

POLICE LOG

FROM STAFF REPORTS

■ A 17-year-old East Chapel Hill High School student was arrested at 5 p.m. Friday and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Aaron Lucas Roskin Rudolf, of 209 Old Franklin Grove, was stopped for driving a four-wheel vehicle on an OWASA sewer right-of-way on Pinehurst Drive near Burning Tree Drive.

Officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana in the car, and Rudolf admitted to smoking the substance earlier that day, reports state.

A search of the car revealed four partially burned marijuana cigarettes in the ashtray and a brown bottle used to store the drug, reports state.

A passenger in the car, 17-year-old Ashley Richards, was cited for marijuana possession after two partially burned marijuana cigarettes were found in her purse.

Rudolf was taken to Orange County Jail to be released to a responsible adult. He is scheduled to appear April 25 in Orange

County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ A white 1998 Ford Explorer was reported stolen from town parking lot 2 at 5:20 p.m. Friday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the vehicle is valued at \$5,000, and \$500 worth of stereo equipment and golf clubs also were taken.

The victim, a 20-year-old UNC student, last saw the car at 11 p.m. Thursday, reports state.

■ A 20-year-old Fayetteville man was arrested at 3:40 a.m. Sunday on the 300 block of East Rosemary Street and charged with damage to property, resisting arrest and reckless driving, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Alfonso Devon Allen jumped from his blue 1992 Buick Roadmaster and fled on foot when officers attempted to stop him.

According to reports, \$750 in damage was done to landscaping in the incident.

Allen was released on a written promise to appear June 14 in

Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested at 5:08 p.m. Saturday and charged with carrying a concealed weapon after officers found a handgun in his possession, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Clayton Benjamin Stiebel, 26, of 130 S. Estes Drive B2, was arrested after officers responded to complaints of tire slashing in the parking lot of the Camelot Village apartments.

Stiebel was standing in the lot and matched the description of the suspect and a search revealed a gun on his person, reports state.

He was taken to Orange County Jail to be held on a \$250 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in court May 23.

■ A man was found bleeding on the ground on the second floor of the Wallace parking deck, at 137 E. Rosemary St., at 1:28 a.m. Sunday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

The victim, a 22-year-old Pittsboro man, did not sustain any major injuries in the assault,

reports state.

■ A vehicle was vandalized at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, resulting in \$100 worth of damage, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the gold 2003 Pontiac Grand Am was parked at the 100 block of East Rosemary Street when it was kicked in a side panel.

■ The front window glass of Kerr Drug, at 109 E. Franklin St., was kicked and broken at 9:36 p.m. Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state. According to reports, \$200 worth of damage was done to the building.

■ A tombstone at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery was reported vandalized at 11:14 a.m. Saturday when an unknown suspect pushed over the marble slab and broke it in half, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the vandal did \$1,000 in damage to the tombstone.

The listed victim is an employee in the University's Academic Affairs Library, reports state.

Garbage might not be budget solution

BY CHRIS CARMICHAEL
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For weeks, budget discussions have centered on a major policy change in Chapel Hill's commercial garbage collection, but now a new report from a town consultant says that savings from eliminating the service might not be as high as they once believed.

According to a final report by Maximus Inc. released Thursday, projected net savings from discontinuing town trash services to businesses and apartment complexes have been cut back to between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

The firm originally had valued savings at \$600,000 annually.

The revised report considers the financial effects that might occur as a result of allowing private haulers to take control of the town's waste stream.

Because most private haulers maintain their own landfills, con-

sultants say cutting the service likely will lead to a loss of tipping fees for the Orange County landfill.

"It must be assumed that the county will seek to recover some or all of that loss," the report states.

The town now pays \$566,300 in tipping fees to the county. If the county pursues a strategy to recover the entire amount, the maximum savings for getting the town out of the garbage business will be \$149,700.

The reduced savings might solidify the recommendations of some members of the budget review advisory committee, who have been leaning toward retaining the service and charging tax-exempt entities that now receive the service for free or at reduced rates.

"If the economics of eliminating Dumpster pickup saves only \$100,000 a year, then I can't believe that we would begin to do that," said committee member and former town Mayor Joe Capowski. "There's no reason to do that because it's going to raise the costs that businessmen pay for private haulers."

At the new estimated level of savings, Capowski said, cutting the service would shave only a fraction of a penny from the property tax rate for fiscal year 2005-06.

Town Manager Cal Horton initially had estimated that property taxes would need to be increased 10 cents because of a projected \$5 million budget shortfall.

Some of the original pessimism about the budget has subsided, and now town Finance Director Kay Johnson projects that the shortfall for the base budget could be as little as \$283,000.

But a number of priorities are not included in this base budget, including funding for police department incentives, a new police department generator and across-the-board pay increases to improve competitiveness in the job market.

If the Chapel Hill Town Council decides to pursue these priorities, costs could still spill over by nearly \$4 million.

Faced with this possibility, committee members still are rifling through town operations budgets in search of significant and immediate cost savings.

Capowski said that because people come to expect certain town services, the council will be faced with some hard decisions in weighing economic concerns against values and services.

"That's what small-town government is all about," Capowski said.

One avenue of savings the committee is looking into is the proposed sale of one of three town-owned buildings: the old post office building on Franklin Street, the Chapel Hill Museum and the Inter-Faith Council's men's shelter.

The total value of the buildings might be as high as \$9 million, Capowski said.

Capowski's subcommittee has recommended that the town consider selling at least one of the buildings and grouping tenants into one of the other buildings.

But Moses Carey Jr., chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, among others, has said the county needs the use of the court space at the post office.

"We are getting a very clear message from the court and county that they will be needing that building a lot for court services," said council member Ed Harrison.

"We would have definite opposition to selling it, and we wouldn't want to take that away from them."

The Maximus report also recommends eliminating the internal services superintendent and fleet supervisor positions in the Public Works Department and the maintenance superintendent position in the Chapel Hill Transit, as well as consolidating the parts manager positions of both departments.

In the past, council members have expressed a commitment to reassign displaced workers rather than lay them off.

The firm also suggests eliminating two vacant positions in the police department in order to fund pay raises and educational incentives for the department.

The budget review advisory committee will hear a presentation on the report from Maximus today and will make its recommendations to the council April 11.

The manager's recommended budget is scheduled to be passed June 27.

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Africa Night offers glimpse of culture

BY KATIE CLINE
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The sights, smells and sounds of a different culture emerged from Hanes Art Center on Friday night as students celebrated Africa Night.

The Organization of African Students' Interests and Solidarity celebrated its 20th year with the event featuring a traditional African dinner and a show.

It was the final event of Africa Week, which offered activities ranging from films to discussions.

"Africa Night is the big finale, just bringing the whole week and bringing ideas together," said OASIS member M.A. Cole, a sophomore from Raleigh.

The night's theme was "Sankofa: Remembering the Past to Move into the Future."

The show featured two energetic hosts who provided the audience with jokes and anecdotes.

The dance group Zankiliwa started the show with a traditional African performance. Entering from the aisles of the audience, members donned colorful African

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JESSICA JERALD, JUNIOR

costumes.

They performed several pieces, such as a harvest dance and their theme dance. The final act was a modern hip-hop dance.

"It's a beautiful dance," said Lindsley Doddridge, a junior biology major from Asheville, speaking of the traditional African dance. "They have a really good group at this school."

The night allowed members of the audience to see how OASIS has grown throughout the years.

A video of past OASIS alumni offered a look into the beginnings of the organization. They shared stories of the first meetings and initial funding problems.

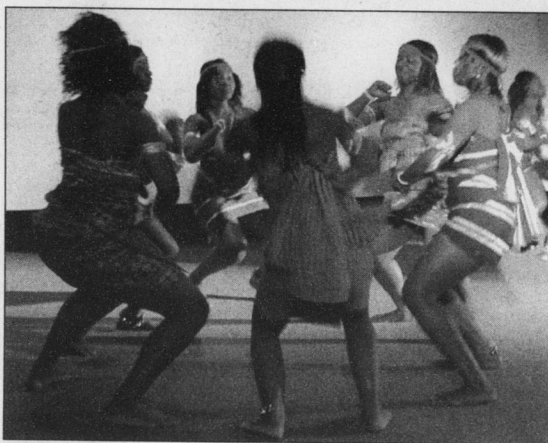
A four-act play with a dual story line was interjected throughout the show. One story told of a present-

day student's conflicts with her traditional parents, while the other was the story of a past African prince coming to the United States.

A skillful African drum performance engaged the crowd, and people clapped and cheered along. Traditional African music fused with hip hop. Drummers even offered a rendition of Usher's "You Remind Me."

A poetic monologue that used fashion as a metaphor for African exploitation drew emotional responses. Lines such as "Africa's coat is one of dignity" garnered proud murmurs from the audience.

A fashion show displayed clothes from each of the countries in Africa. The sometimes rowdy crowd cheered for its respective countries when their names were



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Zankiliwa performs a traditional dance Friday as part of Africa Night. Festivities included an African dinner and a variety of songs and dance.

displayed behind the models.

"I think more people should come out," said Caroline Gartshore, a sophomore from Raleigh. "It really opened my eyes to so much culture."

The night ended with a senior send-off, when freshman members of OASIS read messages to the graduating seniors. Also, an alumni recognition summed up

both the show and the theme.

"I think it's important to learn about cultures who are distinct from our own," said Jessica Jerald, a junior psychology major who attended the show. "I think you should step out of your comfort zone to learn more about yourself."

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