



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Nov. 18

■ A homeless woman was found in the lounge of the Student Union at 5:09 p.m. applying a permanent hair relaxer to her hair, reports state. The woman claimed to be a Lenoir Dining Hall employee, but she could not produce a UNC ONE Card.

She was given a copy of the trespass warning and told to leave the University premises. She was allowed to rinse her hair before leaving, reports state.

■ University police responded at 4:33 a.m. to a disturbance at Ehringhaus Residence Hall, reports state. Five students were involved in a verbal argument, and two exchanged punches. The injured student refused medical attention, reports state. No charges were pressed.

■ A car was vandalized in the Hinton James Residence Hall lower parking lot, reports state. The victim reported that the passenger window was busted out and that there was a large dent above the rear door. Two cases of compact discs were taken, reports state. Broken glass and an empty beer bottle were found on the ground near the vehicle.

Saturday, Nov. 17

■ A car was reported stolen at 1:30 a.m. from the Hinton James parking lot, reports state. The victim stated he last saw the vehicle Nov. 10, reports state. He stated that he did not realize the car was missing earlier because he does not drive the car during the week. The victim stated the car was not locked because it was broken into last week and the locks were smashed, reports state.

Friday, Nov. 16

■ A student reported at 11 a.m. his car stereo stolen after his car was towed from the Davis Library loading area and impounded at the Chapel Hill Compound, police reports state. The student located what he believed to be his car stereo on the floor of another vehicle, reports state. The stereo was taken to the crime lab, and the area was processed for finger prints, reports state.

■ A backhoe parked at the Craige Parking Deck was reported damaged at 10:17 a.m. when someone bent the control handles that operate the backhoe, reports state. The rear view mirror also was torn off. Damage was estimated at \$500, reports state.

City

Sunday, Nov. 18

■ Carrboro police arrested Lamont Bradsher, 38, of 810 N.C. 54 at 8:14 p.m. for breaking and entering into an automobile at 311 E. Main St.

Reports state that Bradsher faces one felony count of breaking and entering, one misdemeanor count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of possession of stolen property. Reports also state that Bradsher was confined to the Orange County Jail on a \$1,500 secured bond. Bradsher was scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday, reports state.

Saturday, Nov. 17

■ Carrboro police arrested Juan Rojas, 21, Jose Rojas, 24, and Ricardo Lopez, 17, all of the Arbor Meadows Apartment complex at 112 N.C. 54. Reports state that the men engaged in a fight in the parking lot at about 4:30 a.m.

Reports also state that all three men were arrested at 4:33 a.m. and each was given a \$150 secured bond. Juan Rojas and Jose Rojas posted bond while Lopez was transported to the Orange County Jail.

All three men face one misdemeanor charge of simple affray and are scheduled to appear at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 21, reports state.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a call at 7:54 a.m. at 504 Belmont St. regarding breaking and entering and larceny to a vehicle. The total value of the stolen goods was \$1,924 in compact discs, a car stereo, leather briefcase and other items, reports state. The case is closed with all leads exhausted.

Friday, Nov. 16

■ Chapel Hill police responded to an assault and robbery call at 3:41 p.m. at 150 E. Rosemary St. Reports state that an unknown individual assaulted the victim and stole \$360 in cash. The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to an automobile theft call at 6:16 a.m. at 800 Airport Road. Reports state that an unknown individual stole a 2001 Ford Shuttle Bus, valued at \$85,000. The bus was last known to be secure on 11 a.m. Thursday. The case is under further investigation.

Schools Will Not Post 10 Commandments

The Orange County School Board rejected a proposal to post the commandments, citing possible legal issues.

By SCOTT WARFIELD
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Education quickly dismissed the possibility of posting the Ten Commandments in its schools at a meeting Monday night.

The issue, which was prompted by concern from a board member, comes

months after a state decision that allows school boards to choose whether their system will post the Ten Commandments.

The N.C. General Assembly recently passed a bill that serves as an amendment to the Student Citizenship Act of 2001.

The bill states that a variety of documents can be posted by the school systems if they are of historic significance.

The proposal was struck down by the board less than 15 minutes after attorney Mike Parker expressed concerns that the board might face legal and financial consequences.

Parker discussed possible ramifications

for posting the Ten Commandments and showed the board members cases of past school board attempts to post the documents.

"Only one case of posting the Ten Commandments in schools was not struck down," Parker said.

The decision to post also could come directly under fire by special interest groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union.

Deborah Ross, executive director of the N.C. ACLU in Raleigh, said the state law provides both incorrect and incomplete information on the posting of the Ten Commandments in public schools.

"The ACLU is willing to pursue legal action if they post the Ten Commandments in schools," Ross said. "The Ten Commandments don't apply under the historic display law."

Parker also said Monday that the board should bear in mind that the law could change in the future.

"It will be challenged as to whether it goes against the Constitution," Parker said.

School board member Dana Thompson said she was against posting the Ten Commandments.

"On this issue, the right thing for us to do is focus on what is best for the children," she said. "Leave matters of faith

to family and churches."

Thompson also said the board should look at other school systems as examples.

"We've gotten information from various attorneys, and no school system has decided to post the Ten Commandments under the new law," Thompson said.

But school board member David Kolbinsky said he thought discussion of the posting in schools was one of importance.

"To deny religious history is to deny U.S. history itself," he said.

School board member Susan See SCHOOL BOARD, Page 4

N.C. Lacks Appeals Court Representation

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is blocking circuit court judge nominations, a tactic long employed by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

By JULIA LAMM
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The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is having difficulty getting N.C. representation on the court.

N.C. Judge Terrence Boyle was nominated to the 4th Circuit by President Bush in May, but his nomination has been blocked by Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.

Boyle, a former aide to Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is the fifth judge from North Carolina to have his nomination blocked by one of the state's two senators since 1992. When a president nominates a judicial appointee, either senator from the appointee's state has the right to reject the choice.

The block mimics Helms' actions during the Clinton administration, when Helms stopped four of Clinton's nominees from reaching Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

The 15-seat Court of Appeals has lacked N.C. representation since Judge Sam Ervin III's death in September 1999.

"In the past eight years, no (N.C.) nominee has been given a hearing on the Judiciary Committee," said Mike Briggs, Edwards' press secretary.

The appellate court is the last stop for cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. The 4th Circuit represents North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. N.C. representation on the court has dwindled because replacements have not been named for N.C. judges who have left the circuit, Briggs said.

Edwards expressed a desire for a bipartisan approach to N.C. representation in a January letter to Helms. "As you know, either of us can block appointments to these posts, but it is in the interest of our state that we work out a system where neither of us is forced to resort to such drastic measures," the letter stated.

But Briggs said Helms is not trying to work with Edwards. "Senator Helms hasn't found time to answer (the letter)."

In spite of such criticism, Helms' aides say he supports Boyle based on his experience and judicial temperament.

"He's been an excellent judge on the district court," said Joe Lanier, Helms' legislative director.

Edwards' aides say blocking Boyle's nomination is part of a mission to come up with a set of nominees that is ethnically and ideologically balanced. "We can work this out sooner if the White House will come up with someone who provides the balance that Senator Edwards has been looking for," Briggs said. He said Edwards also is trying to increase minority representation.

Judge Roger Gregory from Virginia became the first black judge appointed to the 4th Circuit bench in January.

Although it is still uncertain when a representative from North Carolina will be chosen, UNC law professor Louis Bilionis said debate about circuit court appointments is not unusual. "The question of how to fill vacant seats on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals has been a controversial one for nearly a decade," Bilionis said. "I don't think any of the criticisms today are more valid than they were during the Clinton administration."

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Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., leaves the U.S. Capitol with his press secretary Mike Briggs in 1999. Edwards recently blocked a N.C. Republican's nomination to a 4th Circuit judgeship.

Airport Security Increases

Waits at RDU may be up to two hours over the holiday, and officials encourage all travelers to come prepared.

By EMMA BURGIN
Staff Writer

Airports will be filled with more armed guards, metal detectors and stricter security measures during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport officials are asking travelers to arrive early and prepare to wait.

Mirinda Kossoff, RDU communications manager, said students should arrive at the airport at least two hours early so they are on time for their flight after going through security.

"It's going to take longer - come prepared to wait," Kossoff said. "Bring a book to entertain yourself."

Kossoff said RDU officials are expecting 200,000 people to pass through the airport during the four-day holiday weekend.

Airport officials will add an extra security checkpoint at Terminal A - their busiest terminal - and are taking other security precautions to cope with the crowds, Kossoff said.

"We now have four lanes instead of three," she said.

"We had to completely reconfigure the space, so that should make things quicker and easier."

Kossoff said there are several things students should be aware of when preparing to fly home.

"Passengers can only take one carry-on and one personal item, such as a briefcase or a purse," she said.

Kossoff said any sharp object found in carry-on luggage will be confiscated and will not be returned.

The items can be placed in checked luggage.

"(Anyone's) luggage is subject to random search, so pack light and don't

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BOT Delays Commitment to Landfill Cleanup

By CAROLYN PEARCE
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees announced Friday that it is delaying the University's commitment to cleaning a landfill on the Horace Williams Tract, despite town stipulations.

Although the BOT agreed with most of the town's recent Memorandum of Understanding - a 17-point proposal outlining the town's expectations of the University as it develops the tract - its response differed with the town on three of the suggestions.

UNC's response to the town's

requests included the deferral of a previous commitment to pay for the landfill's cleanup and a rejection of a town requirement to make students register their vehicles.

The third area BOT members highlighted dealt with how improvements to private enterprises that might be constructed on the tract would be taxed.

The University chose to defer its decision concerning the cleanup until more planning on the tract has been done.

The Horace Williams tract is a 979-acre parcel of land north of main campus that is slated for development under the University's Master Plan, a 50-year

guide for campus development.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said the suggestion to clean up the landfill originally was made by the University and that he does not know why the BOT then elected to wait for additional evaluation before making the decision.

Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, said University officials think it is too early to address specific plans for the Horace Williams property.

But Waldrop, who leads the Horace Williams Advisory Committee and oversees planning for the tract, said he does

not expect UNC to go back on its agreement to pay for the landfill's maintenance.

"I think the reason (for the deferral) is we need to have a better feel for what we are going to do and what the costs will be," Waldrop said. "It is my expectation that the University will play a role in assuming these costs, which will be quite substantial."

BOT member Stick Williams said that whenever the University begins work on the tract, the landfill will have to be cleaned up, but he could not promise that the University would commit to that responsibility.

"I would imagine that we will sit down and engage in more negotiations," he said. "I don't know if we will put it back on the table."

The stipulations of the memorandum that the BOT agreed on included town concerns for employee and student housing, construction of additional secondary schools, stormwater runoff and parking control.

Another one of the town's stipulations stated that the University should make an effort to require students to prove they paid a \$20 town motor reg-

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Senate to Unveil New District Maps

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
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RALEIGH - The N.C. Senate Redistricting Committee will meet today to discuss several plans to redraw North Carolina's congressional districts, including a plan of its own.

Sen. Brad Miller, D-Wake, co-chairman of the committee, said a Senate map that is more appealing to Democrats than the one the House passed last week will be presented Tuesday.

Miller said he thinks the Senate deserves a say in the new redistricting plan.

"We have (voting) buttons too," he said. "We got elected too and should have a say."

Miller predicted that the Senate map

would include slight changes to the 8th and 11th districts.

He added that senators might consider the House plan if the Senate proposal has difficulty passing the House.

But Rep. Ed McMahan, R-Mecklenburg, co-chairman of the House Congressional Redistricting Committee, urged committee members to vote for the House redistricting plan as it stands.

"(The House) would ask you to please consider voting as drawn and opposing any amendments," he said.

McMahan said he is afraid that if the Senate amends the plan, the coalition in the House will unravel and create roadblocks that will extend the legislative session.

Sen. Fletcher Hartsell, R-Cabarrus, also plans to propose a new congressional redistricting plan designed by a

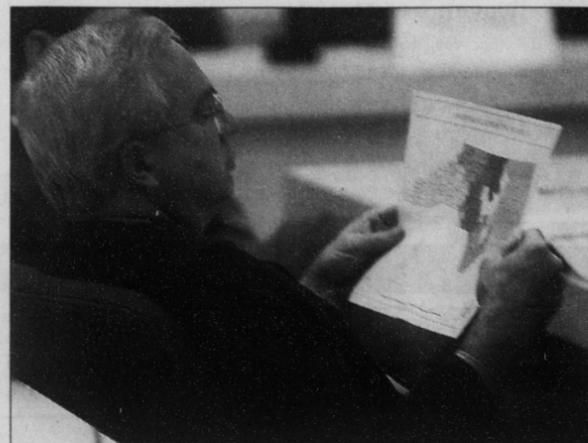
group of elementary school students from Odell Elementary School in Cabarrus County.

Hartsell said the plan was designed solely with mathematical and geographical factors in mind. It would give Democrats a majority in six of 13 districts. The House plan gives Democrats a majority in seven districts.

"The plan isn't based on any form of political gerrymandering," Hartsell said. "It simply tries to make districts with the commonality of geographic factors only."

Hartsell added that he expects the Senate to at least consider his plan. "It's to prove a point that not only is there beauty in simplicity, there's also common sense."

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N.C. Sen. Ken Moore, R-Caldwell, looks over a map outlining proposed state congressional districts at a redistricting meeting Monday.