

CITY BRIEFS

Williamson escapes from mental institution

Wendell Williamson, who killed two people in Chapel Hill during a 1995 shooting spree, turned himself in Friday about 12 hours after he disappeared from a state mental hospital, authorities said.

The director of Dorothea Dix Hospital said Williamson was picked up by hospital police and returned to the facility without incident at 9:25 a.m.

Mark Van Sciver, a spokesman for the state Department of Health and Human Services, said Dix police picked up Williamson at Lake Wheeler after Williamson called the hospital. He was sitting on a bench near the lake's marina, just a few miles from the hospital, he said.

Van Sciver said as a consequence, Williamson has lost his privileges, which consisted of one hour of unsupervised free time. He said Williamson would be kept in a unit where patients are watched 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Before he disappeared, Williamson was last seen attending an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, authorities said.

The diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic has been confined to state mental hospitals since November 1995, when he was found not guilty of first-degree murder by reason of insanity.

In January 1995, Williamson walked up Henderson Street in Chapel Hill, headed toward Franklin Street, carrying an M-1 rifle. He fired multiple shots and killed UNC student Kevin Reichardt, who was riding his bike home, and Ralph Walker, who lived in a boarding house on Henderson Street.

Williamson also wounded a Chapel Hill police officer who drove into the area.

A bartender who was a former Marine tackled Williamson as he was reloading the rifle.

Each year, representatives of the state Attorney General's Office and Williamson's treatment team attend a hearing to decide whether he should remain committed at Dix, in Raleigh.

At a March hearing in Orange County Superior Court, which Williamson did not attend, a judge ordered him to spend another year at Dix.

His attorney and the head of forensic services at Dix told Judge John Jolly that Williamson was ready for more unsupervised time at the hospital.

Jolly, however, said that given Williamson's history, the risk was too great to increase the number of hours Williamson could spend unsupervised at the hospital.

The hospital does not have a fence, and there is nothing to keep unsupervised patients from leaving the grounds.

Iron Chef to appear at A Southern Season

Iron Chef Japanese Masaharu Morimoto from the Food Network's cult Japanese show Iron Chef will be in Chapel Hill Sunday and Monday to teach two cooking classes and to autograph bottles of his signature sauces and beer at A Southern Season.

Morimoto will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. Sunday at the gourmet market located in University Mall.

The sold-out cooking classes will take place at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets went for \$125 a person.

The Chef will hold the autograph session Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Samples of Morimoto's new line of products will also be available.

CHCCS taps three to round out administrative shuffle

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools approved several key administrative shifts that will put a new stamp on several schools in the district.

Richard Pierce, who has held a variety of positions at Phillips Middle School including interim principal since he began there in 1976, will transfer to East Chapel Hill High School to take on the role of assistant principal.

He will fill the hole created by Sherri Martin, who will be the district's new director of secondary education.

Amy Lewis also was named as the new principal of Glenwood Elementary School. She will leave her old position as the assistant principal at Mel and Zora Rashkis Elementary School. Lewis also served as the assistant principal at McDougle Elementary School from 2000 to 2003.

Tracy Weeks will replace long-time CHCCS staple Robert Stocking as the director of instructional technology and media.

Weeks has served as the instructional technology specialist at ECHHS since 2000.

From staff and wire reports.

Campus Y panel discusses draft plan

Report will be sent to trustees in July

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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The Campus Y Renovation Committee met Monday to discuss proposals for renovation to the historic building and to draft a recommendation for action to the UNC Board of Trustees.

"We had a good meeting, and we'll be bringing a report to the Board of Trustees during the July

meeting," said Associate Provost Steve Allred, who serves as chairman of the committee.

The group — which comprises a combination of student and on-campus leaders as well as BOT members — was created to consider the question of whether public funding should be provided for the renovation of the decrepit building.

Allred said the committee will make two things clear to the trustees during their July meeting.

"We endorse this notion of shared space in the building," he said, referring to the fact that after its renovation, the building would include dining services, classrooms and a faculty lounge.

Before its phased closing, the building featured a mini mart and historic lounges that once served as a hub of campus activity.

"The pure Y functions will only

end up being 20 percent (of the building space)."

He also said committee members will support using University repair and renovation funds in the project.

The renovation committee was formed after the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. BOT Chairman Richard "Stick" Williams mandated the formation of the committee after a recommendation from Trustee Roger Perry.

Perry, who is chairman of the

Buildings and Grounds Committee of the BOT, heard a report during the May session on the condition of the Campus Y and the group's fund-raising effort. Student Body President Matt Calabria and Chancellor James Moeser made the plea on behalf of the 98-year-old structure.

The proposal for renovation first came before the trustees during a 1998 meeting of the BOT. At

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UNC women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday. During her 18 years as head coach of the Tar Heels, the team has made 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including a 1994 title run.

HATCHELL EARNS HALL OF FAME NOD

UNC coach inducted in weekend ceremony

BY MICHAEL PUCCI
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UNC head women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell became a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in a ceremony Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

The induction reunited Hatchell with more than two hundred of her friends, colleagues, family members and players past and present.

"It was like a dream," Hatchell said. "So professional, very first-class. It was a lot of fun to see all those people who helped me climb the ladder and advance."

Hatchell's escorts for the ceremony were her husband and son. ACC Commissioner John Swofford, who hired her as Tar Heel coach in 1986 when he was UNC's director of athletics, introduced her via videotape. Also in attendance were UNC's current director of athletics Dick Baddour and Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt.

"I think it's certainly a great honor and one that is well deserved," said Beth Miller, senior associate athletic director. "We are extremely proud of her and her

accomplishments and all that she's contributed to UNC."

Joining Hatchell as new inductees into the Hall were North Dakota State coach Amy Ruley; Oregon coach Bev Smith; former USA Basketball executive director Bill Wall; retired Kansas coach Marian Washington; and eight-time AAU All-American Lurlene Greer Rogers. There are now 79 members of the Hall, which began inducting in 1999.

"It was really nice and a great tribute to all the inductees and we were certainly proud to be there and support her," Miller said.

Since becoming head coach of the Tar Heels, she has compiled a record of 382-182 in 18 seasons, as well as 12 NCAA tournament appearances, nine ACC championship game appearances and a national title in 1994.

Hatchell began her professional coaching career with Francis Marion, amassing a 272-80 record and winning two championships. She is the only women's basketball coach to lead teams to national championships at the AIAW,

NAA and NCAA Division I levels.

More than anything, Hatchell attributes her success and longevity to surrounding herself with great people and persevering.

"You're always going to have ups and downs, but you've got to persevere, and keep striving to be the best you can be," she said.

Though she's won championships on every level she's coached, many of her players have enjoyed success on a higher level and she is a newly-inducted member of the Hall of Fame, Hatchell still has more to accomplish before her career ends.

"More championships, more ACCs, more NAAs," she said. "I would also welcome the opportunity to be involved in more international basketball with the Olympics."

For now, as she continues recruiting for another competitive season, Hatchell can reflect on Saturday's celebration of a life dedicated to basketball.

"It's just been a fantastic weekend," she said. "It's a privilege to be in a club that helped build women's basketball."

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Police plan to re-examine chase policies

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Following a bizarre manhunt that trailed throughout areas of Chapel Hill and Carrboro last week, police and town officials say they will meet with Chapel Hill Police Chief Greg Jarvis later this week to review chase procedures and communication efforts.

On June 10, the lengthy pursuit for a crime suspect led the Chapel Hill police and nearby agencies through wooded areas near the Horace Williams Airport, placing about 3,225 students and staff from Chapel Hill High School, Seawell Elementary School and Smith Middle School under lock down, reports state.

Despite confusion and apprehension, police and town officials say their efforts were satisfactory and in compliance with typical manhunt protocol and media alert procedures.

"It went as smooth as it could for that time of day," said Maj. Tony Oakley of the Chapel Hill Police Department, who said he could not recall another manhunt this large and serious. "Our attention was first to protect the residents of the neighborhoods and those at the schools."

The chase began about 2 p.m. when the Chapel Hill police believed they had spotted murder suspect Deshaun Mitchell, 20, who was wanted by the Durham Police Department and believed to be armed.

Police immediately placed schools under lock down, securing all doors and windows and restricting phone use. Motorists were also blocked from accessing Seawell School Road between Homestead Road and Estes Drive.

Oakley said about 50 officers from Chapel Hill and other assisting agencies, along with an N.C. Highway Patrol helicopter crew, were able to retain the suspect within a perimeter in a wooded area of Carrboro.

But police learned that the suspect they were trailing was actually Donald Riggsbee, 28, of Carrboro, who was arrested at about 5:30 p.m. in Carrboro on charges of resisting arrest and failing to appear in court to face traffic violations.

During the chase police received several tips about Mitchell's location. They apprehended him in an apartment at 800 Pritchard Ave. Ext. at approximately 9:30 p.m., reports state. According to reports, he was charged with resisting arrest and transferred to the Durham Police Department where a warrant was served for his arrest.

Catherine Lazorko, town information officer for Chapel Hill, said the first priority was communicating with those near the suspect's perimeter, and then contacting the media to inform residents of the crisis.

"We were able to inform the citizens of the situation and reassure them that the police had it under control," she said.

But Lazorko said that there are some improvements that could be beneficial, such as developing a direct link for news announcements on the town's Web site.

"If citizens get in the habit of looking on our Web site for news like this," she said, "I would be able to communicate directly with citizens."



Murder suspect Deshaun Mitchell was captured in Chapel Hill.

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Incidents prompt UNC safety review

BY CHRIS COLETTA
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For Lauren Woods, becoming a Tar Heel isn't going to keep her up at night.

"I feel safe," said the incoming freshman from Winston-Salem on Tuesday while unpacking her new laptop in the Pit.

"Of course, I've been warned not to walk at night by myself and to travel in groups, stuff like that. But that's just common sense."

But schools in the UNC system, including UNC-Chapel Hill, have been prompted to re-examine their safety and admissions procedures after two students reportedly were murdered by their classmates at UNC-Wilmington.

On May 5, Cary native Jessica Lee Faulkner was found dead in the dormitory room of Curtis Timothy Dixon, a UNC-W student now charged with her murder.

Then, on June 4, pre-education student Christen Naujoks was shot and killed in front of her apartment complex. Her ex-boyfriend, John Brian Peck, was charged with the crime but later was found dead, apparently from self-inflicted gunshot wounds, after deputies

chased him through the mountains of North Carolina.

The deaths have prompted both UNC-W and the UNC system to form task forces dealing with the issue of campus safety. Their findings are due in December and September, respectively.

Joni Worthington, spokeswoman for the system, said all 16 system campuses have similar groups concerned with safety.

"We are doing everything possible and everything feasible to help keep our students as safe as we can," she said.

At UNC-CH, such a task force already is in place. Randy Young, a University police spokesman, said the task force's work adds to the department's efforts to educate students about common-sense safety issues, such as not walking alone at night and not letting strangers into residence halls.

"We're always emphasizing personal security through training programs and educational programs," Young said.

He added that University police have not initiated any changes to

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Parking lot plans OK'd by council

Decision finalizes weeks of scrutiny

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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The conceptual master plans for the development of downtown parking lots 2 and 5 were overwhelmingly approved Monday night by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The developer and the architect charged with transforming the lots and the Wallace parking deck into economy-boosting engines were in town from Texas to see months of hard work finally come to fruition.

Even so, Joe Pobiner, director of planning for HKS Inc., said that the council's approval of the conceptual plan doesn't lock the town into any of the fine details.

"This won't be obviously the only time for the council and the public to respond to these plans," he said.

Downtown parking lots 2 and 5 are located behind Kerr Drug and opposite University Square, respectively, and the Wallace parking deck can be found just behind the Rathskeller.

The plans were approved after several planners studied and addressed numerous concerns raised by Council members and



COURTESY OF HKS ARCHITECTS

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved development plans Monday for lot 5, pictured in the above concept, to boost the downtown economy.

residents at the May 24 Council meeting.

Members of the Northside community, located on Rosemary Street, were worried that the development of parking lot 5 would cast an all-day shadow upon their homes.

Pobiner quelled those fears by conducting a shadow analysis of the proposed development, noting

that shadows would only be present for a brief period.

Also, an artist rendering of the view from Franklin Street showed that the development set to be built on top of the Wallace Parking Deck would barely protrude overtop of the historic downtown post office.

Pobiner noted that architects

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