

CITY BRIEFS

Woman charged for violating her pre-trial release order

A Chapel Hill woman was arrested at 5:40 p.m. Saturday and charged with misdemeanor violation of a release order, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and felony possession of crack cocaine after she was seen walking with someone who swore an assault warrant against her on Nov. 23, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Lucretia Miranda Drew, 23, was seen almost constantly in the presence of Columbus Sherman Foushee, with whom she was forbidden to be in contact until her trial as a condition of her release.

When police served her a warrant for a pre-trial order violation, they also found 0.2 grams of crack cocaine and a crack pipe in her pocket, reports state.

Drew was released on a written promise to appear today in Orange County District Superior Court in Hillsborough.

Electronic equipment stolen from Chapel Hill residence

An 18-year-old Chapel Hill resident's laptop was reported stolen from her home at 2 p.m. Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the suspect took her Apple laptop, an iPod and two AC adapters — totaling \$2,350 in stolen property — from her residence at 117 Pinck Court.

Durham man flees police, charged with drug violations

A Durham man was arrested and charged with felony possession with intent to sell and distribute cocaine, felony speeding to elude arrest and misdemeanor possession of marijuana after running from a driver's license checkpoint at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Telek Kinte Smith, 27, was stopped at a checkpoint when officers smelled burning marijuana.

Smith fled the scene, but his car, a burgundy 1986 Oldsmobile 88, was found wrecked in the park-and-ride lot on Estes Drive a few minutes later, reports state.

A canine from the Carrboro Police Department was called in to track the man, and drugs were found during the tracking process, reports state.

Smith was sent to Orange County Jail to be held on a \$20,000 secured bond.

He will appear at the first opportunity today at Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

UNC freshman charged with possession of marijuana

A UNC freshman was arrested at 2:55 p.m. Saturday and charged with possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, after being stopped at a driver's license checkpoint on Umstead Drive, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Michael Richard Everhart, 19, of 2008 Pershing St. in Durham, was stopped in his green 1994 Nissan Maxima.

He was released on a written promise to appear Feb. 14 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

Property stolen from Jeep in Southern Village lot

A larceny from a motor vehicle was reported at noon Saturday in the Southern Village park-and-ride lot after suspects unzipped the top to a Jeep, reached in and stole items from inside the vehicle, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, 30 audio and video recordings, cash and a cell phone were stolen from the Jeep, totaling \$705 in stolen property.

A UNC graduate student in the Department of Genetics and a Duke University Medical Center employee, both Pittsboro residents, were listed as victims in the larceny.

STATE AND NATION
Charter plane crash kills 2, injures NBC Sports chairman

DENVER — A charter plane carrying NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol crashed and burst into flames during takeoff Sunday from a southwest Colorado airport, killing at least two people and seriously injuring Ebersol and one of his sons. Rescue crews were searching for another person.

Dick Ebersol, 57, and son Charles Ebersol survived the crash at the Montrose Regional Airport, NBC said in a statement through its Denver affiliate KUSA-TV.

The station said crews searched for Edward "Teddy" Ebersol, 14, by helicopter and on the ground. NBC said the plane seat was missing from the wreckage.

From staff and wire reports.

Dalzell set to face multiple charges

Will respond to murder accusations

BY RYAN C. TUCK
CITY EDITOR

The disappearance of a Carrboro woman seven years ago remains one of the most pressing unsolved cases for area police.

Starting Tuesday, the case will inch closer to some type of resolution in the disappearance and presumed death of Deborah Leigh Key.

Andrew Douglas Dalzell, the prime suspect in the case since Key's disappearance on Dec.

1, 1997, will appear Tuesday in Orange County Superior Court on one count of second-degree murder and other recent charges.

Dalzell, reported to be the last person seen with Key, was arrested Sept. 9 after Carrboro police searched his Royal Park apartment Sept. 2.

It was a report of larceny by an employee against Dalzell that led police to search his apartment.

The evidence seized proved sufficient to arrest Dalzell and charge

him in Key's disappearance. He is also set to appear Tuesday in connection with three felony charges filed before and after the search: obtaining property by false pretenses, financial identity fraud and larceny by an employee.

Dalzell is awaiting his Superior Court date on charges of felony third-degree exploitation of a minor, which were filed against him Sept. 23 as he stayed in Orange County Jail.

The six counts of the felony charge were also filed based on evidence seized from Dalzell's apartment, said Corp. Anthony



Suspect Andrew Dalzell is charged in the 1997 death of Deborah Leigh Key.

Westbrook of Carrboro police. Dalzell became the prime suspect in Key's disappearance after a co-owner of Sticks & Stones, a bar then operating at 102 E. Main St. in Carrboro, said he saw Key and Dalzell hugging outside the bar the

night of her disappearance, according to a search warrant affidavit. Her car was found unmoved, with a door unlocked and her purse in the front seat.

Officials from Carrboro police and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation approached Dalzell four months later.

Police questioned Dalzell, who admitted to having been with Key the night of Dec. 1, 1997.

A bra, panties, various papers, two pieces of stained seat cover and

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HARK THE SOUND



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Students celebrate during the UNC men's basketball 97-65 victory over Southern California on Sunday at the Smith Center. The next ticket distribution is Jan. 15 and will be for the Miami, Clemson

and Virginia games. To receive tickets, students must pick up a bracelet at Gate 5 of Kenan Stadium. The bracelets are given out from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Quorum trouble plagues leaders in long meeting

BY LIZZIE STEWART
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Low attendance prevented Student Congress members from solidifying a redistricting plan Tuesday after the Rules and Judiciary Committee had spent several hours hammering out ideas in preparation for debate.

The committee had planned to present each proposal for discussion as an amendment to the current arrangement during full Congress' last meeting of the semester.

Members ultimately decided that it would be best to address redistricting with more members present.

"I love useless banter as much as anyone else, but now's not the time," said Ethics Committee Chairman Parker Wiseman.

After reaching quorum, members voted to approve the current redistricting plan — which the Student Code requires to be evalu-

ated every two years. The Rules and Judiciary Committee is set to present redistricting proposals to full Congress again next semester.

During its meeting earlier last week, the committee devised a system of filling Congress seats reserved for graduate and professional students.

Graduate and professional students currently represent 39 percent of the student population, but year after year their Congress seats remain empty.

Instead of requiring graduate and professional students to represent each school separately, the committee proposed pooling all of the seats together and allowing representatives from any of the schools to represent all graduate students at the University.

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Ambiguity defines secretary position

Spellings' work with higher ed murky

BY INDIA AUTRY
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After a four-year education agenda centered on the K-12 No Child Left Behind Act, analysts say new U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings' involvement with higher education is uncertain.

As President Bush's chief domestic policy adviser during his first term, Spellings had a major hand in crafting and carrying out the landmark education act.

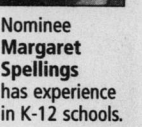
She likely will mirror her predecessor, Rod Paige, in her support of the No Child Left Behind Act, said Paul Hassen, assistant director for public affairs at the American Council on Education.

"It's clearly the hallmark of the Bush administration education policy to this point."

Spellings probably will continue to focus on primary and secondary education, said Clara Lovett, president of the American Association for Higher Education. "I doubt there will be any changes in that regard."

Spellings has no experience with higher education and hardly addressed it in her acceptance speech earlier this month.

Lovett said she would like



Nominee Margaret Spellings has experience in K-12 schools.
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Language enthusiasts meet, chat, conquer

Seek to strengthen their spoken Latin

BY MARY GRACE MILLER
STAFF WRITER

For two years, George Morgan, the sales manager at the Bull's Head Bookshop, has met friends for dinner every other Thursday to talk about politics, books, movies and philosophy — in a language most people say has been dead for centuries.

Scholars and clergymen have kept Latin alive on the written page well after the fall of the Roman Empire. But Morgan's group, which focuses on the spoken language, keeps the oral tradition alive.

"All other languages have classes and meetings in their language, and we wanted to also," Morgan said.

The group has about five regular members — mostly UNC students and faculty — who meet at local restaurants. Students from Duke University also occasionally attend the dinner.

The only rule is that each member cannot speak English upon entering the restaurant.

The group began when Patrick Miller, a graduate student at UNC who teaches Latin, sent an e-mail to his friends interested in the classics. He encouraged students in his classes to come as well.

He said he is interested in all aspects of Latin, not just the parts

that deal with reading texts in the language.

"I always liked speaking languages rather than just reading them," Miller said.

Miller said Latin is abundant in all aspects of popular culture and media — the language appears in film, politics and books about etiquette and computer terms.

Many popular books have been translated into Latin, including "The Little Prince," the Harry Potter series and many Dr. Seuss books, Miller said.

Miller and his wife, Sarah Miller, a graduate student teaching comparative literature, extended their passion for Latin to their honeymoon, which was a Latin immersion program in Rome under the instruction of Father Reginaldus Foster.

"The Latin immersion program had 70 people and had to turn people away," said Patrick Miller. "The spoken language is really popular in Europe."

The Millers attend the group dinner regularly and enjoy the chance to practice their Latin skills.

"The dinner idea appeals to me because I'm not currently taking or teaching Latin, and it's nice to con-

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Meters might face overhaul

Council to weigh results of survey

BY GREGG FOUND
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Residents of Chapel Hill used to parking downtown might need to clear space in their wallets, as the town is developing a plan to use prepaid cards at downtown parking meters.

The Department of Parking Services will present the results of its survey, which drew 339 respondents, on the use of prepaid cards at downtown meters to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Dec. 6.

If the Town Council approves the proposal, paying for a parking spot could be as easy as swiping a card.

"The cards would remove some of the obstacles and inconveniences for people to be downtown," said council member Bill Strom.

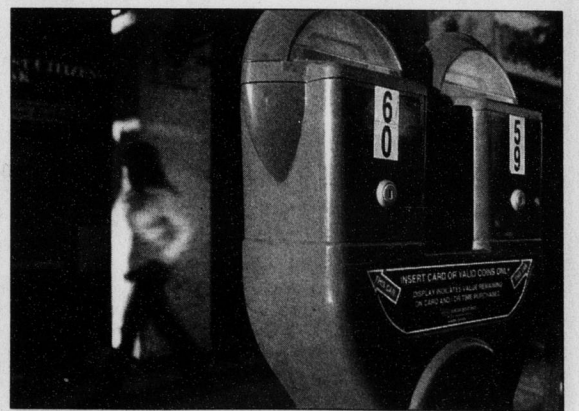
Strom said that he was impressed with the convenience that the cards offered in other places such as Salt Lake City and that he wanted to bring the technology to Chapel Hill.

Under the proposal, existing meters would be modified slightly to allow for cards as payment.

For those who don't purchase cards but still want to park, the meters still will accept coins.

Strom said the cost to modify the meters will be about \$25 per meter, adding that the cards could also be used as a promotional item for downtown retailers.

"They could be a terrific market-



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The Chapel Hill Town Council will hear on Dec. 6 the results of a survey on the potential use of prepaid cards at downtown parking meters.

ing tool," he said.

Under the proposal, citizens would pay for the card itself and then choose the amount of money they want to use for parking to put on the card.

But the charge for the card itself might be higher than many citizens might prefer because only a few cards would be ordered at first.

"If this was New York City, we'd order more, but we're not in New York City," said Chapel Hill Finance Director Kay Johnson.

Johnson said she was unsure whether implementing the cards would affect the about \$240,000 in annual revenue the town gets from meters. She said the plan is more about convenience than

about generating revenue. Town parking officials say it is still uncertain where the cards will be sold, but most said the cards should be spread around.

"The more places that are available to purchase the cards, the more likely they will be used," said Kevin Creech, assistant superintendent at the Wallace parking deck.

But if the cards are implemented, most agree they will have positive effects on downtown and its perception of being tight on parking.

"Instead of fumbling around for quarters, you would just need a card," Strom said.

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