

Bill aims to choke off meth production rings

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After months of negotiations among state lawmakers, the N.C. General Assembly voted Wednesday to place sharp restrictions on the sale of some cold medications in an effort to curb methamphetamine production in the state.

"This has been a significant piece of legislation," said Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange. "Reducing the availability of the products needed to make meth is a good thing."

Faison was a co-sponsor of the Meth Lab Prevention Act, which places considerable restrictions on the sale of many cold medicines.

Buyers of medications containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine — primary ingredients in manufacturing meth — will now have to present a photo ID and have their purchase information recorded in a log. Buyers must be at least 18 and may only purchase two packages of medicine at a time.

The bill requires retailers to keep designated medications locked up or behind a pharmacy counter, and purchasing more than three packages inside of 30 days will require a prescription.

"Seeing what meth does to peo-

ple, we're willing to do our part to make it that much harder for people to get it," said John Woodard, owner and pharmacist of Sutton's Drug Store on Franklin Street.

"The only thing that I regret — and which I understand why they needed to do it — is it's going to create more paperwork when we're already as overworked as we are."

During the last few years, North Carolina has seen an explosion in the number of methamphetamine labs discovered. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, meth lab seizures in the state jumped from 14 in 2000 to 243 in 2004.

"This should have a huge impact on the amount of meth labs discovered," said John Emerson, DEA assistant special agent in charge of North Carolina, referring to the bill passed Wednesday.

North Carolina's law is modeled on similar measures in other states, including one passed earlier this year in Tennessee.

"This type of legislation has been very effective in other states and we hope it'll do the same here in North Carolina," Emerson said.

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Kosher options appear at Mainstreet

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Jews and Muslims at UNC who follow religious dietary guidelines can now enjoy a fresh meal on campus with a clean conscience.

Now that Mainstreet Lenoir is offering kosher turkey, turkey pastrami and smoked turkey deli sandwiches, students and faculty who adhere to the dietary laws finally have something to sink their teeth into.

N.C. Hillel is working with Carolina Dining Services and Aramark Corp., UNC's food services provider, to offer sandwich options at Mainstreet Lenoir that meet both Jewish and Muslim dietary requirements.

Although the sandwiches are not the only kosher options on campus, they are the first kosher-prepared meal available to all students.

Kosher food is also considered to be halal, or acceptable to Muslims.

The sandwiches, which sell for \$4.99 each, are prepared daily in Hillel's kosher commercial kitchen by chef Holly Calkins. The initiative is a "pay for itself program," and about 10 sandwiches are prepared each day.

The kitchen has met county requirements for sanitation, Hillel Executive Director Or Mars said, and is an approved vendor for Aramark.

Mars, who spearheaded the effort for a kosher/halal prepared-meal option, said his organization is always looking to make the University accessible to the diverse needs of all students.

If the sandwiches continue to sell well, Mars said, they will look to offer kosher options on other areas of campus.

"We have a very close relationship with (the Muslim Students Association), so we asked them if they would be interested," he said. "Let's make it a kosher/halal section, not just Jewish."

And while Jewish and Muslim students follow the dietary laws at different levels, Uzma Kahn, president of the Muslim Students Association, said if Muslims on campus had a choice between halal and non-halal foods, they would choose halal.

"It's a way for us to have meat on campus instead of vegetarian all the time," Kahn said.

Before the Lenoir sandwich offerings, the only options for kosher/halal-conscious Jews and Muslims were at campus grocery stores like the Ramshead Market, which still boasts everything from kosher bread to frozen entrees. None of these options, however, are fresh meals.

"Because we don't have a kosher kitchen on campus, we would not be able to have a kosher meal per-



DTH/RAJ SAHA
Chris Donahoe, sophomore, takes food from the new selection of meals meeting Jewish and Muslim dietary standards in Lenoir on Wednesday.

se from our locations," said Ira Simon, director of food and vending services.

Leaders in both the Jewish and Muslim communities said that the expanded options are about much more than food — they are about

religious community. "This is a strong bridge on the religious level," Kahn said. "It's common ground for us."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ "Petals and Buds... pastels by Patricia Savage" will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Totten Center Classroom. Savage is an instructor for the N.C. Botanical Garden's illustration courses. She uses chalk pastel to paint plants and wildlife.

■ There will be a health care professionals roundtable from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. today in the Chamber Office in Chapel Hill, located at 104 S. Estes Drive.

The group members hope to educate both the public and each other about available health care services and to improve health in the community, among other goals.

■ Campus organizations, including Campus Y, the Red Cross and various religious groups, will discuss hurricane-relief efforts at 11 a.m. today in room 3515 in the

Student Union.

■ The Baptist Student Union will hold its weekly worship meeting at 5:45 p.m. today at the Baptist Campus Ministry located at 203 Battle Lane.

■ N.C. Hillel will host a "Make-Your-Own Deli-Sandwich and Info Fair" event from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at their building, located at 210 W. Cameron Ave.

■ Sangam, UNC's South Asian cultural group, will hold an interest meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in 116 Murphy Hall.

■ The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. today for its regularly scheduled meeting in the Chapel Hill Town Council Chambers.

■ InterVarsity will hold its first

Large Group worship at 7 p.m. today in Carroll 111.

■ Campus Crusade for Christ will hold its first weekly meeting of the school year at 7:30 p.m. in Hill Hall Auditorium.

■ Pauper Players, an all-musical acting group will hold an interest session at 8 p.m. today in room 1505 in the Student Union.

■ The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's Communications and Marketing Committee will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Chamber Office in Chapel Hill, located at 104 S. Estes Drive.

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POLICE LOG

■ The man wanted for the assault of a woman at Umstead Park during the summer was arrested Tuesday afternoon, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.

Juan Galeana Jr., of Mebane, was arrested at 109B Todd St. in Carrboro on a felony charge of assault, inflicting a bodily injury, reports state.

The attack was reported July 25 when a woman was found seriously injured in the park, according to police. Galeana was placed under a \$10,000 secured bond and was scheduled to make his first court appearance Wednesday, reports state.

■ A Chase Park apartments maintenance man was arrested Tuesday on multiple drug-related charges, Chapel Hill Police reports state.

Michael Bernard McNeil, 43, of Apt. A1 at 1060 Hwy. 54, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. at Chase

Park, according to police reports.

After searching the apartment, police charged McNeil with one felony count of maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling narcotics, one misdemeanor count of marijuana possession and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. McNeil was taken to Orange County Jail on a \$2,000 secured bond, reports state. His first court appearance was scheduled for Wednesday.

■ Two Wilson men were arrested on drug-related charges at Chase Park apartments on Tuesday, Chapel Hill Police reports state.

Shaun Earl Jones, 27, was arrested at 11 p.m. on felony charges of maintaining a vehicle and possession with the intent to sell or distribute cocaine, according to police reports. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession, reports state.

Bobby Tyrone Jones, 28, was also arrested on a felony count of possession with intent to sell or distribute cocaine and a misdemeanor count of marijuana possession, according to police reports.

■ Expressions, at 137 E. Franklin St., was the victim of a forced breaking and entering Tuesday, according to police reports.

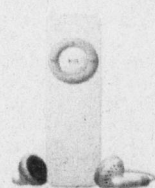
At 6:45 a.m. it was reported that the front door was shattered with a brick, according to police reports. The damage of the door was valued at \$500, reports state.

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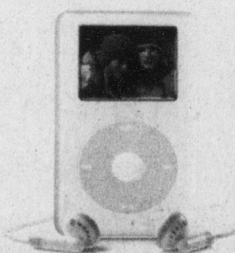
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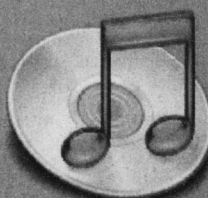
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