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# Report Cites UNC Response to Lab Inquiry

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The University publicly released a 44-page review to the National Institutes of Health on animal treatment in UNC's laboratories Monday, detailing the changes that have been made in response to complaints filed in April.

Although UNC's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee discredited many of the violations cited by Kate Turlington — an undercover

investigator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — University officials did find problems they said warranted changes.

In April, PETA released a video of footage secretly collected by Turlington earlier this year as she worked as a researcher in UNC's labs in the Thurston Bowles building.

IACUC spent between 1,500 and 2,000 hours investigating PETA's charges of animal mistreatment and cruelty. University officials have made some changes, but they are still working on inves-

tigating others, said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research. Some problems, such as the disposal of dead animals, rodent breeding and overcrowding, are still works in progress, the report states.

Since the complaints were made, two lab workers were put on probation for a year, two more were suspended from laboratory animal privileges for three months and management has been changed in the Thurston Bowles facility because of the resignation of the supervisor,

according to IACUC's report.

In response to many of the cited violations, the report states that Turlington was unaware of the IACUC regulations — which officials say were being followed — or that she misinterpreted certain procedures. The report noted that many questionable practices were in fact within UNC's protocol.

"Some of her conclusions were not correct," Waldrop said.

But PETA officials do not accept the idea that

Turlington was off-base. "I think Kate Turlington's credibility is unimpeachable," said Mary Beth Sweetland, director of research and investigations at PETA.

Much of the report explains and refutes claims Turlington made in PETA's video.

In reaction to a complaint involving the decapitation of small mice with scissors, University officials stated that the lab workers

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## UNC Officials: GBL Find Not Sign of Trend

Student had court date continued to October

By ERIN GANLEY  
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A UNC student who was arrested on felony drug charges Thursday was granted a continuance on his court date Friday.

Justin Ryncavage, 18, of 239 Craige North Residence Hall, was charged with one count of possession of the chemical gamma-butyrolactone.

GBL is used to manufacture the "date rape" drug gamma-hydroxybutyrate. The drugs, allegedly mailed to Ryncavage in a package, were intercepted by the U.S. Postal Service as part of a nationwide drug sweep. The package contained 780 milliliters of GBL, roughly the amount of two 12-ounce soda cans.

GBL is often put in alcoholic drinks to cause a person to become unconscious or to make a person unable to resist sexual advances.

Officials at the Orange County clerk's office said Ryncavage will be represented by his own lawyer at his rescheduled Oct. 24 hearing at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Under the N.C. General Statutes, "possession of an immediate precursor chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance" can be punished as a Class H felony.

The penalties for a Class H felony depend on many factors, including the person's prior criminal record. With a clean criminal record, the minimum punishments can range from probation to eight months imprisonment.

Student Attorney General Amanda Spillman

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## Weaver Dairy Widening OK'd

By CHRISTINE GRAUER  
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Chapel Hill Town Council members voted 8-1 Monday to send a proposal to the N.C. Department of Transportation recommending the expansion of the entire length of Weaver Dairy Road to three lanes.

Although the focus of Monday's Town Council meeting was the vote to approve the proposed expansion, council members similarly emphasized a commitment to the future of Chapel Hill.

Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, issued a policy statement endorsing the road expansion — one lane of continuous traffic in both directions with a middle left-hand turn lane throughout the thoroughfare, in addition to sidewalks and bike paths on both sides of the roadway.

The road improvements would be focused on the section of Weaver Dairy Road between N.C.

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Research Triangle Park, the sprawling 7,000-acre area located between Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, is now home to 140 technology- and research-oriented companies. Just 50 years ago, RTP existed only on paper.

## Location, Hard Work Draw Businesses, Brains to RTP

Research Triangle Park still growing, drawing companies, officials say

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Where pine trees once stood, there are now gated multimillion-dollar corporations.

Where tobacco once grew, major pharmaceutical companies now do research on everything from Alzheimer's disease to lung cancer. And where cows once grazed, there are now row after row of full parking decks.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DURHAM HERALD SUN

Person H. Steward (left), a Durham city official, George L. Simpson Jr. and George Watts Hill discuss plans for Research Triangle Park in February 1958.

Research Triangle Park, between Chapel Hill and Raleigh, is home to 140 technology- and research-oriented companies.

But 50 years ago, the sprawling 7,000-acre development existed only in the minds of a few ambitious state businessmen and academics. It took the support of two governors, the foresight of several businessmen and the intellectual resources of the area's three universities to get RTP where it is today.

In the 1950s, North Carolina was an economically depressed state that ranked second to last in the nation in per capita income. The state's three main industries were textiles, agriculture and furniture.

Jamie Nunnally, RTP communications director, said that despite the existence of three doctoral research universities — Duke University, N.C. State University and UNC-Chapel Hill — industries were slow to take advantage of academic resources. "Industry and the universities didn't often collaborate," Nunnally said.

At the same time, a handful of people across the state began tinkering with the idea of a research center that would forge cooperation between research organizations from industrial fields and N.C. universities.

The idea began to develop under the leadership of then-N.C. Gov. Luther Hodges, area businessman Romeo Guest and financial investor Karl Robbins, who in 1957 supplied the funds to purchase the park's first 3,559 acres.

In 1959, Hodges announced the creation of the nonprofit Research Triangle Foundation and continued to purchase land.

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## Final Cuts To Budget Remain Uncertain

UNC-Chapel Hill budget awaits system direction

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Although UNC-system officials are relieved that the budget passed Friday by the N.C. General Assembly included smaller-than-anticipated cuts to higher education, UNC-Chapel Hill leaders remain uncertain of their final fiscal outlook.

The system budget cut of 2.9 percent decided Friday was far less than the 5 percent cut the University began bracing for last spring.

Now, UNC-CH administrators must wait at least a week before hearing and acting upon concrete budget figures. "The short-term news looks good," said Provost Robert Shelton. "But we don't know what the cut is going to be yet."

The General Assembly's decision still must be approved by Gov. Mike Easley before being sent to the state budget office. This office will then send new appropriations to each state agency, including the UNC system.

The Office of the President then will send the

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## Appeals Court Refuses to Halt CP&L Expansion

County officials say they might appeal ruling

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Orange County's attempt to halt Carolina Power & Light Co.'s expansion plans was struck down Thursday by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

CP&L expansion plans include increased storage of uranium fuel rods in cooling pools at the local Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

The court's ruling went in favor of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees the operations of the power companies, based on its research that the chance of a nuclear accident occurring would be extremely rare.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners wants CP&L to store waste in dry casks to minimize the likelihood of an incident. The board also requested an environmental impact statement to gauge the effects of the fuel storage.

Diane Curran, the attorney representing Orange County, said NRC scientists have admitted that an accident could occur if any water in the cooling pools is lost.

"They haven't changed anything, and now we've got 9-11 and we know there's people with

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Technology feeds on itself. Technology makes more technology possible.

Alvin Toffler