

POLICE ROUNDUP

Carrboro police investigate 2nd-degree rape charges

Carrboro police are investigating a second-degree rape charge that was reported at 5:54 p.m. Friday. A woman told police that a suspect forced her to have intercourse with him, reports state.

Lt. Jim Phillips of the Carrboro Police Department said that the suspect has been identified and that he "would characterize him as someone the victim would be easily able to identify." Reports state that drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident. No further details were available Monday.

Raleigh resident arrested, charged with possession

David Wayne King, 34, of 3251 Walnut Creek Parkway, Apt. A in Raleigh, was arrested Saturday and charged with one count of felony possession of a schedule III drug and one count of felony possession of a manufactured schedule I drug, reports state.

King was taken to UNC Hospitals after police found him standing in gasoline that spilled while he was pumping gas. He was unresponsive when police tried to communicate with him, reports state. Police found a bookbag in King's possession containing a bottle of liquid that King said was gamma-hydroxy-butyrate and exercise steroid tablets. King was arrested at 5:28 p.m. and transported to Orange County Jail, where he was held on a \$5,000 secured bond.

Carrboro police detain man wielding knife in grocery

Carrboro police were involved in a standoff Friday evening with a man wielding a knife in a local grocery store on North Greensboro Street. The man, David Michael Gierisch, 45, who was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, was threatening customers in the store with a knife, reports state.

The suspect was highly agitated when police arrived on the scene and said he wanted the FBI to respond. After a brief standoff, an officer used a shopping cart to push the suspect back and then detain him. Another officer disarmed him.

The suspect was taken to UNC Hospitals for emergency commitment at 6:01 p.m.

2 local women charged with possession, auto theft

Chapel Hill police arrested two Chapel Hill women early Saturday morning and charged them with a variety of offenses.

The two women were riding in a stolen 1994 Jeep Wrangler when they were stopped by police at 3:01 a.m. on Hillsborough Street near Airport Road, reports state.

Clarissa Briana Farrington, 31, of 703 N.C. 54 West and the driver of the car, was charged with one count of felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle, one count of driving with a revoked license and felony possession of cocaine. She also was charged with two counts of larceny and one count of felony larceny of a motor vehicle from a separate incident March 25. The charge for possession of cocaine resulted from Farrington dropping a rock of crack cocaine in the back of the squad car, reports state.

Lanikki Korean Edwards, 28, of 3080 Lystra Road, Apt. B, and the passenger of the car was charged with one felony count of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police found five rocks of cocaine in Edwards' front right pocket and a crack pipe in her cigarette case, reports state. Farrington was held on a \$7,700 secured bond, while Edwards was held on a \$3,500 secured bond and was scheduled to appear Monday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

UNC freshman arrested on weapons, drug charges

Officers arrested freshman Jan Koelb and charged him with possession of weapons on school property and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, reports state.

According to reports, officers were dispatched at 9:45 a.m. Friday to Craige Residence Hall to meet with a subject regarding marijuana paraphernalia. Police served a search warrant at 10:28 a.m. for Koelb, reports state. Inside, police reportedly found 14 smoking devices, a sword with a 2-foot-long blade and .010 grams of marijuana in various parts of the room.

Police arrested Koelb after taking inventory of the room. He was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on May 5.

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Former UNC worker turns self in

Charges include credit card misuse

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Former University employee Suzanne Kratz turned herself in to the Hillsborough Magistrate's Office on Friday after being charged with embezzling almost \$50,000 from UNC.

Kratz, of 20 Prestwick Place in Durham, was charged with four felony counts of embezzlement of

state property, involving irrelevant credit card purchases and cell phone calls that were made during a period of five years.

She appeared in court Monday and was released on a written promise to return May 8.

Kratz was a University employee for 16 1/2 years, working most recently as the division administrator for the Hematology/Oncology

Division in the School of Medicine. She resigned last month, days after UNC's Internal Audit Department notified the school of credit card misuse.

Evidence of Kratz's embezzlement surfaced during routine, randomly administered department reviews in which UNC Material and Disbursement Services reviews credit card transactions by department. "We usually come across a couple of missing receipts. ... (This case) is very unusual," said Phil

Charneskie, purchasing director of major acquisitions.

Charneskie said that when they reviewed the School of Medicine's transactions, members of the review team noticed several charges that seemed out of place. In particular, there were several purchases made at clothing stores using the card.

Upon the purchasing division's request, members of the Internal Audit Department did a more thorough analysis of the financial transactions going all the way back to

2000 and discovered several purchases of personal electronic items and cell phone calls also charged to the division. The unauthorized purchases began in 2000; the cell phone calls, however, began in 1998.

At a March 11 meeting between Kratz and the audit department, Kratz confessed to using the purchasing card to make personal acquisitions, University police Capt. Mark McIntyre said.

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Children play at Victory Village, the only child-care option officially available through UNC. It provides care exclusively to children of students, staff, faculty and UNC Hospitals employees, many of whom say child-care options are scarce.

CHILD CARE NEEDS SURFACE IN SURVEY

BY ARMAN TOLENTINO
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A substantial number of students, faculty and staff don't have adequate access to child care, as reflected in a recent campuswide survey that many campus leaders say is an effective gauge of child-care needs at UNC.

In the midst of rising concerns about child-care issues on campus, the Chancellor's Child Care Advisory Committee — which oversees University funds available for child care — conducted the survey to assess child-care needs and preferences among members of the campus community.

As of Jan. 31, the committee had received a total of 3,522 responses from a target population of 36,280 students, faculty and staff, amounting to a 9.7 percent response rate.

Lynn Williford, director of institutional research, said the number of responses was adequate for getting a picture of the needs of members of the campus community with children. "I think people were more likely to respond to the survey if they had child-care needs," Williford said. "Therefore, results are representative of the needs of the individuals with children."

Nearly 29 percent of respondents reported being a primary caregiver of a child under the age of 13. Of this group, more than half reported having some sort of problem with their child-care needs, while 40 percent indicated having some unfulfilled need, according to preliminary

results.

Committee chairwoman Ellen Peisner-Feinberg said these numbers reveal the inadequacies of child care on campus. "This shows that a substantial number of people are having a problem with their child care," she said.

Leslie Bacque, a member of the advisory committee and work-family manager for UNC, said the number of people who indicated that they have unfulfilled needs is significant. "It means we need to look at what that unfulfilled need is and see how or if we can develop programs to meet that need," she said.

Members of the advisory committee met in summer 2002 to discuss and formulate questions for the survey, which took several months to complete. "We talked about what would be the most important issues to know," Peisner-Feinberg said. "The group narrowed down the issues to the most critical factors."

The goal of the survey was to collect systematic data on child-care needs, Peisner-Feinberg added. "It's important to make decisions based on data," she said. "If we as a committee really wanted to be able to put our resources into the most important areas of child-care needs, we needed to ask people of the University community what those needs are."

Williford then helped the group

transform the questions into a survey format. In January, the committee sent an e-mail directing students, faculty and staff to an online version of the survey. Members also sent hard copies to employees working in units where computers are not used extensively.

"This survey is fairly unique in that it tried to get at the entire University community," Williford said. "Most of the surveys that are done on campus normally target only one particular group."

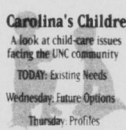
Survey questions asked about the type, cost and quality of child care as well as the number of hours child care is used and needed. The survey also allowed respondents to evaluate their situations with a free response section.

"We wanted to give them an opportunity to say what their particular child-care needs were," Williford said.

Committee members and campus leaders said they are not surprised that the majority of respondents reported having problems with child care. "Those numbers validated what many of us thought it would be," said Laurie Charest, an ex officio member of the group and UNC associate vice chancellor for human resources.

The most common problem among respondents was the lack of availability of child-care programs, while a significant number reported the need for child care during the work week.

"This is consistent with the stories I know anecdotally among my friends



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Reservists' co-workers, families face added strain

BY ADAM CARDAIS
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As the government continues to activate more U.S. Army Reserve units, men and women must leave their jobs and families behind to join coalition forces in Iraq.

Struggling to adjust to the departures of their colleagues and loved ones, co-workers and family members often find themselves taking on extra responsibilities to compensate for the reservists while they are deployed.

In Chapel Hill, both the fire department and the police department have sent one employee to Iraq, and the fire department has three more employees who could be called to service at any time, said Barry McLamb, captain in the Life Safety Division of the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

McLamb is one of the three who could be called. He said he has no sense of when or if he will be activated. But if he and his colleagues are deployed, he said, it will be a significant loss to the department because there isn't enough time to hire new workers; others will have to work overtime to compensate for their absence.

Jim Hardin, Durham County district attorney, works closely with public safety officials. He said the workplace is affected when reservists are activated.

"(Agencies) are without the services of that individual for as long as that person is deployed," he said. He added, "There is no way to fill the position."

It is particularly difficult, he said, when officers who are involved in pending cases must leave. "If officers are involved in cases, it can have an effect on those cases."

And while the call to action affects the work force, it can affect family members even more.

UNC student Laura Bonifacio's brother, Al, was deployed in February.

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Police investigate Granville Towers parking forgeries

BY SUMNER JAMES PHILLIPS
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Most UNC students know that parking in Chapel Hill can be an expensive and difficult problem, yet very few choose to take matters into their own hands.

But Chapel Hill police have taken a Granville Towers resident's laptop, scanner and printer as part of an investigation into forged parking passes at the student dormitory complex.

Police also confiscated a forged Granville Towers parking pass from the student's room.

Officers were informed about the possibility of a student forging parking passes after a Granville Towers staff member reported that at least one car in the parking lot had a forged pass, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Cousins said the laptop is undergoing forensic evaluation in order to assist the investigation.

Police have only one suspect at this point, but the laptop and scanner do not necessarily belong to that person, Cousins said. No charges have been filed, and police declined to identify the student in question.

Dennis Emy, general manager of Granville Towers, said that the complex usually has a problem with ille-

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Greeks seek to gain esteem

BY ROB LEICHTNER
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With substantial changes to the fraternity rush process taking place at UNC, officials are taking significant measures to improve the perception of Greek life at the University.

But despite the efforts, officials said, many people still think all fraternities are comparable to the Deltas in the movie "Animal House."

"That's a problem we fight every day," Interfraternity Council President Wyatt Dickson said. "It's hard to combat the images kids get in movies and MTV, but on a local level, there's a lot we can do."

Last month, the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs finalized an extensive list of modifications aimed at improving the fraternity rush process.

The main changes to the process include moving the start of events until after Labor Day and requiring

all fraternity houses to hold three open-house nights to allow rushees to visit. All the rushees will be required to register online with the Office of Greek Affairs, and they will have to visit at least half the 21 houses before making a decision about which fraternity to join.

Giving students the first week of school to get acclimated to college and classes before worrying about rush will help them focus, said Jim Gray, chairman of the UNC Fraternity Alumni Advisers Committee. Many people do not realize that fraternities have strong commitments to academics, he said, and the changes should help show that.

"What the changes do is get rush more in sync with the academic calendar," Gray said. "Having the first week to 10 days be rush was out of sync with the academic mission of the University."

Faculty members support the new system, said Jay Anhorn,

director of the Office of Greek Affairs, because it emphasizes the importance of academics. He said he has not seen a rush system similar to the new University system at any other college, and he thinks it will be a positive change.

"I think the fact that the committee had faculty representation on it showed an acknowledgement that academics are important," Anhorn said.

Aside from academic improvements, Dickson said, the changes will help rushees feel more included, especially with the required open houses.

In the old system, rush events started on the first day of classes and many students were turned off because they felt excluded.

"I know that going up to a house if you don't know anybody can be intimidating," Dickson said. "This should give guys a foot in the door."

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DEER IN HEADLIGHTS



Senior Jonathan Beeker (center) examines senior Claire-Elizabeth Hartman's honors thesis, displayed in Hanes Art Center. Hartman spent the entire year on the project, which includes a deer, two rhinoceroses, a giraffe and a bird. The exhibit will be open until April 25.