

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC student assaulted on Pittsboro Street on Sunday

At 3 a.m. Sunday, a UNC student reported being assaulted by several unknown men on Pittsboro Street near the McCauley Street intersection, police reports state.

According to reports, the victim was treated by EMS and was advised to have his injuries cared for at the UNC Hospitals emergency room.

CITY BRIEFS

UNC senior arrested Friday, charged with assault

A UNC senior was arrested early Friday and charged with assaulting an officer and drunk-disruptive behavior, a misdemeanor, police reports state.

Parker D. O'Daniel, 21, was lying on the parking lot of Pantana Bob's on 300 W. Rosemary St. when an employee called Emergency Medical Services, Chapel Hill police reports state.

When police arrived at the scene at 12:14 a.m., O'Daniel was pushing a man and an EMS worker and yelling obscenities, according to police reports.

A warrant was issued for O'Daniel's arrest, and he was taken to UNC Hospitals, reports state. He was arrested at 9:47 a.m. at UNC Hospitals on charges of assaulting an officer and drunk-disruptive behavior.

O'Daniel's court date has been set for Dec. 1 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Student robbed at home early Sunday morning

A UNC student was robbed early Sunday at his residence on 309 McDade St.

Jared Fernley, 21, returned home at 12:10 a.m. Upon arrival, he noticed that the front door was open, but his roommate was there, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Later, Fernley discovered that his laptop computer, clock radio and backpack had been stolen since he left at 9 p.m.

Chapel Hill police have no suspects and the incident is under further investigation.

WORLD BRIEFS

Sen. Bob Graham won't seek re-election in 2004

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A month after dropping out of the White House race, Sen. Bob Graham announced Monday that he will retire when his term is up next year, dealing a blow to the Democrats' bid to take back the Senate.

Democrats had high hopes that Graham, one of Florida's most popular politicians, would win a fourth term in 2004. In the end, Graham said, he had to make the decision that was best for him and his family, including his wife, four daughters and 10 grandchildren.

AT&T might be fined for violating 'do-not-call' rules

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal regulators are proposing their first major penalty against a company for violating the "do-not-call" rules for telemarketers: a \$780,000 fine against AT&T.

The Federal Communications Commission accused AT&T of making 78 phone calls to 29 consumers who asked telemarketers to leave them alone.

The proposed fine would cost the company \$10,000 for each call.

Flash floods sweep through tourist resort in Indonesia

MEDAN, Indonesia — Flash floods swept through a popular tourist resort on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, killing 71 people, five of them foreigners, and leaving more than 100 missing, officials said Monday.

The floods, which were triggered by days of heavy rain, took place late Sunday in Bohorok, close to the provincial capital of Medan in north Sumatra province.

CALENDAR

Thursday

Wordshed Productions presents "RIME: Woman, Bird and Beast," physical adaptations of poems exploring the story of Leda & the Swan and Rime of the Ancient Mariner through text, dance and shadow projections.

Shows run Thursday through Sunday. Thursday through Saturday, shows are at 8 p.m., and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Hardy Theatre, Bingham 203.

Tickets are \$5. Call 969-7121 or visit <http://www.unc.edu/wordshed> for more information.

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Tepper calls for stable tuition rates

Wants to emulate Illinois program

BY JOSEPH SCHWARTZ
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Student Body President Matt Tepper is looking to Illinois for a long-term solution to make UNC-Chapel Hill's tuition costs more predictable, but University officials say that state's strategy would not be feasible for North Carolina.

The Illinois General Assembly approved legislation this summer that provides guaranteed tuition rates to all state university students. Upon entering an institution, stu-

dents' tuition is guaranteed to stay the same for the expected duration of their enrollment.

Don Sevenser, director of communications for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said the legislation, slated to take effect next year, is designed to create stability for students. "The reason behind it is to give parents, families and students the predictability of a level tuition payment for four years of study," he said.

During the last five years, tuition

at UNC-CH has increased 83 percent for in-state students and 42 percent for out-of-state students.

Tepper said that he has finished researching tuition strategies throughout the country and that he believes Illinois has the best solution.

But Richard "Stick" Williams, UNC-CH Board of Trustees chairman, said circumstances specific to North Carolina would prevent the state from passing similar legislation.

"With the demise of the textile industry, manufacturing and tobacco in North Carolina, our economy

has really taken a beating," he said. "The legislature has not been in a position to fund higher education to the degree that they did in the past. The University couldn't have determined that four years ago."

Jerry Lucido, UNC-CH director of undergraduate admissions, also voiced concern about predicting tuition costs for four years.

Lucido said he worries that tuition would either have to be "front-loaded," in which case tuition would be more expensive up front but would not increase, or be underestimated and cause UNC-CH to be unable to pay its faculty.

"The problem is that the legislature has the ability to set tuition, the (UNC-system) Board of Governors has the ability to set tuition and the campus has the ability to set tuition, so there are variables in North Carolina to deal with," Lucido said.

Although Tepper admitted that these concerns are legitimate, he said he still thinks the model can be duplicated.

"There's definitely lots of concerns and questions that have to be answered," he said.

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MEN'S CREW



Members of the UNC men's crew team launch a boat out to University Lake for practice Monday evening. The team spends a large amount of time raising funds because of the high cost of the sport. Below: Senior Brad Gallaher explains stroke technique to sophomore Chris Hicks.

Men's crew soldiers on despite funding difficulties

BY KIRSTEN VALLE
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When members of the UNC men's crew team are not away at weekend regattas, it's not unusual to find them out in the community doing manual labor.

Community residents willing to cough up \$100 can put a rower to work for eight hours at tasks ranging from raking leaves to moving boxes. The funds help cover the team's costs during the season.

Andrew Knudsen, a sophomore political science major and crew team executive officer, said the project, dubbed "Rent-a-Rower," is one of his favorite fund-raisers. "It's a lot better than having to call home asking your parents for another dues check," he said.

No matter the method, fund raising is an important part of the team's efforts. University funding for club teams such as men's crew is limited, and crew is an expensive sport.

Each varsity rower, Knudsen said, must raise about \$1,200 during the season. Stephen Condrin, men's crew head coach, said the team's budget each season is about \$70,000.

Jeff Giertz, a sophomore history major and the team's co-treasurer, said the expenses come from equipment. An eight-man boat can cost about \$28,000, oars cost almost \$1,500 and travel expenses are high.

Giertz said that some funding comes from the UNC Sports Club Council but that 90 percent of the team's budget is self-generated. "We're always working on fund raising," he said.

Raising so much money is overwhelming, especially for new rowers, Giertz said. "It

can look pretty daunting," he said. "We're all obligated to help with fund raising."

Knudsen said the financial obligations turn away some potential rowers. "The issue of fund raising is definitely a factor that discourages people from joining the team," he said. "It's very easy to get frustrated with the amount of fund raising we have to do."

Conversely, for the women's crew team, fund raising no longer is a problem. Elevated to varsity status in 1997, women's crew is funded entirely by the Department of Athletics.

Sarah Haney, women's crew head coach, was a club rower when team members presented a proposal to the athletic department requesting varsity status.

"As a club team we were very competitive with other varsity sports," Haney said. "You don't spend the majority of the time training with all the administration and fund raising."

Haney said that the men's team is competitive enough to become a varsity sport but that because of University regulations, the transition might be difficult.

"It boils down to a Title IX issue," she said, explaining that Title IX would necessitate the addition of a women's team to balance that of a men's varsity team.

Beth Miller, senior associate athletic director, said Title IX was one, but not the only factor in the decision to add women's crew to UNC's varsity sports program.

"Title IX certainly had a bearing on it, but on the other hand we thought it was the right thing to do," Miller said. "And they've been a great addition to the athletic department."

Miller said that because of Title IX, it is



difficult to add men's sports teams, but she does not think teams are hindered by Title IX.

When the women's team was added in 1997, the men's team did not oppose the decision, nor did it make its own proposal, Miller said.

Haney said that there are various challenges to being on a varsity team but that many men's crew members wouldn't mind. "When you are a varsity sport, the standards of expectation and performance rise," she said. "But from a general standpoint, I think (the men's crew team) would like very much to be varsity."

While his team certainly would welcome the opportunity to gain varsity status, Condrin said, team members are not planning on submitting a proposal.

Knudsen said the men's team is competitive enough to be a varsity sport after placing first place at several matches last season and competing against varsity teams.

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UNC Hospitals faces platelet shortage



BY KELLI BORBET
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The UNC Hospitals Platelet and Plasma Donor Program is experiencing a critical shortage and is urging donors to give blood platelets.

Normally, 10 to 12 donors are needed each day to meet the hospital's transfusion needs. Because of the shortage, at least 15 donors are needed each day to meet requirements, said Stephanie Crayton-Robinson, media relations manager for UNC Health Care.

The shortage of platelets — the clotting mechanisms present in the blood that stop bleeding — is not limited to UNC.

"There seems to be a national shortage of platelets," said Erin Peterson, telerecruiter for the platelet program. "The number of

platelets needed fluctuates all the time depending on the amount of patients in need."

Usually, if the hospital needs more platelets they are ordered from other local hospitals, Peterson said. But all hospitals now are experiencing similar shortages because of a lack of donor participation.

UNC's platelet program is expending extra effort to get more donors to give platelets.

The program sends a campuswide e-mail at the beginning of each semester to inform UNC students of where and how to donate.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 76 can be a donor. However, Peterson said, donors also have to adhere to several stipulations to

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Vandal hits alderman's campaign

Several signs defaced Monday

BY CHRIS MCLAUGHLIN
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An unknown vandal defaced several campaign signs Monday belonging to Carrboro Board of Aldermen incumbent Joal Brown.

The defaced signs, most visible on N.C. 54 and Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro, have printed fliers stapled to them stating, "Broun for High Rise, High Traffic, High Taxes."

On the eve of Election Day, Broun's campaign opponents and incumbent Mayor Mike Nelson condemned the attacks, saying the allegations are false and unwarranted.

Messages on the fliers allege that affordable housing is a "lie" and that Broun will "destroy Carrboro neighborhoods" if elected.

David Beck, Broun's campaign manager, said he is most bothered by the way the vandal matched the color and font of Broun's original campaign signs.

"(Printing the fliers) is a little disturbing," he said.

Beck said this sort of sign defacement is a crime according to Orange County Board of Elections officials. Broun reported the incident to Carrboro police, but officials have no leads.

Broun said she was surprised and saddened by the attacks.

"It is not the Carrboro way, which is to discuss and have intelligent conversation," she said.

Broun added that she does not know why anyone would attack her. "I think I have served the people of Carrboro very ethically."

Candidate Mark Chilton said the attacks against Broun are "ludicrous" and factually incorrect.

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