

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
**BOT to discuss lowering price of employee parking**

The UNC Board of Trustees will discuss at their meeting Friday changing the ordinance regulating traffic and parking to make parking permits cheaper for the University's lowest-income employees.

Previously, board members approved a 5 percent increase in the price of parking permits for employees with a salary under \$50,000.

The ordinance currently has three levels of permit pricing for campus employees: those making less than \$50,000, those making \$50,000-\$100,000 and those making an excess of \$100,000.

The Advisory Committee for Transportation said it would be feasible to add a fourth level.

The change, which will be presented by Carolyn Efland, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services, would split the less than \$50,000 group.

Those who make under \$25,000 would receive a 2.5 percent increase in the price of a permit, while those who make \$25,000-\$50,000 would receive a 5 percent increase.

The proposed change would take effect on August 15, 2004.

**Sangam presents annual event Saturday at 7 p.m.**

Sangam, UNC's South Asian Awareness Organization, will host its annual celebration Sangam Nite Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall and Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Bhavan Cultural Center in Morrisville.

This year's theme is Sangam Nite Broadcasting Channel. The show will feature about 150 students participating in dance groups such as Bhangra Elite as well as a number of students participating in commercial spoofs and reality TV skits.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Pit this week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets for Friday's show are \$8 when bought at the door.

Students are encouraged to buy tickets in advance as the event is predicted to sell out before the weekend, said Sangam president Sunil Nagaraj.

**Students sought to serve as executive branch officers**

The executive branch of student government is reaching out to students across campus in its efforts to fill the positions of student body vice-president, student body secretary and student body treasurer.

The deadline to complete applications for all three positions, which can be found on <http://www.unc.edu/studgov>, is Friday. A student committee will conduct interviews next week.

"We're looking for someone who has shown a strong work ethic, shown their commitment and will work well as a leader in student government," said Student Body President-elect Matt Calabria. "You don't have to be from one walk of life or one set of experiences to be considered."

**CITY BRIEFS**  
**UNC freshman charged with count felony burglary**

Chapel Hill Police arrested a UNC student early Wednesday at 4:50 a.m. in the Granville Towers parking lot after he tried to run from police, police reports state.

According to reports, freshman Thomas Falace, of 111 Grimes Hall, was arrested and charged with one felony count of burglary and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

Reports state that Falace broke into a residence home in Chapel Hill by breaking a glass window. A resident discovered him in one of the bedrooms. Falace then fled the residence, reports state.

According to reports, Falace was later discovered walking behind the Newman Catholic Student Center on Pittsboro Street and began to run when cops tried to stop him.

Police said Falace refused to stop, but he eventually was detained at the parking lot of Granville Towers East, reports state.

According to reports, Falace was secured under a \$2,500 bond and was admitted to Orange County Jail. He is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court on Wednesday.

**CALENDAR**  
**Today**

**8 p.m.** — Relay for Life will hold a team captain's meeting in 103 Bingham Hall. This is the final opportunity to register a RRelay for Life team. The logistics for the event also will be reviewed at the meeting.

From staff and wire reports.

# Residents air animal shelter qualms

## County discusses proposed structure

BY SHANNAN BOWEN  
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The debate over the future management of the Orange County Animal Shelter is far from over, as shown by residents who offered their opinions Wednesday night at a listening session moderated by the task force charged with reviewing shelter operations.

After a few months of reviewing

animal shelter operations, the task force unveiled three possible future management plans to the public.

One option would allow the shelter to continue its contract with the Animal Protection Society, which has been under fire for allegations that the shelter is mismanaged with unaccountable staff.

Other options are to create an "Animal Services Bureau" or a

county department to take on shelter responsibility.

Meanwhile, one change is concrete. APS interim director Suzy Cooke said the director post has been accepted by Joe Pulcinella, a director at a shelter in Pennsylvania, who will begin April 19.

During the listening session, most residents commented on current management concerns rather than the proposed management blueprints.

Elliot Cramer, a former APS

member who, along with former member Judith Reitman, filed several lawsuits against APS, gave a rerun of the allegations against the shelter's management and urged the county to take over operation.

Cramer presented a list of the shelter's alleged problems of record-keeping, mistrust of staff, fiscal irresponsibility and failure to vaccinate animals within 24 hours.

"APS is offering lame excuses," he said. "This is a county with a superb county manager and staff ...

that cares about the animals."

But Elfriede Illiano, who has donated money and land to the animal shelter, said she is worried about the county managing the shelter. "(APS) volunteers are the heartbeat of the association," she said. "It is not true that APS has lost community support."

Cindy Byrd, who adopted two dogs from the shelter, said she has had several bad experiences with

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## BARING IT ALL



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Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions, reacts as his head is shaved at W.B. Yeats Irish Pub on Wednesday night. He agreed to have his hair cut as part of the St. Baldrick's Day fund-raiser to benefit childhood cancer research. Organizers chose to shave heads because

children typically lose their hair while undergoing cancer treatment. Last year, the event raised almost \$2 million. Friends and co-workers donated more than \$5,000 to see Lucido bald. He said his hair has never been cut that short before but agreed to face the razor for a good cause.

# Recruiting hard at rural schools

BY ERICA E. ELLIOTT  
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Students in rural counties are being adequately prepared for college even though districts in those areas are having a tough time recruiting teachers, say education leaders across the state.

Carolyn Royal, assistant superintendent for personnel services at Sampson County Schools, said attracting teachers sometimes is hard because of her school district's rural location.

She said Sampson County does not provide many cultural activities or places to meet new people.

Although Sampson County has hired 42 fully certified teachers in the past year, the highest number in a single year, the school district still has a large number of vacancies.

Royal added that Sampson County gives signing bonuses to teachers who opt to work in district schools, a staple in most school districts, but sometimes

government funding does not allow the county to provide the same bonuses as larger school districts. "Oftentimes the percentage of the supplements may be a little bit smaller because of the county's low wealth," she said.

Although Sampson is still in need of teachers, Royal said, she believes students are receiving quality education and are equally prepared to go to college as those attending schools in larger counties such as Wake County.

Steve Brown, a central office administrator for Haywood County Schools, said the county's funding needs to increase in order to stay competitive.

"We offer 2.5 percent supplement, while Buncombe County offers 10 percent supplement," Brown said. "The funding has to come from the (Sampson County) Board of Commissioners."

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# Police search for robbery suspect

## Release detailed physical profile

BY MEREDITH MILLER  
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Carrboro police released Wednesday a detailed physical description of the man suspected of robbing the Carrboro branch of Central Carolina Bank located on N.C. 54 on Monday.

The suspect is described as a black male and is about 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs about 200 pounds, according to a statement issued by the Carrboro police.

According to police reports, the suspect has a large build and a round face. He has medium-length sideburns and facial hair that is mostly black with some grey.

A surveillance photo released by police shows a visible image of the suspect's face as he robbed the bank teller, unmasked and without attempting to disguise his face.

At the time of the robbery the suspect wore a dark-colored base-

ball cap with the UNC logo on the front, a black waist-length denim jacket and dark jeans. His hands were covered by camouflage-patterned work gloves, reports state.

According to reports, the suspect did not display a weapon nor did he mention to the teller that he had one in possession. Instead, he gave the teller a note demanding money.

The suspect left with \$5,200 in a cash drawer, reports state.

According to reports, the suspect fled the scene in a white sport utility vehicle, possibly a Ford Explorer, driven by another person.

Police do not have a description of the driver, but reports state that the suspect and the driver headed south on Old Fayetteville Road.

No customers or employees at the bank were injured during the incident.

The incident is under further investigation by the Carrboro police, and no arrests have been made as of press time.

Carrboro police encourage anyone with information about the identity of the suspect to contact



Police released Wednesday this surveillance photo of the suspect in Monday's bank robbery.

the Raleigh Field Office of the FBI at 233-7701 or the Carrboro Police Department at 918-7397, immediately.

Police do not believe that this robbery has any connection with two Chapel Hill bank branches that were robbed in February.

Chapel Hill police are still searching for an unknown suspect who robbed a Wachovia branch and a Bank of America branch in the Timberlyne Shopping Center in February.

The suspect sought by police for the Chapel Hill bank robberies is described as white male in his late 30s, who is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs between 240 and 250 pounds.

Contact the City Editor at [citydesk@unc.edu](mailto:citydesk@unc.edu).

# Truck with anti-war message vandalized

## Murals intended to promote rally

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Triangle activists working toward the end of U.S. presence in Iraq had a setback Tuesday night when vandals struck a vehicle painted to publicize the anti-war cause.

Public Assembly, a Raleigh group that creates public art to support social justice causes, painted murals on the sides of their Carolina blue truck to spread word about a protest rally Saturday in Fayetteville.

Sometime Tuesday night, as the truck was parked in a residential area of Raleigh, vandals smashed the its headlights and windshield and spray painted scribbles on a

window and one of the murals.

"There's definitely a small minority that are vehement about the need to pursue this aggressive policy and who obviously take offense to what we're doing," said activist and former UNC student Andrew Pearson.

Pearson was standing outside the Franklin Street Post Office on Wednesday afternoon passing out fliers advertising the Fayetteville rally.

He explained that he and Public Assembly member Wendy Michener had been touring the Triangle, holding small rallies in Raleigh and Durham.

Michener continuously fed quarters into a parking meter as the truck sat by the curb on Henderson Street.

The murals on the truck depict scenes associated with the occupa-

tion of Iraq, including bloodshed in Iraq and families in the United States grieving after receiving bad news.

One side of the truck reads, "Who Profits? Who Pays?" and the other, "Is this War Worth It?"

Red spray paint marred the mural on the truck's right side, which shows, among other things, a woman crying as she reads news of a helicopter crash in Iraq.

A report of the vandalism incident has been filed with the Raleigh police.

Pearson said the anti-war movement has expanded in the past year to include all people who are disillusioned with Bush's policies. He also said he was puzzled that vandals would target a point of view that is becoming increasingly pop-

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Wendy Michener of Public Assembly, a public art organization, tries to scrape paint off of her vandalized truck Wednesday afternoon.