

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Student meningitis victim released from the hospital

Jonathan Parker Davis, the UNC freshman who contracted meningococcal meningitis Oct. 28, was released from the hospital Saturday.

"(Davis) should consider himself one lucky man," said Bob Wirag, director of Student Health Service.

Davis said he feels fine except for occasional pain in his legs — a combined result of the meningitis and being bedridden for so long. Davis has been using a walker to get around his home in Wilson, where he returned directly after his release.

Davis will return to UNC next semester. He already has begun attending physical therapy three times a week and is taking medication for his legs and heart, which also was weakened by the infection.

SHS has not received any new reports of meningitis cases, Wirag said.

There were no requests for the antibiotic Cipro during the weekend, but Student Health will continue to distribute the antibiotic until Wednesday, he said.

Trio of top grads receives GAA young alumni awards

An NBA All-Star, a theoretical physicist and a member of the Federal Communications Commission recently received the General Alumni Association's 14th annual Distinguished Young Alumni Awards.

Brad Daugherty, a 1986 UNC graduate who was a five-time NBA All-Star and played for the Cleveland Cavaliers until 1996, was one of the recipients.

Another winner, Adam Falk, was a 1987 UNC graduate, a Phi Beta Kappa chapter vice president and Morehead Scholar. He now serves as dean of the faculty at Johns Hopkins University's Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and is a professor in the department of physics and astronomy.

The third recipient, Kevin Martin, is a 1989 Phi Beta Kappa graduate and former student body president at UNC. He began a five-year term on the FCC in 2001.

CITY BRIEFS

Pratt-Wilson faces another vandalism of her residence

The leader of a group that organized the Spotlight on Teenage Drinking forums held the past few months in Chapel Hill was again the victim of an incident at her home, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Dale Pratt-Wilson reported that at about 11:49 p.m. Friday, beer bottles and cans were thrown on her front yard, police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

These are not the first incidents Pratt-Wilson has reported since forming the committee aimed at stopping underage substance abuse, according to police reports.

In October, Pratt-Wilson reported that she was the victim of an egging of her house and that an obscene note was left.

17-year-old turns self in on trespassing, assault charges

A 17-year-old male turned himself in to Chapel Hill police on Friday in response to charges of assault/pointing a gun, communicating threats and trespassing, reports state.

According to police spokeswoman Jane Cousins, Jordan Ryan Garrett, 17, entered a residence about midnight Thursday and refused to leave.

When the people in the residence attempted to remove Garrett, he threatened the victims with a gun, Cousins said.

It is unclear how and when he left the apartment, Cousins said, but the charges were filed on Nov. 5.

From staff and wire reports.

Developer search launches

Council makes progress on lot 2 and 5

BY JAKE POTTER
STAFF WRITER

Progress on a pair of downtown projects continued Monday, when the Chapel Hill Town Council authorized project consultant John Stainback to solicit a developer for construction on parking lots 2 and 5.

The council's Committee on Lots 2 and 5 met earlier Monday to discuss the process, including the town's need to formally attract developers and their proposals.

Construction on lot 2, located on Rosemary Street behind Spanky's restaurant, and on lot 5, located across from University Square, is slated to begin in 2007.

Stainback will prepare an initial request for qualifications and a preliminary request for proposals for review at the committee's Nov. 22

meeting. These moves would formally begin the town's solicitations. Stainback said the requests would send a message to developers.

"When you do issue the request for qualifications and request for proposals, it will be very clear to developers that you're ready to go forward," he told the committee. "You'll be able to attract more developers and better developers."

The council will review the RFQ draft and consider whether to proceed at its Dec. 6 meeting.

Virginia Knapp, associate director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, praised Monday's decision to move forward with developer solicitation.

"The chamber is supportive of this project," she said. "We encourage you to continue giving data to the public."

Knapp also advised that the RFQ draft be made public.

Stainback submitted the most recent financial feasibility report for the projects, which also includes an expansion of the Wallace Deck on Rosemary Street and a relocation of RBC Centura from Rosemary Street to lot 5, at the council's Oct. 27 meeting.

Based on the latest figures, the project's total cost is estimated at \$82.3 million. The town will pay 21.5 percent, or about \$17.7 million.

"The numbers have changed significantly since our last meeting," said Bill Strom, council member and committee chairman.

The estimates rose because of a number of factors, including a soil boring study, which added about \$1.2 million to the budget for developing lot 5; increased parking costs per space; and a public art fund.

But Stainback emphasized that the numbers weren't finalized.

Town Manager Cal Horton agreed, noting that only a developer could provide exact figures.

"It's all speculation until we get a developer," he said.

But Horton said Stainback's middle-of-the-road assumptions were more realistic.

"I think (Stainback) is trying to play it straight," he said. "At least we are getting an understanding of what the issues are."

Stainback also said ongoing structural analyses demonstrate that there might be limitations to the Wallace Deck expansion.

The council held public information sessions on the projects on Thursday and Friday.

About 30 business owners and residents met to discuss comments and concerns about the development.

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Hoops ticket process begins

CAA expects rush in 1st distribution

BY JOHN RAMSEY
STAFF WRITER

Ticket distribution for the men's basketball season begins today amid the beginning stages of debate regarding possible policy changes.

Carolina Athletic Association officials said they expect high turnout for distribution this year as the Tar Heels are entering the regular season ranked fourth in the Associated Press pre-season poll.

The lottery distribution system requires students to present a valid UNC ONE Card at Gate 5 of Kenan Stadium between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. today or between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday. Students will receive a bracelet displaying a lottery number.

"(Coach) Roy Williams will be in the Pit Friday at noon to draw the magic number," said CAA President Lindsay Strunk. The number will then be displayed in the Pit and on the CAA Web site at www.unc.edu/caa.

The student wearing the bracelet with the magic number gets to stand first in line Saturday morning for the distribution of 4,000 to 6,000 student tickets. Saturday's distribution includes games against Southern California, Kentucky, Loyola-Chicago and UNC-Wilmington.

Students should show up by 6:45 a.m. because check-in begins promptly at 7 a.m., said Charles

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Honor system remains mystery

Case did little to inform students

BY CLAIRE DORRIER
STAFF WRITER

Despite the fact that an honor system hearing recently was opened to the public for the first time in four years, many students still are oblivious to both the case and UNC's honor procedures.

Senior Chase Foster said he opened his appeal hearing to the public Thursday to show students how the Honor Court works and to ignite campus discourse.

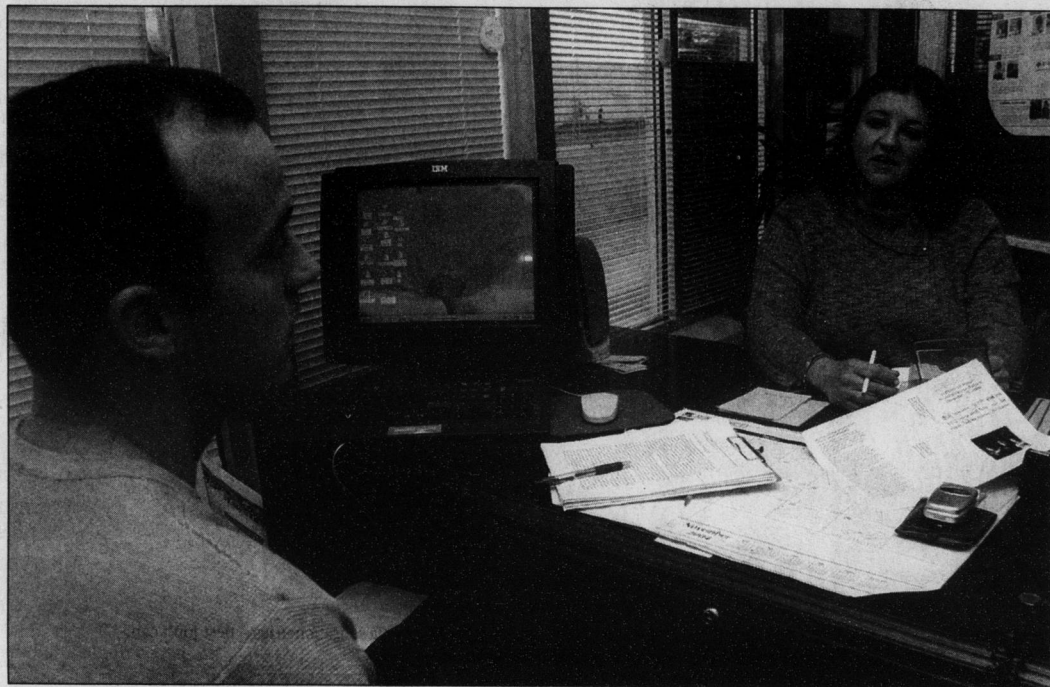
Almost 50 students attended the hearing, during which Foster contested two charges of which he was found guilty in his initial Honor Court case. But the University Hearings Board, which hears appeals from Honor Court cases, decided unanimously not to drop either charge.

In a Sept. 20 Honor Court case, Foster was found guilty of misusing University property and using the name of a member of the University community without authorization after he created a UNC Onyen alias bearing the name of UNC-system President Molly Broad.

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TINA SIRAGUSA, NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EL CENTRO LATINO



Tina Siragusa (right), new executive director of El Centro Latino, talks to building manager Ken Kolb. Siragusa took over the post Monday after working one and a half years at the University's Highway Safety Resource Center. Siragusa said she hopes to promote greater advocacy.

SIRAGUSA TAKES TENTATIVE STEPS

Plans to network with community, maximize benefits of existing services

BY OLIVIA WEBB
STAFF WRITER

El Centro Latino carried on with business as usual Monday — but with the addition of one new face.

Monday was Tina Siragusa's first day as executive director of the Carrboro-based Latino advocacy group, coming more than two weeks after she was named as the replacement for Hector Perez, the center's previous executive director of two years.

After 1 1/2 years with UNC's Highway Safety Research Center, Siragusa started Monday in her role of guiding the group at a time when the county's Latino population is expanding rapidly.

Without a new desk or even an office, Siragusa began to familiarize herself with El Centro Latino, from its computer system to its staff.

Her work consists of keeping the board of directors connected to the center itself, as well as networking with other Latino-focused agencies in the community and the state.

Winkie La Force, the president of El

Centro Latino, said she was pleased Siragusa had started.

"She has the ability to reach the neighborhoods, apartment buildings and homes, to get out there and meet the Latino community and listen to them so that we can be of service," La Force said.

Siragusa spent most of Monday walking from desk to desk asking questions and trying to meet and talk with many of the center's employees.

Ben Balderas, El Centro Latino's projects manager, said the center had made efforts to ensure a smooth transition.

"An organization at this stage has a lot of flexibility, and we all end up helping out to our abilities as things come up. With a new director, we wanted to define specific jobs and who does what," Balderas said.

Siragusa said her first concern is introducing herself to the Latino community, which in Carrboro now accounts for more than 13 percent of the total population.

She said she plans to continue the excellent services the center offers to county

Latinos, as well as to network and communicate with neighboring agencies to maximize the benefit of those services.

"We're at a point that Latinos aren't migrant anymore. They are putting down roots and establishing their homes here," she said. "It's time to gauge the system to see if it is helping Latinos have a good life here."

Siragusa talked Monday about many of the problems that now confront the Latino and Hispanic populations in America: day care, health care, high school dropout rates and, increasingly, AIDS.

She said there is also an information gap that exists for Spanish speakers.

Ken Kolb, the center's building manager, had heard of Siragusa's work at UNC and said he was optimistic about the center's future.

"We offer pretty good programs already. There are English classes, job searches and legal searches, but we are always open to new ideas."

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