

CITY BRIEFS

Dalzell indicted on charge of second-degree murder

The man charged in the death of Carrboro resident Deborah Leigh Key was indicted on a charge of second-degree murder Monday before the Orange County Grand Jury, according to Cheryl Parker, an investigational assistant with the district attorney's office.

Dalzell was also indicted on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses and larceny from an employee, both charges that led to his arrest on Sept. 2 in connection to Key's disappearance on Dec. 1, 1997.

He also faces a charge of six counts of third-degree exploitation of a minor but has not yet been indicted, Parker said.

He was arrested on the exploitation counts Sept. 23, while already in Orange County Jail for the second-degree murder charge.

Parker said no trial date has been set for the charges on which Dalzell was indicted Monday.

The hearing for the exploitation counts is pending in district court, she said.

Dalzell is still in Orange County Jail on a secured bond of \$70,000 for the second-degree murder charge and \$20,000 for the exploitation counts.

Breaking and enterings lead to yet more scrutiny

Chapel Hill police are investigating three more breaking and entering incidents in addition to several others that have occurred within the past month.

According to police reports, someone gained entry at 2 a.m. Tuesday to an Enterprise Rent-A-Car, located at 100 Ephesus Church Road, by breaking a window.

Tate Realty, located at 508 Edwards St., also was broken into between 5 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday, reports state.

A breaking and entering was reported Tuesday at 500-B South Columbia St.

Reports state that the perpetrator pushed in the air conditioning unit in a rear window at about 10:30 p.m.

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University may be victim of forged international check

University police responded to a phone call Tuesday from a UNC employee concerning a forged check, reports state.

John Carlson, an accounting services employee, discovered the forgery and got in contact with the police.

According to the report, Carlson told the officer that a check in the amount of \$24,000, drawn from a University account, was cashed Sept. 5 outside the United States.

Police are continuing to investigate the case.

Stamp thieves make mark at 2 desks in Davis Library

Three sheets of stamps valued at about \$20 were stolen Tuesday from Davis Library, reports state.

UNC employee Kate Barnhart told University police that the stamps were taken from desks in rooms 149 and 150.

According to the report, Barnhart said the offices were locked at the time, but not the desks.

There are no known suspects at the time, and the case is pending further investigation.

Students to take to road to support troops' children

Carolina Troop Supporters, a student organization, will host a Yellow Ribbon 5-kilometer run Saturday in conjunction with Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund, a national group.

The nonprofit organization hands out college scholarships to the children of military casualties.

Registration commences at 10 a.m. and runners will set out at 11 a.m.

Immediately after the race, there will be a myriad of events including musical performances, an ROTC flag ceremony and a silent auction.

CALENDAR

Sunday — UNC's chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Fetzer Gymnasium to support the University of Mississippi's chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

The Mississippi chapter lost 3 members in a fraternity house fire earlier this semester.

Contact Dusty Harrison at dharris@email.unc.edu for more information.

From staff and wire reports.

Officials tout success of hazing rules

BY CLAIRE DORRIER STAFF WRITER

As the Interfraternity Council pledge period came to a close Wednesday, officials said new regulations helped decrease hazing.

While it is impossible to monitor all fraternity activities, no major violations were reported to the Greek Judicial Board, said IFC President Walker Rutherford.

The IFC came under fire last spring, but with a new Code of Conduct in place that forbids personal servitude and hazing, officials said they are pleased with this

semester's progress.

"I think we've made tremendous strides with the IFC leadership and chapter leadership," said Jim Tatum, chairman of the UNC Fraternity Alumni Advisers Committee. "It's about getting individual leadership in each chapter to accept the need for change."

The IFC held a grand chapter meeting to emphasize strict enforcement of the guidelines. Each pledge and fraternity member signed the code, promising to obey the rules.

Rutherford and Will Robinson, vice president of public relations for

the IFC, said the meeting effectively outlined and explained the changes.

"I definitely think that all the effort we put into the (code) created a positive atmosphere change," Robinson said.

Officials now will evaluate the semester and determine whether the policy was successful.

"From what I can tell, it has had a positive impact," said Jim Gray, alumni adviser of Delta Kappa Epsilon. "The number of complaints, rumors or allegations about hazing has gone way down."

Jean Kitchin, a member of the

UNC Board of Trustees who had advocated for changes to the IFC last spring, said she hasn't heard any complaints thus far.

Officials said the changes could make the IFC more attractive and ultimately allow it to recruit more members. Both rush and pledge numbers have increased since last year.

"People felt more assured there wouldn't be widespread hazing during the pledge process," Gray said.

Rutherford said officials should be confident that the pledge process will continue to improve.

"Now it is important for us to focus on the changes we have made and allow them to sink in instead of enacting further changes designed to revamp the entire system."

The Fraternity Alumni Advisers Committee will meet with officials next week to begin the review.

"We've gotten through the fall successfully and headed in the right direction," Tatum said. "Now we need to do a forensic review of what was going on the ground."

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Sam Donaldson, former White House correspondent and co-host of ABC's "Primetime Live," interacts with students and members of the community Wednesday evening in Carroll Hall. Donaldson spoke about how journalists should think critically about their own reporting.

Council tables lobbyist scheme

University leaders need not register

BY MEGHAN DAVIS STAFF WRITER

An ordinance that would have required all lobbyists coming before the Chapel Hill Town Council to keep public records of their activities was removed from consideration by the council Oct. 27.

Proposed in January by the Coalition of Neighbors Near Campus, the ordinance would have required paid lobbyists to register and report their activities.

But University officials — one of the focal points of the proposal — would not have qualified as lobbyists because they are employees of public agencies.

After months of deliberation, the council decided it was not happy with the proposal, said council member Dorothy Verkerk.

"We felt that it would not have accomplished what the members wanted," Verkerk said.

Council member Sally Greene said there were concerns about the ordinance's wording because it did not achieve the petition's objective.

The original goal of the coalition's petition was to prevent closed meetings between the council and any group trying to gain influence, said coalition member Gene Pease.

"We felt that any potential developer that could influence the council's decisions should be registered with the town," he said.

Pease said that the coalition focused on the University after learning that council members had met privately with UNC officials but that the petition was not directed solely at UNC. "We're not picking on the University," he said. "But we felt it was a serious issue as well."

Verkerk had a different view of the meetings. "People seemed to think that there were some sort of back-door deals going on, which I can assure you were not," she said.

Virginia Knapp, associate director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said the

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BROADCASTER RECALLS HISTORY

BY INDIA AUTRY STAFF WRITER

Reporters and readers both are responsible for searching out truth in politics, veteran news broadcaster Sam Donaldson told a standing-room-only crowd of 575 Wednesday night in Carroll Hall auditorium.

Donaldson, who has served as the ABC White House correspondent under the Carter, Reagan and Clinton administrations, said journalists covering Washington, D.C., sometimes have to pry honest answers from unwilling lips.

"The bureaucracy is really designed so that you don't find out what's going on if what's going on is bad."

He recalled Ronald Reagan's way of eagerly answering easy questions but sometimes cupping his hand around his ear to signal that he had missed the tougher ones.

"He heard me," said Donaldson, who opened the journalism school's Nelson Benton Lecture with President Nixon's victory pose. Known for his liveliness, Donaldson slapped the podium and drew laughs throughout the talk.

Investigating statements that don't seem right is key in journalism, he said. Reporters become press secretaries when they don't.

"The job is not to tear down the president," Donaldson said to an audience featuring some prominent locals in the newspaper industry. "Nor is it to artificially build him up."

When straight questions don't elicit direct responses from interviewees, something's fishy, he said.

"You may not be able to (report) it yet, but now you know where the trail is, and you're going to stay on the trail," Donaldson said he used this technique in the early days of the Clinton sex scandal.

Readers have their own detective roles to play. They must consult a variety of news sources because media bias is prevalent, he said. "If all you watch (is FOX News or Comedy Central's 'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart') and you think you have a fair and balanced point of view of the American political system, you're wrong," he said.

But he said readers should realize there's no conspiracy to indoctrinate the public

from either side. "It's what (they) believe is honestly the case," he said.

Donaldson spoke about Carter's Camp David peace summits, Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy's campaign and the Iran-Contra scandal documents as if they were old friends.

He told the story of his first encounter with President George W. Bush in Washington during Reagan's presidency: Donaldson was about to put together a last-minute broadcast when Bush popped out of nowhere to introduce himself. Donaldson said his cheery words were, "Sam, I'm George W. Bush."

Donaldson joked that if he had taken time out for small talk then, he might be the secretary of defense now. Perhaps it was that pep that won Bush the White House last week, Donaldson said.

"(For voters) it comes down to, 'An individual simply is more my kind of guy more than the other.'"

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UNC hopes to get biotechnology deal

BY ARENDELL CARLTON STAFF WRITER

The UNC system is seeking a partnership with the Pentagon to create military products through biotechnology — an initiative that could bring improvements to the technology sector of the state and provide jobs.

System President Molly Broad was instrumental in bringing the idea to the table, said Robert Helms, director of strategic initiatives at the Research Triangle Institute.

Along with the school system, RTI, large defense contractors and businesses are likely to join in.

This plan is expected to boost the economy, bringing more jobs to North Carolina, which is already ranked third in the United States for biotechnology.

"This initiative provides another service to buy products from the state," Helms said. "It creates jobs and companies from this area. It is an economic initiative."

In September, organizers from the Research Triangle met with high ranking members in the Pentagon to discuss the project.

According to a report from the meeting, North Carolina has

already contributed \$64.5 million to biotech workforce training.

The state has spent a total of \$151 million on the biotechnology industry to date.

Helms said the initiative will benefit the consumer and the private sectors in the state. Potential products range from pharmaceuticals and vaccines to biodiesels and electronics.

UNC-system schools will mainly be involved in the research needed to create these products.

And UNC-Chapel Hill especially will gain from the project, said Mark Crowell, UNC-CH's associate vice chancellor for technology development.

"Since we have a majority of the biotechnology resources in the system, we would have a lot to benefit," he said.

The cost of the initiative could range from an additional \$50 million to \$150 million, depending on whether the project includes drug research, The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported.

Russ Lea, UNC-system vice president for research, called this

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Burr touts stronger economy

BY MARK PUENTE STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — Senator-elect Richard Burr found common ground Wednesday with about 500 Tar Heel business leaders and politicians who want to work together to build a stronger economy in the state.

The N.C. Forum for Research and Economic Education held its annual meeting to congratulate elected officials and to allow new politicians the opportunity to introduce themselves to the business community.

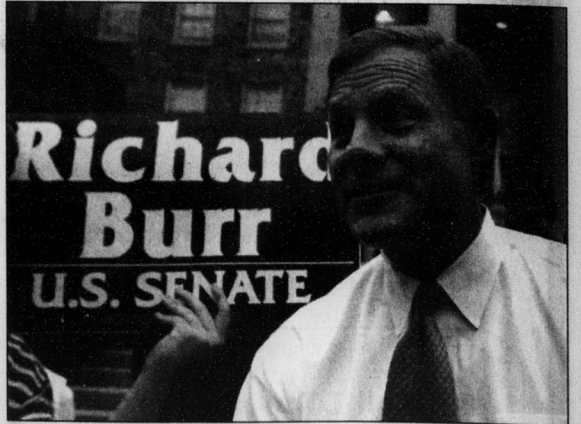
The group is a nonpartisan, nonprofit political research group that polls politicians' positions on pro-business legislation.

"It's not a partisan thing," said John Davis, executive director of NCFREE. "At the end of each election cycle, we congratulate all who won. It's a fantastic day for the newcomers."

Many Democratic and Republican heavyweights attended the gathering.

Before giving the keynote speech, Burr apologized to the group for not appearing as royalty, referring to a campaign ad that ran on TV depicting him as the "king of special interests."

"It's an honor to be here," he said. "But I apologize. I did not wear my crown today."



Richard Burr, shown at a campus rally last month, says he plans to address issues including unemployment and health care insurance as a senator.

Burr, a five-term congressman, gave his speech eight days after being elected to the U.S. Senate and a week before orientation for freshman senators.

"I have made 1,400 phone calls and counting this week," he said. "But that is the result of a successful campaign."

But he took a more serious tone as he thanked his Democratic opponent, Charlotte investment

banker Erskine Bowles, whom he defeated 52 percent to 47 percent. "This was a contentious campaign," Burr said. "Erskine could not have been kinder when he called that night to pledge his help to the citizens of North Carolina."

Many polls taken before Election Day showed Burr trailing by as many as 10 percentage points, and the gap

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