

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

■ A warrant was issued at 1:40 p.m. for the arrest of Timothy Hugh Lindsey, 36, of 1125 Ballard Spring St. on the charge of assault on a female, reports state.

At 8:30 a.m. at Jackson Hall, reports state, Lindsey asked for his ex-girlfriend of five years, claiming to be her brother. When she arrived, he motioned her outside.

Reports state that after the woman said Lindsey was not to come to her job, he slapped her twice and choked her by the neck, saying that if he couldn't have her, nobody would and that he ought to cut her throat right then. The woman cried, Lindsey released her and she ran back inside.

Police carried the woman to the magistrate's office, secured a warrant and carried her to the Sheriff's Office, where she worked with a crisis supervisor and secured a restraining order.

Police called Lindsey, who advised that he would be in the first of the week to be served.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

■ A Blue Trek 6000 bicycle valued at about \$662 was stolen at approximately 3 p.m. from the bike racks outside Carroll Hall, reports state.

The victim stated that he secured the bike to the rack with a V lock on the back tire but that when he returned, it was gone.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 24

■ Four men stole two cars from a Chapel Hill dealership Tuesday night, reports state.

The men had been shown the cars by a salesperson earlier in the day. According to police reports, the men switched the keys to the dealership's cars with spare keys they had brought with them.

They came back later that night and stole the cars. One suspect, who called himself Mike, was a black man between 5 feet 10 inches tall and 6 feet tall with shoulder-length hair in dreadlocks.

He was wearing a dark-colored basketball jersey with the name "Iverson" on the back with a T-shirt underneath, several gold chains and Michael Jordan sneakers, reports state.

The second suspect, who called himself Jason, was a black man about 6 feet tall, between 160 and 170 pounds and wearing a baby-blue Lakers shirt, black pants and an NBA cap, reports state.

The other two suspects also were men, but could not be further identified since they didn't get out of their vehicle. The suspects were driving a black 2001 BMW M5 with a Virginia license plate and said they were from Newport News, Va., reports state.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

■ Early Saturday morning, reports state, vandals broke into a local country club and stole two golf carts, then crashed them through the country club's fence. The golf carts were left at the scene, but nearly \$2,000 of damage was done to the country club's grass and fences.

■ One golf cart was stolen from a local apartment complex and another was damaged. Approximately \$250 in damage was done to the second golf cart, reports state.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

■ Gareth Haley Morcombe, 30, of 107 Milton Drive Apt. B was arrested at 4:19 a.m. and charged with one count of misdemeanor driving while impaired, reports state.

A Chapel Hill police officer observed Morcombe as he failed to reduce speed to avoid hitting another vehicle.

After Morcombe crashed into the other vehicle, he admitted to the officer that he was under the influence of alcohol. Morcombe performed poorly on field sobriety tests and registered a .13 blood alcohol level, reports state.

—Compiled by Staff Writers Elliott Dube, Kathryn Grim and Elizabeth Sherman

Carrboro officials face re-election

Hot-button issues may spur interest

BY NICK EBERLEIN
STAFF WRITER

After finally passing the town's 2003-04 budget at its June 24 meeting, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen will face a new set of challenges once it reconvenes Aug. 1.

Aldermen Alex Zaffron and Joal Broun and Mayor Mike Nelson all face re-election in November.

Mark Dorosin, an alderman since 1999, announced at the June 24 meeting that he will not seek to regain his seat.

The filing period for candidacy in the upcoming elections begins July 7 and lasts through the end of the month.

Broun, the only incumbent who publicly has announced her intent to run in the fall, said any new alderman will face a heady task after assuming office.

"They will be thrown in the fire," Broun said. "But the town staff has done a wonderful job with (integrating) new members."

The difficulties Broun said new officials should expect to grapple with include the money crunch on local governments in the face of a nationwide recession and creating a viable long-term plan for Carrboro's development.

Since April, the board has



Carrboro Aldermen Alex Zaffron (left) and Joal Broun, Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson, and Alderman Mark Dorosin all face re-election in November. Broun is the only candidate to announce formally her plans to run. Dorosin announced last week that he will not seek re-election.

passed an ordinance that allows developers to construct buildings as tall as five stories and approved the Winmore and Pacifica affordable-housing and land-development projects.

"We need to carry forward with

these projects that will improve our commercial tax base," Alderman Diana McDuffee said. "The economic situation we've been in for the last two years has certainly changed our approach at budget time."

The large housing developments and the high-rise legislation drew somewhat of a mixed reaction among residents.

Broun said public reaction and input regarding these agenda items has led her to believe that this year's race will not be a repeat of 1999. All candidates for open seats ran unopposed that year.

"Usually, when people run and win, they are very familiar with the community," said Nelson, who will announce his electoral intentions next week.

"Any new member will help Carrboro follow a smart growth pattern."

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Carrboro's popular Fourth of July festival includes the annual People's March, seen here in 2000, from Weaver Street to the town hall. It's followed by a full slate of contests, crafts and concerts.

4th of July festivities light up Triangle area

BY BRIAN MILLIKIN
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As holidays go, the Fourth of July is a singular experience.

Precious few remember where Halloween came from, and Nestle's would like to keep it that way. Christmas, for the nonreligious, has become a period of costly gift exchange, Douglas Firs and bearded, portly old men in plush disguise. Thanksgiving? Turkey jokes.

But July 4 is different, forever written in Americana steel. From baseball and sparklers to fireworks, funnel cakes and fireflies, everything about the cele-

bration of the nation's independence smacks of Uncle Sam.

This July 4 will be no different. As Tropical Storm Bill makes way for a temperate night with a mere 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, the area has prepared its usual carnival of community fairs, family fun and, of course, fireworks.

Last year, Chapel Hill nixed the annual pyrotechnics display (remember the drought?), but the Kenan Stadium show is back this Friday. The free festivities kick off at 7 p.m. with clowns, face painting and balloon animals. Cat Baby! provides musi-

cal accompaniment, and fireworks fill the sky at 9:30.

Things get rolling much earlier in Carrboro, where music, crafts and costume contests begin at the lawn of Weaver Street Market at 9:30 a.m., all of it leading up to the annual patriotic People's March down Weaver Street to Town Hall at 11 a.m. Following the parade: a full bill of face painting, moonwalks, music and games. The fair fun, which also includes concessions, bingo, sack races and a watermelon seed-spitting

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Diversity efforts face little change

Court ruling allows programs to stay

BY BONNIE KLUTZ
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Local administrators say they believe last week's Supreme Court decisions on affirmative action will not be cause for major changes in their admissions policies.

The court's ruling determined that universities can consider race in conjunction with other factors to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission. While the court decided to uphold the ban on the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's point-based admissions system, it voted 5-4 in support of affirmative action in principle.

Jerry Lucido, director of admissions for UNC, said, "I am pleased. ... I think it's a very strong message

about the ability of universities to choose the educational environment that is most appropriate.

"This is a strong sign to minority students and their families. This is a confidence that they can continue to rely upon," said Lucido. "I do not anticipate any changes in the short run."

He also said that in using race as a consideration and not as a deciding factor, UNC's admissions system very much is like that of the UM Law School, which was upheld by the Supreme Court's ruling.

Christoph Guttentag, director of undergraduate admissions for Duke University, likewise said his institution won't have to alter its policies.

"I think if there are any changes, they will be relatively minor," he said.

Opponents of the court's ruling say it will pave the way for racial discrimination.

"If they're honest, they will have to make changes," said Kurt Levey, director of legal and public affairs for the Center for Individual Rights, a nonpartisan organization.

He said if administrators such as the those at UM are slow to adopt changes in the move toward race-neutral and nondiscriminatory alternatives, "We are going to have to bring more lawsuits to force compliance."

"Diversity has become almost a religion to academia," Levey said.

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Carrboro's 1st poet laureate taps successor

BY JENNI NORMAN
STAFF WRITER

This Friday, Carrboro's first poet laureate will pass her title to the next honoree.

Kate Lovelady, Carrboro's first selection for the position, chose Patrick Herron to be her successor.

Herron has lived in Carrboro for nearly 15 years. He wrote about the nuances that make Carrboro home, such as Weaver Street Market, in his winning poem.

"That's how some places grow, in you, not on you," he writes.

Herron will read the poem at 1:10 p.m. during Carrboro's Independence Day celebration.

Herron, who likes to write both mainstream and experimental poetry, has had more than 70 pieces published in the last two years.

"I wanted to see if I could write an occasional poem," Herron said of his winning entry.

Herron said he heard about the position through a friend. The well-known writer already has visions for the Carrboro community. "I really want to bring some writers from outside together with people here," he said. "I'd really like to have a reading series."

He said he already has received e-mails from poets interested in coming to read.

Herron expressed enthusiasm about making a more local connection. "A title has panache," he said of his new position. Herron also hopes to use his title to draw more attention to the importance of writing and poetry.

Independence Day was also last year's contest theme. Lovelady's winning entry, "Report from the Curb, Independence Day 2002," contained a myriad of images of downtown Carrboro.

"It was just imagining the parade," she said. "I thought it was nice to think of all the different types of people in Carrboro."

As the town's first poet laureate, Lovelady had the opportunity to write poetry for occasions such as the Carrboro Music Festival and the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Lovelady soon will move to New York to pursue an internship with the Riverdale Society for Ethical Culture, a humanitarian religious movement.

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Discussions cool over Master Plan

Construction near Cobb up in the air

BY TOM PREVITE
STAFF WRITER

The decision of whether to allow modifications to the University's Master Plan will be delayed until the Chapel Hill Town Council meets August 25.

Council members failed to reach a conclusion to the debate on the proposed chiller plant and parking deck near Cobb Residence Hall at their June 25 meeting.

To gather further information, UNC Chancellor James Moeser and Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy announced Friday the creation of a joint Town-University Committee.

Nancy Sutfenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and UNC Board of Trustees members Richard Williams and Roger Perry will represent the University.

Foy and council members Bill Strom and Edith Wiggins will represent the town.

The committee's meetings will be public, though its first meeting has not been scheduled.

Employees cannot pay for parking, and their schedules prevent them from using public transit, UNC Employee Forum Chairman Tommy Griffin said. "This parking deck would be very helpful to stu-

dents, staff and faculty," he said.

But more than a dozen citizens from the Gingham district presented concerns regarding the increased traffic they say would result from the construction of the parking deck.

The University then modified its proposal to request permission to design the chiller plant, but council members questioned the necessity of the plant's construction.

"We conducted detailed energy studies, and what was concluded was that we'd need more chilled water sooner than later," Sutfenfield said. "There is a chilled water crisis that we were not aware of two years ago."

Sutfenfield said the Cobb site for the chiller plant is the only viable one.

Mayor Kevin Foy said his main concern is not the appropriateness of the plant's construction but the appropriateness of the site.

"My feeling is that the chiller plant is necessary and that it has been demonstrated as necessary," Foy said.

Council member Mark Kleinschmidt was skeptical of the

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