coupe.

### City

Sunday, Oct. 28

■ Carrboro police arrested Oscar Escobedo, 26, of 501 N.C. 54 at 3:30 a.m. for driving while impaired, reports state.

Reports state that officers arrested Escobedo at Old N.C. 86 without incident. Police arrested and charged Escobedo with one misdemeanor count each of driving while intoxicated, no operator's license and failure to stop for blue lights, reports state.

Officers transported Escobedo to the Chapel Hill Police Department, where he registered a .10 on the Intoxilyzer 5000, reports state.

Reports also state that Escobedo was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in the Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on Dec. 4.

Saturday, Oct. 27

■ Carrboro police responded to a report of vehicular breaking and entering at 100 Rockhaven Road at 4:33 p.m.

Reports state that an unknown individual entered a locked vehicle and removed property.

The total value of the stolen goods was more than \$450, reports state.

Reports also state that there were no signs of forced entry and no damage to the vehicle.

Latent prints were obtained from the vehicle and submitted as evidence, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

Friday, Oct. 26

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Victor Link, 39, of 2122 Jo Mac Road at 9:47 p.m. for DWI and leaving the scene of an accident, reports state.

Police arrested and charged Link with one felony count of hit and run and one misdemeanor count each of DWI and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Link was involved in an accident on Fordham Drive near Estes Drive, reports state.

Link left the scene of the accident and was later pulled over by officers on N.C. 54 at Jones Ferry Road, reports state.

Link was transported and confined to the Orange County Jail on a \$300 secured bond, reports state.

He was scheduled to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

# Officials Close to Naming CCPS Director

The search committee will make its recommendation this week, and the provost will make the final decision.

By JESSICA SLEEP  
Staff Writer

Officials say they are closer to deciding who the next director of the Carolina Center for Public Service will be after the finalists vying for the position completed their visits to campus last week.

The three finalists, Lynn White Blanchard, Michael Davis and John O'Sullivan, each participated in one of three public forums for candidates that has been held on campus in the last two weeks.

Blanchard is currently the vice chairwoman for community initiatives at the

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network in Allentown, Pa. Davis is the assistant director of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service in Raleigh. O'Sullivan is a farm management and marketing specialist for the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service with N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University.

Ned Brooks, interim director of the CCPS, said he was pleased with the forums.

"I think they were excellent," he said.

CCPS officials began their search for a new director for the center after Nick Didow resigned from the position almost three months ago to pursue a professorship at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Brooks said that at the forums, candidates spoke to the audience members about their experiences with public service and issues they felt were important.

The audience also addressed questions to the candidates.

Brooks said the attendance at the forums ranged from about 12 people to about 25 people.

Audience members were given an evaluation form, and the feedback from those forms will play a role in the decision-making process, he said.

Linda Carl, assistant provost for educational programs, said the forums were an efficient way to review the candidates.

"I think (the forums) went superbly," she said.

"We have an excellent group of candidates."

Carl said the forums were important

because they gave officials an opportunity to see the candidates in a public speaking role, which is an important part of the director position.

Brooks said the future director must exhibit several qualities that are essential to the job.

"They have to engender trust and respect," he said.

"They must be the kind of person students, faculty, alumni and community members will trust and want to work with."

Cindy Wolf

Johnson, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, headed the search committee that chose the three finalists. She said the search committee has not met since it interviewed the last candidate earlier this week.

*"I had a sense that each of (the finalists) had a genuine interest in the position."*

ROBERT SHELTON

Provost

## IT'S PUMPKIN PICKING TIME!



DTH/KARA ARNDT

Squatting among the pumpkins, Natalie Weber is more concerned with playing in gravel than she is with picking out a Halloween pumpkin. Ann Oakley, the owner of the pumpkin farm on Mount Caramel Church Road, says it's a big competition within families to see who can pick out the best pumpkin.

## Searches May Have Prevented Fire

By JAMIE DOUGHER  
Staff Writer

Housing officials say they are not sure whether room searches during Fall Break would have caught a halogen lamp that sparked a fire in Craig Residence Hall last week.

This year, residence halls were kept open during Fall Break, meaning resident assistants were not able to search for banned items — like halogen lamps — in residents' rooms.

But residence hall room inspections are scheduled to be completed during both Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break, said Assistant Housing Director Rebecca Casey.

Officials said Monday that Thursday's afternoon fire on the fourth floor of Craig caused damage to the

room mainly with smoke and not with actual flames.

The fire in Room 456 started when a halogen lamp fell onto a mattress.

Casey said Thursday that a delay in the activation of the residence hall's fire alarm would be investigated.

Freshman Tiffany McGinnis, who lives above Room 456, said she and her roommate smelled smoke five to 10 minutes before she heard any alarms going off.

But Casey said Monday that the alarms functioned properly.

"They can be activated in an individual room as opposed to the whole hallway," Casey said.

She said that when the Chapel Hill Fire Department arrived at the residence hall in response to the activated smoke alarm in Room 456 and opened the

door to the room, the hallway fire alarms were activated.

Robert Bosworth, chief deputy of operations for the Chapel Hill Fire Department, said the renovation work on the room most likely will include replacing the ceiling and repainting the room. He said most of the damage occurred to the bed linen and the mattress.

The two residents of the room have been temporarily placed in other rooms on campus.

"It's amazing how intrusive smoke (and the smell of it) can be," Bosworth said.

He could not speculate about the damage to the residents' possessions, but he said any clothes in the room are going to smell like smoke.

"Things don't have to burn up to be

lost in a fire," he said.

Bosworth said he is not sure when the residents will be able to move back into the room.

Casey said the University will not assume liability for any of the residents' ruined possessions.

Halogen lamps are not permitted in residence halls because of their tendency to start fires.

"My understanding is that they generate a lot of heat," Casey said.

Bosworth said it is not routine to see fires caused by halogen lamps, although they do occur.

He said a halogen lamp is not that dangerous as long as the grill over the lamp's light bulb is in place.

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## Officials Reschedule Qatar Trip

Some faculty are concerned about the business school's plans to consider starting a branch in the Middle East.

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UNC officials have rescheduled a trip to Qatar, where they are considering developing a branch of the Kenan-Flagler Business School despite some faculty and student concerns about the program's objectives and safety issues.

Provost Robert Shelton said the group will travel to Qatar, a small country bordering Saudi Arabia and across the Persian Gulf from Afghanistan, sometime during the first part of November.

Chancellor James Moeser and faculty from both the business school and the College of Arts and Sciences will go on the trip, although the final group of participants has not been determined. Several members of the Board of Trustees are slated to go on the trip, which will be financed by officials in Qatar. The trip originally was scheduled in September but was delayed due to business and security concerns after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Leaders of the UNC system and education officials in Qatar have discussed the possibility of establishing a business curriculum and degree program for students in that region for about two years.

Shelton called the trip a fact-finding mission in which UNC faculty can get a sense of security, lifestyle and cultural issues in Qatar. If the trip is successful, he said, the University will continue negotiations with Qatar officials.

"We need to take a 'go, no go' stand by the end of the calendar year," he said. "We need as much input as possible from people whose opinions we deeply value. That's the real purpose of the trip."

Some UNC faculty said they fully support the venture in Qatar. Management Professor Robert Adler said UNC should use the program to share American principles such as democracy, diversity and freedom of expression. "This is an important initiative because the Middle East is a critical part of the world," he said. "We should unashamedly engage people in that region and share our values and skills with those people. We should not leave the Middle East to haters."

But not all business faculty support the

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## Lido's Opens; Owner Hopes for Diversity

By CAROLYN PEARCE  
Staff Writer

A new bar opened this weekend on Franklin Street at the space formerly occupied by The Artist's Escape — but don't expect their scenes to be the same. Lido's Bar opened Thursday night under a new manager, Chris Coty, a third-year student at the UNC School of Law.

Coty said he hopes the bar will attract diverse crowds by incorporating different themes on different nights.

Coty said he wants to attract some of the same crowd as The Artist's Escape, which was frequented by lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders but closed last spring.

But he added that he wants to attract a different crowd as well.

"Ideally, Lido's will be a place with variety," Coty said.

"For example, I want Tuesday nights to be trivia nights and Wednesday and Friday to be gay nights. There will be other theme nights, but they have not yet been decided."

But Coty emphasized that he does not want to turn people off from the bar just because of the two nights targeting the LGBT community.

"We are trying to attract everyone," Coty said. "I have seen that Gotham has done well with their gay nights, so we are planning to have a pre-party to Gotham."

Coty is running the bar almost single-handedly, with the volunteer assistance of a few friends.

"I will definitely be hiring people soon, but I have some friends helping me out for now," he said.

Coty added that his role at Lido's was

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## NAACP Upset With House Plan

The redistricting plan before the N.C. House reduces the number of majority black districts from 14 to 12.

By RACHEL LEONARD  
Staff Writer

Members of the N.C. House might find their efforts to pass a new redistricting plan hampered by a statement released last week by the NAACP.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has said any redistricting plan should at least retain the current number of 14 majority black districts.

Black lawmakers met behind closed doors with members of the NAACP to discuss the redistricting plan.

Under the current Democratic plan being considered in the House, blacks will make up the more than 50 percent of the population in 12 districts. A

decade ago, blacks constituted a majority in 16 districts.

House Democrats are hesitant to draw up plans that could erode their current 62-58 majority in the House.

The issue has been debated for about a month, with each side presenting several different versions of the redrawn districts.

The first reading of the bill passed by a 62-57 vote a week ago, but two black Democrats announced on the House floor that they were not satisfied with the current plan, and several others have not said whether or not they will vote for the plan a second time.

Several black Democrats broke with their party and accused the House leaders of diluting black districts in the attempt to secure a Democratic majori-

ty. The NAACP statement has the potential to encourage further dissent.

House Speaker Pro Tem Joe Hackney, D-Orange, who serves as vice chairman of the Legislative Redistricting Committee, said it was "entirely appropriate for the plan to be re-examined" in light of the complaints.

But Hackney added that aside from the 12 majority black districts, two others are more than 49 percent black.

"In practical effect, there are 14 (majority black) districts," he said.

Black lawmakers have mixed opinions on the effect the NAACP statement will have on passing a redistricting plan.

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*"I don't see why I should automatically be committed to a decision made by the NAACP."*

REP. WARREN OLDSHAM  
D-Forsyth