

POLICE LOG

■ A 37-year-old Chapel Hill man was arrested on charges of assaulting a female at 3:54 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Dwayne Burnett, of 603 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., was arrested on the assault charge and on a felony charge of second-degree kidnapping, reports state.

According to reports, officers responded to a complaint in the boulevard area, and they found Burnett and the victim by a car. Reports state that the victim said she had been assaulted and that her ex-boyfriend would not allow her to leave the car.

No bond was set, and Burnett was set to make his first appearance in court Monday, according to reports.

■ A 16-year-old East Chapel Hill High School student was arrested

Friday night on charges of simple assault, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Michelle Fearrington was arrested on Old Sterling Drive after she admitted hitting a male by slapping him on the face, reports state.

She was released on written promise, and is set to appear in district criminal court Nov. 28, according to reports.

■ The home of a UNC Hospitals nurse, located at Woods Walk Court, was reported burglarized at 7:51 a.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.

Police reports state that the home was broken into by an unknown suspect who pried the windows open to gain entry to the home.

Jewelry was the only thing that was reported stolen, and those items were later found in a black

backpack in a ditch at Forest Court, according to reports.

■ A Chapel Hill student is suspected of starting a dumpster fire late Sunday night in Aycock Circle PVA, police records state.

According to police reports, Kerri Sumner, 21, reported a fire in a cardboard recycling dumpster.

Two witnesses informed Ellen Jones, Aycock/Graham Community director, that they had seen a white male setting fire to a box near the dumpster, but did not witness him putting the box in the dumpster, reports state.

Thomas Brinkley, 19, of 107 Stacy Residence Hall, told police that earlier he had set a box on fire and put the fire out. Brinkley said he placed a wet paper towel in the box and threw the box away in the dumpster. The incident is under further investigation, according to reports.

Customers haunt thrift shops

BY NICKI JHABVALA
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The season of frights hasn't seemed to scare off local customers, as area thrift shops receive their annual Halloween business rush from students and locals seeking the most unique costumes.

The PTA Thrift Shop, which has locations on Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro and at Village Plaza in Chapel Hill, offers items designated specifically for Halloween, but most patrons seem interested in the alternatives.

"We have a lot of people that put together their own costumes from the vintage clothing we offer," said Barbara Jessie-Black, the shop's executive director.

The stores' Halloween merchandise has been available for two weeks to three weeks, and Jessie-Black said she has noticed a dramatic increase in business from the rest of the year.

"Halloween is pretty big for us,"

she said. "The first weekend that we had Halloween stuff out, much of it was picked out."

Still, Jessie-Black said many patrons wait until the last minute before gearing up for the holiday. Assuming business will be comparable to past years, she said she expects a surge of customers looking for costumes the week before Halloween.

All of the stores' proceeds will go directly to the PTAs in local schools. Depending on each school's needs, funds goes to such things as field trips and extracurricular activities.

Club Nova Thrift Shop on Main Street in Carrboro uses its proceeds for the Club Nova mental health rehabilitation center for adults, located next door.

Camellia Morton, the store's coordinator, said she believes using the money for a good cause plays a big role in customers' willingness to shop there.

Whether they're students or area

citizens, Morton said patrons seem to flock to the shop more during the Halloween season.

Though specific Halloween items are limited at the store, she said an impressive lineup of vintage clothing has lured in prospective customers.

"We have some costumes and we help people create their own," Morton said. "So far (people) are going for the '70s and '80s looks."

The old might be in for costume-seekers at the PTA and Club Nova shops, but at Time After Time Vintage Thrift on Franklin Street, customers are eyeing a different style.

The store's manager, Autumn Spencer, said the western theme seems to be on the top of most patrons' list this year.

In addition, customers can choose from the shop's hundreds of costumes, and he said they haven't been skimping when it comes to creating the wildest attire.

Time After Time is experiencing the Halloween business boom as well, he said.

"Without a doubt, (Halloween) is the biggest time for us."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The director search committee for the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center will meet at 1 p.m. today in South Building 307.

■ N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall will deliver a lecture titled "Government is Like a Box of Chocolates" at 2 p.m. today in the UNC School of Government's Knapp-Sanders Building.

■ Overeaters Anonymous will hold a meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Evergreen United Methodist Church on U.S. 15-501. Call 929-5963 for more information.

■ The Haunted Hospital of Horror will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. today in the Ehringhaus Multipurpose Room. The American Red Cross at UNC is selling tickets, which are \$2 in the Pit and \$3 at the door. Proceeds will go to Acres

of Love AIDS benefit.

■ The Triangle Vegetarian Society will host a preview of Howard Lyman's "Eating the Earth, One Bite at a Time" at 7 p.m. today at the Church of Reconciliation, 110 N. Elliott Road.

■ "Freedom Sings," a story of censorship and popular music, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. today in the Meymandi Concert Hall at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. The event is free. For more information call John Dutton, News & Observer promotions coordinator, at 829-4843.

■ Vincent Laforet, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer for The New York Times, will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in the Freedom Forum Conference Center in Carroll Hall.

■ Theta Nu Xi Multicultural

Sorority Inc. and Psi Sigma Phi Multicultural Fraternity Inc. will host a screening of "Crash" at 7:45 p.m. today in Gardner 105. Pizza will be served.

■ Violinist Midori and pianist Charles Abramovic will perform at 8 p.m. today at Memorial Hall.

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HAPPY HEEL-O-WEEN



DTH/JULIA BARKER

To honor UNC's 2005 national championship team, Jeff Ware, who began following the men's basketball team just after he moved to Southern Village two years ago, carved this jack-o'-lantern for Halloween this year. He holds the pumpkin at his Chapel Hill home Monday.

Forum to focus on local business

Will eye progress, area preservation

BY JABEEN AHMAD
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Leaders want people to notice the unique assets and community feel of downtown Chapel Hill when they stroll down Franklin Street, and they are taking a new direction to try to meet that aim.

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will host a public forum today at the Varsity Theatre to discuss the adoption of Main Street Approach in downtown Chapel Hill.

Forum leaders will discuss the approach and allow residents to provide input.

Rodney Swink, director of the Office of Urban Development, at the N.C. Department of Commerce's division of community assistance, will discuss the details of the approach and its Chapel Hill applications.

"Main Street Approach was created by the Nation Trust for Historic Preservation to revitalize downtown areas," Swink said.

The approach attempts to encourage economic development in traditional, older business districts while still preserving historic areas.

"The biggest problem in downtown redevelopment is that people tend to dwell so much on what's wrong in the area that they exclude what's right," Swink said.

Swink said he hopes residents will build upon strengths and acknowledge weaknesses to make downtown Chapel Hill a better place.

"My role will be to provide public education," he said.

"Chapel Hill residents need to see the opportunities available to them, and they need to be involved in every step of the program."

Local architect Phil Szostak, who will serve as moderator for the public forum, said he hopes individuals will express concerns and ideas for the revitalization of downtown.

"We hope issues of security and vitality will come out," he said. "In particular, we hope to address the differences between the West End and East Franklin Street."

Szostak added that he'd like to see hundreds of residents attend.

"The project can be as successful as the people want it to be," he said. "However, it will not work if we don't cooperate. People need to understand that no matter how successful the project turns out, we can't stop planning."

Though Chapel Hill is not officially a Main Street city, some principles of the program might be applied to the area, and the partnership adopted the strategy recently.

The partnership seems optimistic that the project will provide a sense of community in Chapel Hill.

"The board spoke with one clear voice, that they are ready to take a leadership role in making good decisions for downtown Chapel Hill," stated Liz Parham, the group's executive director, in the partnership's October newsletter.

"We're ready to evoke positive change for our community."

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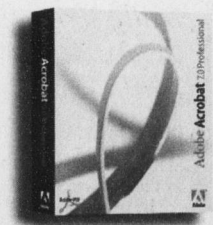
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