

CITY BRIEFS

Durham man charged with first-degree rape Sunday

Chapel Hill police arrested a Durham man at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and charged him with one felony count of first-degree rape, one felony count of larceny with a credit card and one misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon to inflict injury, police reports state.

According to reports, Demario Douglas Carrington, 23, of 3407 Angier Ave. in Durham, was arrested in Durham and transferred into the custody of Chapel Hill police.

Carrington received a \$100,000 secured bond and was taken to Orange County Jail, reports state.

Carrington was scheduled to have his first court appearance Monday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

Durham man wanted on warrant arrested in Carrboro

Carrboro police arrested a Durham man shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday and charged him with one felony count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one misdemeanor count of resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest, police reports state.

Police also charged Brison Dayran Carnegie, 26, of 3618 Strebury St. in Durham, on a warrant for prior possession of cocaine.

According to reports, Carnegie was arrested at the intersection of Sunset and Starlite drives.

Carnegie, an employee at Bunky's Car Wash in Durham, ran from police on Sunset Drive toward Rosemary Street after police confirmed that Chapel Hill police had a warrant for his arrest, reports state.

Police ordered Carnegie to stop numerous times and saw him throw an object from his waist onto the ground before police caught him on Sunset Drive, reports state.

According to reports, Carnegie told police the object thrown was a blunt.

When a police search with a dog found a gun, Carnegie said he had the gun because he had been in a fight and feared for his life, reports state.

Police transported Carnegie to the Chapel Hill Magistrate, where he was released on a \$1,500 unsecured bond to appear today in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

UNC junior charged with driving while impaired

Chapel Hill police arrested a UNC junior at 5 a.m. Sunday and charged him with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired and one misdemeanor count of driving with a provisional license, police reports state.

Reginald Jerome Acker, 20, of 71 Fernwood Lane, was arrested at Village Drive at Bluff Trail in Chapel Hill, reports state.

According to reports, police responded to the scene of an accident and detected a strong odor of alcohol on Acker.

After Acker performed poorly on field sobriety tests, he was taken to the police department, where his blood-alcohol content was measured to be .14, reports state.

Acker was released on a written promise to appear Jan. 25 in Chapel Hill Administrative Traffic Court.

2 University students hit by Chapel Hill car break-ins

Two UNC students were victims of breaking and entering and larceny shortly before midnight Friday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, two car break-ins took place in the parking lot at 120 Banks Drive in Chapel Hill.

The driver's side window of the first vehicle was broken out, causing \$250 worth of damage, reports state.

The second vehicle was entered by unknown means and had more than \$500 worth of stereo equipment stolen from it, reports state.

Woman stabs boyfriend, charged with felony assault

A Chapel Hill woman was arrested shortly after 7 p.m. Friday and charged with a felony count of assault with intent to kill and inflict serious injury, police reports state.

According to reports, Sharon Denise Flores, 43, of 508 Craig St., was arrested on Mitchell Street behind the Hargraves Technology Center in Chapel Hill after police learned of a domestic conflict.

Flores used a knife to stab her boyfriend in the face and chest, reports state.

From staff reports.

Downtown committee gives answers

New proposal arrives for lots 2 and 5

BY JAKE POTTER
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The Chapel Hill Town Council's Committee on Lots 2 and 5 received and reviewed Monday preliminary documents that will initiate the search for a project developer.

Project consultant John Stainback, of Stainback Public/Private Real Estate LLC, presented

a request for qualifications draft at the committee's meeting Monday.

Stainback also presented a preliminary request for proposals draft, which the committee will review Jan. 10.

"I think it's important for them to see the work that's been done," Stainback said.

Parking lot 2, behind Spanky's

restaurant, and parking lot 5, across from University Square, will be developed into mixed-use facilities.

The latest estimates state that the project will cost about \$82.3 million.

On Monday, committee members reviewed and commented on several sections of the RFQ draft.

Notable changes included a revised draft project schedule, a clause on developer teams and a lengthened "town facts" section.

Committee member Sally Greene said the RFQ will give the committee a better idea of how to filter developers.

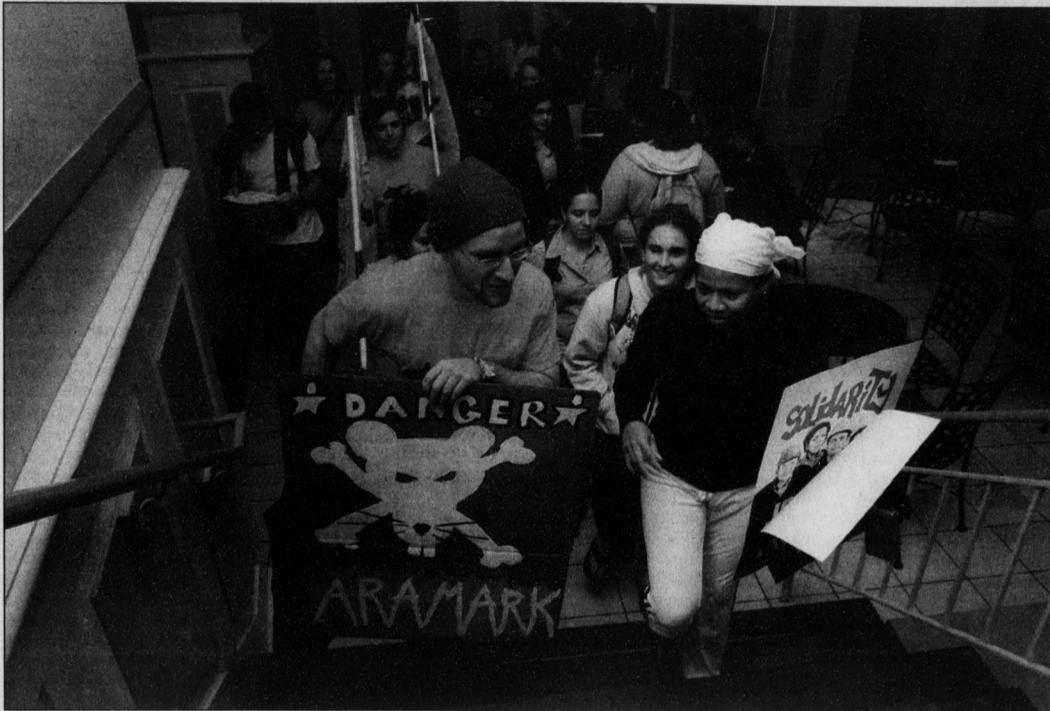
"You can tell pretty quickly which ones are giving you a cookie-cutter design and which ones will work with you," she said.

Stainback said he had already identified five to eight regional developers to contact. Committee members will choose three to five from the respondents to the RFQ.

Additional portions of the project call for a new parking deck to be built on Rosemary Street in place of the RBC Centura building, which will move to the lot 5 development.

Plans also call for adding between two and four levels to the Wallace Parking Deck. The exact number of levels will be known Nov. 30, when Stewart Engineering Inc. completes a feasibility study, Stainback said.

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Lezlie Sumpter (right) and senior Brittain Peck lead a protest in the bottom of Lenoir Dining Hall on Monday afternoon. Advocacy groups, including the UNC branch of the Students United for a Responsible Global Environment, organized to protest Sumpter's termination in June.

STUDENTS FIGHT FOOD EMPLOYER

Protest in Lenoir draws attention to controversial firing of Aramark employee

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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A number of campus and local organizations marched into Lenoir Dining Hall during the lunch hour Monday to speak out against the firing of a former employee of Aramark, the University's food services provider.

The advocacy groups, which included the UNC Branch of Students United for a Responsible Global Environment and the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, organized the protest to notify the campus community and to draw the attention of Aramark officials.

"We were trying to reach students and customers, and by doing that it would have an impact on management at Aramark," said senior Michael Pollock, a member of several activist groups, including SURGE.

Lezlie Sumpter filed a complaint against a supervisor last spring and, in line with Aramark company policy, was advised not to publicly discuss the incident while it was under investigation.

Aramark terminated Sumpter in June for "improper personal conduct," which stemmed from disobeying the confidentiality order, according to her letter of termination.

During Monday's lunchtime rush, a cou-

ple dozen protesters contested the validity of Aramark's reasoning, distributed T-shirts outside Lenoir and met with officials from Aramark and UNC's Auxiliary Services.

The groups presented a list of requests to officials, which included calls for revisions to general business practices. They also petitioned for Aramark to reimburse Sumpter with six months' worth of salary and to reword the explanation of her firing.

"When she was fired, she was given the title 'malicious,'" said Brittain Peck, a friend of Sumpter's and one of the protesters. He added that the term has impeded Sumpter's progress in finding new employment. "So she wants that dropped from her record."

Ira Simon, who manages the contract with Aramark as UNC's director of food and vending services, said he could not comment on specific personnel issues but expressed confidence in the ability of Aramark officials to make informed human resources decisions.

"From my personal experience, there are always two sides to a story," said Simon, who met with a group of the protesters Monday afternoon. "Aramark officials do an excellent job investigating every aspect of an employee issue before making a decision. They use as many resources that are available."

Peck said he believed the protest worked

to publicize the groups' allegations and requests.

"Overall, I feel really good about it," he said. "The more information we gave out, the more people we told, the more fliers we gave out ... the more we realized that there are a lot of students that still need to know about this."

Peck said he was sure that the protest also piqued the attention of Aramark officials.

"The managers knew we were there and everything, and that's what we wanted. But we just wanted to make us more visible."

Monday's demonstration marked a change in Sumpter's strategy to gain reparations.

In June, Sumpter said she intended to pursue legal action, but she later temporarily postponed any legal recourse.

She instead focused on what she considers diplomacy, contending the termination by meeting directly with Aramark corporate officials and obtaining public support.

"We were trying to explore every option," she said Monday night. "I'm trying to be diplomatic; I'm not trying to sue anyone."

"I am just giving the company Aramark the chance to clear my name and pay me for the months that I have been unemployed."

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Plan aims to add 5,000 local jobs

Board supports economic strategy

BY TED STRONG
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The Orange County Board of Commissioners expressed support Monday for the draft of the county Economic Development Commission's strategic plan for the next five years.

Titled "Investing in Innovation," the report outlines a plan that aims to create 5,000 new jobs in Orange County — 3,750 of them for county residents — by 2009.

While the commissioners had a few suggestions, there was support for the plan overall.

"It's clear from the comments that we think you're going in the right direction," said Barry Jacobs, chairman of the commissioners.

The commissioners asked the group to get more community input before finalizing the plan and presenting it again to the commissioners.

Both sides discussed the need to ensure that three-quarters of the newly created jobs would be held

by county residents.

Keith Cook, a commission member, said filling the new jobs with Orange County residents is tied directly to the education level of the local workforce.

"If these people move here and we don't have trained people, they're going to have to get them from somewhere," Cook said.

Commissioner Alice Gordon shared similar sentiments. "When someone goes to school here, you want them to get a job here."

The commissioners also wanted to examine ways to become more attractive to large employers.

"We don't have a lot of huge, empty buildings," said Dianne Reid, director of the commission.

Because of that, Reid said, the county needs to compensate by building up other infrastructures such as water and sewer lines.

Jacobs commented that Orange County was not likely to construct a building and then simply pitch it to prospective tenants.

Commission Member Alois Callemyn emphasized that when attracting businesses, the county

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Initiative to benefit housekeepers

BY CARLY SALVADORE
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Every day, students and faculty enjoy clean lecture halls and campus facilities, but the hard work and the efforts of UNC's housekeeping staff often remains unnoticed and unappreciated.

Keepin' It Clean, a new initiative organized by the Campus Y and the N.C. Fellows leadership program, seeks to change that atmosphere.

Janaka Lagoo, a member of the N.C. Fellows leadership program, said Keepin' It Clean has a dual purpose: to educate students about being more responsible with trash and to give housekeepers more time to take part in programs that develop vocational skills.

"Keeping our campus clean is one of our responsibilities as students," Lagoo said.

Students need to become more aware of the litter they leave on campus and show more respect for the housekeeping staff and other members of the campus community, said Campus Y Director Virginia Carson.

"As members of a community, students need to do more about picking up their trash in the classrooms," she said. "I really think it's a matter of being a member of the community."

When maintenance staff mem-



Dimas Hernandez cleans up a spill in Lenoir Dining Hall. Two campus groups are initiating a new program to increase appreciation of workers.

bers clean lecture halls, they always are faced with more work than necessary because of students' trash, said William Burston, director of Housekeeping Services.

"The big problem is it just requires the housekeepers to do more work," he said.

He added that there is an eating and drinking policy in the classrooms that often is not enforced, and that students should either not eat in classrooms or throw away their trash.

Carson said the program started from a conversation about what students and faculty could do to make life better for some of UNC's lowest-paid employees.

"There were small and simple things students could do that would actually make a big difference for housekeepers," she said.

Lagoo said that in addition to keeping the campus beautiful and clean, picking up trash saves time

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Body to debate Popes' funding

Congress intends to eye resolution

BY JENNY RUBY
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The heated campus debate about the John William Pope Foundation's possible funding of a Western studies program at the University likely will find its way into Student Congress tonight.

Congress plans to discuss a resolution opposing the donation and suggesting that academic freedom might be compromised by any influence the foundation could gain through backing the program.

Art and John William Pope's philanthropic organization, the Pope Foundation, might donate \$14 million to UNC to fund a curriculum, most likely a minor, in Western studies.

But the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, along with some University faculty, has scrutinized the Pope Foundation and the academic proposal.

And some members of the campus community are wary of the donation — pointing to the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, a conservative think tank funded by the foundation, as cause for caution.

"It's really important for the student body to pay attention," said Rep. Blakely Whilden, who helped draft the resolution. "This is something that really could have a big impact on students who are involved both directly and indirectly in the program."

The resolution cites two major reasons for the drafting members' trepidation: the foundation's ties to the Pope Center, which has repeatedly criticized University academic programs and actions, and any power the foundation might gain at UNC by funding the program.

Rep. Dustin Ingalls, who also helped draft the resolution, stressed that the resolution does not oppose the proposed Western studies curriculum but concerns the impact of having a program completely funded by one outside source.

"I'm afraid that there could be implicit effects that could hamper academic freedom," he said.

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