



POLICE ROUNDUP

Missing UNC Patient Spotted in Morrison

University police and UNC Hospitals Public Safety officials searched Morrison Residence Hall on Monday night about 6:45 p.m. for a missing hospital patient, Lt. C.E. Swain said Monday.

Swain said the patient left the hospital and was last seen in the residence hall, but he said it was possible the patient already had left the area. Morrison residents received an e-mail at about 9:41 p.m. telling them to keep an eye out for a black male, about 23 or 24 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and about 160 pounds, wearing black pants and a black leather jacket.

Swain said no further search efforts are being conducted but advised anyone who might see the patient to call the Department of Public Safety at 962-8100.

University

Friday, March 1

University police arrested Jerred Israel Crosby, 29, of 1106 Sourwood Circle at 11:41 p.m. for driving while impaired and failing to stop for a stop sign. Police observed Crosby run the stop sign at East Drive and Mason Farm Road, and after he was pulled over, Crosby did not perform to the officer's satisfaction on any tests, reports state. Crosby blew a .13 on an Intoxilyzer test and was taken to Orange County Jail, reports state.

City

Sunday, March 3

Carrboro police arrested Alberto De La Torre Rodriguez, 32, of 1105 N.C. 54 at 3:11 a.m. for driving while impaired. Reports state that officers performed a traffic stop on Rodriguez's 1990 Ford Tempo on Jones Ferry Road near Davie Road for driving left of center.

Rodriguez was arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count each of driving while impaired, driving with license revoked and driving left of center, reports state. Rodriguez was released under a written promise to appear in the Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on April 10.

Chapel Hill police arrested Mario Decenti Davis, 22, of 611 Hatch Road at 3:20 a.m. for felony theft and misdemeanor larceny.

Reports state that police responded to 136 E. Rosemary St. at 3:11 a.m. after receiving a call about a suspicious man who had taken various purses and coats to the men's restroom. Police arrested Davis and charged him with two felony counts of credit card theft and five misdemeanor counts of larceny, reports state. Davis was released under a written promise to appear in the Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

Chapel Hill police responded to a larceny call at 11:46 a.m. on Schultz Street. Reports state that an unknown subject stole the victim's motorcycle, valued at \$4,000. The motorcycle was last known to be secure at 1 a.m., reports state. The case is under further investigation.

Chapel Hill police responded to a larceny of an automobile call at 8:22 a.m. at 200 Westminster Drive.

Reports state that an unknown subject stole the victim's 1992 Dodge Caravan, valued at \$4,500. The total value of the stolen goods was \$4,850, reports state. The case is under further investigation.

Saturday, March 2

Carrboro police arrested Ellis Christopher Eugene, 24, of 2403 June Drive in Hillsborough at 4:24 a.m. for possession of marijuana. Reports state that Ellis was stopped for weaving left of center at 309 N. Greensboro St. When Ellis removed his registration from the glove box, officers saw a bag of marijuana.

Eugene was in possession of one gram of marijuana, reports state. Eugene was arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state.

Eugene was released under a written promise to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on April 8.

Congress Members Explain Cuts

By JORDAN BARTEL
Staff Writer

Student Congress members defended Monday having slashed funds from several student organizations this weekend, stressing that fund allocation did not unfairly show support for any one group.

Finance Committee Chairman Tony Larson said that on average, the funding for religious groups was cut by about two-thirds and campus publication funding was decreased by up to 50 percent.

Larson said cuts to student group budgets were made on a case-by-case basis and that Congress cut funding for each group's low-priority activities, like travel and lodging fees.

"We can't afford to fund all groups fully, and our decision took into account the fact that we try not to value one group

over any other," Larson said. Where student publications are concerned, Larson said that Congress does not want to be in a position to decide which publications are more worthy of funding.

Student Congress Speaker Mark Townsend said all organizations whose funds were cut are urged to allocate money responsibly between fall 2002 and spring 2003. Each group can request additional funding from Congress in spring 2003. While subsequent appropriations might be made in the spring, leaders of several campus publications said they are worried about their financial status for the fall 2002 semester.

Steve Russell, editor of the Carolina Review, said that while he thinks the cuts were fair in the sense that they were not ideological, he thought leaders of each publication should have had more input

in the process. "I think (Congress members) needed to debate the issue more and that they took too much of a technical look into the decision," he said.

Russell said that now he is worried about having enough money to keep his publication up to its previous standard. "Our goal is to have six issues per year, and now, unless we have a large influx of private donations, this primary goal of the paper will not be filled."

Incoming Boiling Point Editor Rachael Young said she is concerned about maintaining quality and is angered by what she views as the flippant attitude of the Finance Committee. "In what was a completely dismissive remark, the Finance Committee suggested to do a car wash to raise funds," she said. "I'm pretty sure a

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<p>Religious Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Crusade for Christ Impact Movement InterVarsity Christian Fellowship New Bethel College Ministry New Generation Campus Ministries Newman Catholic Student Center N.C. Hillel Waymaker Christian Fellowship 	<p>Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue & White BOUNCE Magazine Carolina Quarterly Carolina Review Cellar Door Chapel Hill Political Review FAX Insight Out iris Shakespeare's Sister Virtuous Woman
<p>\$70,371.93 total amount requested</p>	

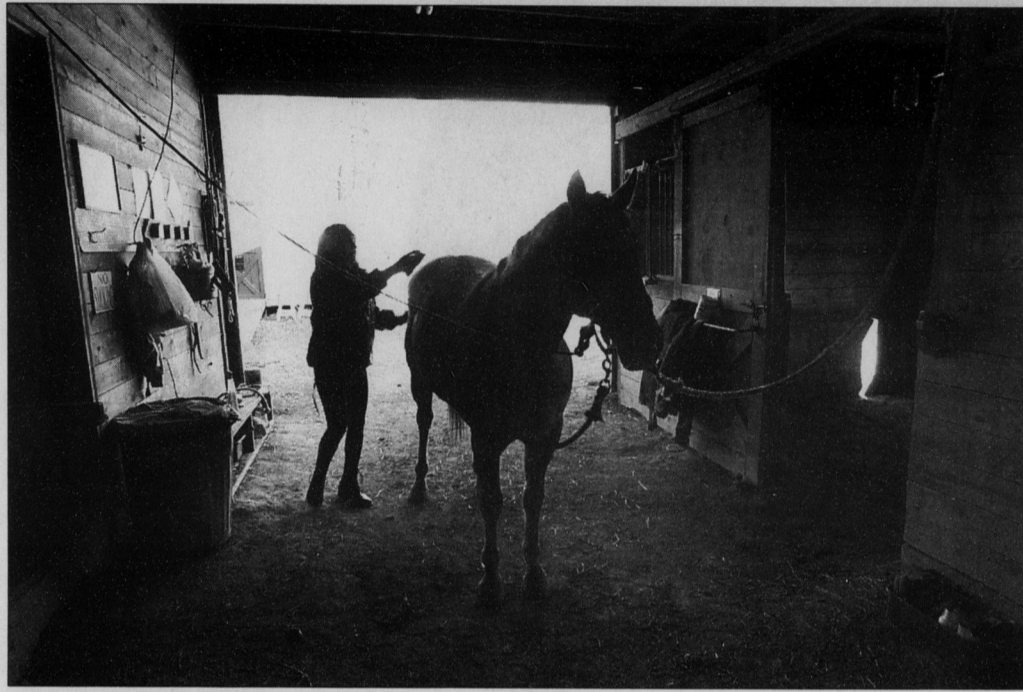
Cutting Funds Short

Student Congress allocated substantially less student fees to religious groups and publications than originally requested. These decisions were made independently from organization purpose. Most of these organizations received about 50% of their requested amounts; however, several organizations took steeper cuts. Overall, the \$38,853.07 cut is 11.78 percent of the \$329,857.68 funding cut.

SOURCE: STUDENT CONGRESS
DTH/COBI EDELSON AND ADAM GELLER

<p>Biggest Cuts</p>	
Impact Movement	90%
Waymaker Christian Fellowship	82%
New Generation Campus Ministries	75%
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	72%
Campus Crusade for Christ	67%
<p>\$31,518.86 total amount allocated</p>	

A HORSE OF COURSE



DTH/BRENT CLARK

Cathy Ward of Durham grooms her 15-year-old horse, Nick, before taking him out for a ride Monday afternoon at Foxwood Farm on Dairyland Road. Cathy has had Nick for about year and a half and rides him daily. Foxwood farm serves as a stable and riding grounds for horse boarding, lessons and training.

Northside Patrolling Won't Expand

By COLIN SUTKER
Staff Writer

Funding problems are preventing the Chapel Hill Police Department from expanding a Neighborhood Initiative program in Northside that would aim to combat the town's 29 percent rise in crime.

The rise in crime came within the first six months of the fiscal year. The increase is especially problematic because the police department cannot rely on an increase in its operational budget, as discussed at a town work session last week.

But Maj. Tony Oakley, operations commander, said that while the neighborhood initiative will probably not grow, it will not be reduced. "Initially, I had planned to put more officers there," Oakley said. "It won't be reduced, not if I can help that. If we could get some new hires, then possibly we would be able to expand it." Oakley added that additional patrols in Northside did not and will not affect overall town patrolling.

The Neighborhood Initiative focuses on concentrating police coverage, working with the affordable housing organization EmPOWERment Inc. and promoting the revitalization of the overall area. The initiative was put in place in November after Northside residents petitioned the Chapel Hill Town Council to respond to street-level drug dealing.

Police Chief Gregg Jarvis said the complaints led to more police coverage during time periods the residents had complained about. "Our response) was the development of a task force of seven to eight officers," Jarvis said. "Since then, that force has made over 200 arrests, mostly for drug abuses."

But Northside resident Frances Hargraves, a former local teacher, said she is still not happy with the police help her neighborhood has received. "The drug trafficking is a big problem," Hargraves said. "We've been asking (the police) to do a lot more. ... The streets are not safe for pedestrians and children."

Jarvis said problems in policing stem from the fact that many of the people police arrest

have lengthy criminal records. "Most of them are repeat offenders," he said. "We will continue to work on the Northside aggressively."

Hargraves said outreach programs and educational motivation are exactly what areas like Northside need. "These kids need to be off the street and into the schools," Hargraves said. "These kids will then see the need to get a decent job rather than being a street pusher."

In addition to assigning more officers to the area, the police department has made efforts to tear down dilapidated houses, remove unregistered vehicles and encourage homeowners to make their houses more presentable.

Oakley said that while the police force will still be a presence in the area, the initiative will now move away from policing to focus more on community development. "It's good to get started with it, but now we need this other stuff to keep the problem fixed."

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Officials Develop Plans for New UNC Apartments

New on-campus apartments probably will be built on South Campus and could house around 1,000 students by the fall of 2005.

By JESSICA SLEEP
Staff Writer

Students who wish to live in apartments but want to remain on campus might find a solution to their dilemma in coming years.

UNC-Chapel Hill Director of Housing and Residential Education Christopher Payne said officials are formulating initial details about proposed on-campus apartments on South Campus. He said the apartments are slated to be completed in fall 2005.

Payne said the idea for campus apartments was generated from student interest and from UNC-CH's Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for campus growth.

Larry Hicks, associate director of administrative services for the housing department, said the apartments are projected to house about 1,000 people. He said that as UNC-CH's enrollment increases, the additional beds will help alleviate potential housing shortages.

Although officials have not reached a definite decision

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Public Works Facility Will Not Be Shared By Chapel Hill, UNC

The new public works facility will belong solely to Chapel Hill, posing questions about how the projected \$15 million will be paid.

By JENNY HUANG
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill and UNC officials have decided not to share a new public works facility; however, based on a recent budget shortfall, the town might not be able to fund the estimated \$15 million facility on its own.

But because of inadequate space, Chapel Hill will not be able to ease its pending financial woes by sharing the tract with Carrboro.

At a budget session Friday, members of the Chapel Hill Town Council discussed financial constraints associated with funding the new 54-acre public works facility. "(The town) has said it's going to cost \$15 (million) to \$20 million for the new public works facility," Public Works Director Bruce Heflin said Monday. "(But) that's well beyond what we can afford."

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Blue Touts Background in Speech

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
Staff Writer

U.S. Senate candidate Dan Blue discussed public education, foreign trade, workers' rights and Social Security reform in front of a diverse crowd in Bingham Hall on Monday night.

Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, a former N.C. House speaker, said he wants to represent North Carolina's working families.

"I feel that too often the working families in North Carolina are ruled out by the special interests," he said. More than 40 people attended the

event, which was sponsored by UNC's Young Democrats. Blue is one of the three leading Democrats competing for the Senate seat vacated by Jesse Helms.

N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and Erskine Bowles, who served as White House Chief of Staff under former President Clinton, also are competing for the Democratic seat.

But Blue said his humble background and the fact that he was raised and educated in North Carolina make him a better candidate than his opponents. "Where I've been describes a great deal about where I'm going," Blue said, emphasizing that he is a Robeson County native.

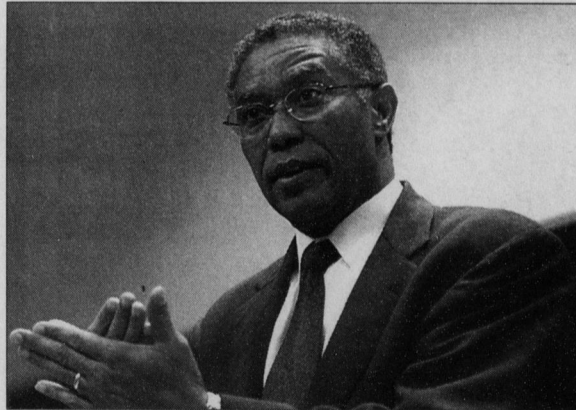
Blue's speech focused on several issues, including education. He discussed elementary and secondary schools first,

and then post-secondary topics.

"I am a proponent of the public education of this state because I am a product of it," Blue said. "(My family) has full reason to believe in the public schools of this state, which is why I firmly oppose taking money away from the public schools to put in a voucher program."

Blue also said he thinks the state should receive more federal funds to help improve education at all levels. "We add value to the people of this state when we provide education for them," he said. "You get to the point where the threat of having huge debts hanging over (college students') heads when they graduate dissuades them from coming."

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DTH/VICTORIA FRANGOULIS

Dan Blue, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for a U.S. Senate seat, promotes his campaign before the Young Democrats on Monday.

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