

**POLICE ROUNDUP**

**Appalachian St. student charged with myriad crimes**

Carrboro police arrested Appalachian State University student Jarrett Ripley McGinnis, 19, and charged him with 21 felonies and misdemeanors resulting from an early-morning crime spree Saturday.

The charges include 10 counts of felony breaking and entering into an automobile, two counts of felony larceny of automobile and four counts of felony larceny.

McGinnis is charged with breaking into 10 separate vehicles in the Garden Gate Drive area on Saturday morning, reports state.

He opened the glove box in most of the cars but took only a bottle of Dasani water, two flashlights, a car cigarette lighter, a Bic lighter, two ice scrapers and two CDs from all of the cars.

Reports state that one victim approached McGinnis while he was in her car and asked him what he was doing, to which he responded he was looking for his friend.

McGinnis said to another victim who approached him, "Leave me alone; give me some space. I don't want to have to hurt you," reports state. McGinnis also stole a 2000 Land Rover and a 1992 Ford Explorer, but only drove them down the street from where he had taken them.

McGinnis damaged the Land Rover because he drove it over several shrubs and into a tree in the car owner's neighbor's driveway.

Additionally, McGinnis placed a fire log he had stolen from a car he entered into a mailbox and set it on fire, reports state. A police officer was forced to put out the fire with a garden hose from a resident's house. Police arrested him at 7:32 a.m. after a short pursuit, for which he was charged with one count of misdemeanor resisting arrest, reports state. He was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the time of arrest, reports state.

McGinnis was released on a \$21,800 secured bond and was scheduled to appear Monday at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

**University**

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

■ A Carrboro resident reported \$300 in damage to his car at 5:02 p.m., reports state. The car was located in the Bennett Building parking lot when the victim reported the incident, but when and where the damage was inflicted remains unknown, reports state.

**City**

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Antonio Coy Morrow, 26, of 2201 Morehead Avenue Apt. 6 in Durham and charged him with one felony count of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana. They also fulfilled one order for arrest from Nov. 15.

Police saw him walking on West Rosemary Street at 11:50 a.m. and stopped him due to the Nov. 15 order for arrest. A search found 9.5 grams of marijuana in three different bags, reports state.

He was held on a \$2,500 secured bond and was scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

■ Chapel Hill police arrested Kenneth Wilson Ferrington, 38, of 9094 Jo Mac Road and charged him with one felony count of possession of crack cocaine.

Ferrington fled on Whitaker Street when police approached him and threw down a glass crack pipe containing one dosage unit of crack during the chase. He was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday, reports state.

■ Carrboro police arrested Juan Manuel Perez Rivera, 35, of 501 Jones Ferry Road Apt. C6 and charged him with one count of driving under the influence, one count of no driver's license and one count of open container.

Police stopped Rivera in his car at 2:32 a.m., reports state. He was transported to the Chapel Hill Police Department, where his BAC was .28. Rivera was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday, reports state.

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# Tuition hikes melt Morehead funds

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A weak financial market has forced one of the country's most prestigious foundations to decrease the number of merit scholarships it offers to incoming UNC-Chapel Hill freshmen.

Despite this year's applicant pool being the most competitive in the Morehead Foundation's history, the 52-year-old organization offered the lowest number of schol-

arships since 1984.

The Morehead Foundation offered 43 high school seniors — 10 fewer than last year — full scholarships, laptop computers and four summer enrichment programs earlier this month. The value of the scholarship is about \$72,000 for N.C. residents and \$120,000 for out-of-state students.

The number of applicants increased by 400 this year, making the pool of 1,517 the largest and

most competitive in history.

The increasing cost of tuition primarily is responsible for the decrease in the offers made, said Charles Lovelace, executive director of the Morehead Foundation.

"The return on our endowment hasn't been able to keep up with the increasing tuition," he said.

Although he is uncertain as to how soon the foundation will be able to match the number of offers made in previous years, Lovelace

said he hopes it will be able to maintain in future years the number of offers made this year.

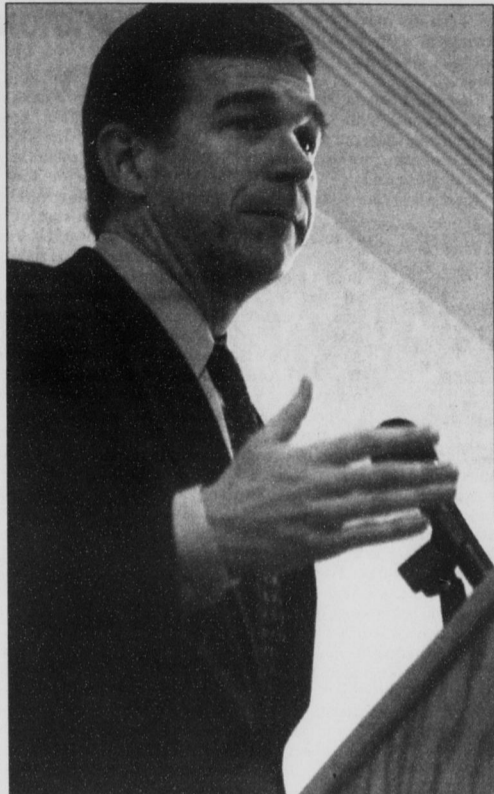
"Although numbers are down this year, we're a little bit ahead of other foundations making scholarship donations," Lovelace said.

Lovelace said that the financial market during the past three years has affected the foundation greatly and that he believes the number of offers made by comparable foundations are down as well.

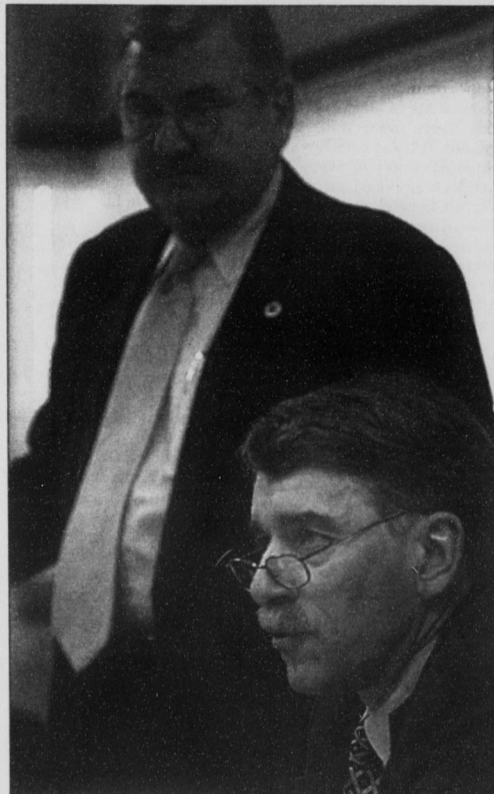
At N.C. State University, the Park Foundation funds about 60 scholarships each year. Laura Lunsford, director of the Park Scholars program, said the weak market has affected the number of scholarships the foundation has been able to award. "Last year we awarded 64 scholarships; this year we were only able to award 57," Lunsford said.

While offers might be down

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N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper (left), Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, (right top) and Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, (right bottom) are among a waning number of state politicians who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill. University alumni used to dominate the legislature.

## N.C. politics see fewer UNC alumni

### Graduates applaud public service training

BY KIRSTEN FIELDS  
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As soon as N.C. Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, served as a page in the state legislature in eighth grade, he knew he wanted to be in politics.

Rand graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1961 and said the University further sparked his desire to serve in the state legislature. "Chapel Hill inspires one to be involved in their community," Rand said. "It's part of the tradition. There's an obligation to be a member of the community, to give back to the state."

But UNC-CH graduates' interest in state politics has not been as evident in recent years as it was in the past.

According to data compiled by several researchers, UNC-CH graduates constituted about 40 percent of the N.C. General Assembly in 1939, but that percentage slowly has dwindled to 15 percent during the past 60 years.

Many speculations exist about why this decline has occurred. UNC-CH political science Professor Thad Beyle said the decline is due partially to the increasing number of people coming to the General Assembly from other schools within the UNC system and

from states across the country.

"The state is becoming more diverse," Beyle said. "There is more opportunity to get a higher education from schools other than (UNC-CH) than there used to be."

Beyle said North Carolina has been drawing legislators from other regions of the country. Due to the number of people coming from other places, it is simply not as feasible for as many UNC-CH graduates to be in office.

UNC-CH legislative liaison Mark Fleming credited legislators' graduations from other UNC-system schools to the system's growth.

Beyle said that in general, he believes there is also less interest in politics. "Politics might not be as much fun as it used to be," he said. "People want to make more money."

Due to the relatively low pay in the N.C. General Assembly, Beyle said, many potential legislators go on to pursue other professions.

Former UNC-system President Bill Friday said it often is hard for lawyers interested in state politics to maintain client contact and also to attend General Assembly sessions.

"The long intervals of sessions are beyond what most people can handle," Friday said.

In many instances, Rand said, people who normally would get involved with state politics are choosing to lead initiatives in their own towns. "People are more concerned with local things rather than statewide issues," he said.

Beyle, who has been at UNC-CH for about 40 years, said the one overarching reason for

the decline is the change in the political climate on campus.

He said politics at UNC-CH used to be more intense than they are now. People especially got involved in campaigning for student body president. "There used to be much more aggressive politics on the campus," Beyle said.

He added that because UNC-CH was more homogeneous, everyone who was competing for student body president held similar platforms. Thus, candidates had to be especially competitive in the political arena on campus.

And, Beyle said, campus political involvement was a good indicator of a person's interest in the future. "If someone was active on campus, then they would be active in politics," he said.

Such was the case with Frank Porter Graham. A 1909 UNC-CH graduate, Graham served as the senior class president. He went on to serve as the UNC-CH president from 1930 to 1949 before serving as a U.S. senator for a year.

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper, a 1979 UNC-CH graduate, said UNC-CH had a large influence on shaping his interest in politics. "Carolina was clearly the best choice for me," he said. "(At UNC-CH) I saw what could happen when people work for the common good."

Cooper, who received his bachelor's degree in political science and psychology and served as chief justice of the Student Supreme Court

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## Bill calls for vote on BOG

BY STEPHANIE CHIULLI  
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A bill was introduced Monday in the N.C. House to allow a student vote on the UNC-system Board of Governors.

The UNC-system Association of Student Governments president already has a seat on the BOG but is a nonvoting member.

Guilford County Democrats Alma Adams and Earl Jones introduced the bill to ensure a stronger student voice on the BOG.

The past two ASG presidents have tried unsuccessfully to obtain voting privileges, and this is the third time Adams has put such a bill on the table in the House.

"I've found students to be quite responsible; they deserve an opportunity to not just sit and participate but to vote and be heard," said Adams, who is a college administrator and professor when the House is not in session.

Jones also said he believes in the right to let student voice be heard on the BOG. "Basic principles of democracy should extend to everyone who has vested interest."

Identical legislation has died several times during the last decade at the hands of the Senate's leadership.

N.C. Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland and chairman of the Senate's Rules Committee, has forced the bill to sit in committee

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## J-school ranks top in nation

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UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication has a reputation for being great, but a recent accreditation report suggests that the school might be the best in the nation.

"The School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill is recognized by academics and media professionals as perhaps the best program in the nation," the report states.

Richard Cole, dean of the school, said that he has been a part of many other accreditation teams and that he is particularly impressed by these findings. "These results are the best I have ever seen," he said.

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## New businesses to join mall

BY JONATHAN CARL  
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The redeveloping South Square Mall complex is expecting a new neighbor, as a Chapel Hill car dealership announced its proposed relocation.

Crown Honda at 1730 N. Fordham Blvd. announced last week that it plans to relocate near the South Square complex.

The original proposal for the site calls for the construction of a Target and a Sam's Club and plans to contract several smaller businesses as well.

The Durham City Council unan-

imously approved the finalized site plan March 3.

The company that owns the property, Faison and Associates of Charlotte, is demolishing the vacant buildings to make room for the new retailers.

Henry Faison of Faison and Associates said the building process is going well and is on schedule. "We have begun demolishing the old businesses and building new ones," Faison said. "The Target and Sam's Club are projected to open next year."

The council decision was the final step in city approval of the

project, and Faison said he was glad to be able to finally begin construction. "We've been involved in this for a long time," Faison said.

Although he could not say definitely which other businesses will be included in the shopping center, he said he hopes they will attract UNC students, as well as residents of the surrounding area.

City officials also are optimistic about the prospective influx of business South Square will bring to the area and its positive effects on the city's commerce.

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The South Square Mall complex is undergoing a redevelopment that includes Target and Sam's Club in an effort to attract new business.

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