

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Applications available for CAA vice president position

Applications for the open position of vice president of the Carolina Athletic Association now are available in the CAA Office, room 2508F of the Student Union.

Interested students must submit a completed application by 5 p.m. Nov. 29.

CITY BRIEFS

Man robs local gas station, traps clerk in the bathroom

An armed robbery was reported at 4 a.m. Thursday at the Spinx Oil gas station at 207 W. Main St. in Carrboro, resulting in the theft of about \$200, Carrboro police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown black man, described as about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 180 pounds with dark hair and wearing a green jacket and white T-shirt, entered the store and requested change for a quarter.

When the clerk told him opening the register required a purchase, he put a 10-cent piece of candy on the counter, reports state.

According to reports, when the clerk opened the register, the suspect reached over the counter and pulled out what appeared to be a gun.

He then forced the clerk into the bathroom and sealed her exit with an ice machine, reports state.

The suspect took cash from the register and money from a drawer underneath the counter. He also took the clerk's wallet and cell phone from her purse, reports state.

Police still are investigating.

2 men rob pizza delivery man at Carrboro apartment

A Gumby's Pizza delivery man was robbed at gunpoint at 12:05 a.m. Thursday in the parking lot of Abbey Court apartments in Carrboro when he responded to a false delivery order, Carrboro police reports state.

When the man tried to deliver a pizza to an apartment at 501 Jones Ferry Road, he was told that no one at that residence had ordered anything, reports state.

According to reports, as he was walking back through the parking lot, two unknown suspects displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money.

The two men both are described as about 5 feet 10 inches tall, one of whom reportedly weighs 220 pounds and the other reportedly weighs 150 pounds.

The suspects made off with the victim's wallet, cell phone, pizza and \$160 cash, reports state.

Police still are investigating.

Vandals spray-paint 6 cars on area roads Tuesday night

Six cars were vandalized with silver spray paint Tuesday night in four incidents spread out across the city, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Cars on Cottage Lane, Maxwell Road, Old Pittsboro Road and Glandon Drive all were defaced with silver paint, but police have found "no discernible pattern," said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Cousins said that although it is still unknown if the vandalism are connected, police have determined that they are not gang-related.

Chapel Hill man arrested on multiple warrants Thursday

A Chapel Hill man was arrested at 12:10 a.m. Thursday on warrants for breaking and entering, larceny and possession of stolen goods, all felonies, stemming from an incident at 510 Edwards St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Shawn Johnny Milligan, 40, of 108 Creel St., broke into a house owned by Tate Realty & Construction Co. and stole a lawn mower.

He was sent to Orange County Jail in lieu of a \$6,000 secured bond.

Milligan also was served with warrants for failure to appear in court Nov. 4 for previous charges of breaking and entering, drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and trespassing.

His bond was increased by \$700 for failure to appear. He will appear in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough today at the first opportunity.

CALENDAR

Saturday — The Asian Students Association is holding its annual Journey Into Asia, a celebration of Asian food and culture, at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in the Pit and at the door of Great Hall in the Student Union for \$5 (show) and \$10 (dinner and show).

— From staff reports.

BOG seeks increased accountability

Clamp down in wake of NCSA affair

BY JULIANA HANSON
STAFF WRITER

The UNC system's governing body is expected to approve a measure today that would require chancellors to sign a document at the start of the academic year to ensure accountability for their campus' financial statements.

Leaders at all 16 system schools would pledge that all money donated by outside foundations to the universities will be included in financial reports.

The decision by the Board of Governors' budget and finance committee comes after N.C. State Auditor Ralph Campbell reported in early October that officials at the N.C. School of the Arts had misallocated more than \$1 million in university funds.

NCSA now is in a 90-day probation period, during which it must prove to the BOG that it has remedied its problems. For now, many system officials are leading the school's financial divisions.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, is overseeing the financial department at NCSA, and UNC-system President Molly Broad said Davies likely will remain there beyond the 90-day period.

The school officially will retain its management flexibility, but George Burnette, UNC-system associate vice president for finance, will serve as the chief financial adviser.

Although the committee decided not to cut NCSA's funding — an action it feared would harm the school — members have set certain rules to clean up the situation and ensure that it does not recur.

Broad also proposed the creation of a task force that would develop a way for at least some members of the Board of Governors to look over the annual finance reports from the chancellors.

"This board, perhaps, is not receiving the information it needs," she said.

Still, she added that she has no doubt that NCSA has made the necessary changes to clean up its budget, including replacing officials involved in the situation and cooperating with the requests of the BOG and state auditor.

In light of the incident at NCSA,

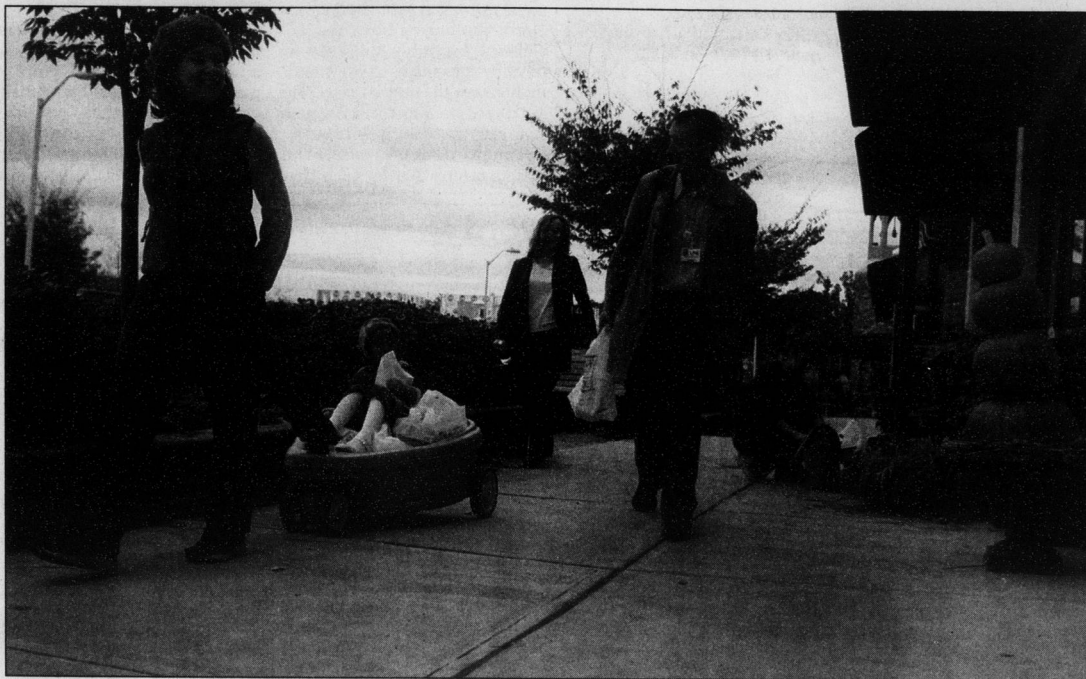
the committee further discussed a need to pay close attention to the way individual campuses are spending money.

Panel members voted to clarify the language in the system's lease policy, which allows universities to execute leases and spend money without first going to the BOG. The change would state who specifically has that power.

Board member Gladys Robinson expressed her concerns about the appropriations of funds to ensure that students are receiving a "full

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"There has been a shift in American values from materialism to intangible satisfaction." J. WALKER SMITH, PRESIDENT, YANKELOVICH PARTNERS INC.



Mara Gleason (from left), Jelia Settle and Sean Patrick Kelley walk home from shopping at Weaver Street Market in Southern Village on Thursday afternoon. The three are neighbors in the self-contained community, which has its own shopping center for its residents.

'HIVING' IS ALL THE BUZZ

Trend-watchers note strong suburban emphasis on family, community

BY KIRSTEN VALLE
STAFF WRITER

Americans are becoming more like honeybees, trend-watchers are saying.

People in suburbs across the country are practicing "hiving," a return to the home fueled by a desire to reconnect with family and friends.

"We were looking for an appropriate metaphor to summarize the phenomenon we've been seeing, and we thought of a beehive," said J. Walker Smith, president of Yankelovich Partners Inc., a Chapel Hill consulting firm.

"There has been a shift in American values from materialism to intangible satisfaction," he said. "People are focusing on other things."

Smith said the concept evolved from the "cocooning" trend of the 1980s, which was characterized by a return to the home in search of isolation.

"We don't actually see cocooning anymore," he said. "People are certainly returning to the home, but it's about interaction with others."

Examples of hiving are the recent boom in board games and a growing interest in home-centered media, such as the Food Network and Better Homes and Gardens magazine, he said.

Even technology is catering to "hivers" — family cell phone plans from companies such as T-Mobile and Cingular have enjoyed widespread success.

"Everything else is secondary to family and

friends," said Greg Currens of Style Interior Design in Irvine, Calif. "We get those out of proportion sometimes."

Currens is often credited with coining the term; after consulting with Smith, he gave a presentation about "hiving" at a 2003 Urban Land Institute conference.

He said the trend emerged from a period of isolation and personal dissatisfaction.

"Everything was impersonal, and that makes people want to get more personal," he said.

Smith said the phenomenon surfaced in his data in the mid-1990s — the peak of the dot-com boom.

In addition, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, sped up the reconnection process.

"The trend would have emerged more slowly if not for 9/11," Smith said. "9/11 initiated steps toward priorities that people had already felt were important."

Currens echoed the theory.

"September 11 placed a whole new set of values on people," he said. "The people on those cell phone calls (from the hijacked planes) didn't call the office. They called family and loved ones."

But hiving has yet to reach its peak in the market, he said.

"I don't know that it is prevalent yet," he said. "People may be doing stuff as far as

interaction, but hiving hasn't become uniform yet."

He added that the trend hasn't infiltrated the interior design industry. While his company creates commercial spaces that are pleasant for groups, many competitors have yet to follow suit.

Some trend-watchers even have not embraced the term.

"I haven't heard of it," said Setha Low, professor of environmental psychology at the City University of New York and author of several books on public space.

"There is a phenomenon of creating denser communities, but the problem is, suburban America is so huge," she said. "I don't think the term is a very good way to describe the Northeast, but maybe it works for the South."

Low said the term comes with alternate connotations. "When I hear 'hiving,' there is also the notion of a queen bee, or a leader involved," she said.

The term might also follow political lines, she said. "I think it characterizes a certain subset," she said. "Especially after the election, our country is divided."

"Hiving," I think, characterizes one side that wants moral values."

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CHPD links suspect to more crimes

One-third of cases have been solved

BY JON BURNS
STAFF WRITER

With Wednesday's arrest of Anthony Jerome Dukes, 46, Chapel Hill police have solved nearly one-third of the residential break-ins that have plagued the area around Cameron Avenue since September.

Police arrested Dukes on 18 charges — including seven counts of felony breaking and entering, seven counts of felony larceny, one count of felony first degree burglary and three counts of misdemeanor damage to property — in connection with eight home break-ins in that area.

He is responsible for seven of the 22 incidents of home burglary reported since September at houses off of Cameron Avenue and Kenan, McCauley, Ransom and Vance streets. He also is responsible for more than \$23,000 in stolen property, police reports state.

According to reports, his means of entry varied, including prying

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Kerry increases Democratic support in West

BY BROOKE ERICSON
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The American West, historically a stronghold for the Republican Party, became more of a battleground than anticipated during this year's competition for the presidency.

The inroads Democratic Sen. John Kerry made in Nevada, Oregon and Colorado caused Bush's campaign team to expend additional efforts to turn the region red. And though the outcome in Idaho and Montana — solid Republican areas — was never in doubt, Kerry still increased Democratic support from 2000.

Ted Jelen, a political science professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, said this shift in support is part of a long-term trend. "This has been building for about two decades."

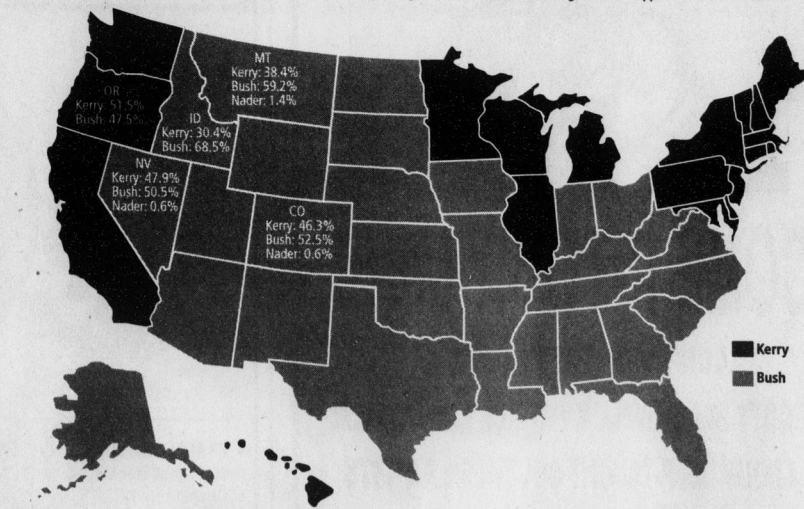
In 2000, former Vice President Al Gore only won Oregon with 47.1 percent of the vote, but this year Kerry increased the Democratic hold with 51.5 percent.

Though Bush picked up Idaho, Colorado, Nevada and Montana, Kerry rallied Democratic supporters enough to make significant progress for the party.

He garnered 2.8 percent more support in Idaho than Gore in 2000 and increased the Democratic hold on Colorado by 3.9 percent; his share of the popular vote in Nevada was up

2004 POPULAR VOTE

Although President Bush won in most Western states, Sen. John Kerry strengthened the Democratic voting base that supported Al Gore in 2000.



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1.7 percent from four years ago.

The Democrats saw 5 percent more support in Montana than they did during the last battle for the White House.

Though land conservation is a key issue in the region, Jelen said, it is not been the motivating force for Republican voters. "What the con-

servatives care about here is taxes."

The Bush campaign, in stressing social issues and appealing to the moral values of strongly conservative voters, did not focus enough on taxes to satisfy voters in the mountain West, many of whom are Eastern immigrants, Jelen said.

"The West is probably the most

secular part of the country," he said. "Most people by definition are not strongly rooted in their community."

Jelen said Bush's campaign tactics left room for these voters to shift to a more Democratic outlook.

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