

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Man wielding knife robs Franklin Street gas station**

An armed robbery occurred at 4 a.m. Thursday at the Kangaroo Express station at 1501 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said an unknown suspect described as a 6-foot-tall male with a dark doo rag entered the store and placed several pieces of gum on the counter.

He then walked behind the counter with a knife in his hand and took an undisclosed amount of money from the register, Cousins said.

He left the store and fled the scene, but the police do not have a vehicle description, she said.

Although several gas stations have been robbed in the last few months, Cousins said the weapon used doesn't lead police to link this crime to recent robberies.

**Police seek information on 2 local armed robberies**

According to a press release from the Chapel Hill Police Department, police are looking for information regarding two armed robberies that occurred Saturday.

The first incident occurred at 3:40 a.m. at the Red Roof Inn on Fordham Boulevard, when three men entered a guest's room, held a man at gunpoint and took his wallet and cash, the release states.

At the time of the robbery, the victim had an unidentified woman that he had met earlier in his room, whom he thinks set him up for a robbery, the release states.

According to the release, the woman is described as black with a dark complexion, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with short dark hair and weighing about 110 pounds. She is between 23 and 30 years old and drives a late '80s model gray car with a broken driver's side window, the release states.

The three men wore blue bandannas to cover their faces, the release states.

According to the release, two of the men had collar-length dreadlocks and possibly left the parking lot in a black car with shiny rims.

The second incident occurred at 10:40 p.m. when two men entered the Hardee's restaurant at 1800 Chapel Hill Blvd., displayed handguns and stole money, the release states.

The perpetrators were described as close to 5 feet 10 inches tall and wearing dark ski masks and hooded sweatshirts, the release states. They possibly left the scene in an older model red Mazda or similar vehicle.

Anyone with information should call either the Chapel Hill Police Department at 986-2760 or Crimestoppers at 942-7515.

**Local woman hit by car in one-way street confusion**

An assault with a deadly weapon occurred on the 300 block of Spring Valley Road in Carrboro at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday when an unknown suspect hit a 52-year-old woman with a vehicle and fled, police reports state.

Reports state the victim was traveling down Spring Valley Road when she saw a car traveling the wrong way on the one-way street.

She got out of her vehicle and confronted the suspect, telling her to turn around, reports state.

The perpetrator responded that she'd lived in the area for 10 years, knew which way to go and was going to continue, reports state.

According to reports, when the victim yelled, "No, you're not," the suspect yelled, "Yes, I am," and kept driving, striking the victim's shoulder with her car.

The assailant was described as an elderly woman with short white hair and a small, thin frame. She was said to be driving a tan or white car.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**UNC Athletics sells goal post pieces from Miami game**

Tar Heel fans can own a piece of history by purchasing a 6-inch section of the Kenan Stadium goal posts that came down last week just seconds after Connor Barth's game-winning field goal against Miami.

UNC Athletics is offering 200 limited-edition sections of the goal post. The numbered, authenticated sections of goal post are priced at \$150. All proceeds will benefit UNC Athletics.

To order, call the UNC marketing office at 962-5496.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday** — The Carolina Club will host the fourth annual Harvest Wine Tasting & Auction to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 at the door or by contacting Gerry Massey at 845-2155.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Safety task force nears end of work

Group soon will give report to Broad

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The UNC-system Safety Task Force made recommendations Tuesday that admissions officials should conduct more in-depth background checks on applicants.

The recommendations will be submitted to UNC-system President Molly Broad in the coming weeks.

After identifying triggers such as a gap in time between high school graduation and submission of the college application, admissions officials would be encouraged to conduct a background check.

"What we want to do is ensure the safest environment that we can for all our students, faculty and staff," said Bobby Kanoy, head of the safety task force.

Other proposals include checking students against 10 years of expulsion and suspension records at all system schools and finding out what other colleges the student attended.

The last suggestion is for the UNC system to rely on the state's Department of Public Instruction, community college system and private schools to provide it with in-state student suspension and

expulsion records.

After two murders at UNC-Wilmington earlier this year, the safety task force was implemented to ensure students' safety on campus. The suspects in the two cases at UNC-W lied about their criminal pasts on their applications.

Victor Landry, senior vice president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, said the board decided the recommendation to automatically conduct background checks on all student applicants was a bad idea.

He also said students are not the only ones known to commit crimes on campus. "If we are talking about total safety, I would like to see the

committee look at all entry points of the university," he said.

Landry cited student involvement on the committee as another concern. Two students serve on the committee, which is made up of about 20 people.

But Dara Edelman, student body president at UNC-Greensboro, said the committee had a good set-up.

The task force has two subcommittees: the campus environment subcommittee, on which she sits, and the admissions subcommittee, on which Shari Williams, student body president at Fayetteville State University, sits.

Edelman added that North Carolina is the only state with a

committee that strictly evaluates campus safety. "This really puts North Carolina at the forefront of looking at campus safety."

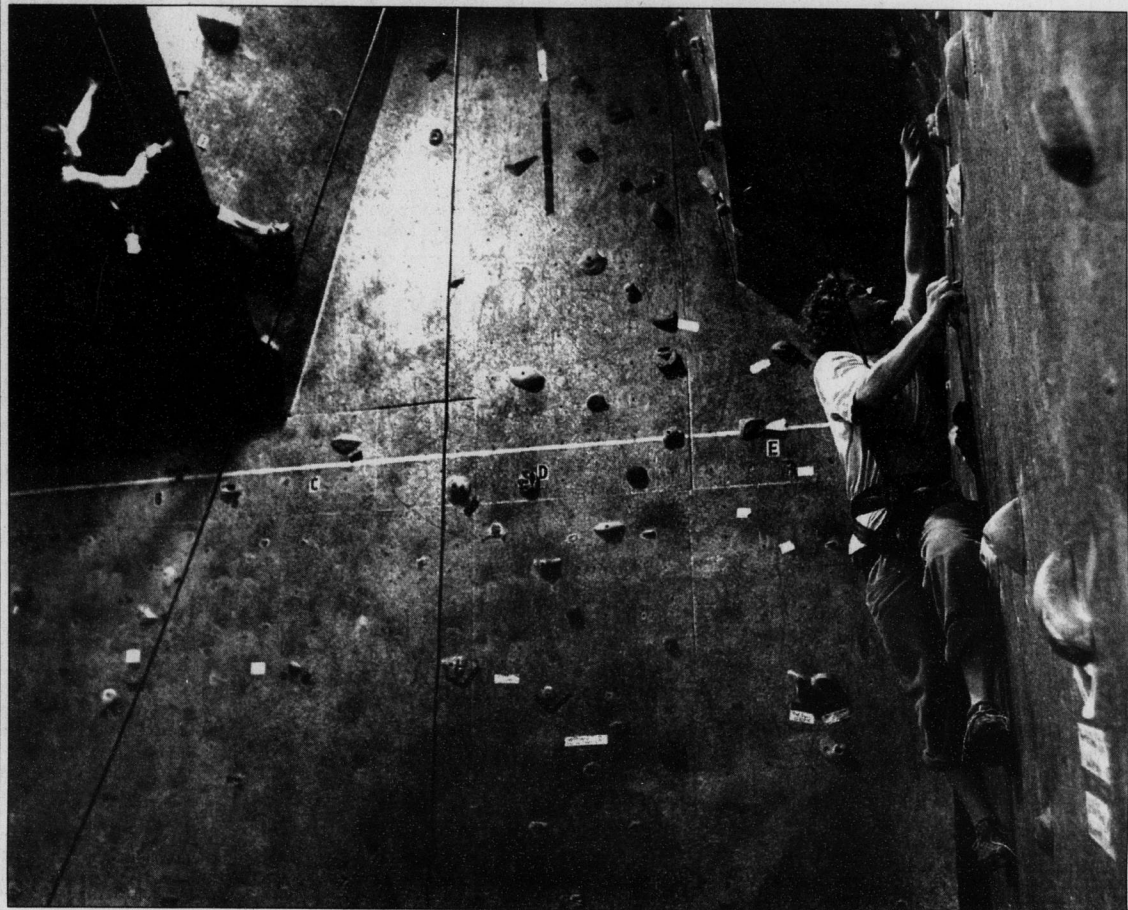
She said she believes things are beginning to happen on campuses and both subcommittees are wrapping things up. "Our subcommittee has put together a report and submitted it to President Broad."

Broad, in turn, must make a final recommendation to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Landry said some recommendations will be effective immediately, while others will take more time.

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## CLIMBING UP THE WALLS



DTH/JULIA LEBETIN

Paul Quinlan, right, and Paola Grasso Bronson climb at the Chapel Hill Community Center on Thursday night. The climbing wall is open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, from 6 to 7:50 p.m. Saturday, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, except for

the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents; annual and 20-visit passes are also available. Belay testing is held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for a \$10 resident or \$12 nonresident fee.

## Legislature gives OK to Dell incentives bill

Special session ends in boon for Triad

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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RALEIGH — After extended discussion and extra sessions, the N.C. General Assembly decided Thursday to pass a bill that will bring 2,500 new jobs to the Triad.

Dell USA and Gov. Mike Easley negotiated the opening of a factory for the company in North Carolina, and the legislature passed the \$242 million bill that will make it all possible.

The bill flew through the Senate, passing 33-15. Later, after lengthy debate and several failed attempts to modify the bill, the House passed it by a vote of 92-18.

"Dell can go anywhere in the world," said Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford, one of the chairwomen of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"Two-thousand manufacturing jobs would be wonderful."

The main crux of the bill is a

\$200 million tax credit, to be given in small parts to Dell on every computer or other small unit it sells.

In addition, to receive the credit, Dell would have to employ at least 1,200 people at the end of five years and invest at least \$100 million into its plant.

Reps. Verla Insko, D-Orange, and Paul Luebke, D-Durham, each presented two amendments to the bill.

Insko suggested a clause that would provide workers with the best health care coverage, whether it was the coverage described in the bill or the plan offered to workers at other Dell locations.

Luebke also wanted legislators to require that Dell hire displaced North Carolina workers.

Both lawmakers' amendments were overwhelmingly shot down by the House.

Frustrated, Luebke withdrew his

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## County OKs animal agency

Advisory board to be set by March

BY KATIE LEWIS  
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A new county department that would bring Animal Control and animal shelter services under one administrative authority is coming closer to fruition.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday unanimously moved ahead with plans to create a new Animal Services Department that would allow the county to provide more comprehensive adoption, sheltering and rabies control services for animals.

Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis was absent from the meeting.

The new department also could have an advisory board in place as early as March 1 if a board-appointed task force examining the shift — and the commissioners themselves — take appropriate action, said assistant county manager Gwen Harvey.

The county also could see a new animal services director by Jan. 1 and

end the task force's work by March. "It would provide the county with a great opportunity to think more strategically with regard to service and support to all the animals' needs in the county," Harvey said.

The county assumed control of the animal shelter earlier this year, after the Animal Protection Society faced serious questions over what critics said was its mismanagement of the facility and its mistreatment of animals.

Those moves led to the creation of the task force and, ultimately, to the commissioners' discussion Wednesday.

Still, members of the community who were strongly critical of APS when the society had control of the shelter also were critical of the commissioners' plans.

"Having strongly advocated your takeover of the county shelter, I am embarrassed to be appearing before you today to tell you that you have a disaster in process," said Elliot Cramer, who filed a lawsuit against APS accusing the group of withholding financial records and changing bylaws illegally.

"If you decide to make a deci-

sion tonight, I hope that it will be for a bureau, rather than a department."

Cramer went on to tell the group that the animal shelter should have its own, separate board, comprising people who have a knowledge of how to run such a facility.

The inclusion of a veterinarian from the shelter on the Orange County Board of Health also was a topic of discussion for most of the night.

One concern was that the veterinarian would attend more meetings than in past years, which might be overwhelming.

"We may have to give the veterinarian representative on the Board of Health advanced notice," said Commissioner Moses Carey.

"They will be simultaneously volunteering for 15 to 20 meetings when they take the job. This includes advisory committee meetings, appeals hearings and dangerous dog hearings."

The board expressed also concern with the composition of the advisory committee that will be

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## Student, mother question use of stun gun

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON  
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As students dragged the snapped pieces of both goal posts along the field after UNC's win over football powerhouse Miami, the coveted metal fragments reached mid-field.

It was then, said senior Daniel Smith, that he hopped on a segment of the goalpost — and campus police reacted.

While his friends took their celebrations from Kenan Stadium to Franklin Street, EMS technicians examined Smith's bloody jaw in the Kenan Field House. "I was just out there celebrating," he said. "I didn't want to cause any harm."

Although he said he had no intention of helping fellow stu-

dents take the goal posts out of the stadium through the 50-yard line exits, Smith was zapped by a stun gun.

"I don't know what I did that was so wrong that warranted being stunned by a stun gun," he said.

According to Jeff McCracken, deputy director of University police, the reasonable amount of force was used in the situation.

A campus police officer asked Smith to comply with his order to remove himself from the goal post segment, but Smith failed to comply, police reports state.

Smith said the officer then zapped him and pushed him to the ground.

After getting up and trying to run away, he was charged for incit-

ing a riot, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, police reports state. The first two charges have been dropped, and Smith is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 22 to address the last charge.

"I realize it's a mistake to go out on the field," said Celia Hooper, Smith's mother and former chairwoman of UNC's Faculty Athletic Committee. "Little did I know he would be hurt by a campus police officer."

Hooper said that she understands students' responsibilities but that she thinks the rationale of campus police is skewed.

"I'm sure the campus police are trained in crowd patrol, but I

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## Nation's decision rested on morality

'God, guns, gays' give Bush the win

BY DANA BSEISO  
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Issues that dominated on the campaign trail might have taken a back seat to moral values when voters chose Tuesday to re-elect President Bush.

An Associated Press exit poll showed that 22 percent of voters named moral values as their top issue. Of these, 79 percent voted for Bush.

Robert Sahr, a political science professor at Oregon State University, said Bush was able to draw in voters who identified with him on a religious level.

Bush came across as the religiously steadfast candidate, not budging on his anti-abortion, anti-same-sex marriage stances.

But Sahr said Bush's former opponent, Sen. John Kerry, could be considered religious as well.

"Kerry's quite a religious person. They're both religious in different ways," Sahr said.

The senator from Massachusetts did not throw his weight behind abortion or same-sex marriage, but he does support a woman's right to choose and equal benefits for all

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Students rush the field after the UNC football team's defeat of Miami on Saturday. One student is unhappy that he was hurt in the fracas.