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Car chase fails to nab stabbing suspect

Police are still looking for a man called 'Young Buck'

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Authorities are still looking for a man who led police on a high-speed chase through UNC's campus late Monday night.

Responding to a report of a stabbing at the Abbey Court apartment complex in Carrboro, police attempted to stop a red Chevrolet Cavalier believed to be driven by a suspect in the stabbing attack.

"Another officer happened to be passing the vehicle at the exact moment and turned around on him, and the vehicle started fleeing," said Carrboro police investigator A.L. Westbrook II.

The vehicle took off and led police from several

jurisdictions — including Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County — in a chase that ended about two and a half miles south of Chapel Hill.

Authorities are still looking for the driver, who fled from his car on foot near the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and Smith Level Road.

"I seen the car come around the corner, and I was like, 'Damn, he's going fast!'" said Darrell Walt, who was riding his motorcycle nearby as the chase ended. "Of course, he lost it, and they were right on his butt."

Walt said the driver bolted from the car almost before it came to a stop. Police have so far been unable to locate him.

A passenger, Jaime Mendez, was taken into custody by Carrboro police but was released after

speaking with officers.

The driver is believed to be the primary suspect in the stabbing, and police so far know him only as "Young Buck."

The victim, a homeless man named Jose Guadalupe Arriaga Guerrer, was taken to N.C. Memorial Hospital, police said.

Police said his wounds did not appear life-threatening.

Investigators questioned witnesses at Abbey Court on Monday night. Bystanders there, who declined to give their names, said the victim was stabbed through the car's driver-side window around 11 p.m.

Police found a knife at Abbey Court but are not sure if it was used in the assault, Westbrook said.

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DTH/TIMOTHY REESE
Police approach a Chevrolet Cavalier at the intersection of Smith Level Road and 15-501 following a high-speed chase.

Homeless initiative starts today

Chronic problem targeted

BY TRACEY THERET
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

As Orange County begins today its 10-year countdown to end chronic homelessness, organizers already are preparing a large-scale collaborative event in October to help the area's homeless population.

Project Homeless Connect is a one-stop, one-day center designed to link those in need with an array of services, including health care, legal advice, benefits and employment and housing opportunities.

"Those are the two big ones, helping someone get a roof over their head and get a job," said Jamie Rohe, organizer of the event and Chapel Hill's community development program monitor.

Project Homeless Connect is one of the initiatives that will be kick-started at the Partnership to End Homelessness Executive Team meeting tonight, which signifies the first day of the 10-year plan.

The event, which will coincide with similar events in Wake and Durham counties on the same day, is sponsored by a \$3,500 grant from the Triangle United Way.

Project Homeless Connect first was initiated in San Francisco, whose mayor is credited with the national model, Rohe said.

Asheville held the state's first Project Homeless

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Project Homeless Connect

► Oct. 25 at Hargraves Community Center, 216 N. Roberson St.

Get involved with Project Homeless Connect

► If you want to be involved with food service or preparation, contact Kelly Dunlop at kdunlop@newman-chapelhill.org

► For other volunteer inquiries, contact Jamie Rohe at jrohe@townofchapelhill.org

AIR FORCE CADETS FLY HIGH



DTH/JOHN W. ADKISSON

Second-year cadet Caleb Goodrum listens during the Air Force ROTC leadership lab on Tuesday afternoon in the ROTC building. The weekly leadership lab is required to be commissioned as an officer upon graduation. The labs are usually run by junior and senior cadets and strive to give ROTC students

an understanding of military leadership. Participants say the kind of military knowledge afforded the students in ROTC classes often is missing in other UNC curricula. For more information about what some political science scholars and UNC students see as a lack of military education in college courses, see page 9.

New superintendent returns to roots

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The Orange County Board of Education appointed a school district veteran to the superintendent post at Tuesday night's meeting.

Patrick Rhodes, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Durham Public School System, was welcomed with a standing ovation in the auditorium of Orange High School — the same building where he started his administrative career years ago.

In mid-October, he will replace Shirley Carraway, who announced her Oct. 1 retirement in April after four years with the school district.

"He's come a long way from room 405," said Donna Webb, a retired Orange High math teacher who taught across the hall from Rhodes.

Before holding his Durham position, which he has filled for the past two years, Rhodes served as executive director of high schools for the Durham County

Public School System, as principal of Orange and Riverside high schools and as a science teacher and coach.

Rhodes started his career coaching basketball and teaching science at Orange High.

"I spent the best time of my career at Orange High School," Rhodes said. "Now standing here in this renovated auditorium — I can't even begin to say how excited I am."

During the selection process, which included more than 21 applicants, officials looked for someone with experience as a principal and in curriculum instruction, said Dennis Whitting, chairman of the board of education.

"The thing that ... he has is an ability to bring a number of different groups together," Whitting said.

The board expects Rhodes to continue to work on current programs, such as the High Five initiative, a col-

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DTH/JULIE TURKEWITZ

Patrick Rhodes (third from left) will begin as superintendent of Orange County on Oct. 1. Rhodes is a former teacher in Orange and Durham counties.

Law building query ongoing

Engineer will assess damage

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
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As officials continue to evaluate the damage to the brick facade on the School of Law building, they will step up efforts to reassess similar buildings across campus.

The building was evacuated Friday when the brick facade began to bow out and windows cracked.

Officials said that the only damage is on the building's exterior facade and that the building's structural integrity has not been compromised.

A structural engineer will be brought to UNC within the coming week to examine other buildings for cracks and weaknesses, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction.

"We're going to look at all of the buildings from that era — meaning the 1960s — and then we'll go from there," Runberg said, adding that facilities still is deter-

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announcement

DTH APPLICATIONS DUE

We're hiring new staff. Applications are due in Union 2409 by 5 p.m. today. You can pick up an application from Union 2409 or download one at www.dailytarheel.com.

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OVERCROWDING WOES

Schools nearby and across the state are struggling to fund construction needs for building new schools and renovating older ones.



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BOLD NEW BIO

The N.C. General Assembly is considering a strategic plan for the growth of biofuels in the state, after giving \$5 million to fund a new center this summer.

this day in history

SEPT. 5, 1997 ...

Tar Heel Town kicks off, offering an alcohol-free alternative to pre-game tailgating for students and the community.

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