

**POLICE LOG**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

■ A 20-year-old University sophomore was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Saturday for driving while intoxicated, provisional license violation, possessing an open bottle of wine, possessing marijuana, possessing drug paraphernalia and altering a driver's license, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Risden L. McElroy Jr., of 235 McCauley St. D-2, pulled into a driveway at 420 Hillsborough St. and hit the chain across it with his windshield, reports state.

Officers measured his blood alcohol content at .07 percent, reports state. He was released on a written promise to appear May 17 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

■ A Florida woman was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Saturday and charged with driving while intoxicated and speeding, both misdemeanors, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Deborah Ann Rudi, 37, of 801 Brickell Key Blvd. in Miami, was stopped for driving 69 mph in a 35 mph zone in a red 2005 Ford Focus.

She was charged with driving while intoxicated when she refused a blood alcohol test, reports state.

She was released on a written promise to appear June 14 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill.

■ A non-forceful burglary and larceny resulting in \$1,250 in stolen property was reported at 6:50 a.m. Saturday at 107 Fraternity Court Apt. 4, Chapel Hill police reports state.

An unknown suspect entered the unlocked residence and took items from a bedroom, including a desktop computer, a monitor, a DVD player and a Playstation 2, reports state.

The house was last known to be secure at midnight, reports state.

■ A Hillsborough man was arrested at 1:41 a.m. Friday and charged with driving while intoxicated and speeding, Chapel Hill police reports state.

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Brian Christopher Buck, 23, of 1705 Cheyenne Drive, was stopped at the corner of Airport Road and Homestead Drive in a burgundy 1996 Buick, reports state.

His blood alcohol content was measured at .12 percent. He was released on a written promise to appear May 10 in Administrative Traffic Court in Chapel Hill.

■ A 28-year-old Chapel Hill woman was arrested at 2:35 a.m. Friday and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving on the wrong side of the road, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Charmeri Elaine Elam, of 302 Stonehill Road, was arrested for driving left of center on Merritt Mill Road in a silver 1998 Honda Civic.

Her blood alcohol content was measured at .10 percent, reports state. She was released on a written promise to appear May 10 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Chapel Hill.

■ A Greensboro College student was arrested at 3:30 a.m. Friday and charged with driving while intoxicated, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Harrod Lloyd Durham Jr., 21, of 4401 Hallow Oaks Drive, was stopped while driving a black 1998 GMC SUV on West Franklin Street.

His blood alcohol content was measured at .08 percent, reports state. He was released on a written promise to appear May 10 in Administrative Traffic Court in Chapel Hill.

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**Town budget takes next step**

**Group to present findings tonight**

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After nearly three months of discussion, Chapel Hill's budget review advisory committee put the finishing touches on a series of recommendations Saturday aimed at trimming next fiscal year's budget.

The citizens' committee will present its findings, which it hopes will minimize a property tax increase first projected at 10 cents, tonight before the Chapel Hill Town Council.

After a series of sessions marked by a struggle to grasp operational details and evolving budget projections, the group will present a report that balances specific policy changes and spending benchmarks, shifting the task of finding budget solutions to department heads.

The group will tell the town to stay in the commercial garbage business, contrary to advice from town budget consultant Maximus Inc.

But in an effort to recover at least some of the costs for the service, the groups says apartment complexes, fraternities, sororities and tax-exempt entities such as churches and schools should be required to pay the same rates as businesses.

The town charges \$801 for the weekly pickup of an 8-yard bin.

Maximus estimated that charging multi-family complexes could raise as much as \$389,800, though revenue could be much lower if owners choose to contract with private rather than municipal haulers.

One budget item department leaders will examine closely will be Town Manager Cal Horton's proposed across-the-board competitive pay raises of about 3 percent — which will cost the town \$750,000.

In order to reduce a budget shortfall initially estimated at \$5 million, pay raises were left out of the revised base budget.

"Clearly, I would not like to see it happen," Public Works Director Bill Letteri said of a potential moratorium on raises.

"Pay increases, or lack thereof, have a major effect on employee morale."

Horton has remained steady in advocating for pay raises. Committee members ultimately decided to advise the town to keep any raise to 1.5 percent.

And while the group has tried to distance itself from politics, committee members noted that going on the record as supporting police cutbacks — Maximus suggested cutting two officer vacancies — was not a politically desirable position.

"I don't think this is where we save money," said committee member Joe Capowski.

"I think we need to get the best officers that we can."

The group concluded that the town should increase police salaries by 3.5 percent, add four officers downtown and fill the department's eight vacant positions.

In the final stages of discussion Saturday, committee member Jill

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chapel Hill Budget Review Advisory Committee will present these recommendations to the Town Council tonight.

1. Retain commercial garbage services. Require apartments, churches, schools to pay same rates as businesses.
2. Fund a 1.5 percent competitive pay raise.
3. Sell the Chapel Hill Museum and lease both the Franklin Street post office and Inter-Park Council community shelter at market rates.
4. Maintain weekly yard waste collection service from October to December and mid-February through April. Limit service to twice monthly for remainder of the year.
5. Add 4 police officers; downsizing all 8 open positions and increase salaries by 3.5 percent. Fund educational incentives with \$61,000.
6. Reduce fund balance to 11 percent unless it would jeopardize the town's AAA bond rating. Committee member Julie Brennan dissented.
7. Study the fee structure of the Parks and Recreation, Planning and Public Works departments and the Chapel Hill Public Library.
8. Limit the budget of human services advisory board to \$250,000. Require the board to review and recommend all agency funding except for the Public Arts Commission and the Downtown Economic Development Corporation.
9. Revisit the commission's 1 percent for Arts program due to costs of Town Operations Center artwork.

SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL BUDGET REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE DTH/FEILDING CAGE

Ridky-Blackburn questioned the town's funding of nonprofit groups.

Last fiscal year's budget included \$206,000 for a host of nonprofit groups and another \$715,000 for other agencies providing arts, economic development, senior services and affordable housing.

"Most of the taxpayers in Chapel Hill, they are very generous with their contributions," Ridky-Blackburn said.

"Why is the town making contributions to nonprofits?"

Capowski said that while their services are valuable, many groups' funding should fall under the financial responsibility of the county.

"When times are tough, we have to withdraw from a lot of our services that are by rights county services,"

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JILL RIDKY-BLACKBURN, MEMBER

Capowski said.

"Because every time we do this, we double taxes for citizens to pay twice for the same service."

The council will hear presentations from both Maximus and the committee at 7 p.m. today.

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

**Honor society inducts new class**

BY KATIE CLINE  
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The University's oldest honorary society opened its arms Friday night, welcoming a new class of distinguished and passionate campus leaders to its ranks.

The 101-year-old Order of the Golden Fleece tapped 30 new members.

Conitras Houston, the "Jason," or leader, of this year's active order, said order members looked for people who would perpetuate the group through selfless acts.

"Every year is competitive," she said. "We want (new members) to have a voice that is inspired by themselves."

The Golden Fleece was established in 1904 to bring together different branches of student life.

It held its first public induction ceremony last year to commemorate its 100th anniversary. The

order, which counts 1,700 among its ranks, recognizes people who have contributed selflessly and tirelessly to the University community.

Members include highly respected contributors such as Frank Porter Graham and William Friday, both of whom have been named "Argonaut of the Half-Century" in the past.

"Argonaut" is the official name for all order members.

This year's inductees included people from all walks of campus, including student government officials, University administrators and leaders of service organizations and campus publications.

The ceremony started in the Great Hall with only a single spotlight focused on the emblem of the golden fleece on the stage.

Then, the story of Jason — the Greek mythological character whose journey for a golden fleece inspired the order's name

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CONITRAS HOUSTON, GOLDEN FLEECE

— boomed through speakers.

Dressed in black cloaks and masks, officials ran through the aisles, singling out this year's inductees.

Houston then read a list of the new members' accomplishments and positions to the audience, and the order welcomed its new argonauts.

Inductees said they were humbled by the honor.

"The network that is established is one of very distinguished individuals," said inductee Colin Scott, former Residence Hall Association president.

After the inductees were tapped, an alumni argonaut gave the Frank Porter Graham Lecture on Excellence.

Phillip Clay, chancellor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke about his jour-

ney through life.

He said excellence can be exhibited through two aspects — voice and leadership.

"Voice is point of view," he said. "Leadership is a set of skills."

Houston, a senior, said she is hopeful about the future of the Golden Fleece and is confident that members will continue to make unselfish contributions behind the scenes.

Inductee Walker Rutherford, former president of the Interfraternity Council, said his induction doesn't mark the end to his service to the University — only the beginning.

"I look forward to giving back to Carolina because it's given me so much."

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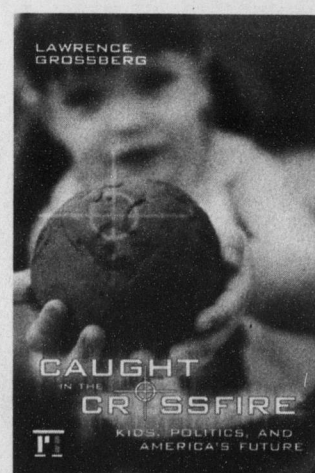


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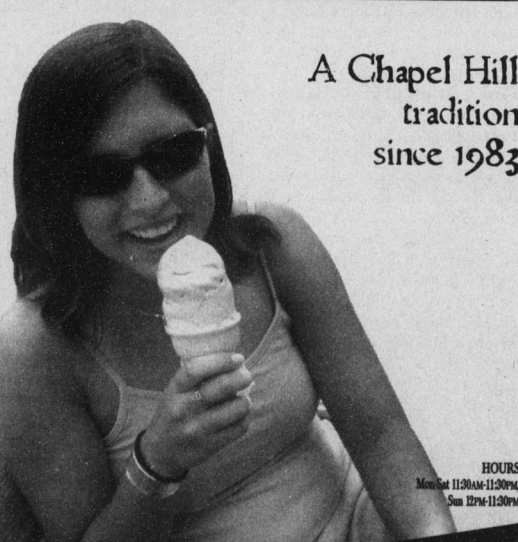
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