

Town Police Search For Armed Robbers

By KELLIE DIXON
City Editor

Chapel Hill police are looking for the four suspects involved in an armed robbery that occurred at a local eatery Saturday night.

A 47-year-old man was robbed at 12:32 p.m. Saturday at Sushi-Yoshi, a restaurant located at 116 Old Durham Road in Chapel Hill, reports state.

Reports also state that the victim was robbed at gunpoint by four subjects.

The subjects stole the victim's dark brown briefcase, which is valued at \$100 and carried \$1,300 in cash and \$10 in business checks.

There was no injury reported to the victim, and officials have no suspects in

the case as of yet.

There were no drugs or alcohol use involved, reports state.

No one was available for comment at the business Sunday.

A Chapel Hill police officer said Sunday afternoon that more information is not being released at this time.

"It's an ongoing investigation and we're leery of giving out any information that can jeopardize the investigation," the official said.

Investigator W. Quick took the report Saturday night and is handling the case, the official said.

Reports also state that the case is under further investigation.

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Construction Bill Back in Committee

By WES MISSON
Staff Writer

Cost concerns forced state legislators Thursday to send a bill that could save UNC-Chapel Hill and other UNC-system schools time and money on construction projects back to committee.

The Public Construction Law Changes Bill, which alters contracting rules for public schools, state agencies and local governments, initially passed the N.C. House by a 75-32 margin last Wednesday.

On Thursday, lawmakers sent the legislation back to committee to address review requirements and cost concerns. Bills that spend state revenue require a second approval from the N.C. House before being sent to the state Senate.

If passed, the new bill will allow state agencies, including the UNC system, to hire a general contractor for construction projects. The general contractor would manage the timeline and budget for projects as well as be responsible for the hiring of subcontractors to lay plumbing, install wiring and put in heating and air conditioning.

About \$3.8 million remains in state reserves after the passage of the state budget in September. The construction bill would use \$738,000 out of those reserves to cover the review requirements.

Rep. David Redwine, D-Brunswick, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he expects House members to find the additional money for the bill but is not sure where the money will come from.

The committee will face a number of other end-of-session bills in the next few days that also require state revenue.

"We earmarked some (of the budget) in preparation for other bills that might pass, but many have not passed," Redwine said.

He also said the state's revenues are not coming in as expected, and there might not be enough revenue in state coffers to cover the additional legislation. "We're in the middle of a shortfall. If we pass bills, we might be passing bills to spend funny money," Redwine said.

Jim Phillips, chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors Public Affairs Committee, said he is not sure of

the significance of the issues that pushed the bill back to House committee.

"Things get funny and interesting in the end of session," Phillips said.

Phillips said the BOG still supports the legislation, and he hopes to see the bill approved by the committee next week.

Previously, state law calls for the use of separate general contractors during construction.

Another provision in the legislation would allow public universities to bypass the State Construction Office for projects costing less than \$2 million, something that currently can be done only for projects less than \$500,000.

UNC-system officials say the new rules will save time and money.

The movement toward change in the state construction process began after N.C. voters passed the \$3.1 billion higher education budget November of 2000. The bond will fund \$2.5 billion of construction in the UNC system, including \$500 million for UNC-CH.

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Club NV Offers Techno, New York Style

Club NV owner, Brent Lee, says he wants to avoid the beer bar image in his club, favoring a city atmosphere.

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Since Saturday night's grand opening, Chapel Hill's newest dance club is turning other clubs green with envy through its pulsating techno beats and ambitious New York style.

Club NV, located on Rosemary Street, might not give Chapel Hill the night life to rival Miami or New York City, but many locals say it's a better alternative.

Brent Lee, a former UNC student who now owns NV, envisioned something entirely new and different for Chapel Hill when he decided to build the club. "I tried to bring in more of a big city atmosphere - more flair, more style," Lee said. "I was trying to avoid the beer bar image."

With its swanky decor that even extends to the rest rooms, and its official club dog, Tyler, who donned a new collar for the evening, there's no chance NV could be labeled a beer bar.

Christine Monaghan of 324 Barclay Road left long before the club closed at 4 a.m., but she said it wasn't because she didn't have a good time.

"Personally I got tired of the techno, but I can hang for a couple hours," Monaghan said. "I like the look of the place; I really like the furniture."

Simon Booth, one of the disc jockeys Saturday night, didn't have any doubts about the future success of the club.

"Chapel Hill's a growing scene, and people come from Charlotte, Raleigh and Boone," Booth said. "It's new and exciting, and they want to be a part of it."

Allison Lentz, a senior in the Kenan-Flagler Business School and a cocktail waitress at NV, delivered martinis and beer to the tables situated around the dance pit. "I've waitressed for three years, and this is a completely different scene, more fast-paced," Lentz said. "But it really offers something for everybody."

Lee said the line at the door began forming at 10:30 p.m., but the real crowds arrived at 11:30 p.m. with as many as 30 people waiting to pay the \$10 membership fee for a sneak peek.

"We probably had 800-plus people on Saturday night, but it's hard to tell because 400 invitations were sent out," Lee said. "But we only have a temporary occupancy permit, so we're keeping a close eye on how many people are inside."

Lee said opening nights are usually a time for tweaking and, even though NV has been trying to open since March,



Tom Foolery mixes in the DJ booth at NV on Saturday night. Foolery worked with DJs Le/Moore and Rob Pickering on NV's opening night.

Saturday night wasn't problem-free. "One of the air conditioning units isn't performing, and we had a bridesmaid who had a little too much alcohol," Lee said.

He said plans are in the works for the spring to create theme nights that include "Kinetic" on Wednesday nights for ages 18 and up, "Pure" on Thursday nights with disco house music, "Groove" on Fridays with drum and bass and "Nova" on Saturdays for Manhattan night. Ticket prices vary throughout the

week. Wednesday through Friday the entry is \$6 plus the \$10 membership fee. On Saturday the price is \$8 with membership.

Leonard Lee, Brent's father, was also at the club helping out Saturday night. "Brent's always been one to think out of the box," he said. "And from the way it looks now, it looks like he's got a winner."

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35 Years Ago:
■ This week in 1966, James Collman, a UNC chemistry professor, accidentally discovered a new way to get nitrogen from the air. He was doing research funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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Today

3 p.m. - Hinton James Residence Hall will be sponsoring a blood drive until 7:30 p.m. in the first floor lounge. Help Carolina beat Duke in the Points for Pints Competition.

5:30 p.m. - The North Carolina Fellows Program will be having information sessions for interested first-year students today in Union 205 and 206 and at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Union 205 and 206. Current Fellows will discuss the program and the application process.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

12:30 p.m. - Interested in studying abroad? Start planning now to study abroad in Summer 2002 or academic year 2002-03. Come to the General Information Session, sponsored by the UNC Study Abroad Office, that will last until 2 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Learn about your options and about how to get started.

11 p.m. - Lutheran Campus Ministry will be sponsoring a blood drive until 4 p.m. in the Great Hall in the Student Union.

Help save lives and win the Points for Pints Competition against Duke and State.

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