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DAILY DOSE

Dude, where's my marmoset? Stolen.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

At least he didn't have the munchies. An Australian teenager stole two crocodiles and a monkey — and blamed his actions on marijuana. Benjamin Glen Watts, 19, pleaded guilty to twice breaking into a wildlife park on the outskirts of the tropical city of Darwin, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio reported on its Web site.

Watts said he planned to sell the stolen baby crocodiles and the marmoset but couldn't find anyone to buy them. The animals were returned unharmed.

Watts' lawyer told the court that his client admitted it was a "dumb stoner" thing to do and that he wrote to Crocodylus Park to apologize. Watts was given a three-month suspended jail sentence and has undergone drug counseling.

NOTED. A man who mailed a bloody cow's head to his wife's lover has been sentenced to probation and community service. Pennsylvania resident Jason Michael Fife was charged with stalking, terroristic threats and harassment.

Police said Fife, 31, got the cow's head from a butcher on claims that he wanted to use the dried skull for decoration. He froze the head, but it grew bloody on the victim's doorstep on a hot day.

QUOTED. "OLDS 1999 Intrigue. Totally uncool parents who obviously don't love teenage son, selling his car. Only driven for three weeks before snoopy mom who needs to get a life found booze under front seat. \$3,700/offer. Call meanest mom on the planet."

— Classified ad from Des Moines resident Jane Hambleton, who decided to sell her 19-year-old's car after finding alcohol in it.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Author visit: Paul Collier, an economics professor at Oxford, will give a talk about the difficulties facing countries in extreme poverty. He is the author of "Bottom Billion," named one of The Economist's best books of 2007. The seminar will be part of the Global Education Distinguished Speakers Series.
Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Global Education Center

Philosophy seminar: James Marshall, philosophy of education professor at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, will present a seminar on "Simone de Beauvoir: Philosopher and Educator." This is the first of three consecutive Thursday sessions. Admission is free.
Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Peabody Hall, Room 212

Bookworms Club: Children can meet to discuss a selected book in the animal stories genre. Pre-registration is encouraged.
Time: 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Chapel Hill Public Library

Blood drive: Orange County's chapter of the American Red Cross

will host a blood drive. Call 942-4862 for more information.
Time: 1 to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 2500 N.C. 86 South, Hillsborough.

FRIDAY

Dance lessons: The Triangle Country Dancers will present a Contra Dance. Participants should bring soft-soled shoes. The cost is \$9.
Time: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Location: Carrboro Century Center

Photography exhibit opening reception: The FedEx Global Education Center hosts the opening reception for the Faces of Child Trafficking photographic exhibition. The exhibit chronicles the stories of children whose families sold them into slavery in Ghana's Volta Region.
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

Air guitar documentary: The Carolina Union Activities Board will show the documentary "Air Guitar Nation" to kick off its UNC air guitar championship. There will be a

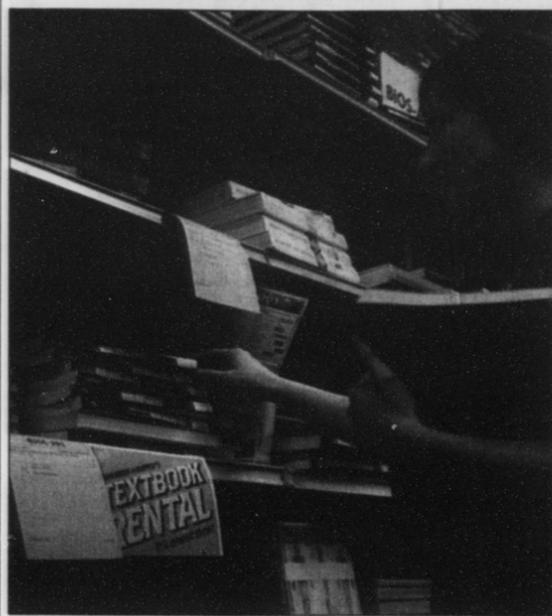
speaker on Jan. 24, and the official championship will be Jan. 25.
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Union Auditorium

Theatre production: The UNC Advanced Showcase will present "The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek" by Naomi Wallace, a haunting coming-of-age adventure. Produced in association with New York City's Ground UP Productions.
Time: 8:15 p.m.
Location: Bingham Hall

2nd Friday Art Walk: More than two dozen art galleries and businesses will stay open late for shopping, and many offer live music and refreshments.
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Chapel Hill and Carrboro

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BOOKS FOR RENT



DTH/HANNAH SHARPE

Junior Lauren Hollowell browses through textbooks available to rent at Ram Book and Supply, where students can pay a per-semester fee for their books. "You're guaranteed to get back the most money with this deal," she said. "From now on, I will try to get rental books if I can."

POLICE LOG

■ Jamaal Rashad Purefoy-Thaxton, 27, was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday at 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., on charges of failure to appear in court and possession with intent to sell cocaine, a felony, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state Purefoy-Thaxton, of 139 Johnson St., was secured in Orange County Jail in lieu of \$5,600 bail.

He was scheduled to appear Wednesday in court in Hillsborough, according to reports.

■ Durham police arrested Antonio Raphael Gonzalez-Lopez, 26, and turned him over to Chapel Hill police for an outstanding warrant at 9:18 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

According to reports, Gonzalez-Lopez, of 1716 Shiva Court in Durham, was arrested at his home on two felony charges of assault

with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for striking a vehicle.

He also was arrested on charges of driving while impaired and reckless driving at 4 a.m. Tuesday after he crashed his car into a tree while attempting to run his ex-girlfriend off of the road at 2701 Homestead Road, reports state.

He was injured in the crash and taken to UNC Hospitals with a broken right foot, according to reports.

Gonzalez-Lopez was secured in Orange County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail and was scheduled to appear Wednesday in court in Hillsborough, reports state.

■ Someone stole one laptop computer, valued at \$1,200 from Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Church, located at 920 Carmichael St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The item was noticed to be missing at 11:02 a.m. Tuesday, reports state.

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