

CITY BRIEFS

Local family violence center to host vigil on Franklin St.

The Family Violence Prevention Center and Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Chatham County will host a vigil at the post office on Franklin Street at 5:30 p.m. today.

The vigil is, in part, a response to the domestic violence-related incident that occurred at the University last Monday.

According to University police, Rhennel McKendall, a UNC employee, was murdered in front of the James T. Hedrick building by her estranged husband Nov. 29.

Melissa Radcliffe, community services coordinator for the center, said all are encouraged to attend the event, which will go on rain or shine.

Wendy's employee charged with embezzlement Sunday

Chapel Hill police arrested a Durham woman before noon Sunday and charged her with one felony count of embezzlement, police reports state.

According to reports, Jean Browning Powell, 28, an employee of the Wendy's on 100 Scarlett Drive off U.S. 15-501, was arrested at the restaurant after police responded to a complaint about an employee taking money from the store's safe with the intent to steal earlier that night.

About \$700 was reported stolen and later recovered by police at the time of the arrest, reports state.

Powell was released on a written promise to appear Monday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

UNC student robbed on bike lane in Carrboro

Carrboro police responded to a common law robbery complaint filed by a UNC student before 5 p.m. Sunday on the Libba Cotton Bikeway near Brewer Lane, police reports state.

According to reports, the victim was walking east on the path when she was approached by a man who demanded money and threatened to hurt her physically.

After continuing threats, the victim gave the suspect \$10, reports state.

Reports describe the suspect as a black man in his 30s who is about 6 feet tall and weighs about 175 pounds. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a Detroit Pistons sweatshirt at the time of the complaint, reports state.

Local man charged with assault on female Saturday

Carrboro police arrested a local man before 4 p.m. Saturday and charged him with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female, police reports state.

According to reports, Guillermo Alcala, 24, was arrested at Ramsgate apartments off N.C. 54 after police heard of a potential child abduction in process at the apartments.

Witnesses reported a man taking a baby from a woman in the complex's parking lot, reports state.

When police arrived, the suspect was holding the baby behind Building P at the complex.

According to reports, the woman said that Alcala was the baby's father and that he pushed her once while trying to get to the child.

Alcala received no bond and was scheduled to appear Monday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student's credit cards maxed out after theft of her purse

A UNC sophomore reported Friday that she left her purse on the steps of the Forest Theatre and found it missing when she returned five minutes later, University police reports state.

The two credit cards in the purse were used at Wal-Mart on Saturday morning about 5 a.m., and the accounts have reached the \$700 credit limit since the purse was stolen, according to reports.

There are no suspects in the case.

2 charged with underage possession of alcohol Sunday

Two people were charged with underage possession of alcohol Sunday, according to University police reports.

UNC freshman Drew Slabaugh, 18, and Shaun Dunn, 20, were found carrying a bottle of Grey Goose vodka and a stolen half-empty keg of beer, reports state.

According to reports, the keg was returned to its owner, and Slabaugh was issued a citation. Dunn, who is not affiliated with the University, was issued a trespass warning.

From staff reports.

Council issues parking lot requests

Panel debates proposals' specificity

BY DAN SCHWIND
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The development of downtown parking lots 2 and 5 moved closer to fruition Monday night, when the Town Council voted unanimously to issue a request for qualifications from potential developers for the project.

The RFQ, which will be distrib-

uted Monday, was recommended for approval by the council's Committee on Lots 2 and 5.

Committee members met earlier in the day Monday to review the RFQ draft and to discuss any changes that had been made.

"I think this is a really good document," said committee chairman Bill Strom. "This could be in

the data book next year because it's very comprehensive."

After much debate, the committee agreed to a proposal by project consultant John Stainback to consider the option of allowing the same developer to work on both phases of the project.

Under the current plan, the project would go forward in two phases, each requiring a separate process for finding a developer.

Stainback suggested allowing

the same developer to work on both phases if the town is "satisfied" with the developer's work.

"It puts pressure on (the developer) to perform well on Phase I," he said. "If we're happy with the performance on Phase I, we could go ahead and let them continue on Phase II."

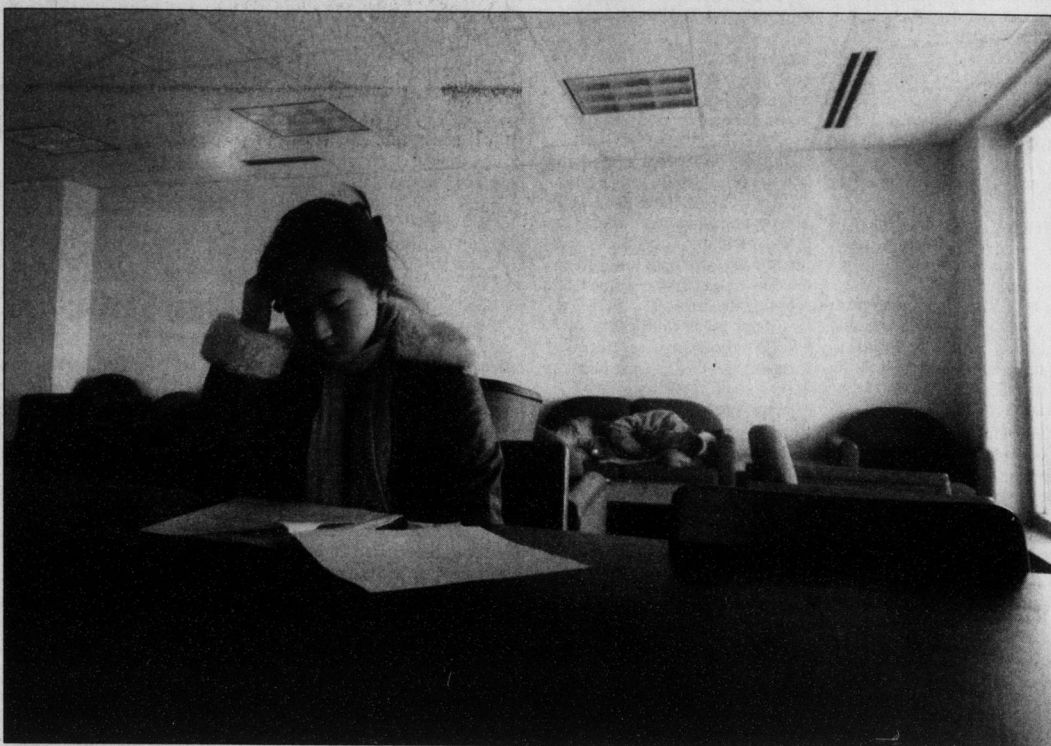
Town Manager Cal Horton said the committee would have to inform all potential developers that even though it will award a firm

with work on both phases, it also reserves the right to take away the second phase "for any reason, or for no reason."

"You should decide up front," he said. "Otherwise, there could be a big argument in the courts."

There was also some debate about the committee's decision to include design "principles" in its request for proposals draft, rather

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Freshman Victoria Ding studies for her "Ancient Cities" class in one of the study lounges in Davis Library. A recent study showed that many students study less than 10 hours per week — a trend UNC officials say can be attributed to part-time jobs and lives with more distractions.

STUDY HABITS FALL BY WAYSIDE

Lifestyle changes, more distractions mean students do less cramming

BY SARAH SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Exams start Wednesday, but that doesn't mean that the majority of students will necessarily be spending their time hitting the books.

According to the most recent National Survey of Student Engagement, 44 percent of the college students surveyed do less than 10 hours of work per week outside the classroom.

Freshman and senior undergraduates from 472 schools across the country were surveyed, and although UNC was not among them, professors and students alike have strong feelings about the implications of these latest findings at UNC.

"College is not a playground," said Sharon James, a classics professor who has been teaching at UNC for six years. The survey's results are far from shocking to James.

"Over the 20 plus years I've been teaching, students are more willing to come in without having done the work," James said. She pro-

posed that the student lifestyle now requires more time and money. Students seek out part-time jobs that cut into time normally reserved for classwork, James said.

UNC's Division of Student Affairs conducted a survey similar to the national survey in spring 2003 and found parallel results.

Of the seniors surveyed, 35 percent reported spending five to nine hours per week studying, while 29 percent claimed to spend 16 hours or more.

"It's not surprising that studying is only one activity among many that students are trying to balance," said Howard Aldrich, chairman of UNC's sociology department.

He has been teaching at the University for 22 years and, in that time, he doesn't think the student work ethic has changed. There always have been other activities about which to be concerned, he said.

Senior Grayson Dill, a history major, agreed. "There's a lot of institutional pressure to be in this club or that club, to get

involved in things outside of class," he said.

Indeed, current UNC students take part in hundreds of extracurricular activities and often have part-time jobs as well.

Lauren Kessel, a freshman from Asheville, works 10 to 20 hours every week scooping ice cream at Coldstone Creamery on Franklin Street.

"I could get by, but I wouldn't have any money of my own," she said of having a job.

Her parents pay for tuition, but tuition only — an arrangement with which many students can identify.

If the amount of work or drive to succeed has not changed over the generations, perhaps the number of distractions has.

Aldrich claims that if students aren't spending the majority of their time on classwork, it might be because they're talking on their cellular phones. AOL Instant Messenger and Thefacebook are also activi-

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Fixes to cemetery draw heated talks

Issues of race divide council members

BY LIZ STANLEY
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The end to the discussion over funding for future improvements to the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery turned into a heated debate Monday night — one about the proper allocation of the funds that involved allegations of racism.

The recommendation made by the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery Task Force, formed by the Town Council to address how to use \$150,000 for cemetery improvements, was approved 5-4 after much discussion.

The cemetery is at the edge of campus, adjacent to South Road.

The task force's main recommendation was that \$52,000 be allocated for the restoration of the prominent UNC Dialectic and Philanthropic Society's cast-iron fences.

"I question the great percentage of the funding being given to the restoration of Di-Phi fences," said council member Sally Greene.

Task force member Steven Moore, who disagreed with the group's recommendation, said the large amount of money should not be spent solely on one area.

"It would be glorious to spend the money on one aesthetically pleasing

section of the cemetery, but this is one-time money," he said. "It should be spread around to other areas."

But Dorothy Verkerk, a council member and chairwoman of the task force, said the Di-Phi gates should be a priority in restoration of the cemetery.

"We were given a task, and we stuck to our guns about the Di-Phi gates," said Verkerk, who teaches art history at UNC.

But talks extended beyond the initial recommendation when the issue of race, discussed earlier Monday night during the debate over renaming Airport Road, was introduced.

Council member Edith Wiggins proposed an amendment to the task force's proposal that would allocate \$50,000 for the restoration of the markers in the African-American section of the cemetery.

The council also allocated an additional \$20,000 for stone gutter improvements.

The issue of race was not directly addressed until Chapel Hill resident Yonni Chapman took the podium.

"The cemetery is a physical structure that reflects the old white supremacy that reigned during the

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Families cope with deployment

BY MARK PUENTE
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Spc. Nick Potaczek, like countless others in the military, has been called to serve in his country's time of need.

His wife, Jen Potaczek, and their newborn daughter, Madison, will have to celebrate Madison's first Christmas without her father.

Jen Potaczek said she has to deal with the situation every day.

"I am going to try my best," she said. "But I am moving back to Illinois to be with my family."

While students scurry to finish last-minute course requirements before heading home, thousands of North Carolina-based soldiers won't be celebrating the holidays with loved ones.

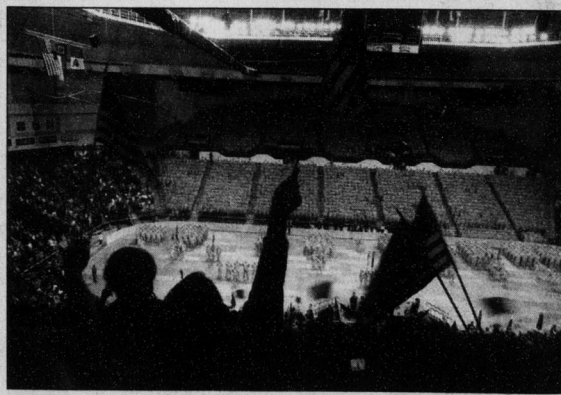
Thousands of Marines, airmen, soldiers and National Guard members will have to spend the Christmas season abroad in Iraq or Afghanistan while defending the country in the war against terror.

The Defense Department is increasing the nation's troop levels by 12,000 to provide protection for Iraq's democratic election Jan. 30 — and it looks to Tar Heel soldiers to fill that void.

About 1,500 soldiers were deployed Sunday from Fort Bragg, the state's largest base.

Jen and Nick Potaczek have been married for less than two years. But this is the first time Nick has been deployed overseas.

When he returns from his



DTH FILE PHOTO

Family and friends of the 4,000-plus members of the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade of the Army National Guard wave flags at a February deployment.

deployment in Iraq, his military commitment will almost be over.

"I will come back here to pick him up and go back home," she said.

All the Tar Heel bases will have significant amounts of soldiers deployed during the holidays.

There are about 25,000 military members with North Carolina ties already overseas.

The Marine Corps will have about 8,000 Camp Lejeune Marines stationed in various theaters.

On the home front, family members might become depressed during the holiday season. But counselors are on hand at all times to help families through not hearing

from their loved ones.

"One of the biggest problems is that people don't hear from them every day," said Capt. Jeff Pool, spokesman for the 2nd Marine Division. "But we provide numerous programs to help them stay connected."

Depending on the Marine Corps' needs, Pool said, the Marines will be given some time in the United States before being redeployed.

"The commandant would like to have six months between rotations," he said. "But that could always change."

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Groups protest online sharing

Companies often complain to UNC

BY AL KILLEFFER
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Illegal file-sharing is a major problem on college campuses throughout the nation, and UNC is no exception.

The University received about 180 copyright infringement complaints during the 2003-04 fiscal year, said Jeanne Smythe, director of computing policy at UNC.

The number of copyright infringement complaints the University receives is not "more than any other university, and certainly less than a number of them," Smythe said.

But Associate University Counsel David Parker said the number of complaints regarding intellectual property violations, primarily in the form of illegal music and movie file-sharing, is an issue.

"The volume (of complaints) is ever-increasing," he said.

Although only one complaint, filed against a UNC student by the Recording Industry Association of America last fall, has resulted in litigation, the film and music industries are stepping up their efforts to discourage illegal file-sharing.

The increase of movie-sharing within the past year, a trend to which Parker attested, prompted the Motion Picture Association of America to run four full-page ads — at a cost of about \$2,000 apiece — discouraging the practice in The Daily Tar Heel this semester.

Brian Hasty, a representative of Campus Media Group Inc., the agency that placed the ads, said they were a part of a campaign funded by Warner Bros. Studios that targeted 80 universities nationwide.

University officials said they hope the initiative to bring legal music downloading to UNC, led by the UNC-system Office of the President and Student Body President Matt Calabria, will solve the problem.

Next semester, a pilot program will give students who live in