

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Wednesday, Jan. 9

■ UNC freshman William Forsyth, 18, of 326 Ehringhaus Residence Hall was arrested and charged with damage to personal property.

Reports state that Forsyth threw a chunk of ice.

The ice damaged a car in the Ehringhaus parking lot.

Reports state that two students were found throwing ice at parked cars at 2:50 a.m.

According to the reports, Forsyth caused about \$350 worth of damage and was arrested.

Forsyth was released and is set to appear in Orange County Criminal Court in Hillsborough on Feb. 11.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

■ University police and paramedics responded to a medical emergency call in Connor Residence Hall at 4:25 a.m., reports state.

The victim fainted and incurred a laceration on his forehead, reports state.

He told police that he had been sick with the flu and had been taking medicine for his illness.

Reports state that the victim was transported to UNC Hospitals.

■ Damage was caused to a room in Ruffin Residence Hall after a student's hair dryer caught a pile of clothing on fire, reports state.

Reports state that University police and the Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to the call at 8:02 a.m. and extinguished the fire.

City

Tuesday, Jan. 8

■ Carrboro police arrested Leandra Deal, 24, of 100 W. Rosemary St. at 7:51 p.m.

Reports state that Deal was charged with shoplifting, trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reports state that Deal attempted to steal a can of Wise Nacho Cheese from the Harris Teeter located at 310 N. Greensboro St.

After further investigation, police learned that Deal had been trespassed from the area prior to this incident, reports state.

Reports also state that a crack pipe was found in Deal's pocket.

Deal is being charged with one misdemeanor count each of shoplifting, second degree trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state.

Deal was released under a written promise to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Feb. 4, reports state.

■ Carrboro police responded to a breaking and entering call at 10:12 a.m. at 206 Oleander Drive.

Reports state that an unknown subject entered the vehicle and took several items.

The total value of the stolen goods was \$170, reports state.

The case is inactive.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a larceny call at 7:15 p.m. at 210 S. Estes Drive.

Reports state that an unknown subject removed two rings from the business.

The total value of the stolen goods was \$3,575, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a larceny call at 2:01 p.m. at Lot 88 Meadowmont.

Reports state that an unknown subject stole a Bobcat from the construction site.

The total value of the stolen construction equipment was \$20,000, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a larceny call at 9:52 a.m. at 1777 N. Fordham Boulevard.

Reports state that an unknown subject removed property from the business.

The total value of the stolen goods was \$11,667 in laptop computers, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

Monday, Jan. 7

■ Chapel Hill police responded to a possible automobile theft call at 9:45 a.m. at 125 Johnson St.

Reports state that the subject borrowed a car that belonged to the victim and did not return with it.

The value of the 1987 Buick is \$3,000, reports state.

The case is closed as all leads are exhausted.

Official: Bond Projects 'Right on Schedule'

By ELYSE ASHBURN
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More than a year after North Carolinians approved a bond allotting \$2.5 billion for capital improvements throughout the UNC system, construction projects made possible by the bond are off to a running start.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president of finance, said the bond initiative has been executed in a timely manner thus far.

"This is our life," he said. "And it is a program that is right on schedule, if not ahead."

In November 2000, North Carolinians approved the Higher Education Bond, which will provide funding for 316 construction projects - totalling \$2.5 billion - in the UNC system over a six-year period.

Rob Nelson, UNC-system associate vice president of finance, said 28 projects are under construction and that about 50 percent are in the design phase.

"We're off to a great start," he said.

The projects that are already under way range from renovations of Murphey Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill to a new science and technology building at East Carolina University.

But because bond funding is not spent until work is completed, only about 17 percent of all bond funds have been divvied out so far.

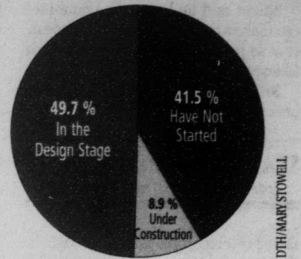
"We will pay bills as the work is

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Bond Construction On Schedule

After the first of six years in which the Higher Education Bond will provide construction funds for the UNC system, officials say construction is on track. Of the \$2.5 billion allotted to the UNC system, 17 percent is already committed.

SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION



Franklin Street Music Store Set to Close

Chapel Hill's The Record Exchange is closing in part because of a slow economy, but the other nine stores in the chain are still open.

By JAMES RUSS
Staff Writer

After almost nine years of business, The Record Exchange at 128 E. Franklin St. is closing its doors.

But store officials say they don't plan to have any moving-out sales before packing up and concentrating resources on the company's nine other stores.

Marketing Director Carrie Colliton said the decision to close was a tough one, but the poor economy forced the company to re-evaluate each store.

"We have 10 stores, and we have to look at which stores make the most sense to work on and which stores make the most sense to close," she said.

Colliton cited poor visibility from the street, high rent and the expensive cost of Chapel Hill advertising as reasons for the Chapel Hill location's financial situation.

Employees from the Chapel Hill location will not be let go but rather transferred to other locations, such as stores in Greensboro, Raleigh and Winston-Salem.

"We're sad about moving the Chapel Hill store, but there were not any viable shopping centers to move to," Colliton said.

Although the Franklin Street store is the only one in the chain that will close, it's not the only one that has been affected by a slump in the economy.

Colliton said the Charlotte location plans to move to what the company hopes will be a more profitable location.

She added that the weak economy is not just affecting independent record stores.

"A lot of national record chains, like Tower Records, are looking into their fiscal bottom line as well," Colliton said.

But Clint Webb, assistant manager of corporate-owned Turtle's - formerly known as Wherehouse Music - located just across the street from Record Exchange, said he is not concerned about the potential problems that the economic downturn could have for his business.

"We just switched companies," Webb said. "We're not affected in any way."

Turtle's is owned by Music Network Inc. and continues to offer a variety of music like Wherehouse did.

Record Exchange customers expressed mixed sentiments about the closing.

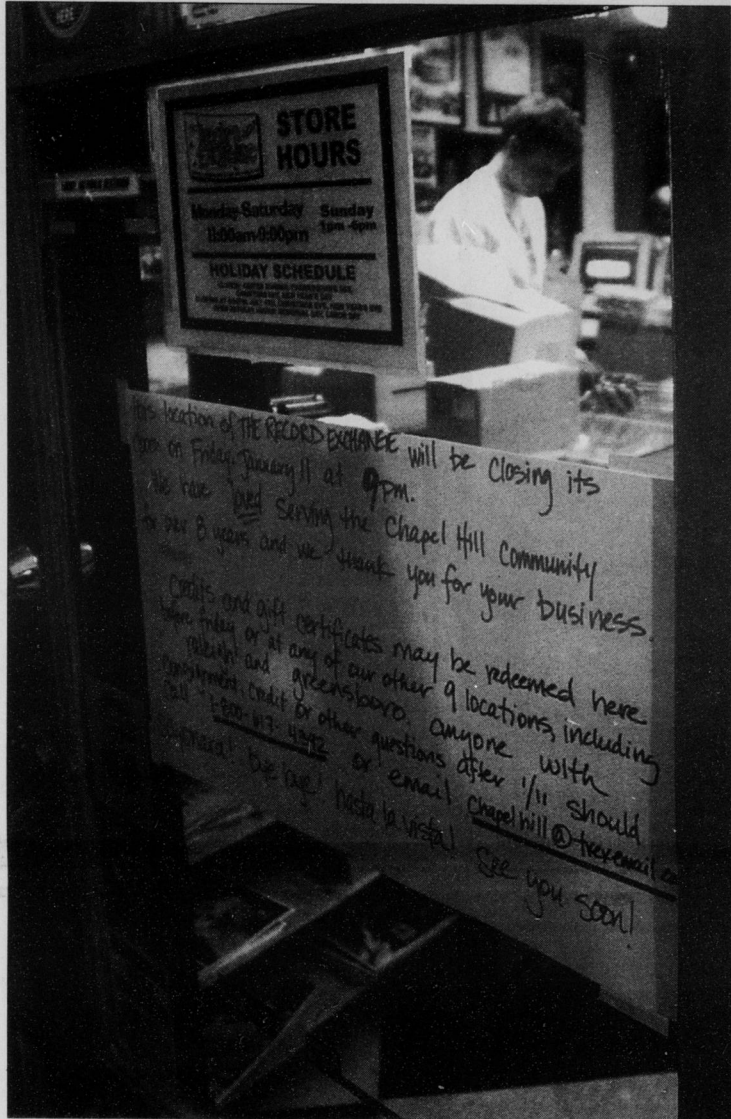
Eli Moffewit, 24, said he was unfazed by the news.

"They'll have another I can go to," he said. "I'll just try to look for another Record Exchange."

But UNC chemistry graduate student Gary Douberly said he was upset by the news.

"I think it's horrible," he said. "(They had) good prices and good selection."

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Rob Coiner works behind the counter at the Record Exchange on Wednesday afternoon. The store will close its doors for good Friday.

TPAC Talks Center on Finances

Among the topics discussed at the meeting were the expected budget shortfall and future expenditures.

By JAMIE DOUGHER
Staff Writer

The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee met Wednesday to discuss financial woes and address topics for upcoming meetings and public forums on parking issues.

The financial information included an outline of the parking budget, the fund balance for this year and debt projections. According to TPAC documents, the committee estimates that the Department of Public Safety will need \$2 million to balance its 2002-03 budget.

DPS is shouldering additional costs from such sources as fare-free transit, increased Chapel Hill Transit services and operational inflationary increases.

The committee also projected that the University's Development Plan will create even more expenditures during the next eight years.

Associate Vice Chancellor Carolyn Eilfsand said the University has not specified how it will fund the parking portion of the Development Plan. Under the plan, UNC will be required to pay for the construction of three parking lots and four decks by 2008.

"The (UNC) Board of Trustees is interested in how we are going to accommodate the park-and-ride and the transit element of the Development Plan," Eilfsand said. "They are concerned about how the complications of the Development Plan are to be met."

Chairman Bob Knight said TPAC's goal is to devise reasonable recommendations to present to the Board of Trustees in March on the potential costs of the Development Plan and a number of parking and transportation-related issues.

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Kickoff Scheduled For Carolina First

By KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

Officials have tentatively scheduled April 26 as the date to announce the total results of the Carolina First fundraising campaign after an extended period of "quiet" fund raising.

The celebratory event, which also signifies the start of the public phase of the campaign, was originally going to take place Oct. 12 - University Day - but was postponed indefinitely after the events of Sept. 11.

Concerns about the economy and a desire to be sensitive after the tragedy prompted campaign officials to continue the campaign without the public announcement.

Carolina First, which began in July 1999, is a seven-year, \$1.5 billion campaign that aims to raise money for all schools and programs at the University.

Chancellor James Moeser has said his goal is to use private donations to triple the \$499 million the University has been allotted from the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum passed in November 2000.

Moeser could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Speed Hallman, director of development communications, said the campaign has been going well during this extended quiet phase.

"We haven't seen a drop in contribution," he said. "We've actually seen some growth."

Hallman said that during fiscal year 2001, which extended from July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, the campaign raised \$157 million in gifts and private grants. The total amount raised since the campaign began will be released at the official announcement of the campaign in April.

Despite the postponement of the official public announcement and celebratory campaign, Hallman said, expectations for donations did not decrease.

The needs of the University have not gone away but have become greater in light of recent events, he said. "We're moving full speed ahead."

But late April's public kickoff will not be identical to the kickoff event that was originally planned. Before Sept. 11, campaign officials had planned a big program in Memorial Hall to get people excited, Hallman said.

But he said officials now have decided on a different approach and have planned an event that will be more informational, letting the public know about the campaign's goals and progress so far.

In an effort to spark enthusiasm, officials also will be asking for more donors. "We'll celebrate our success to an extent and thank our donors," Hallman said.

The location for the event is undetermined as of now, Hallman said he expects the chancellor, campaign volunteers, donors and the press to attend.

Donors to the Carolina First campaign still are able to give to any part of the University that interests them.

Rather than aggressively asking for money, Hallman said, the Carolina First campaign aims to engage donors and find out what is important to them at the University.

"We work with donors to help them find areas that they feel good about supporting."

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South Campus Gets Some Help

ATN has revamped its Web site and added a new help desk in Hinton James to aid students with computers.

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South Campus residents will no longer have to drag their broken computers to Wilson Library for repair.

As a result of changes made by Academic Technology & Networks, a satellite help desk opened Jan. 6 in the Hinton James Residence Hall computer lab. Students with computer questions also will have a new Web site to turn to for information.

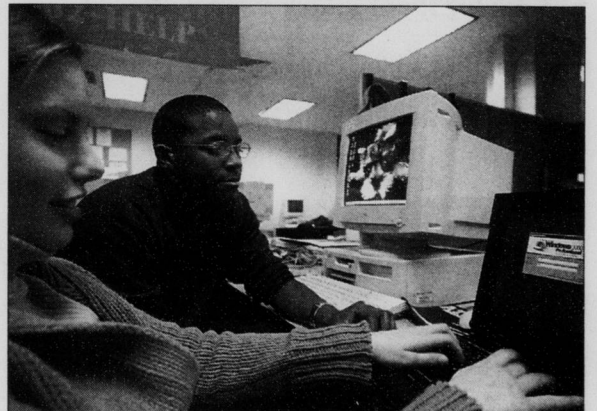
Bruce Egan, associate director of the ATN Information Technology Response Center, said the main goal of the satellite desk is to make computer repair more convenient for South Campus residents and more accessible to the entire University community.

ATN is also trying to improve its services with the creation of a new help site, which went online Dec. 17. The Web site can be found at <http://help.unc.edu>.

The bottom line is to minimize the time students have to spend on computer problems," Egan said. "Anything we can do to minimize the disruption in their day is what we go for."

The satellite desk will be open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Friday. Egan said ATN decided these hours are the most convenient for students, based on student feedback.

Egan said the reason Hinton James was chosen to house the desk is because its computer lab is open 24 hours a day. The lab also has an exterior door that allows students to enter without having to go through the residence hall's lobby.



Senior Warren Watts helps freshman Carol Orwoll with her laptop. Orwoll first heard about the help center through an e-mail.

Egan said students will make up a majority of the desk's staff. The desk will also have a full-time manager to help assist the student staff.

Camille Fisher, a resident assistant in Hinton James, said the help desk is important because South Campus has the largest population of students on campus. "I think it's a great opportunity."

ATN officials also hope to extend services through a new Web site, which was designed to make computer help information more accessible.

Increased calls to the help desk brought on by the introduction of Carolina Computing Initiative computers have meant a growing need for another resource to deal with routine questions, said Janet Tysinger, manager of UNC's Information Services Group.

"The old site was a combination of organizational information and technical support, and it was necessary to sift

between the two to find the information people needed," Tysinger said. "This (new site) is an effort to consolidate technical help in one place."

New features of the site include a top 10 list of the most frequently asked questions, the ability to browse the site by topic and a breaking news feature to alert students to major events related to the campus network, Tysinger said. The site took about a year to develop.

Tysinger said she hopes ATN can continue to improve the site and other computer assistance with the help of feedback.

"We encourage people to make comments or suggestions," she said. "We're hoping that feedback from users will help us find new or different or better information. The quickest and easiest way to improve something is to get feedback."

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