

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Carrboro man charged with failure to appear in court**

Carrboro police arrested a local man Tuesday after 6:30 p.m. and charged him with one misdemeanor count of failure to appear in court for a previous charge of driving with a revoked license and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest, police reports state.

According to reports, Mark Perry Sylvester, 41, was arrested at his Carrboro home for the charge of failing to appear in court.

When police arrived to serve an order for his arrest, Sylvester refused to answer the door and told police he would turn himself in another day, reports state.

According to reports, police then pushed open the door and took Sylvester into custody.

Sylvester was released on a \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear Feb. 7 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

**Greensboro teen arrested for possession of beer**

Chapel Hill police arrested a Greensboro teenager Monday at 12:45 a.m. and charged him with one misdemeanor count of underage possession of a malt beverage, police reports state.

According to reports, Zachary Reed Murray, 18, was issued a citation at the intersection of Church and West Rosemary streets for possessing a 12-ounce Busch Light can.

Murray is scheduled to appear Feb. 8 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill.

**Two men charged with theft of UNC students' television**

Chapel Hill police arrested two men last Thursday at 10 p.m. and charged each man with one felony count of breaking and entering, one felony count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of larceny, police reports state.

According to reports, Elijah Davis, 42, and Antonio Leon Gattis, 40, were arrested at 440 W. Rosemary St. after police saw them pushing a trash can down the street that had a 19-inch television in it.

The television matched descriptions of a television three UNC students reported stolen from their house on Rosemary Street last Monday, reports state.

Davis and Gattis were released on a written promise to appear Friday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

**Chapel Hill High seeks used computers for tech classes**

Students at Chapel Hill High School are seeking used computers for use in their repair and networking classes, according to a press release from the school.

The donated computers must meet a minimum standard of a Pentium III or Mac G3 to fit class needs.

Anyone interested in donating a computer to the technology classes should contact Anthony O'Neal, technology teacher at Chapel Hill High School, by phone at 929-2106, ext. 1106 or by e-mail at aoneal@chccs.k12.nc.us.

The release states that O'Neal will help with dropping off the computer as well as with providing a donation letter for tax purposes.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Health officials continue looking at meningitis case**

No progress was made Wednesday in the case of a student who was admitted to UNC Hospitals on Tuesday and diagnosed with symptoms of meningococcal meningitis.

The student, who lives in Morrison Residence Hall, is potentially UNC's second case of the highly contagious and possibly fatal infection in the past four months.

**STATE & NATION**

**Apple to offer affordable miniature computer, iPod**

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc. chief executive Steve Jobs introduced a cut-rate computer the size of a paperback on Tuesday and a tiny iPod that starts at \$99 but holds only 120 songs.

The new products seek to make inroads against the traditionally more affordable PC market and against lower-cost competitors to Apple's wildly popular iPod.

The Mac mini computers — smaller than even some standalone external computer drives and lacking a monitor, mouse and keyboard — go on sale Jan. 22.

The 40-gigabyte Mac mini will cost \$499, and an 80-gigabyte model \$599.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Students look toward a clean race

## Hope past woes don't cloud contests

BY STEPHANIE NOVAK  
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Despite last year's complications with student body president elections, several members of the campus community are optimistic about the logistics of this year's campaign season.

Last year's election was tainted by numerous allegations accusing both top contenders of multiple violations.

But this year, UNC Board of Elections members are taking extra precautions, and Jonathan Curtis, assistant director for student activities and organizations, said he doesn't think there will be many problems in the student-run race.

"I'm very confident the election board and candidates will run smoothly," said Curtis.

Last year, Matt Calabria, the cur-

rent student body president, and Lily West both were accused of multiple violations. After West won the runoff election by seven votes, the BOE ordered a re-election because of reported campaign violations.

Many students on campus remember the previous campaign season and said they believe the Board of Elections did well in handling the issues.

"I think the election process does work," said Matthew M. Wynter, a junior political science major. "A lot of things that sound good in theory

need to be worked out."

Issues that need to be clarified include who is eligible to run, who can endorse candidates and what actions are permitted during the campaign, he said.

Student Congress worked during the fall to revise the Student Code in hopes of preventing a repeat of last year's fiasco.

Candidates will meet with the BOE at 7 p.m. today in 116 Murphey Hall to learn more about the campaign codes outlined in Title VI of the Student Code.

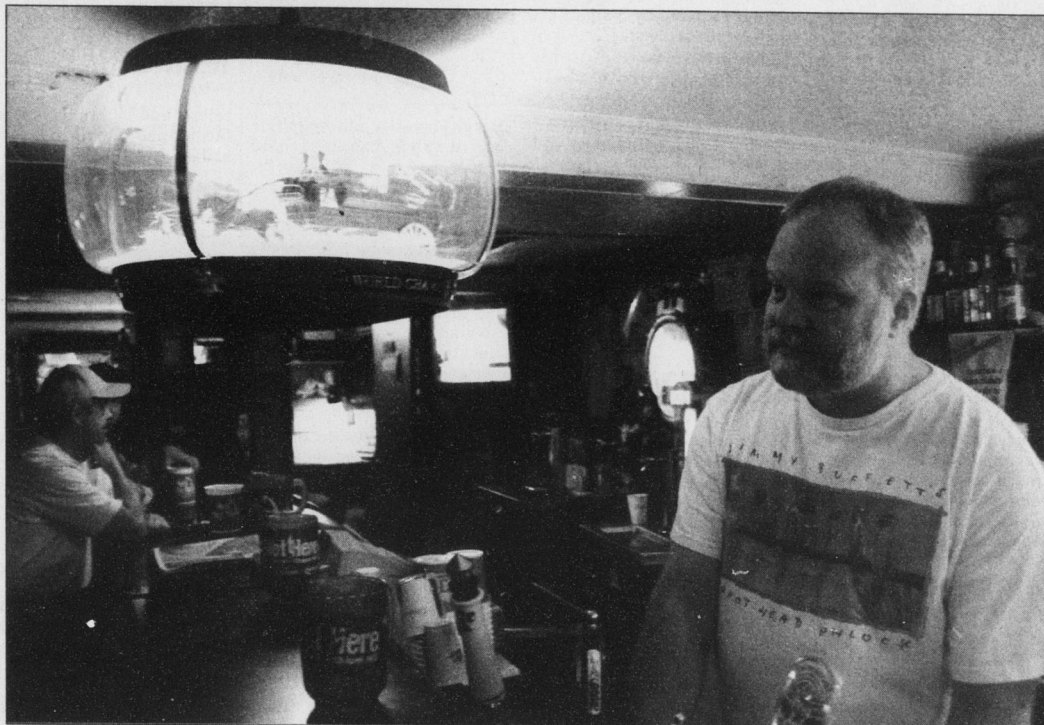
Curtis said the problems faced in the 2004 elections will help students involved in campaigns by increasing their awareness of what can go wrong and making them more cautious of their actions.

The problems that came up last year were not anticipated, said Maggie Kao, a senior journalism major.

"I do trust the Board of Elections to make the right decision," she said.

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*"Everyone with a fake ID has their own story, and they assume you're a moron."* ERIK STUBBS, HE'S NOT HERE BARTENDER



Mark Burnett, who has been a bartender at He's Not Here for 27 years, chats with a customer Wednesday evening. The bar often is full of regulars sharing memories from times at the bar over the last two decades. It boasts that it is the largest bar in Chapel Hill.

## GOING WITH THE FLOW

### Bartenders serve as kingpins of local nightlife

BY LAURA BOST  
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Amid the drunken yelling, waving dollar bills and throngs of partygoers, Chapel Hill's bartenders keep the customers happy and the alcohol flowing, working their way through the town's booming nightlife.

"Our job is to be nice — to make people feel good and comfortable," said Chad Lloyd, Top of the Hill's bar manager. "That's why the bartender is usually everyone's favorite person."

In a job that boasts lucrative pay and late hours — starting when most people are headed home for the day — these night owls often deal with the best and the worst Chapel Hill has to offer.

"It's fast money, not easy money," said Derrick Pertell, a bartender at Linda's Bar and Grill.

Others stressed that the pace of Chapel Hill's bar scene makes them work hard for

their pay.

"It's very hectic in a college town," said Jason, a bartender at East End Oyster & Martini Bar who would only reveal his first name. "People are out to get very drunk instead of just out for one drink. It's a totally different atmosphere."

But some say it is that very atmosphere that makes tending bar in a college town so much more enjoyable.

"It's always different," said Erik Stubbs, a four-year He's Not Here bar veteran. "There's a wide selection of drunk people in a college town, so the people and faces are always changing."

Often, the drunken antics of this kaleidoscope of bar crawlers provide bartenders with the amusement they need to get through the long nights.

"I was trying to kick a New Zealand rugby team out one night because it was 2:30 a.m.,

and they started serenading me," Stubbs said. "I guess they thought that if they sang to me I'd let them stay. It was hilarious."

Women flash them for free drinks; men wave \$50 and \$100 bills in their faces for service after 2 a.m., Lloyd said. Once, Eric Gossett, a bartender at Goodfellas, sold the shirt off his back to a man for \$75.

And Pertell ended up with a light blue bracelet one night in exchange for changing the radio station — bartenders never know just what their night will bring.

Mark Burnett, a veritable institution after 27 years behind the bar at He's Not Here, said that even though people sometimes go a little bit crazy, it's all in good fun in Chapel Hill.

"I remember the last basketball championship we won," Burnett said. "People were naked, painted blue and hanging in the trees. But there's no meanness here — it's really pretty docile. People are partying, not going out and tearing stuff up."

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## Burr takes position in new Senate scene

### Pushes health, military interests

BY KAVITA PILLAI  
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Freshman Republican Sen. Richard Burr might be back at the bottom of the totem pole, but his basement office is right next door to the office of the suddenly famous Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

And Burr's new committee assignments could help him push issues important to North Carolina.

The former U.S. representative has been assigned to four committees — Indian Affairs, Veterans' Affairs, Energy and Natural Resources and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Burr's spokesman, Doug Heye, said one of the senator's priorities will be Lumbee tribe recognition. Burr likely will work with Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., who introduced the bill last session.

"The assignments are really strong ones for him," Heye said. "They allow him to not only complement the work that Senator Dole is doing, but they allow him to really focus on North Carolina."

Burr's position on the Veterans' Affairs committee could prove useful in representing the large

number of military personnel in the state.

Dole, who is on the Armed Services Committee, also will spend some time representing the state's military interests, especially during the next round of base realignment and closings.

Her other assignments are the Aging Committee and the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Her influence on the latter committee will help promote the state's growing banking industry, said Katie Norman, a spokeswoman for Dole. The senator also is going to continue work on reforming housing government-enterprises such as Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac.

Burr's transition from national representative to senator has been a smooth one, Heye said.

He met with outgoing Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., in December and has spent the last week settling in and meeting with colleagues. He also attended the confirmation hearing for Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

Besides representing North Carolina, Burr is looking to influence national issues such as health care in his first term in the Senate.

"He's consistently said that health care is the number one crisis that this country faces," Heye said.

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## New shops vie for business

BY MEREDITH LEE MILLER  
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An eclectic mix of new businesses — many of which cater to students — are in the works for Chapel Hill, and many more are planned to open in the coming months.

Jack Sprat Cafe opened Jan. 5 at 161 E. Franklin St., the former site of Strong's Coffee.

"I couldn't think of a better place to open a business," owner Steve Dorozenski said.

Although only the coffee bar has opened, a future cafe section will offer a variety of sandwiches, salads and soups. Dorozenski said that the menu is still being planned and that it should be ready by Wednesday.

"We are still working on getting the food right," Dorozenski said, adding that he wants to make sure every item will appeal to customers.

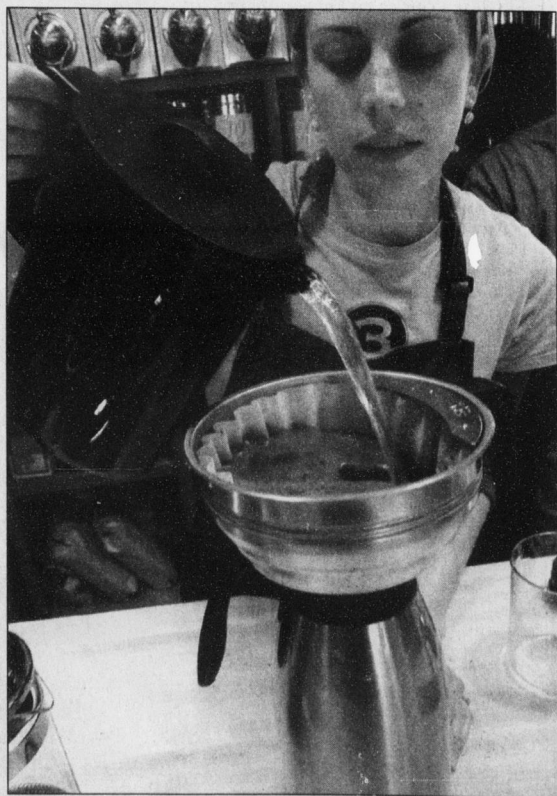
He said that although the past few weeks have been hectic, he has received positive feedback from community members.

Jack Sprat isn't the only java joint to recently open its doors. The 3 Cups coffee shop in The Courtyard shopping center at 431 W. Franklin St. began brewing in December.

Unlike most cafes in the country, 3 Cups offers just coffee and tea — not lattes, chai or other specialty drinks found elsewhere.

"I want to create a coffee connoisseurship for natural coffee and tea," said owner Lex Alexander.

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Mollie Bacca, an employee at 3 Cups, prepares coffee. 3 Cups is striving to create a parallel to wine tasting with its selection of coffee beans.

## Award winners support Moeser

### Respect decision to nix Bell Award

BY JENNY RUBY  
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After the recent controversy over Chancellor James Moeser's move to retire the Cornelia Phillips Spencer Bell Award, past award recipients said they respect the decision but continue to value the honor's importance.

The prestigious award, established in 1994 as part of the University's bicentennial observance, sought to honor women who made outstanding contributions to the University — but it was laced with controversy.

The award was named after Cornelia Phillips Spencer, whose reputation as a white supremacist has recently overshadowed her efforts to reopen the University after the Civil War.

Last month, Moeser retired the award after months of debate, citing a fear that women would not accept it. Although recipients said they had no reservations when they accepted their awards, many said they understand Moeser's reasoning.

Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, received the award in 1999. She said she accepts Moeser's decision.

"My sense is that this is ... more about the chancellor's sense that it would be difficult for some distinguished women to accept the award because of the controversy that has been brewed around it," she said. "In a sense, he was probably feeling that he wanted to cut that off before it made it more problematic."

For years, little debate surfaced regarding the name of the award and whether potential recipients had reservations accepting it. But after graduate student Yonni Chapman raised concerns about Spencer's past, the University

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