

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Paul Green Theater Drive closes today for utility work**

Paul Green Theater Drive will be closed starting today because of utility work associated with the construction of the Cobb Deck and Chiller Plant. The road is directly north of the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Construction, slated to last 18 months, will affect the road throughout the process. N4 permit holders still will be able to access parking spaces in their lot.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Greensboro man dies after Sunday morning car crash**

A car accident Sunday morning at the intersection of Old Durham Road and East Lakeview Drive resulted in the death of a Greensboro man, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Vello Norman, 74, of 1611 Wright Ave. in Greensboro, turned onto Old Durham Road off East Lakeview Drive when he disregarded a stop sign and failed to yield to a vehicle already on Old Durham Road, reports state.

Capt. Brian Curran said the vehicle traveling on Old Durham Road "T-boned" Norman's car.

A Chapel Hill resident was driving the second vehicle at the time of the incident. According to reports, he sustained no injuries.

**Carrboro resident charged with breaking and entering**

A Carrboro man was arrested Saturday night on charges of breaking and entering, Carrboro police reports state.

Two men had invited Isidoro Bautista Ramirez, 38, to stay at their residence at 404 Jones Ferry Road on previous occasions, but not on Saturday night, reports state.

According to reports, one of the men walked into his apartment to find Ramirez naked in his bed.

The victim said he would have used a knife on the suspect if police had not reported to the scene quickly, reports state.

Ramirez was holding the victim by the arms when Carrboro police arrived, reports state.

Reports also state that Ramirez was intoxicated at the time of the incident. Ramirez was taken to Orange County Jail.

**UNC student charged with drunk driving early Sunday**

UNC junior Karen Mann, 20, was arrested on a charge of drunk driving early Sunday morning, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Mann was stopped for speeding and running a red light at the intersection of U.S. 15-501 North and Estes Drive. Her blood-alcohol content was .11 at the time of her arrest, according to reports.

Mann also was charged with carrying a false driver's license, reports state.

**Homeless man charged with trespassing at bus stop**

A homeless man was arrested at the 501 Jones Ferry Road bus stop Friday evening on charges of second-degree trespassing and communicating violent threats, Carrboro police reports state.

According to reports, Carrboro officer G. Mayfield observed a large number of people at the bus stop who did not get on a bus after one stopped there. He asked them to move on and most did without any problem, reports state.

Alfredo Enrique Hernandez, 38, refused to move on and said about 10 times that he wanted to "get a gun and shoot (the officer)" and that he wanted to kill the officer, reports state.

Hernandez was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident, reports state.

**CALENDAR**

Today — The International Education Exhibition & Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The fair will offer information on international programs, opportunities, student groups and university departments.

Today — A brown bag lunch with digital media artist and filmmaker Alex Rivera will be at noon in the conference room at the University Center for International Studies.

A film forum and screening with Rivera on "True Tales from an Invisible America" will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Wednesday — The Carolina Association of Black Journalists is hosting an "Entertainment in the Media" panel at 7 p.m. in 33 Carroll Hall.

Featured panelists include freelance writer and XXL magazine contributor Saptosa Foster and local hip-hop artist Kaze.

— From staff reports.

# System checks audit process

## New task force to eliminate problems

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of a million-dollar scandal at the N.C. School of the Arts discovered in October, UNC-system President Molly Broad has directed the system's governing body to consider stricter supervision of campus finances.

"It is time for this board to carefully consider taking on additional

oversight duties," Broad told the Board of Governors during its Friday meeting.

In response to Broad's recommendation, the BOG has formed a task force to examine what kind of role it should play in reviewing campus finances.

"I think the task force is designed to determine what additional oversight there ought to be, as well as

who should be responsible for it," said Jim Phillips, chairman of the board's Budget and Finance Committee.

Robert Warwick, the only certified public accountant on the board, will serve as chairman of the task force.

"We're going to look at the current internal audit function within the campuses and with the Board of Governors and see if there are some things that we need to be doing differently," he said.

Broad already has made a number of suggestions for the task force's consideration. They include an annual review of the state auditor's reports for all system schools, along with a yearly meeting with the state auditor to ensure that any concerns can be addressed quickly.

"If (the auditor) comes up with some issues, then obviously we need to know about that, and we need to

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# Group tackles myriad biases

## IFC fights images of homeless locals

*Editor's note: What follows is the second in a series of articles related to homelessness in Orange County. Chapel Hill is sponsoring a roundtable discussion Thursday on the issue.*

BY TANNER SLAYDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Inter-Faith Council's homeless shelter and its residents aren't only fighting for new facilities — they're also fighting a negative perception from members of the downtown business community.

Located at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets in the Old Municipal Building, the men's shelter has been fixed in the heart of downtown since 1990.

"The perception of the homeless is more negative than the homeless in actuality," said Charles House, the owner of University Florist and Gift Shop at 124 E. Franklin St.

The presence of theft, robbery and panhandling, and their perceived connection with the shelter, has caused some to think the homeless are bad for business.

This stereotype and other issues related to homelessness will be tackled Thursday at the Orange County Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness.

Jamil Kadoura, owner of the Mediterranean Deli and a downtown businessman for 13 years, said the shelter should be moved away from downtown.

"I grew up very poor and can relate to the people trying to make ends meet," he said. "But downtown has become scary, and everyone is complaining about it."

Kadoura said that his car has

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## SHALL WE DANCE?



DTH/CARTER MURPHY

Sophomore Lauren Pope, president of the UNC-CH Ballroom Dance Club, and partner senior Robert Logue lead the class through dance steps during its shag lesson Monday night in the Women's Gym. The club offers free dance lessons to UNC students, faculty and staff, as well as to

members of the community. Lessons include swing, waltz, shag, quickstep, salsa and jive. No experience is needed to join, and a dance partner is not required. A monthly social dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Women's Gym. Admission will be \$4 for students and \$6 for others.

# Housing rules might change

BY KATIE LEWIS  
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council took a step Monday night toward amending language in a town ordinance that could help create more affordable housing.

The town defines affordable housing as any unit that is affordable for individuals or families whose incomes are at or below 80 percent of the area median income for a family of four. The council requires that 15 percent of units in a residential development be devoted to such housing.

Currently, if that percentage does not convert to a whole number, the number of required units is rounded down. The council discussed a proposal Monday that instead would round these figures up.

"This change would make the affordable housing requirements

more consistent with the way we do other things in the town, such as parking," said Roger Waldon, town planning director. "If you have to have 1.5 parking spaces and round down, you do not meet the requirements. We round up."

The council on Monday referred the proposal to the town manager and attorney after the public hearing. It will be back on the agenda Dec. 6 with three options for the council to consider.

The council could choose to leave the ordinance as is and continue to round down all fractions.

It could also choose to round fractions up — or, if a fraction is 0.5 or above, round the number up while all numbers 0.49 and below would be rounded down.

Robert Dowling, director of the

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# Council knocks concept plan

BY TANNER SLAYDEN  
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The mixed-use development proposed to be built northeast of the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and Erwin Road received a negative response from the Chapel Hill Town Council at a public hearing Monday night.

The public hearing was cut short and will be continued in January.

The council criticized Wilson Assemblage, proposed by Design Response Inc., for dramatically changing the concept plan and increasing traffic concerns with its current plans.

"This (public hearing) takes me back seven years ago when we didn't have a concept plan stage," said council member Edith Wiggins. "We added the concept plan so we could talk to developers about what they had in mind in detail before the public hearing."

All council members reflected this sentiment.

Council member Bill Strom said he thought the dramatic changes

to the concept plan only took away what was appealing about the development.

He said the concept plan originally called for 32 units of affordable housing, which was appealing to the council in March 2003 when the concept plan was submitted.

The plans now include no affordable housing, and council members commented on how the site now looks different from the development approved under the concept plan.

"It seemed like we were being offered caviar last year as far as affordable housing goes," Strom said. "Now, it doesn't even seem like we are getting fish food."

Another issue the council and town residents had with the proposed development is that it could further congest busy roadways and dangerous intersections.

Harvey Krasny, resident of Summerfield Crossing, presented his neighbors' concerns about an increased traffic flow.

"It is a pipe dream to think peo-

ple will walk to places in this area," he said.

"People will drive there, especially the young and old."

The Wilson Assemblage application calls for 402 parking spaces, but the developer is planning on building sidewalks to make the development more pedestrian-friendly and adding a bus stop to reduce automobile trips.

The town planning board said these efforts were still not enough.

"We would like to see a less driving-focused development," said Thatcher Freund, a member of the board. "The best way to do this is to reduce the town's minimum parking standards."

As of right now, Wilson Assemblage is in compliance with that minimum standard.

The potential of traffic increases also caused some to worry about people using neighborhood roads to avoid traffic on 15-501.

"People go to all lengths to

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# Eateries pledge funds for shelters

BY JON WEINER  
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If residents of the Triangle decide to go out to eat today, they might be fighting more than their own hunger.

The Restaurants Sharing V/5 + V/5 Percent program is holding its 16th annual fund-raising event to aid hunger.

The RSVVP program allows area restaurants in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Raleigh and Durham to donate 10 percent of their gross sales for one day out of the year to help feed the hungry in their local communities.

This year, more than 250 restaurants in the Triangle pledged to participate, including a record 110 in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"The program started in Baltimore, Md., with a group of waiters and waitresses just putting some of their tips into a jar," said Irene Briggaman, coordinator of the local RSVVP effort.

Briggaman started the program in Chapel Hill and Carrboro in 1989. "We had 43 restaurants sign up the first year, and we made about \$6,500," she said.

Businesses in Raleigh and Durham joined the operation in 1990, and together with Chapel Hill and Carrboro, participating

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GREG OVERBECK, SQUID'S RESTAURANT-MARKET AND OYSTER BAR

restaurants have raised more than \$350,000 over the last 15 years.

Briggaman said the goal for this year is to raise \$45,000.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the Community Kitchen of Durham Urban Ministries, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, which operates a shelter and community kitchen in Chapel Hill.

"We've been participating as long as the program has been around," said Christy Raulli, a member of the board of directors for Weaver Street Market in Carrboro.

Briggaman said there are nine businesses that have been part of the project every year and 40 that have been involved for 10 years or more.

She said participating restaurants benefit by getting involved. "It's such a good deal. They're buying good will, publicity and community spirit," Briggaman said.

Greg Overbeck, owner of Squid's

Restaurant-Market and Oyster Bar at 1201 U.S. 15-501 Bypass, has been a program participant almost every year since 1989.

"We feel that we need to give back to the community as much as we can," he said. "When the community is supporting you, you have an obligation to give back."

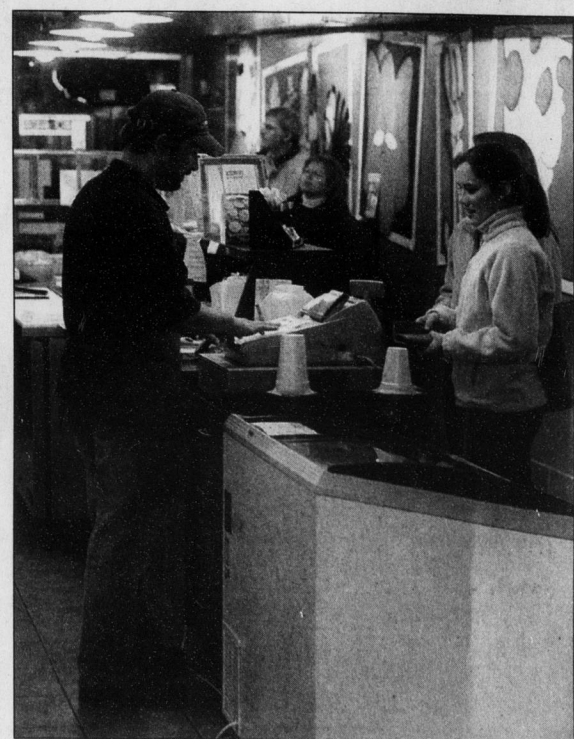
A complete list of participating restaurants is available by city at <http://www.rsvvp.org>.

Central Carolina Bank is helping to fund some of the administrative costs for the 2004 campaign.

"There is power in numbers," said Steve Riddle, general manager of Panzarella, located in Carr Mill Mall in Carrboro, which is participating for its fifth year.

"What's unique about (RSVVP) is that all of the area restaurants have joined together," he said. "That's what makes it special."

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Doc Hardison rings up junior Celia Pyle's total Monday night at the Pita Pit, one of many downtown eateries participating in Tuesday's RSVVP program.