

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Reported robbery was false information, alert states

The reported incident of robbery at 3:30 a.m. Friday, provided false information, according to an emergency campus alert e-mail.

Brian Sharpe alleged that he had been approached by a black male with a firearm between Wilson Library and Caudill Labs, a University police report stated.

The man then demanded cash from him, police said.

After revealing that he had no cash, Sharpe told police that he was struck in the face with a weapon by the assailant.

According to the alert, police determined that he provided false information during his initial report to them.

Sharpe declined to comment, stating that he wanted to be spared from any additional attention given the circumstances in an e-mail.

Student leaders for 08-09 to be approved at Congress

Some of next year's student government leaders will go before Student Congress tonight to be approved for their positions.

Within the executive branch Cabinet, junior Todd Dalrymple is being recommended for student body vice president, junior Pedro Carreno for student body treasurer and junior Andrew Daub for student body secretary.

Junior Lisa Williford is being recommended for the student attorney general position, and junior Caroline Schneider is recommended for Honor Court chairwoman.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in Peabody 08.

Faculty Council discusses student and campus growth

At the Faculty Council meeting Friday, faculty mainly spoke about enrollment and growth.

Provost Bernadette Gray-Little took the podium to discuss potential enrollment growth. Gray-Little also introduced the new chief information officer, Larry Conrad.

She also said the deans of the graduate school and the business school should be announced within the coming week.

David Owens, chairman of building and grounds committee of the Faculty Council, explained the physical limitations of growth.

"The main campus is built out and is essentially landlocked," he said.

He then detailed the effects of the building "master plan" on aesthetics, focusing on green space.

"Green space will actually go up, we have 10 acres planned. Odum Village will be turned into green space, and most of our construction is being done on areas already covered with asphalt."

The group also heard reports about diversity and gave a hip hip huray for Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred, who is leaving UNC on July 1 to become the provost at the University of Richmond.

CITY BRIEFS

Fox bites woman on ankle, tests positive for rabies

A fox that bit an Orange County woman tested positive for rabies, according to an Orange County Animal Services press release.

On Wednesday two Hillsborough residents who were locked out of their home were trying to enter through a window.

One of the residents was bitten on the ankle by the fox. The fox proceeded to chase the two into their car, where they called Animal Control.

Because the fox tested positive for rabies, the case has been referred to a communicable disease nurse from the health department. The fox broke the woman's skin, meaning direct exposure could have occurred.

So far this year there have been three positive rabies tests, two raccoons and one fox. In 2007 there were 19 positive cases.

STATE BRIEFS

Wright criminal trial begins today in Wake County Court

Thomas Wright, the expelled N.C. representative from New Hanover County, is scheduled to appear in a Wake County court today.

Despite the judge's statement that the trial should proceed quickly, the start for Wright's trial could be delayed a second time if his lawyers get their way.

Wright faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted of all six criminal counts — five of fraud and one of obstruction of justice.

On March 20, the N.C. House of Representatives voted 109 to 5 in favor of expulsion.

Wright is challenging the expulsion in court, arguing that it violated his constitutional rights.

-From staff and wire reports

Allred leaving for Richmond Plant closing leaves a void

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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After 26 years at UNC, Steve Allred, executive associate provost, will move to the University of Richmond on July 1 to take a higher administrative position.

Allred, who is a 1974 alumnus, said he made the decision to become Richmond's provost last week, after being nominated last semester.

"This was a great opportunity made more difficult by the fact that I've been here 22 years — not counting the time in school," he said.

The move marks the first departure of any top-level administrator in South Building since Chancellor James Moeser announced in September that he will step down.

Allred, though, said his decision

has nothing to do with Moeser.

"I don't want this to be misread as a concern about that," he said. "Bernadette Gray-Little will be our provost, so there will be continuity within South Building."

The University will begin an internal search for his successor probably this week, and Allred, who makes about \$218,000 per year, will remain executive associate provost until he starts at Richmond.

At UNC, Allred heads the enrollment policy advisory committee and also helps lead the Enterprise Resource Planning initiative. He also is involved in hirings, as well as student admissions decision appeals — something he cited as one of the toughest parts of his job.

He began his UNC career in



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1986 as a professor in the School of Government — then called the Institute of Government.

Mike Smith, dean of the School of Government and vice chancellor for engagement and public service, has known Allred since he came to the school and hired him to become director of the Master of Public Administration Program within the school.

"Steve is a problem solver who

sees the big picture," he said.

Co-workers described Allred as a dedicated leader and listener, as well as someone with a sense of humor.

"He knows how to put people at ease, and at the same time he knows how to ask questions that get at the truth," said Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions, who has worked with Allred for the past eight years. "(He has) I think just a great combination of common sense and really uncommon intelligence."

Although his roots lie deep with UNC — his wife, Julia, works in the admissions office with Farmer; his daughter Meredith is a sophomore; and his son James was student body president in 2006-07 — Allred said

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Plant closing leaves a void

Illegal workers' fate uncertain

BY EVAN ROSE
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When the Pilgrim's Pride plant in Siler City closes its doors, 836 workers will lose contracts with the company and local retail revenue will dip.

The plant's June closing is expected to create a ripple effect throughout Chatham County.

County officials now are scrambling to fill the vacuum the poultry giant will leave.

But for one population, the plant's closing will have a particularly sharp bite: Workers won't be able to participate in many federal and state programs designed to assist the unemployed if they are undocumented.

"Things like unemployment insurance and federal retraining programs tend to require proof of citizenship," said Jeffrey Starkweather, a member of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation's board of directors.

The board will unveil a general plan for economic development next week.

Siler City Mayor Charles Turner said he hopes another company will buy the processing complex and allow workers to keep their jobs.

"I have no idea," Turner said when asked what undocumented immigrants might be forced to do if the plant does close. "I have a job search committee that is working hard on that now."

Pilgrim's Pride spokeswoman Karla Harvill denied that any of its employees are undocumented and working in the U.S. illegally.

But many find that unlikely when documented and undocumented Latinos make up 9.6 percent of Chatham County's total population, according to the 2000 census.

A manager in the Pilgrim's Pride hatchery, reached through voice-recorded message in Spanish or English, declined to comment about undocumented workers in the plant.

Local chicken farmer and live bird distributor Bob Hancock, who contracted with Pilgrim's Pride until 2001 and has been in the market for decades, said he thinks the undocumented workers' futures are up in the air.

"It's hard to really put a finger on what's really going to happen," he said. "Some have said they're going to go back ... almost immediately."

Starkweather also noted that for immigrants whose children were born here and are natural citizens, the prospect of leaving the U.S. presents a Catch-22. Heading home involves obtaining expensive passports for their children and proving that they were born in the U.S.

"They've got to go someplace," Pittsboro Commissioner Pamela Baldwin said. "We have to have a way of the undocumented workers being documented with green cards so they can go find jobs in other places."

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HABITAT HOUSE BECOMES A HOME

Class of 2008 completes project

BY ANTHONY MCPEEK
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The class of 2008 formally concluded work on its Habitat for Humanity house in Hillsborough on Saturday with a dedication ceremony at the construction site — now the home of a Chapel Hill family.

The dedication was moved inside because of rain. Several of the about two dozen attendees became teary-eyed while they crammed into the family's new living room, which was still cluttered with belongings from their 10 p.m. move-in the night before.

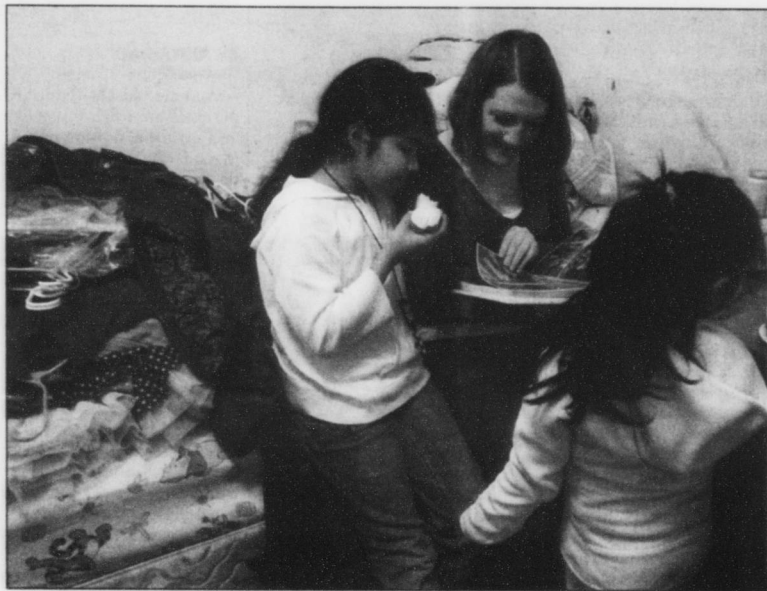
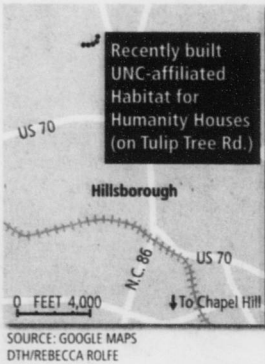
"What's happening right now is a very big thing," Victorino Delgadillo, the father of the family, told those involved in the home's construction. "I also want you to know that every last one of you is welcome in this house. ... There are no exceptions."

Junior Sandra Hinderliter interpreted for the family and for those who did not speak Spanish.

The senior class raised about \$35,000, and UNC students donated about 1,500 hours of their weekends to construct the house.

Senior Class President Ashley Shores said that much of the money came from the parents of seniors but added that large amounts also came from fundraising efforts, such as an October benefit concert that raised more

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Juana Delgadillo, 9, sits in her new room and looks at photos of the construction of her house, a Habitat for Humanity project, with senior Shea Fitzgerald. The class of 2008 dedicated the house Saturday.



About 1,500 hours of construction work culminated Saturday with the dedication of the senior class project, a finished Habitat for Humanity House in Hillsborough, to the Delgadillo family.

Young Democrats convene

BY MEGHAN COOKE AND FORREST FLEMMING
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DURHAM — With prominent members of the party in tow, the N.C. Young Democrats hosted a rally Saturday to focus on issues of concern to America's youth.

The 80th annual convention at Sheraton Imperial of Research Triangle Park brought together national and state figures, including political commentator James Carville, Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker, Chelsea Clinton and John Edwards.

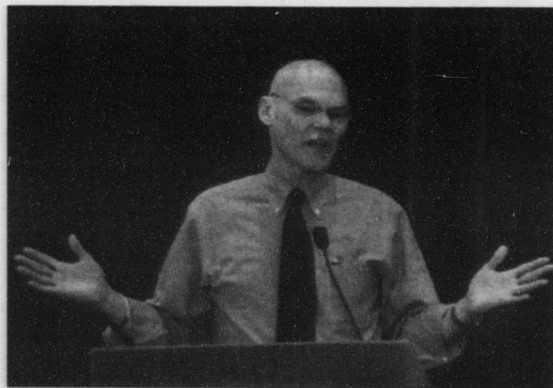
"They know that young people will be the turning point in the upcoming elections," said Zack Hawkins, president of the N.C. Young Democrats, noting how both Clinton and Booker rearranged their schedules to attend the event.

Melissa Price, vice president of the N.C. Young Democrats, said the "millennial generation," which makes up nearly 25 percent of the electorate, is concerned about both the economy and the war.

"Iraq is on young people's minds," Price said. "That's our generation coming home in body bags from over there."

Catering to young people's interests, nearly every speaker mentioned higher education costs.

"Ragin' Cajun" James Carville,



Political commentator James "Ragin' Cajun" Carville gives a fired-up keynote speech at the 80th annual N.C. Young Democrats Convention.

a Sen. Hillary Clinton supporter, raged on the Republicans.

"Why are all these young people turning away from the Republican Party?" he asked. "Because they get the shaft, that's why."

Carville said young people want to take control. "All of you are going to be leaders," he said. "Promise me that you will never fear to take on power in the interest of people."

Speaking on behalf of Sen. Barack Obama, Booker spoke of his own struggles in urban Newark, relating it to the change Obama promises.

HEAR CHELSEA CLINTON SPEAK
Time: 3 p.m. today
Location: The Pit; or the Student Union lounge at Alpine Bagel in case of rain

"He has a force that can transform at the national level and the international level," Booker said.

Chelsea Clinton, who will be at UNC today, spent an hour taking questions related to immigration, Social Security and health care.

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Edwards' UNC groups still fighting poverty

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
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Three years ago, John Edwards came to UNC as a professor and an advocate for those he termed "the working poor."

He started a nationwide student organization and a center to focus on the many faces of poverty; then he left to run for president of the United States.

"He has a standing invitation for him to come back anytime, but there hasn't been any communication," said Heather Hunt, assistant director of the UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, which Edwards helped to found.

While the center and Opportunity Rocks, the nationwide student group he founded, are no longer in the sunlight of Edwards' celebrity, they are not in sitting by in the shade.

The center co-sponsored a film screening during Poverty Awareness Week. They are also accepting research proposals from UNC faculty for a grant worth up to \$20,000.

"The idea was that the center act as a way of bringing the real world to the ivory tower," Hunt said.

To ensure that, the research must be interdisciplinary and must also connect with a local organization. Hunt said they hope it will be the first of many research grants.

When founding Opportunity Rocks, Edwards crisscrossed the country to meet with students at 10 university campuses in 2005.

UNC's chapter co-sponsored the week's events and has sent students to New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The organization's size has never been substantial.

"We had maybe 10 regular members," said Mike Tarrant, former co-director of the group and student body vice president.

The organization soon discovered that other poverty advocacy groups already existed on campus. Student Poverty Reduction Outreach and the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Project were the largest.

"It's not about us; it's just about people getting involved," said Kathryn Young, current co-director of Opportunity Rocks.

Whether Edwards, who resides in Chapel Hill, will return to the

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