



POLICE ROUNDUP

University
Friday, Sept. 6

■ A 48-year-old Chapel Hill resident was trespassed from the Undergraduate Library after University police officers observed the man looking at pornographic material on a library computer, reports state.

Reports state that two officers on foot patrol in the library noticed Rodney Laughton of 100 W. Rosemary St. periodically looking at pornographic material for a three-minute period.

Police approached the man, and he was asked to leave.

■ University police are looking for a 30-year-old Hispanic man who is suspected of misdemeanor first-degree trespassing at Spencer Residence Hall, reports state. The unknown man entered an occupied residence hall room on the third floor of Spencer Residence Hall at 1:30 p.m. Friday without permission, reports state.

When the man realized the room was occupied by the 19-year-old female resident, reports state, he fled the residence hall.

Police searched the area but did not find the suspect.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 8-inch Hispanic male with heavy build wearing a short-sleeve green polo shirt and khaki shorts, reports state.

City

Sunday, Sept. 8

■ Chapel Hill police arrested three men on liquor and gun charges at 12:31 a.m., reports state.

Reports state that a Chapel Hill police officer saw what appeared to be a shotgun being pointed from the window of a Dodge Durango at a group of pedestrians in front of 107 E. Franklin St. The officer reported what she had seen, and the Durango was stopped after turning at the intersection of Graham and Rosemary streets after officers witnessed the occupants pointing the shotgun at another motorist, reports state.

Following a search of the vehicle, officers found a 12-gauge pump shotgun, two handguns and a large amount of alcohol, reports state.

Officers then placed Darren Mitchell Green, 42, of 889 Foust Road in Siler City under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon, reports state. Officers also arrested Robert Otto Thomas, 42, of 3825 Reeves Chapel Road in Siler City for carrying a concealed weapon, reports state. Finally, Derek Rile Green, 25, of 4551 Staley Snow Camp Road in Staley was arrested for transporting spirituous liquor, reports state.

Reports state that Darren Green and Thomas were confined to the Orange County Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond. Derek Green was released on a written promise to appear in court, reports state.

All three men are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Oct. 21.

Saturday, Sept. 7

■ A car chase that began in Carrboro raced through Chapel Hill and ended in unincorporated Orange County has a Hillsborough man facing four felony charges, reports state.

Todd Wesley Burdette, 21, of 6518 Schley Road in Hillsborough was arrested early Saturday morning after highway patrol officers took him into custody at his home and transported him to Chapel Hill, police officials said.

Burdette began the chase in Carrboro, where he struck two pedestrians and a car containing three passengers, reports state. All five were transported to the UNC Hospitals emergency room, reports state.

Although Burdette eluded Carrboro police, Chapel Hill police picked up the chase as the suspect drove down Rosemary Street at what officials estimated was a speed of 70 mph.

Officers attempted to stop the suspect at the intersection of Columbia and Franklin streets, where he rammed a Jeep to escape police, officials said.

Burdette attempted to run over police officers on more than two occasions during the chase, officials said. After turning onto Erwin Road, Chapel Hill officers called off the pursuit, reports state. Highway patrol officers were dispatched to the suspect's house, where he was placed under arrest.

Burdette has been charged with two felony counts of assault on a government official, one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, felony speeding to elude police, two counts of reckless driving, one count of hit and run and one count of driving while intoxicated, reports state.

Burdette was confined to the Orange County Jail under a \$75,000 secured bond. Burdette was scheduled to appear in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

Residents Applaud Town's Weaver Dairy Plan

Town, NCDOT clash on street expansion

By JON DOUGHERTY
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The Chapel Hill Town Council chambers were filled to near capacity as residents packed in to hear comments and voice their opinions on the proposed Weaver Dairy Road expansion.

The council called the forum so it could receive the public's view on a proposal it submitted to the N.C. Department of Transportation. The town's plan calls for the thoroughfare to be made into one lane of traffic in both directions with a middle turn lane stretching the length of the road.

Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy outlined the proposal for the board and audience.

He said the council's goal is to maximize the road's vehicle capacity without an excessive number of accidents. "We also looked at whether the road could retain its characteristics as a neighborhood road," Foy said. "We paid attention to the volume of traffic, not only for automobiles, but for bikes and pedestrians as well."

Foy then mentioned that the town proposal includes plans for bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road, which drew loud applause from the gathered residents.

Foy added that while certain sections of the road would be expanded to three lanes, other sections would be contracted to three lanes to give the road uniformity.

The vast number of residents attending the forum were in favor of the town's plan and against the state's. One of those was Marguerite Watson of the Carol Woods Retirement Community, who said if the road is altered the way the

NCDOT has proposed, the area will lose residents. The NCDOT's plan calls for two lanes to be built in both directions with a center median.

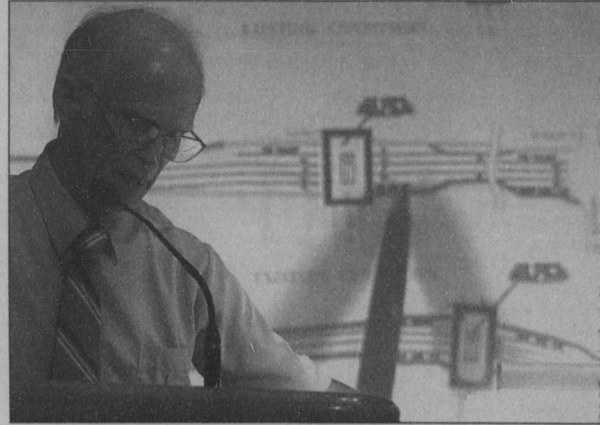
"The four-lane expansion has serious repercussions for Carol Woods," Watson said. "None of us want a noisy environment. Would we have chosen to live between a freeway and an interstate?"

Watson's sentiments were echoed by Warren Greshes, who lives in the Silver Creek neighborhood.

"My wife told me to come speak tonight because she said people seem to think Silver Creek wants to turn Weaver Dairy into the New Jersey turnpike," Greshes said. "We do not. Like they said in 'Field of Dreams,' if you build it, they will come. If you widen this road, they will definitely come."

Although most people stood when one

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Lewis Woodham, a Chapel Hill resident, discusses the advantages of the three-lane proposal for Weaver Dairy Road on Monday evening.

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Aemi Ko paints her own tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the memorial walls that were placed around the flag pole in Polk Place. This year, a memorial will be created out of 3,000 river stones.

Stone Spiral Tribute Planned for Sept. 11

By ALLISON ROST
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To commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Arts Carolina is organizing a unique artistic tribute around the flagpole in Polk Place.

After the conclusion of the noon University convocation Wednesday, members of the campus community will be invited to place stones in a spiral emanating 20 feet out from the flagpole.

Amy Brannock, Arts Carolina director, said that the 3,000 egg-sized river stones each represent a life lost and that Arts Carolina requested the stones be multicolored to reflect the diversity of both the victims and the University.

She said the spiral is meant to symbolize the loss of life that

occurred that day.

"In many cultures and religions, the spiral represents the soul's progress toward eternal life," Brannock said. "The Chinese yin-yang symbol, Buddhist mandala and Celtic cross all relate to the ongoing life cycle."

After the convocation ends, those participating in the ceremony, including Chancellor James Moeser, will place a stone in the spiral. Members of the arts community and those attending the event will then be welcome to place stones as well.

But in an interesting twist, the organizers are inviting attendees to immediately remove the stones if they so wish.

"As soon as it's created, it's going to be dissembled," Brannock said. "We're asking people to

remove the stones to represent the impermanence of life."

The stone spiral will remain more or less in place until Friday morning.

The flavor of this distinct tribute was difficult to pinpoint, Brannock said, but members of Arts Carolina, representing the various artistic organizations on campus, decided not to repeat what they did last year.

In the days immediately following the attacks last September, Arts Carolina set up black walls surrounding the flagpole and invited the community to paint their reactions on the walls.

Brannock said the group considered what would be most appropriate at a meeting in July and decided the black walls

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Memorial Wall Future Uncertain

Arts community fears reopening grief

By ELLIOTT DUBE
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A makeshift monument rose out of the ashes of shock and despair days after the terrorist attacks on the United States took place.

During the aftermath of Sept. 11, a black wall served as the slate on which the UNC community could express its feelings, opinions and sentiments. Despite its tremendous impact, the wall was put into storage last October, where it has remained ever since.

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Orange Co. Celebrates 250th Year

300 gather to reflect on county's history

By MICHAEL DAVIS
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Orange County celebrated its 250th birthday Monday in downtown Hillsborough in a ceremony that was both jovial and reflective.

About 300 people — including state and local officials and county residents — attended the ceremony in front of the older Orange County Courthouse.

The event honored the 250th anniversary of the first colonial court, the oldest government in Orange County.

At noon, bells all across the county chimed to celebrate the occasion.

The ceremony included traditional music from the string group Mappamundi and statements from UNC Chancellor James Moeser, N.C. novelist Lee Smith and state Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange.

Standing before the audience with fellow state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, Lee praised the county's representation in the General Assembly by both a woman and a black man — symbolic of Orange County's diversity, he said.

"Two hundred and fifty years ago, I'm not sure either one of us would have been invited to this podium," he said.

Dianne Reid, director of the Orange County Economic Development Commission, said organizers designed the event to celebrate the past and prepare for the future.

"Really the people that will remember this 50 years from now are sitting on the grass here," she said, referring to almost 150 students from Cameron Park Elementary School in Hillsborough packed into clusters on the lawn.

Cameron Park fourth-grade teacher Judy Pounds said the ceremony was a hands-on opportunity for her students to experience their state history curriculum. "Maybe one day these kids will take part (in similar activities) through a legacy," Pounds said.

Chief John Jeffries of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation — the original inhabitants of the county — performed a Native American ritual and said the tribe has been a long-time fixture locally. "Two hundred and fifty years ago our people marked the streets here," Jeffries said. "And we are still here. We are here today."

Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairman Barry Jacobs said the county has a rich heritage that includes high points in civil liberties, athletics and education.

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Cobey: Student Votes Could Impact Race

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
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A prominent member of the N.C. Republican Party expounded Monday evening on the impact voting can have on the political makeup of the state at a meeting of the UNC College Republicans.

About 50 students filled 101 Greenlaw Hall to hear N.C. Republican Party Chairman Bill Cobey encourage students to become registered voters to help the party gain prominence in both the state and nation.

Cobey said he expects the race to be extremely close for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Sen. Jesse Helms' retirement.

The nominee from each party will be decided by the results of today's primaries. "There's no governor's race, no long ballot — just a critically important U.S.

Senate race. I don't believe (the Republican Party) can take over the U.S. Senate unless we hold this seat in the Republican column. It's that important."

It is especially important for people to get out and vote in midterm elections, which typically have low turnouts, he said.

Cobey added that he thinks the future of the Republican Party, both in the state and nationally, depends on the number of registered voters who participate in elections. Traditionally, the party with a president in the White House does not do as well in midterm elections.

"In 1994, the Republicans came," Cobey said. "They didn't like Clinton, they didn't like 'Lady Clinton' — Hillary — either."

He also stressed that he is disappointed that Sept. 11 didn't inspire more people to get involved with the democratic process.

"We are so blessed to live in a country

where we have freedom and the right to vote," he said. "It bothers me that even after 9/11, we have low voter turnout."

The Republican Party is on its way to becoming the leading party in the N.C. General Assembly, which will properly reflect the majority of residents' ideologies, Cobey said. "This is a conservative state. Those ... who come from North Carolina most likely came from a conservative area," he said. "(The Republicans) are on the way to becoming the majority party. It's not a case of if it's going to happen — it's a case of when it's going to happen."

Cobey also touched on the controversy surrounding the redistricting maps for North Carolina. He dismissed claims that the map is a "Republican gerrymander" and said Judge Knox Jenkins, who drew the map being used, did so in a fair and honest manner.

"He put the incumbents in and then

took the criteria handed down and drew (the map)," Cobey said. "He didn't know if they were Republicans or Democrats."

The state's primaries, originally scheduled for May, were pushed back due to controversy over new maps drawn by the Democratic-controlled N.C. House.

Cobey, a former UNC director of athletics, ran for lieutenant governor in 1980. He also served as a U.S. representative from 1984-86. A passion for his beliefs led him to leave his job at UNC, a decision many at the time questioned, Cobey said.

"My number one claim to fame is that 22 years ago I was the athletic director at UNC. People still think I lost my mind to run for lieutenant governor," he said. "(It's important to) get involved with things you think are very important."

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N.C. Republican Party Chairman Bill Cobey speaks to the College Republicans on Monday night.