

CITY BRIEFS

Council to hold public forum on town's budget tonight

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public forum on the 2005-06 budget and related items beginning at 7 p.m. today at Town Hall.

Council members invite comment on town services and projects for the 2005-06 fiscal year, capital improvement needs for 2005 to 2020, how to use various housing and transit grants, the downtown service district boundary and potential legislative requests to the N.C. General Assembly's 2005 session.

The town is facing the possibility of a 9.6 cent increase on property tax, due mostly to beginning debt payments for construction of the new town operations center.

The center will house the departments of public works and housing and transportation, which currently operate on University-owned property at a lease of \$1 a year.

The town now has to pay \$2 million annually to build the new center.

Rugby, Quizno's to grace Franklin Street next month

Two new businesses will be opening up within the next month on the 100 block of Franklin Street.

Polo Ralph Lauren's second Rugby store will open at 135 E. Franklin St. by mid-February, said Nancy Murray, senior vice president of global public relations and financial communications for Ralph Lauren.

The Rugby label, which opened its first branch location on Newbury Street in Boston in October, is specifically aimed at the college market.

Chapel Hill's third Quizno's store also will open in mid-February, said Dick Ren, area director for Quizno's.

Quizno's will open at 169 E. Franklin St., next to Wentworth & Sloan Jewelers Inc.

STATE & NATION

Police bust "Old School" party at Duke University

DURHAM — In what police say was an homage to the movie "Old School," partying Duke University students were found in a fraternity house basement with an inflatable pool, a whole lot of baby oil and women in bikinis.

Police came upon the scene early Sunday after responding to a noise complaint.

"Inside were several of America's future, re-enacting a scene from the movie 'Old School,' where females wrestle in a pool of lubricants," police Sgt. D. Gunter said. In their version, the Duke students apparently opted for baby oil.

Officers said they cleared the house of the 200 revelers, sending some women home in the subfreezing temperatures in nothing more than the bikinis they wore.

Nicholas Hunter Roberts, who lives at the address, was charged with violating the city's noise ordinance, a misdemeanor carrying a \$150 fine.

There has been ongoing tension between students and residents of the neighborhoods that adjoin Duke's East Campus. Other weekend parties in the area resulted in noise ordinance charges and a marijuana possession charge.

Alleged robber in Delaware calls victim to ask for a date

NEW CASTLE, Del. — Police say a man involved in the recent robbery of a Domino's Pizza delivery woman would be a good candidate for "World's Dumbest Criminal."

Police say that after two men robbed the woman, one of them called her on his cell phone to apologize and to ask her out on a date.

The victim, 18, declined the request, instead giving the cell phone number to police, who arrested Brent Brown, 25, on Thursday.

Police also arrested Andre Moore, 18, and were looking for a 16-year-old linked to the crime.

CALENDAR

Today — A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m. in 383 Phillips Hall to discuss revisions to the section of the Student Code that deals with the Carolina Athletic Association.

Feb. 2 — Chancellor James Moeser will hold an open house from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Graham Memorial to discuss current events on campus as well as share ideas and solicit questions from students.

Feb. 25 — The 26th Annual UNC School of Public Health Minority Health Conference will take place at the Friday Center.

Henry Louis Taylor Jr., professor and director of the Center for Urban Studies at the University of Buffalo, will deliver the keynote address.

At 2 p.m., Taylor's lecture will be broadcast via satellite and Internet, after which he will respond to questions from the satellite and Internet audience until 3:30 p.m.

— From staff and wire reports.

Court reduces bail for Dalzell

Jail releases him on \$25,000 bond

BY EREN TATARAGASI
STAFF WRITER

The man charged with the murder of a Carrboro woman was released from Orange County Jail on Tuesday afternoon after his bonds were reduced earlier that morning.

Andrew Douglas Dalzell made his bail of \$25,000 after his appearance in Orange County Superior Court. The public defender's office said his bond was paid by his mother, Juanita Dalzell Mullen, and his stepfather.

Dalzell has been the No. 1 suspect in the disappearance and suspected murder of Deborah Leigh Key since she was last seen Dec. 1, 1997.

Some of Key's friends were at the courthouse Tuesday, anticipating Judge J.B. Allen's ruling on Dalzell's bonds.

"I'm not happy with the decision," said Laurel Schwartz, a friend of Key's. "I think his bond should have been higher."

Dalzell had been in custody at Orange County Jail since he was



Andrew Dalzell was released from Orange County jail Tuesday after posting his lowered bail.

arrested Sept. 9 after being charged with larceny by an employee.

After he appeared in court Tuesday, Dalzell's \$70,000 secured bond was reduced to \$25,000.

Dalzell last appeared in Superior Court on Jan. 10 to defend self-incriminating statements he made

after Carrboro police arrested him in September.

The statements were confessions Carrboro police extracted after giving him with a false warrant stating that he was being arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

Carrboro police also used a fake letter from the district attorney's office claiming that they would seek the death penalty if Dalzell did not confess.

Judge Wade Barber ruled that Dalzell's statements would be suppressed because the defendant had

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Unity leads forum's focus

Platform key to BSM approval

BY SHARI FELD
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Minority issues will be a top priority for student body president hopefuls tonight as they vie for an endorsement at the annual candidates' forum hosted by the Black Student Movement.

Members said they are looking to endorse a candidate who will express a continued commitment to the BSM and who has a dedicated attitude toward fulfilling platform promises, said president Erin Davis.

"I think that members like to see someone who is serious about including minority issues in their platforms," she said.

BSM members also said they want someone who will represent and unite the entire student body.

BSM Vice President Brandon Hodges said he would like to see increased minority representation on the elected president's cabinet and improved relations between student government and minority students.

Student body president hopefuls said they considered these desires when drafting their platforms. All four candidates — Seke Ballard, Leigha Blackwell, Seth Dearmin and Tom Jensen — have made minority issues key components of their platforms.

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"You might wake up one day and decide 'I want to be president.' Every one of you can be somebody." BEVERLY PERDUE, N.C. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



North Carolina Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue talks with members of three fourth-grade classes at Rashkis Elementary School on Tuesday. They discussed Perdue's role in the state government, which is part of the fourth-grade curriculum, and what the children had learned.

LT. GOV. REVISITS FOURTH GRADE

Perdue talks to classes about state government

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
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For many elementary school students, the closest contact they have with their state leaders is through a textbook.

But for the fourth-grade classes of Rashkis Elementary School, that gap was closed when they met face-to-face Tuesday with North Carolina Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue.

The three fourth-grade classes at Rashkis Elementary School gathered in the school's media center to talk with Perdue about state governments, a component of the state social studies curriculum for the fourth grade.

And the students did not just listen to a speech; they engaged in an interactive conversation, showing Perdue their knowledge about the state government.

One student asked Perdue to talk about the hardest law she ever had to pass.

Another wanted to know what made Perdue decide to run for lieutenant governor.

Their conversation ranged from child car seat laws to improved water quality in the state.

Perdue also spoke with the children about their futures and the opportunities they had before them.

"You might wake up one day and decide 'I want to be president,'" she said. "Every one of you can be somebody."

In closing, Perdue asked the students to keep in touch via e-mail, and the students promised her they would.

"You keep up with me, I want to know what you are in 10 years," she said.

Perdue said working with education issues has been a major focal point of her political career.

Before her start in state government, Perdue worked as a teacher in the public school system.

"Education is actually one of the things I care most about," she said, adding that she tries to visit schools once a month.

"In 2005, you can do anything with an education," Perdue told the students.

Media specialist Majory Moe said she was pleased with the presentation Perdue gave.

"I think it was very informative for the kids," Moe said.

While Moe said that government might still be an abstract concept for the students, she said Perdue's presentation helped.

"I felt like it gave the students a good opportunity to meet a political figure who is directly from the community," said Assistant Principal Shelia Burnette.

This allowed the students to connect community with government, she said. Christina Royster, a fourth-grade teacher at Rashkis, shared similar sentiments.

"A lot of times, they think of government as being removed from them," Royster said.

She added that the school wanted to have a speaker from the state, and Perdue was more than willing to come and speak.

Burnette said she liked how interactive Perdue was in her discussion.

"She was very complimentary of the students," she said.

Perdue was elected in 2000 as lieutenant governor and was re-elected in November.

She has also served seven terms — two in the N.C. House of Representatives and five in the N.C. Senate — in the General Assembly.

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Senior hopefuls eye speaker policies

BY MARTA OSTROWSKI
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It's not often that a man who parades around in a bow tie is a trendsetter.

But Monday's announcement that famed television personality Mo Rocca will stand as the first Senior Class Address speaker is forcing senior class president candidates to conjure up a little creativity.

Hopefuls voiced their satisfaction with Rocca's selection and said they want to establish a tradition at UNC to bring exciting personalities to campus. But first, they said, they are looking to get as much input as possible for next year's speaker.

Although the selection process for choosing a speaker is a difficult task, each candidate said it is important to let the senior class be a part of the decision.

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BOBBY WHISNANT JR., SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

government makes," said senior class vice president candidate Jenny Peddycord.

To have the senior class as involved as possible in the decision-making process, senior class vice president candidate Whit Walker said he would place a suggestion box in the Pit next year for seniors.

"Our goal is to get a larger student voice behind who we want as the speaker," said senior class president candidate Madison Perry. "Hopefully, we will have an efficient voice for the students."

Perry and Walker listed names of potential speakers, including Ben Carson, Tom Wolfe and Jon Stewart, but have yet to look into

the feasibility of such options. The candidates all have yet to speak with Provost Robert Shelton about a potential speaker.

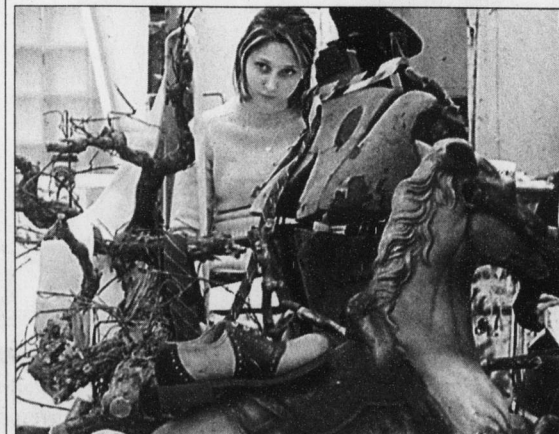
"Right now, our focus is trying to create more awareness for students so we can get better speaker choices," said Peddycord's running mate, Bobby Whisnant Jr.

The process of choosing and approving a speaker for the Commencement ceremony also is a drawn-out, complicated task.

After reviewing student recommendations, a committee including the senior class officers and faculty combines a list of six to

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DRAWING IN THE REINS



DTH/MIRANDA HARPLE

Freshman Maggie Hutaff sketches a carousel horse in her beginning art class Monday. Art 004, Basic Drawing and Composition, is a foundation course for studio art majors and can be taken as an aesthetic course for the general college or arts and sciences perspectives.

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