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Car damaged in a failed attempt to steal CD player

A 2000 Isuzu Rodeo parked in the Manning lot was broken into Tuesday afternoon, University police reports stated.

According to reports, a rock was thrown into the passenger-side window in a failed attempt to steal the CD player. The player and the dashboard were damaged in the break-in, resulting in \$600 worth of damage.

The case is under further investigation, reports state.

Student government hires a new office manager

Jon Curtis, assistant director of student activities and organizations, announced along with student leaders Wednesday that student government has hired Carol Nguyen as the office manager for the student government and the student activities-organization suite.

Nguyen will begin her temporary post Monday and will work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

A 2003 UNC graduate, Nguyen was selected to fill the position that was created last year in order to free up the student body secretary.

The post was formerly manned by Kim Clark, who since March has worked four mornings a week, and was aided by Stephanie Franklin, who filled in on afternoons twice a week since September.

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Park-and-ride lot suffers from rash of break-ins

Chapel Hill police are investigating a series of vehicle break-ins that have occurred this week.

According to reports, almost a dozen cars were broken into Tuesday. Five of these break-ins occurred in a park-and-ride lot on Eubanks Road.

Capt. Brian Curran said he believes the break-ins were related.

"All five break-ins occurred in the same park-and-ride lot," he said. "They all occurred within a fairly narrow time frame."

Investigator Ed Brooks confirmed the report.

"All of the break-ins on Eubanks Road occurred near 1 p.m.," Brooks said. "In each case, a rock or heavy object was used to break the window and gain access to the vehicle."

In each case, the perpetrators stole, or attempted to steal, the vehicle's stereo, Brooks said.

Brooks also said there are no plans to increase police activity in the area in response to the break-ins.

"We just recently increased patrols," he said.

Two UNC students cited for open containers of alcohol

Two UNC students were arrested and charged with possession of an open container of alcohol in public early Wednesday morning, police reports state.

Shortly after 2 a.m., Joseph Murdoch, 23, a senior economics major, and John Lea, 22, a junior communications major, were spotted by Chapel Hill police on the 200 block of West Rosemary Street holding open containers of alcohol, reports state. Both men were cited and released.

Political sign stolen from local woman's front yard

A Chapel Hill woman reported having a political sign stolen from her front lawn sometime between Monday morning and Tuesday morning.

The woman, who lives on Arlen Park Drive, reported the sign missing Tuesday afternoon.

"At least there's only 13 days left of this," Chapel Hill police Capt. Brian Curran said of the increase in political tension.

Police did not comment on which candidate was endorsed on the sign.

Halloween to interrupt Chapel Hill trash service

Chapel Hill residents who normally are serviced for garbage collection on Monday, Nov. 1, will have to wait until Wednesday, Nov. 3, during the week after Halloween.

The delay is because of the massive clean-up operation required downtown following Halloween, which will fall on a Sunday.

Halloween is expected to bring about 70,000 people to downtown. Solid waste crews prepare by placing about 100 trash barrels out for the event. They also empty all news racks so the contents can't be used to start fires. Clean-up begins about 2 a.m.

Recycling pickup for Monday service routes will remain unchanged.

Residents with questions about solid waste collection services should call the Public Works Department at 968-2796.

From staff reports.

4th, final arts hopeful holds forum

Selection committee to meet Friday

BY BEN PITTARD
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The fourth and final candidate in the ongoing search to fill the campus's new Executive Director for the Arts position visited campus Wednesday, emphasizing the need to increase exposure of UNC's creative community.

Tony Beadle, manager of the

Boston Pops orchestra for the past 5 1/2 years, was the subject of the last of four public forums meant to highlight the finalists for the campus's new head arts position. During the event, he said it is vital to bring wider recognition to UNC's already strong programs in order to attract money from donors.

"I want to bring the arts to the

prominence they deserve here," Beadle said to a small crowd in the Morehead Planetarium Faculty Lounge. "The arts are a well-kept secret here. ... The building of a recognizable name people equate with excellence and diversity is important."

Beadle's first managerial position was working with Boston's Project Chamber Orchestra in 1978. He said that he took the position because he wanted to spread the

group's music to as many people as possible, and that such desires still drive him today. "The thrill for me was to bring what I was doing to more people," he said.

During the forum, Beadle addressed a litany of issues the new arts director will face. In addition to fund raising, he also discussed possible corporate sponsorship of events, taking care to state that there comes a point where a line must be drawn.

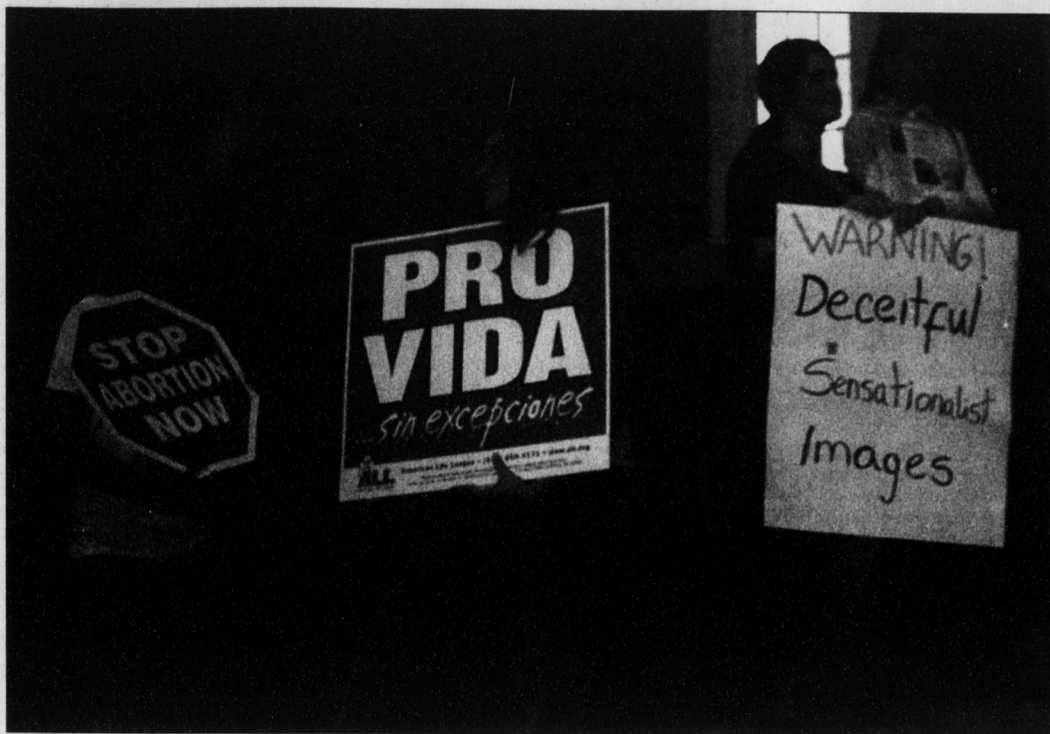
"I don't think we need a

Budweiser banner at the bottom of the stage for 'Richard II,' he said.

Beadle also discussed the potential uses of Memorial Hall, Playmakers Theatre and Gerrard Hall. The new EDA, when chosen, will be charged with handling these venues for artistic performances.

"The buildings are an excellent fodder for a sort of summer festival that could put Carolina on the

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Anti-abortion and abortion rights activists stand outside Murphey Hall on Wednesday before anti-abortion advocate Scott Klusendorf speaks to students. The event, originally planned to be a debate, was sponsored by the Carolina Women's Center and Carolina Students for Life.

CAMPUS GROUPS FACE OFF

BY CLAIRE DORRIER
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Wednesday's plans to host a debate between national abortion activists changed at the last minute because of disagreements between the speakers and their student group sponsors.

Instead, there were two separate speeches: one arguing an anti-abortion agenda and another an abortion rights agenda, both sponsored by the Carolina Women's Center.

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America, was moved to Carrington Hall.

"Originally, we wanted this to be an opportunity where both speakers could present their views in one venue, and people could decide for themselves on this issue," said Chimi Boyd, assistant director of the center.

But after disagreements arose, the women's center was forced to search for an extra venue so that Ragsdale would still be able to present her side, Boyd said.

Erica Robinson, co-chairwoman of Voices for Planned Parenthood, said Ragsdale felt uncomfortable participating in the scheduled debate because Klusendorf did not

have a legitimate argument and was using doctored pictures.

The debate was scheduled in March, but Klusendorf's request to use the pictures was brought to Ragsdale's attention a couple of days ago. "She wouldn't debate because he was using false materials as part of the argument," Robinson said.

Lauren Richards, a member of Carolina Students For Life, said the photos are not doctored. No compromises were made between the speakers, and Klusendorf decided he would not debate Ragsdale if she did not allow the use of his pictures.

Murphey Hall was reserved by Carolina Students for Life when they booked Klusendorf to come speak — before any debate plans had been discussed — and Boyd said the center was fortunate to be able to reserve Carrington Hall at the last minute.

Abortion-rights activists expressed dissatisfaction that Ragsdale's speech was moved and that the women's center chose to support an anti-abortion group.

"It's unethical for a state-funded University to support the political agenda of Carolina Students For Life, which promotes anti-woman," Robinson said. "That is completely in opposition to what the Carolina Women's Center should support."

Boyd said the center tries to keep in mind what the groups want and need while striv-

ing to represent all women on campus.

"The main problem is that this was intended to be a unifying debate to bring all sides in on the issue," Richards said.

Soon after the decision to separate the speakers was made, CSFL posted fliers around campus stating "Come see the man NARAL was afraid to debate" to publicize its speaker.

"The Carolina Students for Life used underhanded and manipulative tactics to promote their political agenda," Robinson said.

Members of CSFL said they were disappointed that the speeches were scheduled at the same time and that students couldn't hear both sides.

Kris Wampler, a member of CSFL, said he thinks NARAL has been refusing to engage in debates for at least a couple of years now.

"It's what we expect of them," Wampler said. "They aren't showing our speaker any kind of respect. It's juvenile and immature."

While each group has a strong point of view about the situation, Boyd said she hopes that controversy is overlooked and that people focus on the issue of abortion.

"I don't want people to be bogged down in the controversial part of it," she said. "People need to find out where they stand on the issue."

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Retaining faculty an issue for UNC

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The battle to retain faculty members at the University has been ongoing for several years.

Now, the recent release of a study regarding faculty retention has heightened awareness as officials continue to search for a solution.

At the conclusion of the last Faculty Council meeting, individuals aired their top concerns with Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty. Wegner now is determining how the University should proceed in its quest.

"There are a number of things that I really think have received a good amount of attention," Wegner said. "People are thinking about it but are not yet clear about what the priorities should be."

Wegner said the responses she's received look to the future rather than reiterate concerns found in the most recent study, conducted by the Office of Institutional Research.

"I really think we're going to be in a position to work systematically through the year, taking up one and another topic as we need to at various Faculty Council meetings," she said.

Pamela Conover, a professor of political science, said the issue cannot be taken lightly.

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PAMELA CONOVER, PROFESSOR

any one thing. It's not just salaries. It's not just benefits. It's a complicated question," she said.

Findings from the study were compiled into a report highlighting areas of concern. Members expressed dissatisfaction with compensation, recognition, support, benefits, fair and transparent salary processes and the work climate.

Arne Kalleberg, a senior associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences who helped organize the survey, said the Faculty Council is just beginning to collect suggestions and digest the results.

"Right now, the first step in fixing the problem is to figure out what the facts are," he said.

"Once we find the facts, (we will know) which particular types of faculty members we need to address."

Wegner said the next steps in

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Small tobacco farms may wither

Buyout reflects industry in flux

BY AMY THOMSON
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North Carolina has always been a state defined by agriculture.

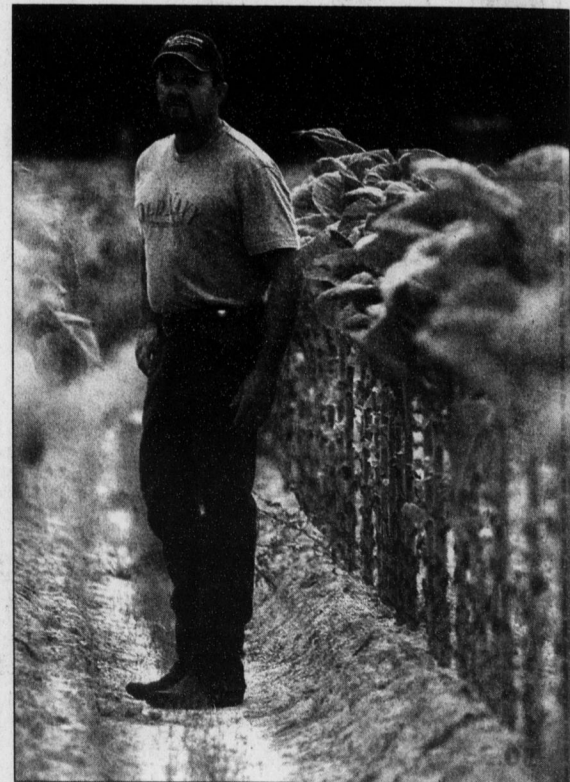
It produces between 85 and 100 different types of commodities and is the nation's No. 1 producer of turkeys, sweet potatoes and tobacco.

Now, the tobacco buyout bill that has passed through Congress and is awaiting President Bush's signature marks another step on the long road to industry change.

When the bill is signed, small tobacco farms will have the financial means to shift gears and stay in the business — or make way for larger, corporate operations.

"To put things in context, you have to understand where things were headed in the event that there was no buyout," said Blake Brown, professor of agricultural and resource economics at N.C. State University. "The tobacco sector, the farming sector of North Carolina, was headed for an incredibly difficult time if the quota system had continued."

Brown said that the quotas, which dictated how much tobacco farmers were allowed to sell, had declined by 50 percent since 1995 and were predicted to drop another



David Pope tours his tobacco field in northern Orange County last fall. The recent tobacco buyout could mark the disappearance of some farms.

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