

**CITY BRIEFS**  
**UNC Hospitals worker charged in knife attack**

A UNC Hospitals nurse was arrested and charged with domestic assault with a deadly weapon at her apartment Wednesday evening, police reports state.

Pamela Watson, 25, attacked her boyfriend, Rodney Scotton, 29, with a butcher knife during a dispute, reports state.

Watson works in UNC Hospitals' newborn nursery. Scotton's injuries were only superficial, and he did not go to the hospital, reports state.

Carrboro police responded to a call in the Abbey Court apartment complex on Jones Ferry Road at approximately 6 p.m., according to reports. Upon arrival, they observed Scotton running out of the apartment yelling for help.

An officer talked to Scotton outside to calm him down and get him away from any further danger. While talking to Scotton, the officer noticed numerous cuts and lacerations on Scotton's torso and arms.

Police then entered the apartment and confronted Watson. According to reports, furniture was overturned, dishes were broken and a bedroom window was shattered. After briefly talking to Watson, police arrested her.

Police charged Watson with misdemeanor domestic assault with a deadly weapon. Police transported Watson to Orange County Jail, where she was denied bond.

The incident stemmed from a minor miscommunication problem, according to Scotton. "It was all a big misunderstanding," he said. He added that he had spoken to Watson since the incident and the conflict has been resolved.

UNC Hospitals officials were unable to answer any questions regarding Watson's past behavior or future employment.

Watson's first court appearance was Thursday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

**NATIONAL BRIEFS**  
**Washington to send 85,000 troops to Iraq next year**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Pentagon announced plans Thursday to send 85,000 Marine Corps and Army combat forces to Iraq early next year to relieve troops completing one-year tours, and 43,000 National Guard and Reserve support troops have been alerted that they might be sent also.

The moves are part of a rotation plan that assumes Iraqis will be capable of contributing enough to the battle against the anti-occupation insurgency that the number of U.S. troops in Iraq can be reduced from 131,600 to 105,000 by May, senior officials said.

In an added twist, the Army announced that soldiers in every unit designated for deployment to Iraq next year will be prohibited from leaving the service during a period beginning 90 days before they go to 90 days after they return.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
**Morehead Planetarium to host eclipse sky watching**

The Morehead Planetarium and Science Center will host an eclipse sky watching session Saturday at the Ebenezer Church Recreation Area at Jordan Lake. This will be the last total lunar eclipse of 2003.

Optimal viewing time will be from 8:06 p.m. until 8:31 p.m., with the maximum darkening of the moon occurring at 8:18 p.m. The Morehead Center will provide telescopes for close-up views.

The session begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

**Student arrested, charged with drug possession**

Police arrested John Gardner, 19, of 524 Morrison Residence Hall, on Tuesday and charged him with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, according to police reports.

Reports state his vehicle was being driven by a friend and was stopped for driving on a walkway behind Joyner Residence Hall. The driver consented to a search and was unaware that the items were in the car. One ounce of marijuana, two rolling papers and a pipe were found in the glove compartment.

Reports state that Gardner was found inside Joyner and was arrested. A trial is set for Dec. 15 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

**CALENDAR**  
**Saturday**

**5:30 p.m.** — The Asian Students Association is holding its annual Journey Into Asia, a celebration of Asian food and culture. Tickets will be sold in the Pit and at the door of Morehead Banquet Hall for \$5 (show) and \$10 (dinner and show).

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

# Recount upsets school board results

*Bedford might have eked out victory*

BY LINDSEY LISTROM  
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Revised vote totals might boost Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education candidate Jamezetta Bedford into a seat on the board, despite reports of trailing in votes Wednesday.

A recount by the Orange County Board of Elections indicated Thursday that Bedford won the last of four seats on the school

board, edging out incumbent Gloria Faley by a very small margin.

Elections officials said this is the first time in recent years that a revision of totals could change the results of an election.

Although the revised totals place Bedford in the winning seat, the elections board will not name a winner officially until today.

Bedford said she was tentatively

excited because the results are not yet final.

"I'm thrilled, but I know that the bubble could still burst," Bedford said.

Faley could not be reached for comment Thursday.

As of press time Thursday, the adjusted count showed Bedford leading with 5,318 votes, slightly ahead of Faley's 5,287. Only 31 votes or about one tenth of 1 percent separated the two candidates.

The result changes followed a

careful re-tallying of votes by the county Board of Elections.

"We've been going over (the numbers) all day," said Director Carolyn Thomas on Thursday.

Thomas attributed the change to two events: the correction of a data-entry error and the addition of provisional ballots into the total.

The data-entry error occurred when the Glenwood precinct reported its totals to election officials over the phone Tuesday night.

A miscommunication caused 100 of Bedford's votes to be left out of the initial tally. Election officials added the votes upon realizing the omission.

Bedford said she was impressed that officials caught the discrepancy. "The (election) process worked," she said.

Additional votes for Bedford also came from provisional ballots. These ballots had been filed by voters that election officials did not

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The Rev. Edmond Fryar, a 97-year-old Raleigh resident, first received his call to the ministry at the age of 40 but was ordained only recently to be a minister at Mount Peace Baptist Church. Fryar is also a charter member of his church.

## AT 97, BELIEVER ACCEPTS CALL

*New minister adds to his 55-year history of service to church*

BY INDIA AUTRY  
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The Rev. Edmond Fryar believes in the saying "better late than never."

The 97-year-old Raleigh resident first received his call to the ministry at the age of 40 but only recently was ordained to be a minister.

Fryar said he regrets not answering the call sooner but will not dwell on his delayed start.

"There's no need to grieve over spilled milk," said Fryar, who has resided at Glenwood Towers community center, where he sometimes preaches, for more than seven years.

Fryar said he thinks his mission is to spread God's word. "I think he just wants me to tell just what he said — not a whole lot of adding to it and taking from it — and tell it everywhere I go."

Operating under the title of minister, Fryar had been preaching the gospel at Raleigh's Mount Peace Baptist Church for about six years

before he was ordained, almost 50 years after he said he first received a calling.

Fryar attributed his delayed response to uncertainty. "I just kept waiting to see if (God) was talking to me."

Fryar said that during the decade before he entered the ministry, the call was an everyday presence in his mind.

"(God) just kept worrying me to preach," Fryar said.

Now that he has answered, he feels like he is doing what the Lord wants him to do. "You don't get too old to do good."

Fryar said he would have been content with sharing the Word of God without the title of reverend.

However, Mount Peace Baptist's pastor, the Rev. James Vincent Terry, said he thinks Fryar needed to be ordained because of the dedication he has shown to the church.

"Ordination comes after you've been called to a special church or min-

istry," said Terry, who has worked with Fryar for 20 years.

A charter member, Fryar has belonged to the church since it was built and dedicated in 1947. "He's the oldest member of the church," Terry said.

Serving for more than 55 years, Fryar has held several church leadership positions including those of deacon and trustee, Terry said.

When Terry recognized Fryar's 97th birthday during a church service in August, the new reverend stood up in the pulpit, sang a solo and received a standing ovation.

Fryar's love for singing has associated him with the church choir for many years. Church member Grace Dover, 39, of Raleigh said she met Fryar 10 years ago when he led a note choir, one in which members read sheet music without the aid of musical instruments.

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## Poll results suggest Bush support is falling in N.C.

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North Carolinians are split over how well they think President Bush is doing as the nation's leader, according to a recent telephone survey conducted by the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Carolina Poll, which was administered from Sunday through Thursday, surveyed 512 people from across the state. Of those respondents, 51.6 percent said Bush is doing either an "excellent" or "good" job, compared to the 46.9 percent who said his performance as commander-in-chief has been "only fair" or "poor." The poll had a 4 percent margin of error.

The results come on the day Bush is scheduled to visit Winston-Salem as part of his effort to corral support for his re-election bid and discuss the economy.

He is set to speak today at a \$2,000-per-person luncheon to raise funds for his campaign. Later, he will participate in a conversation about job training and the economy at Forsyth Technical Community College.

The Carolina Poll and similar surveys aren't truly predictive, but they can be useful in asking questions and uncovering patterns, said Michael Munger, a professor of political science at Duke University.

"They do show you something about trends, so you can bet the White House brain trust is looking at this and wondering what they can do," he said. "We're not going to do anything until after the conventions in August, but it does tell you something in the abstract about the confidence that people have in the president."

The poll suggests confidence in Bush has been waning. Earlier this year, of the 615 people surveyed in the Carolina Poll conducted from March 23 to 27, just before the beginning of the war in Iraq, 71.1 percent voiced firm approval of Bush, saying he was doing at least a "good" job. Of those polled, 66.3 percent said the war was a good idea while 23.1 percent said it was a bad idea.

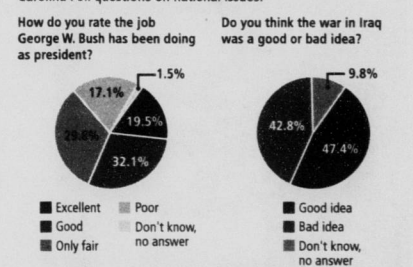
The latest poll found that 47.4 percent of respondents think the war was good policy, as opposed to the 42.8 percent who thought negatively of the conflict.

The declining numbers amount to a "warning sig-

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**N.C. OPINION SPLIT OVER PRESIDENT, WAR**

How participants throughout North Carolina responded to Carolina Poll questions on national issues:



SOURCE: SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION DTH/ELLISON

## Vigil mourns Keel's execution

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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The Newman Catholic Student Center filled with pensive and concerned residents who braved the rain Thursday night to speak out against Joseph Timothy Keel's execution before his scheduled death at 2 a.m.

Keel was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in 1993 for the shooting death of his father-in-law.

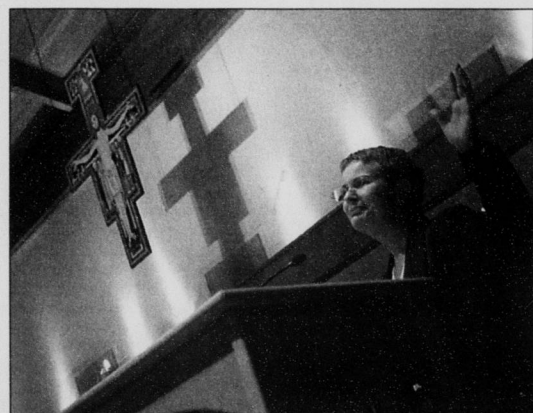
His original execution date was set for 1999 but was delayed when new attorneys took his case and tried to prove his mental disabilities to get him off death row.

Thursday's vigil was designed for residents who could not make it to Raleigh for the vigil that surrounded Central Prison at 2 a.m.

The 30-minute vigil opened with comments and prayer led by Jill Edens, pastor at United Church of Chapel Hill. She led those in attendance in song and responsive readings.

Friends of Keel spoke out against the execution, noting the negative repercussions on Keel's family members.

"I wish Governor (Mike) Easley could see the effect on Timmy's son," said Elizabeth Hamberger, staff attorney for North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services Inc. "He is learning that revenge is the answer to all problems."



Pastor Jill Edens, of the United Church of Chapel Hill, speaks against capital punishment Thursday, before Joseph Timothy Keel's execution.

Hamberger said Keel's son, Patrick, is experiencing behavior problems in elementary school.

Sara Flynn, an attorney on Keel's case in 1999, said she remembered Keel's interactions with Patrick in the prison visitation room.

"They put their hands up on the glass (that separated them) and said a prayer together," said Flynn, choking back tears.

Vigil attendants said silent

prayers and wiped tears from their eyes as they thought about his life and its fatal outcome.

"We want everyone to think about (Keel) and others who are executed, as human beings," said Marilyn Ozer, committee member of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Doctors determined that Keel

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## 10 dorms boil in hot weather

*System switch to heat irreversible*

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In the past week temperatures have risen from the mid 40s to the mid 80s, making the first week of November an unusually hot one.

While this sudden warm weather might be great for outdoor enthusiasts, some students living in residence halls on North and Mid Campus aren't as thrilled.

"It's really miserable," said Josh Dull, a freshman art major who lives in Lewis Residence Hall.

Temperatures in Lewis and nine other residence halls reached uncomfortable levels after a decision was made last week to turn on the heating system — an irreversible process controlled by UNC Chilled Water Systems.

Rick Bradley, information and communications manager for the Department of Housing and Residential Education, said the department made its decision after receiving several complaints from students and parents about resi-

dence hall rooms being cold. "It's kind of a judgment call on what the weather forecast looks like," he said.

Converting the chilled water, which is used for air conditioning, to steam takes a significant amount of time, Bradley said, and cannot be reversed.

Because of the sudden temperature change this week, the housing department has received additional complaints from students — this time complaining that rooms are too hot.

Sophomore John Kunza, a 5th district Student Congress representative who lives in Everett Residence Hall, said he wishes the housing department had provided residents with fans or made other accommodations to ease their discomfort. "If we're not getting air conditioning, what's the point of paying for it?" he said.

Kunza added that the department's lack of communication with residents also bothers him. "I don't think it's fair that they converted it over without telling us."

Residents received an e-mail

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