

CITY BRIEFS

Man robbed and stabbed on West Rosemary Street

A man was robbed and stabbed at 1 a.m. Wednesday on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street, according to a press release from Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Two men in a small brown two-door vehicle approached a 39-year-old man about 1 a.m., the release states.

The passenger of the vehicle — described as a Hispanic male in his 20s, with long dark hair and no shirt — got out and demanded money from the victim, the release states.

A struggle ensued, and the victim was stabbed several times in the chest and back, the release states. The perpetrator then grabbed the victim's wallet and left.

This is the second incidence of violent crime in downtown Chapel Hill in the last few weeks. On Oct. 9, a man was shot in the leg on the 100 block of Rosemary Street.

Anyone with information about these crimes should call the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crimestoppers at 942-7515.

Man charged with assault with deadly weapon Friday

A 24-year-old man was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Friday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting injury, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Shaun Thomas Dillon, of 1881 Cane Creek Road in Fletcher, threatened to use a knife on three victims after starting a fight at 200 W. Rosemary St.

Dillon was charged with the misdemeanor and sent to Orange County Jail on a \$100 unsecured bond, the report states.

He will appear Nov. 15 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Local man charged with multiple drug violations

A Chapel Hill man was arrested Friday night and charged with maintaining a drug dwelling and possession of crack cocaine — both felonies — and possession of drug paraphernalia — a misdemeanor — Chapel Hill police reports state.

Donta Dementrice Tuck, 40, of 321 Lindsay St., was arrested at 11:15 p.m. when the Narcotics and Vice Unit executed a search warrant of his residence and found 1.5 grams of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia, reports state.

Tuck is currently in the Orange County Jail on a secured \$15,500 bond. He will appear Oct. 18 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Armed robber hits gas station on N.C. 54 on Friday

An armed robbery occurred Friday night at the Big John's Citgo station at 2321 N.C. 54, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, a masked gunman entered the store about 10:35 p.m. and used a handgun to steal an undisclosed amount of money.

Police were not available to comment further on the incident.

STATE & NATION

Two die in train accidents in Alamance, Guilford counties

BURLINGTON — In a span of 24 hours, two people have died in separate train accidents in neighboring Alamance and Guilford counties.

About 8 p.m. Monday, a man was hit by a train in Burlington. Relatives identified the victim as Donald Allred, who was in his 40s. Police hadn't formally identified the victim.

Neighbors said people often congregated along the railroad tracks and others had been injured by trains in the same area, but not in several years.

On Sunday, just west of the Guilford-Alamance county line, Karen Breeze was killed and her companion, Alan Agnew, had a leg severed when they were hit by a train.

Investigators said Breeze, 44, and Agnew, 43, were sitting on the railroad tracks near their residence in Gibsonville just before 7:30 p.m.

Furniture manufacturers, retailers spar over tariffs

HIGH POINT — Furniture makers are encouraged while retailers are alarmed by the prospect that Washington soon might impose higher import duties on some Chinese furniture.

Some American furniture manufacturers say this would give them breathing room and help protect domestic factory jobs. But a coalition of U.S. furniture retailers counters that elevated tariffs will result in supply shortages, delivery problems and higher prices for consumers.

From staff and wire reports.

3rd EDA candidate visits campus

BY JIM WALSH
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The executive director for the arts must foster enthusiasm for projects at UNC in order to boost fund raising, candidate Carole Brandt told a small group Wednesday in the Morehead Faculty Lounge.

Brandt, dean of the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University, was the third of four candidates to speak at a forum for individuals vying for the newly created executive post.

She emphasized the importance of getting possible donors excited about the arts at UNC.

"The first thing you have to do is believe," Brandt said. "I am genetically engineered to believe."

"You have to believe in what you're doing and why it's important and what can happen. You have to create an environment where everyone expects to have a voice and can have a voice."

Brandt, who completed her doctoral study at University of Iowa and Southern Illinois University,



Candidate Carole Brandt said donors should become excited about arts projects at the University.

has more than 30 years of experience in theater education and has taught at several major universities.

Brandt said that in the new arts position, which requires multilat-

eral management and fund-raising drives, she would consider launching several projects simultaneously.

"What we might need to do is break it into pieces and get all these things going at one time instead of doing things sequentially," she said.

In addition to fund raising, the EDA will be responsible for determining the appropriate use of Memorial Hall, Playmakers Theatre and Gerrard Hall.

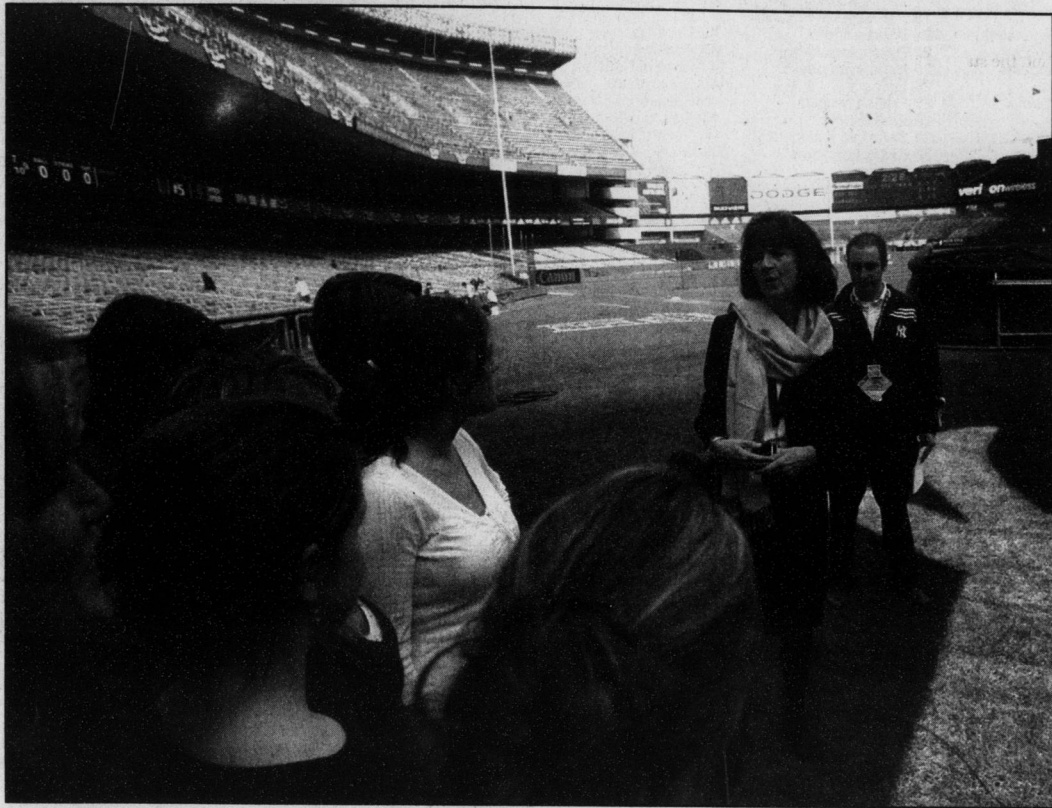
Brandt echoed the sentiments of

Emil Kang, another candidate for the position, who said the key to fund raising is selling an idea.

"People are not going to give you money to solve your problems," she said. "They're going to give you money for your plans and what could happen."

In her position at Southern Methodist University, Brandt raised millions of dollars for the arts. She told the story of one donor who didn't honor an agree-

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Members of the UNC Loreleis sound check prior to Game 2 of the American League Championship Series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees on Wednesday afternoon in Yankee Stadium. The Loreleis sang the national anthem before the game began.

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Loreleis sing for the fences

BY LINDA SHEN
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The Loreleis' cresting voices have carried them everywhere from local radio stations to "The Today Show."

Last Wednesday, their notes swept over Yankee Stadium, rising and falling to the words of the national anthem.

Since 1981, when the UNC a cappella group was created, it's swept up awards and won honors. Wednesday, the 16 Tar Heel singers found themselves in New York, standing in a packed stadium before the crowd gathered to watch Game 2 of the American League Championship Series between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.

It was an opportunity made possible by the fortuitous combination of family connections and group accomplishment. A copy of the Loreleis' CD went from the hands of George Steinbrenner's granddaughter — a current UNC student and member of the Loreleis — to the Yankees' business manager and finally into the wings, waiting to see if the

team would make the ALCS.

"We basically found out Saturday that we were going to leave Tuesday," said Haley Swindal, a freshman dramatic arts and history major new to the Loreleis this year. "We had already been rehearsing because we knew that it would be a maybe."

When the Yankees won Game 4 of the American League Division Series, "maybe" turned into a flurry of preparation. Jordan Elliott, a senior journalism major and president of the Loreleis, raved about the experience. "It's all kind of a whirlwind in my mind right now," she said.

Like a twister, the Loreleis' Fall Break trip danced around the eastern seaboard, taking them from North Carolina to Washington, D.C., then to New York by train. Detours at Boston and the University of Virginia were on the agenda for the trip back home.

"But I can say probably the best feeling in my entire life was walking out onto the field and seeing all those people," Elliott said.

The Loreleis were introduced as an all-

female a cappella group from UNC — an announcement that drew hoots and cheers from the mostly male crowd, Elliott said — and sang an arrangement of the national anthem created by senior Catherine Cheng.

"It's such a pretty arrangement. It's what you can do with 16 different voices," said senior Elizabeth Wright. "It gives (the anthem) a depth that it doesn't normally have when a soloist sings it."

Elliott explained that the effect of the music, accompanied by a sell-out crowd of more than 55,000, was overwhelming.

"The crowd just roared, and we all kind of looked at each other in shock, and it took my breath away," she said.

From cramped cars to stretch limos, the Loreleis went through the gamut of transportation, traveling miles of pavement on the way to New York but finding a party bus waiting for them upon arrival.

"It was like a rock star car," Elliott said. "We

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Panel to discuss tuition increases

ASG weighs in on possible hikes

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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WILMINGTON — As the UNC system's governing body nears a November vote on systemwide tuition increases, the system's tuition task force will work to finalize its recommendations during a Tuesday conference call.

Last year, the committee made dual recommendations of 2 percent and 0 percent. The system's Board of Governors ultimately decided against an across-the-board increase, though all 16 schools won approval for campus-based increases.

Members of the UNC-system Government Association of Student Governments were hopeful during the weekend that the task force will again propose a 0 percent systemwide increase.

But several student body presidents noted a rift between the administrations and students at their schools.

"Across the board, we're split," said Venessa Jones, student body president at UNC-Pembroke. "The students want 0 percent, and administration is going for 2.2 percent."

Winston-Salem State and Appalachian State universities both reported similar divides and indicated that administrators likely would support a 2.2 percent increase.

Leaders at other campuses — including UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro and Fayetteville State University — said they will be advising against an increase.

"I think our administration so far has been pretty reserved in considering across-the-board tuition increases," said Matt Calabria, student body president of UNC-CH. "I think we can safely say that it's not appropriate for Chapel Hill at this time."

Victor Landry, ASG senior vice president, contended that schools gain little from supporting systemwide increases because the additional funding is not specifically earmarked for the system. Revenue from a systemwide increase goes directly into the state's general fund.

"We can recommend what they do with the money, but we have no say-so in where that money goes," he said. "It could go to anything that the state funds."

Because of this, most campuses are considering the possibil-

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Groups fit naturally on campus

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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Created in 1998 as an alternative to a school of environment, the Carolina Environmental Program is as multifaceted the topic its studies.

The center provides education, outreach and research through its three degree programs and works both locally and across the globe.

"It's both its own organization and what we sort of call the public face of all the environmental activities on campus," said Douglas Crawford-Brown, director of CEP.

The center has 45 permanent faculty members and receives contributions from nearly 140 UNC faculty members from various departments, Crawford-Brown said.

CEP receives between \$1 million and \$2 million each year from the Office of the Provost and another \$5 million yearly from research grants and donor money.

"Money from the University gives us a car," he said. "But the dollars from the donors make that car really special. They allow us to put a stereo in it."

Among these additions are the Environmental Modeling for Policy Development group and One North Carolina Naturally, which model ozone levels for the Environmental Protection Agency and seek to pro-



Director of the Carolina Environmental Program, Douglas Crawford-Brown (seated center), gives a lecture in Prague during summer 2002.

COURTESY OF DOUGLAS CRAWFORD-BROWN

tect state ecosystems, respectively.

While both projects provide research and outreach, all three facets of CEP's mission are displayed at five field sites located across the state and in England and Thailand.

Currently, 47 students are immersed in off-campus research this semester, tackling topics such as the flora and fauna of the southern Appalachian Mountains.

David McNelis, deputy director of the CEP, oversees all the field site programs and said the research is beneficial not only to students but also to locals of the area they study.

"This is not going to be the deci-

sive answer to what the environmental problem is, but it's a step in the right direction," McNelis said.

Field site directors create a community advisory group and hold public seminars and dinners to seek citizen input.

"I really feel confident saying that our research is meaningful out here because people participate," said William Stott, director of the Albemarle Ecological Field Site.

Richard Kamens, director of the Thailand Field Site, said students become more culturally aware

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Council to mull issue of zoning

Debate centers on Carolina North

BY RYAN C. TUCK
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"OI-4" might mean little to the average University student.

But the zoning classification and its different levels have serious implications for University development and town-gown relations.

Tonight, the Chapel Hill Town Council will consider changes to its Office/Institutional-4 zoning standard, a special zoning district created for any development whose main use is for college and college-related functions.

Tonight's public hearing also comes exactly one week after the council voted to generate information on possibly rezoning the University's proposed satellite campus, Carolina North, as Office/Institutional-2 instead of OI-4, as the University wanted.

Though separated only by a number, the standards could have very different impacts on University growth.

"OI-4 is very flexible to the extent that the University and the council agree," said Town Planning Director Roger Waldon. "OI-2 is much more restrictive."

The Town Council created the OI-4 district as part of an amendment to the Development Ordinance in July 2001.

The University campus and property were all rezoned to this new district, which allows special standards related to building height, intensity of use, buffers and transition areas.

"We were really pushing for OI-4," said Tony Waldrop, University vice chancellor for research and economic development, in reference to the Oct. 11 council decision. "OI-4 really fit with the feel of that campus. ... It's less restrictive."

In a letter dated last Friday, Chancellor James Moeser expressed his concern with the Oct. 11 unilateral action, said Jonathan Howes,

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