



POLICE ROUNDUP

Suspects in Armed Robbery Still At Large

Three men with shotguns robbed a Carrboro residence Wednesday night and made off with about \$1,664 in stolen goods.

Reports state that the armed robbery occurred at 7:30 p.m. at 306 Estes Drive. The owner of the apartment, who reported the robbery at 1:13 p.m. Thursday, stated that her brother, her boyfriend and a third man were in the apartment at the time of the armed robbery. None of the victims were injured in the robbery.

Reports state that three males wearing T-shirts and shorts with red bandanas over their faces entered the residence with shotguns. The men entered the house and told the man in the living room to get on the floor. The men went to the bedroom, where the other victims were, reports state.

Reports also state that the woman who lives in the apartment told police that her brother punched one of the suspects in the nose when he came into the back room, causing him to bleed all over the apartment. After this short incident, the subjects told the two men to go into the living room and lie on the floor with the third victim.

The armed men took various items from the apartment, flipped over the beds in the apartment and left the area, reports state. It is not known why the incident was not reported until the following afternoon.

Lt. Jim Phillips said blood samples were taken at the scene. "We can use the blood sample to compare blood types with any suspects we get," he said. Phillips said police have no suspects or leads in the case.

University

Sunday, March 31

University police arrested Chapel Hill resident Javar Douglas Roberts, 24, of 519 Smith Level Road, Unit 10 at 2:46 a.m. for felony possession of cocaine, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and resisting a police officer.

Reports state that Roberts was sitting in a black 1998 Honda behind the Porthole building on Franklin Street rolling a marijuana joint when he was spotted by a police officer on patrol. When the officer arrived, Roberts put unknown drugs into his mouth and attempted to swallow them, reports state.

After officers told Roberts he was under arrest and instructed him to remove the substance from his mouth, he attempted to turn away from police. Officers had to force Roberts' hands behind his back, and during the handcuffing, he either swallowed or spit out the drugs, reports state.

After he was detained, reports state that police searched Roberts and found a small packet of white powder in his right pants pocket, which was later identified as cocaine. Roberts also had counterfeit money in his possession.

Roberts was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court on April 1.

City

Thursday, March 28

Chapel Hill police arrested Dwayne Rayshon Degraffenreid, 21, of 30 Lakeview Mobile Home Park at 10:46 p.m. at 1000 Weaver Dairy Road.

Degraffenreid was arrested and charged with two felony counts of possession with the intent to sell and deliver cocaine and one felony count of maintaining a dwelling, reports state.

In addition, Degraffenreid was charged with one misdemeanor count each of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and probation violation.

Reports state that probation and parole officers went to his residence for a regular visit. Degraffenreid fled the area and was caught shortly thereafter.

Reports also state that Chapel Hill officers were called to assist the parole officers.

Police found 7.9 grams of crack cocaine in the area that Degraffenreid fled. Upon searching his home, officers found 1.5 grams of powder cocaine, 3.4 grams of marijuana and two dosage units of crack cocaine, reports state.

Officers also found scales, surveillance cameras, a crack pipe, sandwich bags and various types of ammunition in Degraffenreid's home, reports state.

Degraffenreid was arrested and confined to the Orange County Jail on a \$25,000 secured bond, reports state.

Degraffenreid was scheduled to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

BOG: Professional Schools May Still See Hikes

By NATHAN PEREZ
Staff Writer

State officials expressed skepticism Monday about some UNC-Chapel Hill administrators' claims that a recently approved out-of-state student tuition increase will hinder professional schools' competitiveness.

The UNC-system Board of Governors voted March 6 to increase tuition 12 percent systemwide for out-of-state students and 8 percent for in-state

students, the largest out-of-state increase the BOG has ever approved.

The hike still must be approved by the N.C. General Assembly, which convenes in late May.

UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton said Sunday that he has begun preliminary discussions with UNC-system officials to examine the possibility of reducing the out-of-state tuition increase for students in UNC-CH's professional programs.

Shelton said the deans of certain professional schools have expressed concern that the 12 percent increase could hurt their schools' competitiveness.

BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin said the board has not yet received a formal proposal to adjust the tuition plan.

"We would always consider anything that comes from the campus," Ruffin said. "And if there is a good rationale to bring these proposals, we have a responsibility; we have to listen to them."

But BOG member Robert Warwick, who first formally proposed the possibility of the large systemwide increase,

said he believes the opposition coming from professional schools is unjustified.

"It's still the lowest cost, highest quality system in the country that I'm aware of," Warwick said. "You honestly can't go down the road to Duke (University) and find anything cheaper."

Warwick noted the BOG's commitment to its initial decision to raise tuition.

"Nobody on the BOG wanted to raise tuition," he said. "But it obviously isn't a good policy if they change it two months later."

But ultimate judgments concerning tuition are in the hands of the legislature.

N.C. Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said the objections coming from UNC-CH carry little weight.

"I don't know why they think it would harm their schools," Rand said.

He also said that though the chance of a modification is slim, the Senate probably will consider all arguments. "I don't know what we'd do," he said. "We want to help

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WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE



DTH/BRENT CLARK

Capt. Mary Belvins of the Chapel Hill Fire Department leads her team through the abandoned Belk department store in University Mall on Monday afternoon during a training exercise. Their masks covered with tape, the firefighters had to find each other and then find their "victim" in different locations in the store. For the full story see www.dailytarheel.com.

Parking Plan Changes Under Way

Administrators are working on a revised parking proposal, saying they will continue to include all campus members in the process.

By KRISTA FARON
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Chancellor James Moeser said University officials are already working to develop a new parking plan after the UNC Board of Trustees voted Thursday to send administrators' proposal back for revision.

He said the offices of Nancy Sutfenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and Carolyn Elland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, have already begun the process of designing a new plan, which the BOT said should not include a night parking permit system.

Moeser said he hopes a new plan will be

drafted in time for the BOT to hold a special meeting April 25 to consider the proposal, although he said he did not yet have any idea what the new plan might include.

The original parking proposal, which would have allowed students to purchase a night parking permit for \$122, prompted concerns about safety and campus access among BOT members at last Thursday's meeting.

Students also raised concerns about the proposal, especially its campus security elements. Student Body President Justin Young presented a letter to the board Thursday, written by graduate student Daniel Herman and carrying the signatures of 100 students, that objected to a night parking permit plan because of its effects on safety, access and student life.

By a vote of 6-5 with two trustees absent, the BOT passed a motion from Trustee Richard Stevens to send the proposal back to University officials for redrafting.

Although administrators are currently working to develop a new parking plan, Moeser said

other members of the campus community will be actively involved in the development process.

"We will certainly engage students involved in (the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee)," he said. "Student representation, faculty and staff will absolutely be a part of our discussions."

TPAC members originally drafted a plan in February that would have levied an across-the-board \$5 student fee increase to raise revenue for the Department of Public Safety. TPAC's fee proposal was rejected by the vice chancellors March 19 in favor of their own night parking permit plan.

Both plans were drafted to raise needed revenue to cover DPS's projected \$2 million budget deficit.

Moeser said UNC administrators are now working toward developing a new parking proposal that will be presented at the proposed

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Winmore to Boast Affordable Housing

The developer of the new mixed-use community plans to provide about 150 affordable housing units.

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A local developer is using affordable housing incentives in Carrboro to draw official support for a new mixed-use community and to garner more space for housing in the development.

This marks the first time the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has had to apply a development ordinance adopted three years ago to a mixed-use development.

The 3-year-old ordinance applies to undeveloped land north of town and sets guidelines for developments, including one that mandates that developers leave 40 percent of their projects as open space. The developer has complete discretion about how to divide the remaining 60 percent of the property between residential and commercial use.

Developers at Winmore Land Management LLC, who want to create a 129-acre mixed-use community in northern Carrboro, are in the process of determining how to divide the 60 per-

cent of land not reserved for open space.

The mixed-use community, which will be called Winmore, will be built partially on a 62-acre satellite of the Horace Williams tract, which the UNC Board of Trustees voted Thursday to sell to Winmore developers.

The development is expected to provide 50 to 60 houses and 96 apartments priced under \$175,000 that will be purchased by employees of UNC, UNC Hospitals and the town of Carrboro.

Winmore developer Phil Szostak said the mixed-use community originally was designed to be 10 percent affordable housing.

But the BOT's approval of the sale of the Horace Williams satellite tract mandated an increased number of affordable housing units.

"The original tract would have 24 affordable housing units, and there would be about 96 affordable units in the UNC piece," he said.

In addition to the residential portion of the development, Szostak expects about 9 percent of the development to be devoted to commercial businesses.

Szostak said the decision to develop the tract, which is owned by UNC, made sense because UNC officials expressed an interest in building afford-

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Senator Addresses Education, Praises N.C.

Sen. Kennedy emphasized early education while speaking with educational program leaders at UNC.

By JAMIE MCGEE
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Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., visited the UNC Center for School Leadership Development on Monday to discuss early education initiatives with local educational leaders.

Kennedy serves as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and worked closely with President Bush on the No Child Left Behind Act, a bipartisan education reform law.

The law, which passed in January, requires — among other things — mandatory testing for school children nationwide.

Kennedy said he is particularly focused on improving pre-kindergarten educational programs.

"Sciences have reflected the importance of children's learning in the early five years," he said. "Before kindergarten is shown to be the most important part of child development."

Kennedy said he decided to visit North Carolina because the state has demonstrated itself as a leader in education, and he wanted to take a closer look at the state's education programs.

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DTH/KARA ARNDT

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., speaks with local education officials at the UNC Center for School Leadership Development on Monday.

BOT OKs New Scoreboard for Kenan Stadium

The approval of the video scoreboard sets into motion its installation, which officials hope will be completed for the 2002 season.

By JAMIE DOUGHER
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The UNC Board of Trustees passed a resolution Thursday granting initial approval to the installation of a video scoreboard in Kenan Stadium, setting in motion a plan that has taken years to come to fruition.

The resolution approved the site for the video scoreboard, which is at the east end of Kenan Stadium behind the University logo and in front of Kenan Field House. The tentative size for the overall structure is about 42 feet wide, 65 feet high and nine feet deep, with the screen itself 24 feet by 32 feet.

Officials envision the screen's support columns to be made of brick veneer with detailed trim pieces of masonry, according to the motion that the BOT approved.

Steve Kirschner, director of sports information, said the BOT is overseeing the proposal because the project will cost \$2 million and is a major addition to the University.

Kirschner said coaches and fans have expressed interest in having a video scoreboard for years — Carolina Athletic Association President-elect Kris Willett even promised in her campaign this year that she would work to obtain a video scoreboard.

Kirschner said that when UNC's multimedia contract came up for renegotiation this year, the Department of Athletics was able to act toward making the scoreboard a reality.

The contract will now have a condition that the company that wins rights to UNC's multimedia contract will ultimately pay the \$2 million needed to fund the video scoreboard. UNC's contract is now with Learfield Communications.

In the interim Kirschner said the Educational Foundation will loan the athletics department the necessary \$2 million.

Kirschner said UNC will sign with a company for a number of years, and the company would spread its funding over the years rather than give the athletics department \$2 million at once. As a result, the Educational Foundation will temporarily supply the entire amount so the scoreboard can be constructed now.

Officials said they hope the scoreboard will be finished by the start of this year's football season.

Kirschner said the video scoreboard can be used for more than just showing replays and statistics, like showcasing other teams or promoting campus events and student achievements.

"We think this will add to the experience fans have," he said. Officials were careful to preserve the aesthetic elements of the stadium with the proposal. "The scoreboard needed to fit in with the look of Kenan Stadium," said Kirschner. "We want it to add to people's experience, not detract from what people think of Kenan Stadium."

Junior Tim Ligay said that although he was concerned about the appearance of the scoreboard, he thinks it will be a nice addition to the stadium. "I hear a lot of people talking about how the stadium is very scenic with all the trees around it, and I think the JumboTron might distract from that a little," he said. "But on the other hand, I think it'd be really cool."

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