

# POLICE ROUNDUP

## University

Tuesday, Oct. 30

■ Davis Library employees reported a suspicious-looking package in the library's mail room at 11:24 a.m., reports state. The package was from Egypt and had Asian or Arabic writing on it. Officials have not opened it yet, said Peter Reinhardt, director of the Department of Environment, Health and Safety.

■ Reports state that a laptop computer was stolen from 514 Carmichael Residence Hall sometime during the night while the victim's roommate was sleeping. The victim told police his room had been left unlocked, reports state. The victim noticed the laptop was missing at 2 a.m. and reported the theft at 2:12 p.m. No arrests have been made.

Monday, Oct. 29

■ A suspicious letter was found in the mail room of Hamilton Hall at 1:55 p.m., reports state. A UNC employee brought the letter to the Department of Public Safety in a plastic bag, and the letter was then turned over to the Department of Environment, Health and Safety, reports state.

## City

Tuesday, Oct. 30

■ Carrboro police responded to a call at 6:10 p.m. at the Crown Fast Fare gas station, located at 1401 W. Main St.

Reports state that the unknown subject pumped gas and drove off without paying. The subject stole 29.487 gallons of gasoline, valued at \$33, reports state. Witnesses reported that the subject was driving a white Dodge truck, reports state.

The case is inactive.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a call of burglary on South Estes Drive at 3:29 p.m., reports state.

The residence was last known to be secure Oct. 19 at 8:30 a.m., reports state. Reports also state that an unknown subject took the victim's jewelry. Taken from the residence was a gold watch, a gold bracelet and a 14 karat gold link necklace, reports state. The value of the stolen goods was over \$470, reports state.

The case is under investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police helped arrest a man who left the scene of an accident in Durham, reports state. The Durham Police Department reported that the subject was involved in a hit and run with a stolen van on N.C. 54 near Interstate 40, reports state. Chapel Hill police officers saw the van on Barbie Chapel Road near N.C. 54, reports state.

The suspect was arrested on location and turned over to the Durham police.

# Psychology Professor To Start as New Dean

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Staff Writer

Undergraduates will have a new administrator watching over their academic careers at UNC beginning today.

Psychology Professor Karen Gil will begin working in her new position of senior associate dean of undergraduate education in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences today. The spot that has been vacant since Sept. 1, when Bernadette Gray-Little was appointed executive associate provost.

Gil has served on the faculty since 1995 as a psychology professor whose research included studies on stress management and coping.

"Her specialty is stress management, which will be very helpful," said Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Palm said Gil's duties will entail overseeing undergraduate academic programs, scholarships and services, which include programs such as academic advising and the Honors Program.

Palm said Gil's area of specialty will give her an edge in her new job. Psychology is one of the largest majors at UNC, so Gil has a lot of interaction with some of the students she will be serving, Palm said.

"She has the experience of already working with students," Palm said. "She's sort of a model of what we want from our faculty."

Gil was chosen from among three faculty candidates to succeed Gray-Little. Gil said she was approached about the position at the beginning of the semester and was interviewed and selected by a faculty committee.

Gil said she has several goals for her new role. "I think my first goal would be to support the individual programs that come under the Office of Undergraduate Education," she said.

Encouraging effective communication and enhancing research participation are two more of Gil's goals. She said interaction with both students and faculty will be an integral part of her plans for the department and that she is looking forward to sparking student and faculty involvement.

Gil formerly served on the faculty of Duke University. She specializes in health psychology and has received several major national grants and awards. Gil is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

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# NAACP: House Plan Now OK

The new House redistricting plan has 15 majority-black districts, one more than the NAACP had requested.

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Negotiations on new state House district boundaries lumbered forward Wednesday as Democratic leaders floated a new plan that would create more majority-black districts.

The state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has signed off on the plan, which would increase the number of these districts to 15, compared to 12 in a proposal tentatively approved last week.

A final vote has been delayed for a week after some black Democrats said the party leadership's plan would reduce minority influence in the General Assembly. Debate set for Wednesday night on the new plan was postponed until at least Thursday while the dissenting Democrats examine the latest proposal.

"I'm going to take some time," said Rep. Toby Fitch, D-Wilson, the leader of the dissenters.

Redistricting lays the groundwork for political power and policy at the General Assembly for the next 10 years.

The map used since 1992 now has 14 districts in which the black population is more than 50 percent. The map pushed by the House Democratic leadership for weeks had 12 such districts.

Changes to the latest plan include:  
■ forming a new majority-black district in Charlotte. Much of the district would be created from a district currently represented by Rep. Ruth Easterling, D-Mecklenburg, who announced she won't run for re-election next year.

■ increasing the black population above 50 percent in two districts currently held by Reps. Mary McAllister, D-Cumberland, and Larry Bell, D-Samson. In the earlier proposal, McAllister's district had a black population of 46 percent; Bell's was 49 percent.

Several black Democrats led by Fitch were worried earlier plans violate the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

The Democratic leadership disagrees and has said too many majority-black

districts could hurt chances to expand the party's four-seat majority over Republicans.

House members whose districts had to be altered to create the additional majority-black districts have agreed to the changes, said Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, the House speaker pro tem.

"Some of them happily, some of them not," said Hackney.

The NAACP said last week that any redistricting plan needed to have 14 majority-black districts at a minimum.

Skip Alston, the state chapter president, said the civil rights organization could agree to the new plan.

"We asked for 14," Alston said. "We're glad that they decided to go with 15."

Still, Alston said the chapter would rather see a majority-black district defined as a district in which more than 50 percent of the voting-age population is black, rather than more than 50 percent of the total population.

# HACKIN' AT JACK



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

During midday festivities in the Pit, sophomore Travis Whitley works on his own jack-o'-lantern, carving a spider design. The pumpkin carving was one of several events available for students to celebrate the spooky holiday. Wednesday night's Halloween was the first with a full moon in 46 years.

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# Office Hours in the Pit!

Today, November 1, 11:00-1:00

Every two weeks or so, CCPS staff members will man a table in the Pit (or the quad in front of Wilson Library) to answer your questions about public service at Carolina. Each time we'll have a focus topic, but all questions are welcome.

Focus topic:  
**UNC's Public Service Listserv:  
How it can work for you and your organization or unit**

Example questions:

- Who can help me with publicity for my organization's upcoming event?
- What's this I hear about getting academic credit for public service?
- When will my parents send me more money? (Sorry. We can't help with this one.)
- Where can I turn for public service support on campus?
- How can I connect with other students, faculty, and staff that are interested in public service?

If you don't have a question, stop by just to say hello and to get to know us better. Sometimes we'll even have some goodies! One more thing, and this is really important... we're available every day to support your public service work. Contact us at CCPS, 201 Bank of America Center, CB# 3142, 843-7568, [cps@unc.edu](mailto:cps@unc.edu), [www.unc.edu/cps](http://www.unc.edu/cps).

(The idea for Office Hours in the Pit was suggested by students participating in the Carolina Center for Public Service's recent Student Public Service Workshop.)

The Bull's Head Bookshop in UNC Student Stores presents

UNC faculty author

# Robert Morgan

who will read from his new novel **This Rock**

Friday, November 2nd  
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