

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Student arrested on public urination, marijuana charges**

Timothy Grinder, 19, of 446 Morrison Residence Hall, was charged Saturday with possession of marijuana and public urination, reports state.

A resident advisor noticed Grinder urinating off the fourth floor balcony and said he appeared to be intoxicated, reports state.

University police were called to the scene, and upon entering Grinder's room they found the student unconscious, according to police reports. He was transported to UNC hospitals.

University police discovered marijuana and two smoking pipes in the room, according to the report.

**Vandals pilfer \$6,000 viola in Hill Hall locker heist**

A UNC student's viola, valued at \$6,000, was reported stolen Sunday from the basement of Hill Hall, according to University police reports. The student said that the viola was secured in a locker Saturday and upon his arrival Sunday the locker was open and did not appear to be damaged, reports state.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Council sends downtown projects back to boards**

The Chapel Hill Town Council referred the proposed 2005 Downtown Improvement Projects back to three boards for review at its Monday night meeting.

The Downtown Economic Development Corporation, the Downtown Commission and the Community Design Commission will review the improvement projects and offer suggestions to the council.

Council members expressed concerns about the proposed mast-arm traffic signals they said they could be overbearing.

Members also addressed worries about post-basketball victory celebration hazards and construction hassles during their meeting.

Projects would include changes to the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets, the portion of Franklin Street adjacent to University Square, and West Franklin Street's 500 and 600 blocks and would cost up to \$530,000 to complete.

**Commissioners to discuss school funding requests**

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a joint work session tonight to discuss capital funding issues with both Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road.

The commissioners will discuss the issues related to 60/40 school capital funding, equity funding and new school projects. County schools are seeking funds for its third middle school, and city schools need funds for its third high school.

**Town to accept credit cards for myriad service fees**

The town of Chapel Hill's Finance Department will now accept credit cards as a form of payment for town fees including business licenses, inspection permits and zoning maps.

Finance Director Kay Johnson said the move is a positive step toward accepting credit cards in all town departments, especially public works, parks and recreation, police and at the library.

There is a \$10 minimum purchase with all credit card transactions and credit cards may not be used to pay for public housing costs or county taxes.

**WUNC gets a record number of awards for 2005 coverage**

The North Carolina Public Radio station, WUNC-FM, was honored with a record-number of regional and national awards for its first four months of broadcasting in 2005.

The WUNC news department received the regional award for overall excellence award for the second year in a row as part of the Edward R. Murrow Awards given by the Radio Television News Directors Association.

The station also won the association's regional Continuing Coverage Award for its election coverage.

WUNC garnered 11 awards from the Radio Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas, almost twice as many as any other station.

**CALENDAR**

Today — Chancellor James Moeser will host an open house for students from 4 to 5 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Sonya Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History.

— From staff reports.

# 'Stand-up poet' will read

## Former laureate to finish series

BY BECCA MOORE  
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Former national poet laureate Billy Collins, made famous by his accessible and humorous canon of poetry, will speak tonight in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The sold-out event, planned by the Writers Speak committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board, will kick off at 7 p.m. and feature an hourlong reading by the poet, followed by a question-and-answer session.

"His poems are accessible and

reader-friendly," said Michael McFee, a creative writing professor who advocated bringing Collins to campus.

"They are humorous and often tell a story. In some of them the situation is very clear, playful and inviting. He's really hilarious — I've heard some people describe him as a stand-up poet."

Collins, whose poems touch on topics from pinup calendars to the woes of turning 10, held the national post of poet laureate from 2001 to 2003. The honor is awarded annually by the Library of Congress, which charges the poet laureate with promoting the study and appreciation of poetry during his term.

"I'm not a poetry person, but I



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definitely wanted to bring all sorts of writers to campus, and there was a lot of support for him," said Clint Neill, chairman of CUAB's Writers Speak committee.

The committee was formed this year to focus on planning events and entertainment related to creative writing in all forms. Neill said he is pleased that Collins will cap off the group's calendar

for this academic year.

"One of the community goals was to bring in a big speaker, a well-known writer."

The event already has sold out the Great Hall, which seats 500, Neill said.

"It was important that this be free to students, to give them a chance to have interaction with a well-established writer who made a career for himself," he said. "It's great that students have free access to this."

Judging from the ticket sales, a balanced group of student and community members will be in attendance, he noted.

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# Group to fight against the axe

## Congress seeks to get mobilized

BY JENNY RUBY  
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Student leaders are taking swift steps to fight against a 4 percent budget cut that they say could jeopardize the future of the University.

Today, Student Congress will review a resolution condemning proposed cuts that officials say would result in the loss of 90 filled and 80 unfilled faculty positions, decrease the number of available class sections and reduce the activity of various student organizations.

"The resolution reflects that this is the first step down the road to a lower quality education," said Congress Speaker Luke Farley. "People are afraid that if this cut goes through, UNC might not be the same again."

The N.C. Senate could approve the state budget as soon as May 10.

But the bill must be approved by both chambers of the N.C. General Assembly before going before the governor for final approval, which means it's likely that students won't know the final situation until well into summer or even fall.

Farley said that until recently, many student officials didn't realize how pressing the issue is.

"It seems like they're very serious about cutting us at 4 percent," he said. "It is a very real possibility. Now, people are beginning to get a lot more concerned than they had been. For me, that's come to light within the last week and a half."

Pending Congress' stamp of approval during the meeting tonight, leaders plan to deliver the resolution to members of the General Assembly on Wednesday.

"I believe very strongly in not just passing the resolution but in promulgating it," Farley said. "The resolution is part of a larger plan focused at advocating for the University at the General Assembly."

He said students will target specific representatives, but he is unsure who they will speak with because of the short notice.

"It's been difficult to make extremely detailed plans," Farley said. "We know who we want to see, we just don't know if we'll get in to see them."

Student Body President Seth Dearmin said he thinks the resolution is a positive step in advocating against budget cuts.

"The resolution is a great way for students to speak out against the increase," Dearmin said. "Student Congress is doing a good thing there. I hope and expect when it goes to Raleigh that leaders will be effective in voicing our concerns."

Farley said that in order for the campaign to be successful, students also need to get involved.

"Student government and other leaders can do a lot, but this is going to take a lot of popular sup-

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*"The counter makes people talk to one another. You can hear anything from church to politics" — 'to sex.' TWO SUTTON'S CUSTOMERS, ON THE DRUGSTORE'S ATMOSPHERE*



Trey Coe (left), Bryan Ives, Bob Cherry and Jennie Ives are served beverages at Sutton's Drug Store on Monday. Sutton's has been open since 1923. Its current owner and pharmacist, John Woodard, bought the store in 1977 and has dealt out his fair share of hamburgers, hot dogs and medicine vials.

# WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME

BY JULIA FURLONG  
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Blenders are buzzing, burgers are sizzling and oldies are drifting gently through the bright booths of Sutton's Drug Store at lunch hour.

Listen closely, though, and something more can be heard within the photograph-littered walls of the store that has stood on Franklin Street since 1923.

"We've always said that everything that goes through Chapel Hill floats through Sutton's first," said manager Don Pinney.

"If we haven't heard about it, it hasn't happened yet," said the 27-year Sutton's veteran. Anyone who walks through its door can tell Sutton's is rich in history and tradition.

John Woodard, the store's owner and pharmacist, said that when he bought Sutton's in 1977, he promised then-owner Elliott Brummitt that the drugstore wouldn't be changed.

Brummitt bought the store from the original owners, Lynwood and Lucy Sutton.

"I was only 33 years old at the time, so he felt if he sold it to me, I would keep it for a while and keep it an independent drugstore," said Woodard, a 1968 UNC graduate.

"When you're an independent business owner, you become a real member of the community," Woodard said.

"We offer (the customers) a home away from home."

In 1977, there were seven independent drugstores on Franklin Street, Woodard said. Sutton's is the only one that still exists today.

"It's not any big secret to why we're here," Woodard said. "We love our people."

Customers seem to reciprocate. David Lee Austin has been a customer of Sutton's for about 25 years, and said he knows Woodard a little too well.

"He's been married nine times and has 50 kids," Austin said jokingly.

But as Woodard handed him a prescription, Austin showed his appreciation, saying, "He's fast, he's quick, he's smart."

Sutton's has made itself into somewhat of an institution through a reputation that hinges on its familiar and friendly atmosphere.

"The counter makes people talk to one another," Pinney says, "You can hear anything from church to politics..."

"To sex," offers a female patron at the counter.

In addition to the playful banter between customers and staff, a striking characteristic of the store is its extensive collection of photographs.

They're pasted onto the walls, hanging from the ceiling and even displayed digitally on slide shows that air on televisions. The pictures feature everyone from students to town

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# Area to boost focus on cuts to emissions

BY SAM SHEPARD  
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Local experts shared perspectives on striving toward a healthier community during an area workshop Monday.

Community health and stability dominated discussions at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's second annual sustainability workshop: Greening Our Community, Businesses and Homes.

"We feel the pressure to make sure the community stays really healthy," said Virginia Knapp, associate director of the chamber.

The workshop was organized by the chamber's 11-person Council on the Environment, a group organized to provoke discussion about environmental preservation and practice, economic vitality and social equity.

Speakers touched on myriad topics, ranging from improved at-home insulation to environmentally safe construction materials and water-conserving gardening techniques.

Each talk, whether environmental or economic, showed how area residents could make improvements to their homes and businesses.

"I really hope that the information presented is useful and practical," Knapp said early in the day. "Hopefully, it will plant some seeds."

As Research Triangle Park continues to grow and Chapel Hill and Carrboro see more daily traffic and development, the environment has become a considerable concern for area residents, merchants and leaders.

The Environmental Protection Agency has classified the RTP area as a nonattainment zone in terms of air quality, meaning that pollution quickly could become a problem that impacts daily life.

Speakers stressed the importance of using resources like the University to bring such issues to light.

"This community has resources in terms of expertise," said Jim Ward, a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council and the chamber council.

Town Council members are slated to consider a proposal that would make Chapel Hill the first municipality in the country to adopt the Carbon Reduction Project — a Britain-based effort to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 60 percent by 2025.

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# Wooded area gets less dense

BY JAKE POTTER  
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Darryl Gless moved to the Greenwood neighborhood 11 years ago seeking refuge from the urban atmosphere that bookends the lush, forested area.

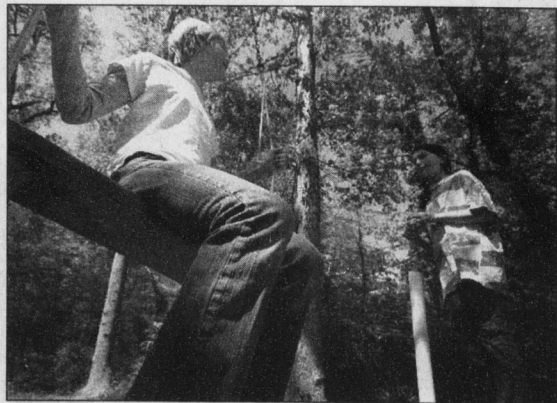
After a brief scare, a dean in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences said, he now can continue to enjoy his neighborhood's beauty thanks to the Chapel Hill Town Council's decision Monday to prevent a local developer from subdividing neighborhood lots.

The council voted unanimously to approve the proposed rezoning of the Greenwood area to meet low-density standards — a move council members said will help the neighborhood retain the character Gless described to them.

"It's a garden. It's a forest. It's a place of quiet, calm and reflectiveness," Gless said.

Putting Greenwood under the Residential-Low Density-1 zoning standard also could become a bridge for the historic neighborhood and others to gain the classification of neighborhood conservation district.

"I wish we had a magic wand and could do these neighborhood conservation districts all at once," Town Manager Cal Horton said of Greenwood, Coker Hills and Pine



Katie Gilmore, 11, talks to her friend Mary Morrison, also 11, who lives on Greenwood Road. Officials took steps to preserve the area Monday night.

Knolls, which all have asked to be granted conservation district status, a moniker that includes special restrictions on development aspects such as building height.

But Greenwood residents did not wait for the conservation district, pushing council members instead to support the rezoning that, by increasing minimum lot size to more than 43,000 square feet, effectively bans the practice of subdividing lots in the neighborhood.

Horton told the council he recommended rezoning Greenwood, adding in a memorandum that the process of tearing down current buildings, separating lots and erecting infill development would adversely change Greenwood's character.

Some residents outside Greenwood supported the proposal.

"This will not only benefit resi-

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