

CITY BRIEFS

Police still seek perpetrator in Rosemary Street assault

Chapel Hill police still are searching for the perpetrator of an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred on East Rosemary Street early Saturday.

According to reports, three officers, all of whom were on foot, heard three gunshots come from an area on the 100 block of Rosemary Street shortly after 2 a.m.

Upon arriving at the scene, they found Joshua An'tai Edwards, 25, lying at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets, reports state.

Reports from Edwards and several eyewitnesses state that people saw a car drive up the street. When the car reached Edwards, an arm came out of the driver's side window and fired three shots from a pistol, reports state.

The car then drove off. Edwards was struck once in the left shin, reports state.

The accounts from Edwards and witnesses differ regarding the description of the vehicle, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins. There is also no description of the suspect.

Edwards was brought to UNC Hospitals, but was released by the next day, reports state.

Five cashiers charged with selling alcohol to minors

Five local store cashiers were arrested and charged with selling alcohol to a minor Friday night.

The arrests occurred during a compliance check run by the Chapel Hill Police Department to ensure that each store is upholding the drinking age, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins. The check was approved by the Orange County District Attorney's office.

According to reports, police sent a 19-year-old girl to 14 different stores. At each store, the girl attempted to purchase alcohol with her real identification card. Five of the stores sold to the girl, but nine did not, reports state.

The stores that sold the alcohol to the girl are Heard Family Market on Old Durham Road; Eckerd Drugstore in the Eastgate Shopping Center; East Franklin Car Care on East Franklin Street; A Southern Season at the University Mall; and Merritt's Store and Grill on South Columbia Street.

All of the arrested cashiers who sold to the girl were each charged with one misdemeanor count of selling alcohol to a minor, reports state. Each of the individuals arrested was cited and released. Four of the five are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Nov. 23.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC Hospitals dropped from 'immediate jeopardy' status

The N.C. Division of Facility Services lifted the label it had imposed upon UNC Hospitals that said all patients were in "immediate jeopardy" after concluding Friday a two-day inspection of the patient facilities in the N.C. Children's Hospital.

The hospital was put under the spotlight when a father decided to take his 2-year-old daughter out of the pediatric unit without alerting doctors or hospital employees.

Since the incident, the hospitals have imposed new security measures to ensure patient safety in the N.C. Children's Hospital. Some of the extra precautions they have instated include the addition of controlled access doors, closed-circuit video cameras and other monitoring devices.

The new security measures were implemented Sept. 10. Security personnel are guarding the entrances to the pediatric units until the new equipment is put into place.

STATE & NATION

Attorney general debate postponed by GOP hopeful

RALEIGH — A debate between candidates for state attorney general was canceled Monday when Republican challenger Joe Knott backed out.

Jeff Miller, a spokesman for Knott, said the campaign canceled the debate because it didn't want a gubernatorial debate, also scheduled for Monday, to divert attention from the attorney general debate.

"The issues in the attorney general's race are important enough that we want full focus," Miller said.

The debate had been scheduled to take place at the UNC School of Law, with law students questioning Knott and incumbent Democrat Roy Cooper.

Gene Nichol, dean of the law school, said members of the Knott campaign called him Sunday night to say they were pulling out.

"I think withdrawing at this late date is dishonorable," Nichol said.

From staff and wire reports.

BSM crowns students during ball

Abrams, Houston to complete projects

BY ELIZABETH BLACK
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Seniors Arthur "TJ" Abrams and Conitras Houston now are campaigning to raise support for their service initiatives after winning the crowns of Mr. and Ms. BSM last week.

Members of the Black Student Movement voted Thursday in the annual Mr. and Ms. BSM elections, and Abrams and Houston were crowned during the BSM Ball on Friday night.

Of the 478 BSM members, 192 voted in the election.

Abrams received 188 votes and Houston received 129 votes, said Alicia O'Neal, BSM membership and elections chairwoman. Senior Gahmya Drummond-Bey also ran for Ms. BSM.

Although Abrams was the sole candidate for Mr. BSM, he still campaigned to obtain at least 51 percent of the vote.

"I think all of the candidates did a really good job campaigning, and

all of the service projects were very worthy," O'Neal said.

In their reign within BSM, Abrams and Houston now are responsible for completing their service initiatives.

"I think that all of the candidates had excellent service projects. They were all innovative," said BSM President Erin Davis. "I was very pleased with service projects and enthusiasm during their campaigns."

Abrams' project focuses on relationship violence — a broader scope of domestic violence that includes sibling, parental and dat-

ing relationships, among others.

"That's more relevant to our community here because most of us are college students who don't live with our significant others," Abrams said.

His project, titled "Speak Up, Speak Out," includes three parts: awareness, advocacy and activism. The initiative will include an anti-violence art show, workshops and a pledge signed by BSM members.

Abrams now is seeking funding to help him achieve these goals.

Houston was inspired to start her project after her grandmother died of diabetes.

She said she plans to carry out her volunteer-based program, "Stand Up: Exercise to Your Health," through a three-pronged method of awareness, action and relaxation.

For the awareness goal, Houston is asking a nutritionist and a doctor to make a presentation to the BSM about health issues. She also is working with the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors to administer FIT Stop tests.

For the action component, she also is planning on setting up a kickboxing and aerobic dance ses-

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Members of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies participate in a debate at the organization's meeting Monday night. The group is the oldest campus organization, dating back to 1795, and continues to maintain its mission of promoting discussion on campus.

TRADITIONS CARRY ON

DiPhi holds to mission tested by time, history

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With a cane in hand but missing a beaver-skin hat, senior Abby Shoun, joint senate president of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, calls meetings to order.

It was once customary for the presidents of the debating and literary societies to lead with the hat and cane — although the hat has been retired, DiPhi maintains its original mission to promote discussion through weekly debates and social events.

"We debate for the purpose of truth," said junior Julie Grondin, president pro tem of the organization. "We're trying to find truth rather than promote a political party or a religion."

Formed in 1795 and the oldest organization on campus, DiPhi has a duty to tradition.

In their infancy, many universities lacked courses teaching oration and composition. For practical reasons, students took it upon themselves to learn valuable communication

skills. The Di and the Phi — originally two separate societies — were created as a result.

"It is very much a child of the Enlightenment — an organization established for the sake of education and self-betterment," said Kevin Cherry, a UNC alumnus and secretary of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies Foundation Inc., a nonprofit corporation intended to preserve the property of the societies.

DiPhi members find themselves connected not only to the societies' history but also to that of the University.

"It's a remnant of early college days. It's sort of like having your grandfather's watch," said Michael Kolb, DiPhi alumnus and president of the DiPhi Foundation.

UNC's student government, Honor Court, the framework of fraternities and sororities and the school colors all date back to these coed brotherhoods, Cherry said.

Before the organizations were joined, Di members identified themselves with light blue — which stood for honor and academic excellence — and the Phi members chose white, representing truth and virtue.

When intercollegiate football began in the 1880s, the University elected the colors

blue and white to signify that all students, Di and Phi, supported the school.

At the time, membership in one of the societies was required because each had its own student government and Honor Court.

"Knowing what former members have done before makes it all the more special and helps us keep a sense of direction," Shoun said.

Up until the late 1890s, the two groups dominated and competed in nearly all areas of campus life and divided the student body into two factions.

The recruitment of members was a famously large and even violent affair. Di and Phi members would ride out to meet new students, hoping to influence their decision. Legend has it duels were fought to win students' allegiance.

Eventually, the tension between the organizations was so great that the Board of Trustees mandated that students from east of Orange County be members of Phi and those west of the county join Di.

Competition between the societies over who could obtain more books for the school

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Pine Knolls residents, IFC discuss shelter face-to-face

BY JENNIFER FAIR
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Tensions were high Monday night at the Pine Knolls Community Center during a meeting of residents and the Inter-Faith Council to discuss the possible relocation of its homeless shelter to Merritt Mill Road.

The meeting gave Pine Knolls residents, who have voiced opposition to a possible relocation of the shelter near their community, a chance to share their concerns directly with IFC leaders.

Ted Parrish, a board member for the Pine Knolls Community Center, said he thought that a dialogue was opened at the meeting but that trust issues that have developed over the years have not disappeared. "We hope that they heard us," he said.

Issues of trust and broken promises were brought up several times throughout the meeting, as Pine Knolls residents lobbied to make sure they will be kept informed of decisions regarding the shelter, especially any separation of the kitchen from the shelter.

"We have seen promises many times. Promises sometimes get made, but not kept," Parrish said. "How do we know you're not going to change your mind and put the kitchen here?"

Residents are worried about the possibility of men who simply use the shelter's kitchen being left to

defend for themselves after eating.

But IFC officials said the kitchen would not relocate to Merritt Mill if the shelter made that move.

"We want a facility for men where people don't come and go all day long," said Chris Moran, IFC executive director. "The whole goal is to break the cycle of homelessness."

Pine Knolls community members also questioned how ownership — of land and of the problem of homelessness — is involved.

"We believe that home ownership is one of the best ways for feeling important and independent," Parrish said. "We're ambivalent because it means that land won't be owned."

Community members asked who would take responsibility for homelessness in the community. "The whole community has to own this issue," Parrish said. "Not just Chapel Hill, not just Carrboro, and certainly not just Pine Knolls."

Residents also wanted to know why the IFC is considering the Merritt Mill location.

Moran said the council must consider the location's proximity to a bus line, jobs and other town services. "It is the best location right now," he said. "We didn't go looking for this piece of property. Folks came to us."

Though residents were able to

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Activist questions gender identity

BY RACHEL BROCK
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A transgender activist and self-proclaimed "gender outlaw" performed Monday night at the Union Cabaret, proclaiming, "I think gender is like Pokémon, and I want to collect them all."

Kate Bornstein presented her show, "Freak, Geek, Queer, or all of the above," to kick off Coming Out Week. She entertained the audience while discussing deep topics underlying gender identity.

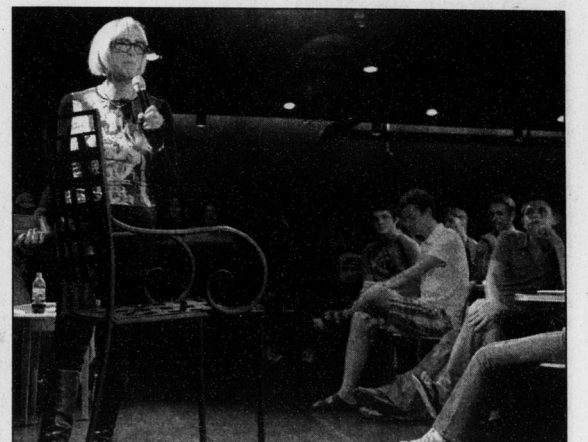
Bornstein began her performance with a sketch based on her first book, "The Seven Year Itch," which described the years leading up to and immediately following what she deemed "the surgery."

"I don't understand why people want me to be 'a man,'" she said. "I don't understand why people want me to be 'a woman.'"

Bornstein proceeded to act out a part of a play she wrote entitled "Hidden: A Gender." She took on the role of a junior high school English teacher, describing preadolescence as the time when people first begin to pay attention to sex and gender.

In playing the part of the teacher, Bornstein also passed out "The Truly Amazing Gender Aptitude Quiz" to the audience, which asks questions such as "Do you stand up to pee?"

The next section of Bornstein's performance was a heartfelt piece in which she told her coming-out



Transgender activist Kate Bornstein performs her show "Freak, Geek, Queer, or all of the above" in the Union Cabaret on Monday night.

story from her mother's viewpoint.

She continued by speaking about being comfortable with one's own body.

"Am I a 56-year-old man or a 16-year-old girl?" Bornstein asked. "I am neither and both. I'm giving myself permission to feel sexy."

She concluded by saying, "Living our dreams and owning them — that is what I think coming out is about."

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance sponsored the event and will host

several others in honor of Coming Out Week.

Bornstein's presentation was sponsored financially by UNC's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Office, the curriculum in women's studies and Feminist Students United.

Sarah Carucci, co-chairwoman of GLBT-SA, was instrumental in choosing Bornstein for the program.

"We have not done a lot of transgender programming in the past,"

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Hopefuls focus on minority affairs

Kerry, Bush vie for coveted votes

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Many politically active students agree that the main issue on the ballot for minorities, who are collectively poorer than whites, is economic.

The two major presidential candidates, both vying for the historically Democratic minority vote, are responding to this concern in markedly different ways.

President George W. Bush theorizes that tax cuts to the wealthy will indirectly benefit the less affluent, while Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is proposing more of a direct deposit.

Tom Jensen, party affairs director for the UNC Young Democrats, said 90 percent of blacks and the majority of Hispanics nationwide are Democrats.

According to SouthNow, a publication of UNC's Center for the Study of the American South, 75 percent of whites voted for Bush in the 2000 election.

But his major opponent, Al Gore, still won the popular vote with the support of many minority voters.

This election year, neither candidate has a leg up when it comes to minority issues, said Nelson Griffin, UNC College Republicans sergeant-at-arms. "Personally, I see them as being even."

Griffin opposes Kerry's intent to roll back Bush's tax cuts for the mostly white taxpayers who make \$200,000 or more, claiming that Bush's plan will allow wealthy corporations to create more jobs for all.

Yet it's not conclusive whether the prospect of more jobs will change the tendency for minorities to end up with the lower-paying ones.

Many agree that job placement is determined by quality of educa-

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