

No better
Today's weather is tomorrow's vision of yesterday . . . or something like that. Anyway, 42 degrees, rainy, bleah.

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Leaps and bounds
UNC's women's basketball team claimed its highest ranking ever in the latest polls. See sports on page 4.

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Wright pleads guilty

By LISA BRANTLEY
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Maxwell Avery Wright pleaded guilty Monday in Orange County Superior Court to the kidnapping, attempted rape and murder of UNC graduate student Sharon Lynn Stewart, a source in the district attorney's office said.

Wright, 16, a former Orange High School student who was charged with the murder on Aug. 30, received consecutive sentences: a life sentence for the second-degree murder charge; 12 years in the kidnapping of Stewart and nine years in the kidnapping of her roommate, Karla Kac Hammett; 14 years in each of two counts of armed robbery; and six years on the attempted first-degree rape charge. Orange County Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle pronounced the sentences late Monday afternoon.

Consecutive sentences, unlike concurrent sentences, are served one after the other instead of all at one time. Each time Wright is eligible for parole, he will serve his next sentence.

Stewart and Hammett were kidnapped from the Morehead Building parking lot on the night of Aug. 24 by a black male wielding a 6-inch hunting knife, police reports said.

The man told Stewart and Hammett to get in Stewart's car and drive to the Swain Hall parking lot. He then told Hammett to drive away and led Stewart toward Franklin Street with her hands in handcuffs.

Wright was arrested by police in Nashville, Tenn., on Aug. 26 when he was found in a truck that had been reported stolen on the day of Stewart's disappearance. The truck, a 1977 Chevrolet, belonged to Howard Wright, Wright's adoptive father, who had discovered Stewart's purse in the vehicle and reported the find to police on Aug. 27.

District Attorney Carl Fox made a plea bargain arrangement that the death penalty not be sought if Wright assisted in locating Stewart's body.

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Fred Cleveland, a longtime friend of Prothro's, speaking at memorial service in Hill Hall

Police investigate rapes of two UNC students

By MICHELLE EFIRD
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A 20-year-old UNC student was raped by two men Sunday about 11:30 p.m. at her Estes Park apartment in Carrboro.

The men knocked on the apartment door and forced their way in, said Lt. Ben Callahan of the Carrboro Police Department. The men then tied up the two women inside. A third woman entered the apartment and was also tied up by the men.

One of the students was then taken into a separate room and raped, Callahan said. She was examined at N.C. Memorial Hospital and released.

The men stole money, jewelry and a small television from the apartment, he said, adding that police are still working on a description of the two suspects.

In a separate incident, another UNC student was kidnapped Jan. 26 by two men in Carrboro about 8 p.m. Callahan said the student had been blindfolded, put in a car and driven to another location before she was raped and finally released.

Carrboro police said they weren't sure where the rape had occurred. Police in other areas are assisting in the investigation.

Service honors James Prothro

By RANDY FARMER
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Friends, relatives and colleagues gathered in silence at Monday's memorial service for James Prothro, a UNC political science professor.

Prothro died Friday, apparently of a heart attack while jogging.

About 200 people attended the 20-minute service in Hill Hall, which featured three speakers: Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III; Frederic N. Cleveland, a longtime friend of Prothro's; and Richard Richardson, chairman of the political science department.

"Part of me still hurts so bad that I want to grieve his loss," said Cleveland, who first met Prothro in graduate school at Princeton University.

"If . . . (Prothro) was able to write his script today, he would want it to be positive, upbeat and forward-looking," he said.

Richardson told a story about when he and Prothro were writing a book together, and Prothro jogged in the snow to deliver him some manuscripts he had just written. Richardson said he told Prothro not to come because the snow was dangerous, but Prothro came anyway, drenched with snow and mud.

"On that day, Prothro came racing in the wind with political science," Richardson said. "The two things he loved the most."

Cleveland said he cherished a picture of Prothro on a basketball court in college. He said that Prothro had loved sports, especially basketball, and that the picture exemplified Prothro's competitiveness and his zest for life. "He was truly cut out to be a faculty member in the Dean Smith era," Cleveland said.

Cleveland said Prothro's life had

been a continual procession of forward growth, coupled with originality and an occasional shift in direction. He described Prothro's character as a bit ironic.

" . . . (Prothro) was tender and caring . . . with a toughness to commitment," Cleveland said. "He found energy and new life in challenge. That is the legacy he leaves us."

Richardson said: "Jim Prothro was not a perfect human being — none of us are. But he was a model for this institution."

Cleveland read a letter written for the service by Louis Harris, a colleague of Prothro's. Harris described Prothro as a rare individual blessed with talent, insight and discipline.

" . . . (Prothro) was kind and sensitive," Harris wrote in the letter. "His work will remain behind him, but his memory will continue." He said Prothro had provided a role model for students in pursuing their careers.

Richardson said Prothro had had a passion for the English language and political science. "Both Strunk and White lived in his soul," Richardson said.

"He thrived on competition. He grabbed for fresh facets of living." Christmas trees, political science and his children were his loves, he said.

Fordham said the University would miss Prothro as a scholar and an individual who had constantly sought knowledge and understanding.

Prothro came to UNC in 1960 and chaired the department of political science from 1980 to 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Ana; daughters Pam Prothro of Washington, D.C., Barbara Prothro of Boston and Susan Worley of Chapel Hill; and brother Terry of Washington, D.C.

Analyzing self-study

Panel to focus on Student Affairs

By TERESA KRIEGSMAN
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Students and faculty will have a chance to review the quality of work done by the Division of Student Affairs, Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham said Monday.

Fordham said a panel of four students, four faculty members and a faculty chairman would help him analyze the division's recent self-study "as objectively as possible for the good of the University." He said he hoped the panel would meet before the end of February.

The panel will give students "an opportunity to join me in trying to interpret the self-study," Fordham said.

Lists of possible student panel members were submitted to Fordham by Student Body President Patricia Wallace and Students for a Student Voice spokesman Joel Katzenstein. Fordham said he would send letters this week to prospective student and faculty

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— Patricia Wallace

panel members.

The panel would be reviewing a Student Affairs self-study dealing with the division's efforts in student services and student development.

The study was conducted by a Student Affairs Educational Task Force. The task force was created in late 1983 and is chaired by James O. Cansler, associate vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs.

The study was based on six reports. The first report was released in June 1984 and was a statement on the role of liberal arts in student affairs, Cansler said. Information from the division's eight departments was gathered from

personal interviews of the division's professional staff. This report will be completed next week, Cansler said.

Faculty members who teach undergraduates in academic and health affairs were mailed surveys designed to show their knowledge of Student Affairs' programs and services, their satisfaction with the undergraduate experience and ways the division could help students' intellectual and personal development.

The response rate for the faculty survey was about 76 percent. The results of this survey will be completed March 3, Cansler said.

About one-fifth of undergraduate students enrolled in the spring semester

of 1985 were mailed surveys similar to those mailed to faculty members. The student response rate was 52 percent. The report will be completed by April 1, Cansler said.

A summary report is expected to be completed by June 1, Cansler said. He said consultants will be hired to review the report and talk with students and faculty next fall. This final stage of the study will be completed by November, Cansler said.

Fordham said he hoped the panel would work together until the fall and review each report as it became available.

Cansler said he welcomed the idea of a panel to review the report.

"I'm pleased to see any kind of study of the division that is of constructive intent," he said.

Wallace said she was "confident that something good will come of (the panel)."

Union Board selects 'first-class' president

By JEAN LUTES
Staff Writer

The Carolina Union Board of Directors selected Jeannie Mitchell, a junior business major from Atlanta, as the next Carolina Union president Sunday night.

Mitchell was this year's chairman of the Carolina Union Social Committee and has served on the activities board.

"I'm really excited about Jeannie and her ability," said Walt Boyle, current Union president. "She has a great deal of experience with the Union and a number of very strong ideas. I like the direction she plans to take the Union in next year."

Mitchell said she planned to carry on the foundation set by Boyle and the activities board this year. "I want to make sure we have quality pro-

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Jeannie Mitchell



Students waiting in line for the U-bus on South Campus

DTH/Dan Charlson

'Trippers' pick up slack of overloaded buses

By LISA BRANTLEY
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Students being left behind at bus stops by buses that have reached capacity are probably few in number, a Chapel Hill transportation official said recently.

Some student riders, however, said that the system of sending two buses at the same time along heavily traveled routes can be confusing.

Alan Tobias, administrative assistant for the Chapel Hill Transportation Department, said that the town's most frequently traveled routes, J, C, D and N, operated using tripper buses during peak periods before 9 and 10 a.m. classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and before 9:30 a.m. classes on Tuesday and Thursday.

A tripper bus is one that follows the scheduled bus to pick up overflow riders from stops at large apartment complexes. A loaded bus has seating space for 35 or 36 people with room for 20 to 25 standing up.

If both buses fill up, the driver then calls the dispatcher to report that students were left at a stop, Tobias said. Another bus is usually not dispatched because it would not arrive before the next scheduled one, he explained.

Buses are scheduled every 16 minutes on the most frequently serviced route, J, which runs through Carrboro.

Andre Pierce, a senior biology major who lives in Tarheel Manor Apartments along the C route,

said that he was unsure how the tripper buses worked, although he said that he sometimes tried to catch one in the mornings.

"The tripper buses are good if you can catch them, but I don't know when they are," Pierce said.

Fred Jones, a junior who lives along the D route in Foxcroft Apartments, said when he rode an early morning bus last semester, it would fill up at the first several stops. The rest of the riders on the route had to catch the next bus, he said.

"After they picked us up at our stop, there would have to be seven or eight other stops that we passed," Jones said.

Many students may not know that a tripper bus is on the way when a first bus passes their stop, Tobias said. "I think some of the problem must be a lack of understanding," he said. "When students see the first bus go by, they sometimes don't realize that another one will be along in three or four minutes."

Usually tripper buses are not necessary in the afternoons because ridership is more spread out, Tobias said. "One day we'll have a peak at 1:40 and the next day at 2:30," he said.

Dana Leder, a junior industrial relations major who lives in Kingswood Apartments along the J route, said that she didn't mind standing up on the bus, but that sudden stops and tightly packed buses made it difficult for riders to keep their balance.

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O lost! and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again — Thomas Wolfe