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Police Look for Suspect in Robbery

Police also are searching for a possible witness

WANTED: ARMED ROBBERY

Black male in his early 20s, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds with a medium to dark complexion. No facial hair and wore tight comrow style. Had on a gray T-shirt, blue jeans and boots.



POSSIBLE WITNESS

Black male in his early 20s, 6 feet tall, 220 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt with blue writing on the front, blue jeans, do-rag. Medium to dark complexion.



By DANIEL THIGPEN
 University Editor

University police released this weekend the composite sketch of the person they believe robbed a student at gunpoint in his Avery Residence Hall room Thursday night.

Police also released a sketch of someone they believe could be a possible witness.

The two composites have been circulated and posted throughout campus and also can be found on the Department of Public Safety Web site at <http://www.dps.unc.edu>.

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In the meantime, University police are still following several leads pertaining to Thursday night's robbery.

It remains unclear, however, whether officials are closer to an arrest.

"We're following several good leads," said University Police Chief Derek Poarch on Friday.

An 18-year-old UNC student reported being robbed at gunpoint in his room in Avery early Thursday evening. The victim said the gunman took his laptop computer, cell phone, gold chain and \$4 in cash.

Poarch said Friday that the sketch of the second person is someone who police want to talk to for more information about the robbery.

But he would not say if the second person had any affiliation with the crime.

Police describe the second person as a black man in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall, weighing 220 pounds with medium to dark complexion.

Poarch said officers still don't know if the gunman is a UNC student or how he got into the residence hall.

The front door to Avery is locked, and students must have a Marlock key to enter the building.

Avery houses 241 students, and Poarch said he is confident that officers will find a witness from that crowd who will lead police to an arrest. "Clearly, in my mind, at some point (Thursday) night someone saw this person," he said.

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Budget Bill Gets Final Legislative Approval

More budget cuts possible this year

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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RALEIGH — The N.C. General Assembly gave the final nod to a \$14.3 billion budget Friday, but state agencies will likely incur deeper cuts than outlined in the budget bill.

The budget received majority support in both chambers, but legislators say the budget is patchy at best, noting that an additional \$100 million remains to be trimmed from state agencies.

If the state's economy continues to slide and revenues come in below projections, Gov. Mike Easley will have the responsibility of making additional cuts.

"This budget, in my opinion, was intended to be a life-raft budget," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Howard Lee, D-Orange. "It gets us through these rapids of uncertainty and into calmer times."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Redwine, D-New Hanover, expressed similar sentiments Thursday after the first passage of the budget.

"All we did this year was put our finger in the dike to keep from drowning us, and we've got to fix it," he said. "We can't go on like we are going."

Redwine emphasized that legislators must focus especially on revamping the appropriations process to reduce the use of nonrecurring funds in the future.

"The bad side (of this budget) is we are using nonrecurring revenue to fund recurring need," he said Thursday.

Lee also said Friday that tough economic times resulted in a budget that was less than ideal.

"This was a tough challenge we faced this year," he said.

"We had to be creative. You'll find

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Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Howard Lee said the budget will allow the state to stay afloat.

UNC Student Charged With Possession

Suspect received precursor "date rape" drug by mail

By JOHN FRANK
 Assistant University Editor

An 18-year-old UNC student was arrested Thursday afternoon on felony drug charges in connection with a national "date rape" drug sweep by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Freshman Justin Ryncavage, of 239 Craige North Residence Hall, was charged with one count of possession of the precursor chemical gamma-butyrolactone.

Known as GBL, this colorless, odorless liquid is the main ingredient of the "date rape" drug gamma-hydroxybutyrate, or GHB. The substance is easily produced by combining GBL with either sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide in a cooking pot or bucket.

The drugs are popular at clubs and raves and are commonly used to spike alcoholic drinks in hopes of rendering a person unconscious or unable to resist sexual advances. The drug can also cause seizures, severe respiratory depression, comas and death. The DEA has documented 71 GHB-related deaths.

Officials said this was the first reported case of GHB on campus in almost 10 years.

University police were notified after the U.S. Postal Service intercepted a package to the suspect from a distributor in Canada that was charged in the national sweep. In conjunction with University police, a postal inspector arrested the suspect during a set-up delivery.

The package being delivered to the suspect contained 780 milliliters of GBL, roughly the amount of

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IT TAKES TWO



Laura and Pedro Escudero, dancers from Argentina, perform the tango Thursday evening in the Great Hall during a night of Latin music and dance sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board. Francisco Navarro, a classical guitar player, and Greg Ribot, a flute player, also performed during the event. For the full story, visit www.dailytarheel.com.

County Sees Some Drought Relief; Lake Levels Still Low

By SHELLEY BASINGER
 Staff Writer

Recent rains and community conservation efforts have provided some drought relief, but local lake levels are still substantially low, Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials say.

OWASA representatives say it is fortunate that the number of days left of water for the area increased from 133 days last Monday to 137 days Friday.

Cane Creek Reservoir is 16 feet 7 inches below full capacity, and the University Lake lacks 4 feet 9 inches of needed water.

OWASA spokesman Greg Feller said the number fluctuates daily because residents are conserving more water, not from the occasional precipitation.

UNC Might Put in Place More Water Restrictions
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The demand for water has decreased greatly from August to September.

In August, residents used 11.5 million gallons per day as opposed to 8.4 million gallons used per day thus far this month.

"The demand (for water) is much lower than it was," Feller said.

Although Feller said the lakes are still only around 40 percent full, the remaining days of water can increase with correct conservation efforts.

OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin, said he is pleased with the area's response to the water restrictions implemented Sept. 9 and hopes people can continue to conserve water so the area can one day be out of the drought.

"We have seen a very nice reduction on customer demand," Kerwin said. "Unless we get some major rain, it's going to take many months to get out of

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Budget Calls for Airport to Stay Open

By JEFF SILVER
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A provision in the state budget approved by the N.C. General Assembly last week will force UNC to keep the Horace Williams Airport open until 2005, a move that counters administrators' wishes to begin closing the airport immediately.

Chancellor James Moeser announced UNC's intentions to close the airport at a press conference April 30. He cited the cost associated with maintaining the airport and safety concerns as reasons for the planned closing.

The plan was opposed by some area residents, including pilots of small planes who use the airport.

The University-owned airport is located off of Estes Drive in northwest Chapel Hill.

Moeser was unavailable for comment last week.

Carolyn Elland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, declined to comment directly on the actions of the General Assembly.

But she said the airport should close, noting that it will cost UNC \$2 million to make several safety and security related improvements at the site in addition to the \$250,000 the University pays annually for the airport's maintenance.

One of the concerns for UNC administrators is that

trees in the area would have to be removed to meet Federal Aviation Administration requirements for the approach area, Elland said.

"We were concerned about the aesthetic and environmental impact, as well as the cost," she said.

In addition to serving private planes, the airport is home to the Area Health Education Centers. AHEC is a University program that flies UNC faculty around North Carolina to coordinate health-care clinics and programs.

In April, Moeser said officials would look into moving the program to Raleigh-Durham International Airport. But the budget provision calls for UNC's chancellor to consult with the legislature's Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations before moving AHEC from Horace Williams.

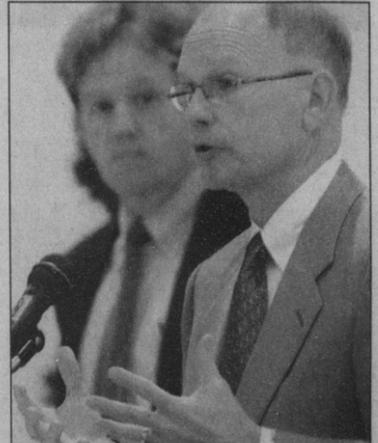
AHEC Director Tom Bacon said although Horace Williams is more convenient than RDU for the program, his group had nothing to do with the legislation.

"We understand and support the chancellor's stance on the airport," he said.

Warren Morningstar, vice president of communications for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, said he is pleased with the legislature's action.

"We still think that it is an extremely valuable air-

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Chancellor James Moeser announces April 30 his plans to close Horace Williams Airport.

Crime and the fear of crime have permeated the fabric of American life.

Warren Burger