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Risky Business

School of Public Health holds a bioterrorism seminar. See Page 3



Vote Today

Local elections will be held today in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

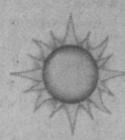
So Experienced

Experience Music Project's Electric Bus comes to campus. See Page 5



Weather

Today: Sunny; H 60, L 32
Wednesday: Sunny; H 70, L 38
Thursday: Sunny; H 74, L 44



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Workers Suspended After Knife Incident

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Private security workers at O'Hare International Airport have been suspended for allowing a man to pass through a checkpoint with several knives and a stun gun in his carry-on luggage.

Federal law enforcement officials said there was no indication the man was involved in terrorism. They

said he told them he owned the knives for protection and mistakenly packed them in a plastic bag rather than his luggage before leaving for the airport.

In a statement issued Monday, Atlanta-based Argenbright Security Inc. said eight of the workers they hired to operate the screening operations at United Airlines' terminal had been suspended pending a company inquiry.

The Federal Aviation Administration is also investigating.

City officials said the workers, including one supervisor, failed to detain

Subash Gurung, 27, of Chicago, after two folding knives were discovered in his pocket when he passed through a metal detector.

The workers did not notice seven other knives, a stun gun and a can marked tear gas when Gurung's bag went through an X-ray machine. Instead, they were found by United employees in the gate area who searched Gurung's carry-on bag, police spokesman Thomas Donegan said.

"Something obviously went seriously wrong here, and we're trying to find out

if it's the employees' fault," said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation. "If weapons were confiscated, he should never have been let through security."

Gurung, who told authorities he was unemployed, was arrested trying to board a United flight to Omaha, Neb., on Saturday night, Donegan said.

He was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and attempting to board an aircraft with weapons, both misdemeanors.

After being released on bail on those

charges early Sunday, Gurung was rearrested by FBI agents when he returned to O'Hare to retrieve his checked-in luggage. He was charged with a federal felony count of attempting to carry a weapon on an aircraft, Randall Samborn, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said. "The investigation does not seem to reveal an illicit, suspicious or nefarious intent about his trip to Omaha," Samborn said.

At a brief court appearance Monday, a judge ordered Gurung, a Nepalese citizen who is in the United States on an

expired student visa, held without bond. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, who was visiting Chicago on Monday, called the incident "a case of traumatic dimensions."

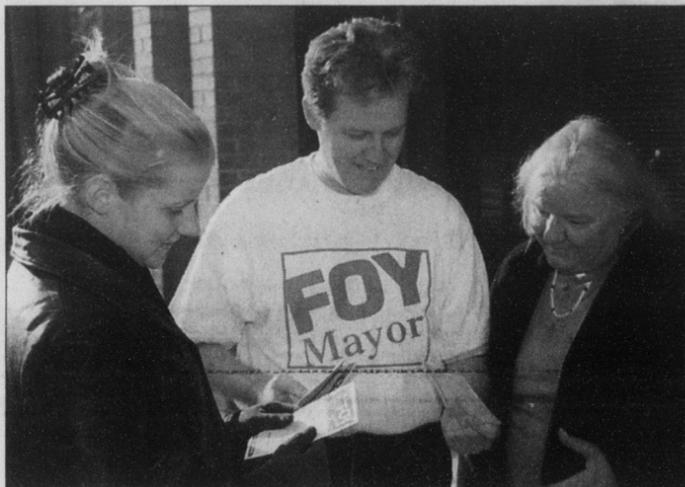
He blamed United, saying the airline is in charge of screening passengers on its flights. Mineta called for the FAA to impose a substantial fine on United.

United said it was "aggressive and effective work" by its own employees that prevented the weapons from being

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CANDIDATE KEVIN FOY



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Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Kevin Foy speaks with Carmen Hoyme (left) and Margaret Brown, both Chapel Hill residents, on Franklin Street on Monday afternoon.

"We're confident. It has been ... a very busy campaign."

CANDIDATE LEE PAVAO



DTH/JOSHUA GREER

Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Lee Pavao speaks to Chapel Hill resident Beth Monsour at Quinn's Restaurant in Southern Village on Monday afternoon.

Mayoral Hopefuls Mount Final Pushes

By CAROLYN PEARCE
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill and Carrboro mayoral candidates made their final campaign push Monday, shaking hands and posting fliers in a last-ditch effort to secure votes for today's election.

Chapel Hill mayoral candidates Lee Pavao and Kevin Foy - both Chapel Hill Town Council members - spent the day campaigning around the town and talking to people on Franklin Street.

Foy, clad in a white and red T-shirt with his name and "mayor" written on it, strolled Franklin Street on Monday afternoon, handing out pamphlets and encouraging residents to vote.

"I've been running around, dropping off campaign literature, knocking on doors and talking to people," Foy said. "Basically winding it down."

Foy said he is pleased with the way his cam-

aign has ended and with all of the support he has received.

"I've had about 150 volunteers," he said. "It has been heartening to have a lot of help and enthusiasm."

Foy said he will be up and about at 6:30 a.m. today, trying to visit as many polls as possible.

Pavao planned a full day of meeting with potential voters, starting with Monday morning's ribbon-cutting opening ceremony at XOXO women's apparel store on East Franklin Street.

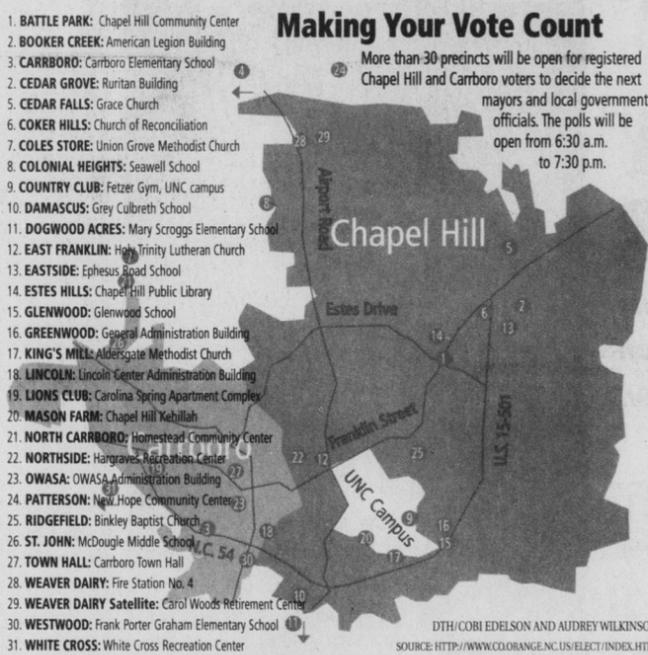
"After the opening, I spent the rest of the morning walking Franklin Street, talking to the people in establishments and on the street," he said. "I like to do that anyway."

Pavao said he spent the rest of his afternoon at Southern Village, talking to parents at Scroggs Elementary School and campaigning in the

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Making Your Vote Count

More than 30 precincts will be open for registered Chapel Hill and Carrboro voters to decide the next mayors and local government officials. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Expulsions Boost Need To Fill Seats

A special election will be held Wednesday to try to fill the 13 empty seats in the 37-seat Student Congress.

By JORDAN BARTEL
Staff Writer

The expulsion of two members from Student Congress has added new importance to Wednesday's special election.

Seniors John Clark and Andrew Wagner were expelled Oct. 30 due to excessive unexcused absences - a chronic problem in Congress, student leaders have said.

After any Congress member has been absent from three full Congress or committee meetings, charges can be brought against them if at least three members vote to do so.

The Ethics Committee then considers the charges and decides whether to bring them to a full congressional vote.

David Ruddell, Ethics Committee chairman, said he does not have full attendance records from committee meetings but that there are three people who would be eligible for expulsion from Congress if they miss the next full meeting Nov. 13.

A simple majority of representatives in attendance constitutes a quorum, which is needed to conduct official business.

Before his expulsion, Clark represented District 10, which covers Alderman, McIver, Spencer, Stacy and Graham Residence Halls, and Wagner represented District 21, which includes the area bounded by Columbia Street, West Franklin Street, Jones Ferry Road and the N.C. 54 bypass.

The new expulsions bring the number of empty seats in Congress to 13 out of the total 37. A total of 10 districts at the graduate and undergraduate level are without representation.

Speaker of Congress Mark Townsend said he hopes the special election will fill all empty seats, but he is not optimistic.

"Ideally, I'd like all 37 seats to be filled to represent UNC," Townsend said. "On the other hand, there's nothing I can do if apathy is so rampant."

It is this apathy, Townsend said, that also leads to Congress members' lack of participation and eventual expulsion.

"Usually people decide they want to be involved with Congress but discover that they are not prepared," he said. "You have to devote one night a week to Congress, and we do not have a lot of perks - it's often tedious and monotonous."

Some students have shown interest in See SPECIAL ELECTIONS, Page 4



Student Body President Justin Young called on Oct. 4 for a special election to fill Congress.

Alumnus Gives \$10 Million to International Studies

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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A UNC alumnus who felt the University sent him out into the world ill-prepared to deal with the global economy has donated \$10 million to support international study initiatives.

Alston Gardner, who graduated from UNC in 1977, said he didn't leave the United States until he was 30 years old, when his business ventures forced him to interact in the international realm.

"My sense was that you didn't have to wait until you were 30 to have an international experience," said Gardner, who lives in Atlanta. "The overall strategy (of my donation) is to provide an international experience for every student on campus."

The donation will go to the Carolina First Campaign, a seven-year initiative that plans to raise \$1.5 billion from private donations.

The gift establishes 25 undergraduate scholarships that will send students on

an annual six-week immersion program at the National University of Singapore.

The donation also will bring international students to UNC through the Global Scholars Program, which will attract 48 foreign undergraduate students to study at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Graduate students will benefit from Gardner's gift through two research and teaching graduate fellowships, known as REACH, which aim to enrich graduate students' learning and teaching.

A speaker series will be the first of

Gardner's initiatives to be realized. The donation is helping bring Sandy Berger, former national security adviser under President Clinton, to UNC on Wednesday.

Raymond Farrow, development director for the University Center for International Studies, said he has been working with Gardner for about a year to find a good match for Gardner's international interests and the University's needs.

Farrow said the programs are in sync with Chancellor James Moeser's efforts

to internationalize the University.

"The philosophy is that we want every Carolina student to be exposed to another culture while they're here," he said.

"We started out as a state and regional university. In the last couple decades, we've become a prominent national university, and now we're going to become a true international university."

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All politics are based on the indifference of the majority.

James Reston