



POLICE ROUNDUP

9 mm Handgun Stolen From Local Man's Car

A 9 mm handgun and ammunition were stolen from a Chapel Hill man's car on Tuesday, police reports state. The Glock 26, valued at \$450, and a \$400 laser sight were taken from the passenger compartment of a Mercedes C240 sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins. The thief entered through an open garage door at the home on the 100 block of Tharrington Drive, Cousins said. The case is under further investigation, reports state.

University

Tuesday, Jan. 14

University police served a local high school student with a second-degree trespassing warning at Woollen Gym at 3:29 p.m., police reports state. According to police reports, an officer was dispatched to the gym in response to a complaint from a security officer at Woollen. The security officer advised the suspect not to come onto the basketball court because he was not a student or affiliated with the University. The suspect ignored the security officer, and police issued the suspect a trespass warning for Woollen, Carmichael, and Fetzer gyms, according to police reports. The suspect refused his copy of the trespass warning. Police responded at 11:27 p.m. to a felony larceny in which a car was stolen from the Dogwood parking deck. According to police reports, the victim reported that he parked his 1994 Nissan in the parking deck at 5 p.m. before visiting a relative. The victim returned to the deck at 11:20 p.m. to find his vehicle missing. According to police report, the victim stated that no one else has a key and that his car was not repossessed. A citizen found what appeared to be a diamond bracelet in the Pit on Tuesday afternoon, according to police reports. Police reports state that the citizen turned the bracelet in to the front desk at the new Student Union. Police placed the bracelet into the evidence locker for safekeeping.

Monday, Jan. 13

Police reported to Hanes Hall on Monday afternoon in response to a pickpocketing incident. According to police reports, a Durham man said an unknown suspect bumped into him in Hanes Hall. Shortly after, he noticed his pocket computer was missing from his pocket. The computer, valued at \$800, was later recovered in Polk Place, reports state.

City

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Carrboro police responded to a report of harassing phone calls communicating threats at a business in Willow Creek at 10:28 p.m. Reports state that the owner said the former owner of the business called the business three times and threatened him with his life. The victim told police that the former owner, Maya Smara of Durham, was evicted by the corporation and lost the business. The suspect thinks that he is the rightful owner and that the victim is there illegally, police were told by the victim. The suspect told the victim that he was going to come to the Jones Ferry Road business and shoot him with a shotgun if he didn't leave, police reports state. Police contacted the suspect, who said he wouldn't go to or call the business again. A Chapel Hill High School student was arrested in school on drug charges after police were alerted by an anonymous note, reports state. Adam Holloway, 18, of 101 Quail Roost Drive was arrested on charges of simple possession of marijuana after police found 5 grams in his possession. Reports state that the victim showed students on the bus a bag of marijuana. After police were tipped off, they conducted a search and found the drugs, reports state. He was arrested in school and released to the possession of his mother. The suspect will appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Feb. 3.

—Compiled by Staff Writers Lynne Shallcross and John Frank

Boards to Give Feedback to OWASA

Drought problems addressed in plan

By BILLY CORRIHER
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Officials from Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County will give the Orange Water and Sewer Authority feedback on its new, more strict draft of the area's water conservation rules at a joint meeting tonight. The meeting will be an opportunity for the local governments to make suggestions about the OWASA board of directors' latest draft of the rules before the board finalizes its proposal and sends it back to the governments for ratification. "This meeting is important because OWASA would like to complete our draft as a proposal that we can give back to local governments as soon as possible," said OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin.

OWASA has not received any advice from local officials while drafting the new Water Conservation Rules and Standards so far, but it has received feedback from citizens at public hearings, Kerwin said.

Local officials said they will look at the latest draft to see if OWASA has addressed procedural problems that occurred during last year's drought. Chapel Hill Town Council member Pat Evans said she hopes the board of directors includes a quicker timetable for implementing the stages of mandatory water restrictions.

Evans said that last year there was a lag between the time when local governments, along with OWASA, decided to move to the next restriction stage and the time when OWASA announced the

decision to citizens.

"When OWASA would come before us and we decided to go to the next stage, they wouldn't implement it right away," Evans said. "So you would have people watering their lawns when they weren't supposed to until they made the announcement."

Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey said another problem associated with last year's drought response was that the water restriction stages were not coordinated throughout the county.

"With the old system, having Phase II (restrictions) means something different in Orange County, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough," he said. "We need to eliminate those differences." The local governments generally will

look at whether OWASA's new draft will make the area more prepared for a water shortage, Carey said. "We all learned something from the last drought."

One group of citizens that was especially hurt by last year's drought and resulting restrictions were businesses that depend on water, such as gardeners and greenhouses, Evans said.

Local gardening business owners have been vocal at all of OWASA's forums since the revisions began last October, and Evans said she will look at the board's new, more flexible restrictions for such businesses.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Jacquelyn Gist said she hopes to reduce the impact a drought might have on the community as a whole.

"I'm looking for a way that we can use water more wisely so that we don't get in a situation as drastic as last summer."

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Cuban pianist Chucho Valdés will perform at UNC on Feb. 12.

UNC Awaits Overdue Performer

Cuban pianist plans to jazz up campus

By HARMONY JOHNSON
Senior Writer

The jazz pianist billed as "Cuba's finest export" is finally an export. Overcoming the visa troubles that forced him to cancel his entire fall tour, renowned musician Chucho Valdés has arrived in the United States and will perform at UNC next month.

Valdés, who originally was slated to kick off the 2002-03 Carolina Union Performing Arts Series in October, will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 in Hill Hall Auditorium. Tickets go on sale Friday.

"This is something we've been looking forward to for a very long time," said Don Luse, director of the Carolina Union. "He's just a master piano player."

Valdés was among many international performers who were required to clear a lengthy screening process before obtaining a U.S. visa. He was unable to complete the process in time for his fall tour, which included the stop at UNC.

"Any number of international artists have had real difficulties in processing

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SPREADING THE WORD



DTH/MELISSA LIN

Members of the Hare Krishna, (left to right) Lili Manjari, Prema Manjari, Ranga Devi and part-time freshman Gayatri Devidosi sing in Polk Place on Wednesday afternoon. The four come to UNC once a week to "spread the holy name of God" and offer free vegetarian meals. On Wednesday, the Campus Y's hunger banquet and the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence's anti-war protest also were held on campus.

Staff Salary Raises Unlikely Given State Budget

By BILLY BALL
Staff Writer

Hard economic times and bleak chances for a pay raise have not dampened the spirit of Employee Forum leader Tommy Griffin.

Despite Griffin's semester-long fight to include staff salaries in tuition discussions, a recent decision by the UNC-system Board of Governors to put a moratorium on tuition increases for the 2003-04 year has seemed to negate much of that work.

Griffin and the UNC-Chapel Hill staff, which includes rank-and-file employees such as housekeepers and dining hall workers, received no pay raises from the state this fiscal year and only slight raises the year before.

Traditionally, staff pay raises are initiated by the state, but this year Griffin worked with the UNC-CH Tuition Task Force to include higher pay for staff

workers in a proposal crafted and passed before the BOG passed the freeze.

Members of the task force debated whether to add a clause to their tuition recommendation calling for staff raises even though it was likely that the BOG would not approve such an item. But members decided to include the increases, saying it was necessary to send a message about the importance of staff salaries.

But the BOG's decision last Friday to freeze tuition hikes for a year leaves the issue of employee pay raises in the hands of the N.C. General Assembly again. "The state's track record hasn't been too good in the last few years," Griffin said.

With staff salary raises again in jeopardy, Griffin said the Employee Forum has begun letter-writing campaigns to Gov. Mike Easley and the state legislature asking for increased pay.

Yet Griffin said he understands that the state is in tough economic times and

that financing a raise through increased tuition for already cash-strapped students might not be the answer.

Griffin said that everyone who wants an education needs to be able to afford one and that further tuition hikes might be too burdensome for some prospective students. He said UNC-CH should not penalize students for the state's budget woes: "The only way we're going to get out of this economic situation is through education."

Griffin said he expects the legislature to recognize the staff's low pay and to give much-needed relief in better economic times in the future.

Provost Robert Shelton said more resources are needed from the legislature to provide the staff with the bonuses they deserve. "The staff here is phenomenal," he said. "But they're paid very little."

Shelton said he is not sure how the legislature will act on the issue but said it

is necessary for the legislature to understand the staff's situation. "I do think it's critical for (the University) to go around and spread our message," he said.

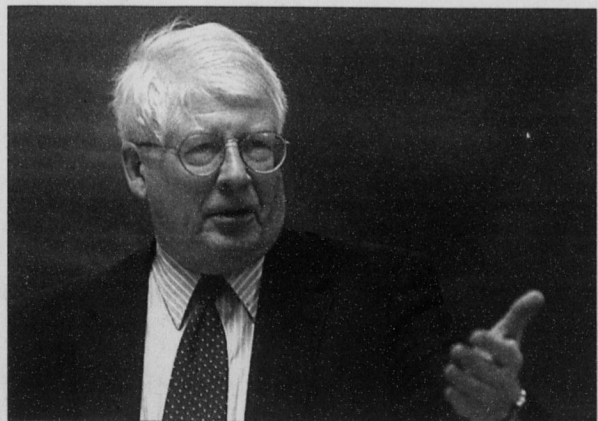
Last semester, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-CH took steps to resolve its own salary problems and launched a fundraiser to reward its staff with bonuses.

Richard Cole, the school's dean, said that nearly all faculty members made their own personal contributions to the fund and that the school was able to raise \$8,590 for the staff. This comes out to a \$536 bonus for each of the school's 16 staff members.

"Their salaries are lower than they ought to be, in my opinion," Cole said. "(The fund-raiser) is a way to show that we appreciate them."

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Price Addresses Economy, World Tension in Speech



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Rep. David Price, D-N.C., speaks to a meeting of the Young Democrats. Price discussed Iraq, North Korea and economic issues.

By MATT CROOK
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The challenges facing the United States range from the Far East to the nation's congressional chambers, a local representative told members of UNC Young Democrats on Wednesday night.

Rep. David Price, D-N.C., spoke about a variety of foreign and domestic issues, including relations with Iraq and North Korea and the nation's economy. Though tensions with Iraq and North Korea make negotiations in today's world difficult, it is not as dangerous as the Cold War world, Price said.

He added that the impending conflict with Iraq should not overshadow the nation's other priorities.

"(Iraq) is a danger that does not trump all other dangers," Price said. Price said he was one of 155 representatives who voted against a bill to

give President Bush authorization to unilaterally attack Iraq.

"I didn't think I should give (the president) the blank-check authority," he said.

Price said he wants to allow weapons inspectors to continue their jobs before the United States commits to a war.

U.S. intelligence agents are sharing information with inspectors in Iraq, an action Price said could lead to a halt in rogue nuclear weapons production.

Price said there is no question that the United States is preparing for war but said he thinks we should use war as a last option.

Though Iraq poses the more imminent threat, North Korea has become a more pressing issue during the last few months, Price said.

"I suspect if the president could do it over, he wouldn't give the 'axis of evil' speech he gave," he said. In addition to addressing major issues

of U.S. involvement abroad, Price also spoke about the new session of Congress at work in Washington, D.C.

People were sworn in one day and fighting the next, Price said.

He said legislators fought over the issue of unemployment, which is high on the agenda as the nation faces a stubborn economic downturn.

"States are flat on their back economically," Price said.

The economic status has complicated the decision-making process, and delegates had a hard time agreeing on the specifics of how to solve the problem.

"There was very sharp partisan division over this issue," he said.

Congress has passed only two out of the 13 appropriations bills that have been presented in the past week.

Delegates eventually passed a bill that will provide assistance to jobless

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