



Mahmoud Rashied gives Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaid gifts from Elmenchia, Egypt, Carrboro's sister-city

Aldermen continue ties with 'sister city'

By SUSAN ODENKIRCHEN
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen received a visitor bearing gifts from Carrboro's sister city in Egypt Tuesday night.

Mahmoud Rashied, a representative of Elmenchia, Egypt, presented the aldermen with handmade clothing, a silver tray and a scrapbook of pictures from his city.

In return, Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaid gave Rashied town pins and mugs to take back to members of his Egyptian community.

Rashied said he has plans to write about the Carrboro's community development. "I would like to learn what role religious organizations play in community development in Carrboro and Chapel Hill," he said.

Rashied said he had made previous trips to the United States, but he was able to meet more of the general public during his first Carrboro visit. On other trips to cities such as Chicago, he said he always had an agenda of people to meet.

"Here I got the chance to meet other people without titles," Rashied

said. Rashied said the Egyptian city was very pleased to be associated with Carrboro.

Carrboro unofficially adopted Elmenchia as a sister city last June after planning board member Andy Dobelstein visited the city and suggested the idea, said Carrboro Town Clerk Sara Williamson.

Dobelstein is a UNC professor of social work, who has strong connections with faculty and students at Minia University in Minia, Egypt.

"He (Dobelstein) suggested we set

up this relationship since both towns are similar in size and are both adjacent to a large university," Williamson said.

"I think it's great, and the more cooperation we have on a global level, the more we will understand about our local community and ourselves," said Carrboro senior planner Ann Weeks. "It sounds like it would be fun to go to Egypt as a statesperson for the alderman trip," she said.

Rashied said he has spent a little over a year in the United States studying at the University.

Childress joins race for class secretary

By MANDY SPENCE
Staff Writer

Karen Childress, a junior psychology major from Ronda, has announced her candidacy for senior class secretary.

Childress said she wants to focus on improving communication and unity among members of the senior class.

"One of my main goals is to make sure we keep in contact with all seniors on campus as well as off," Childress said. "So many seniors live off campus, it is hard for them to get involved in on-campus activities."

Childress said she wants to improve communication by expanding the senior newsletter and working with the publicity committee.

She said she wants to make sure those seniors who leave school for a semester on rotations or academic internships receive the newsletter promptly.

"I plan to stress contact with those seniors on rotations," Childress said. "I want to make sure they get the newsletter on time. By the time many seniors on rotation this year received their newsletter, the activity was over."

Childress said she wants to work closely with the senior class com-

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mittees, especially the publicity committee, she said.

"I want to make sure the publicity is all over campus and I want to have more of it than in the past," she said.

The senior class can be united with more activities, Childress said.

"I want to work to have more class activities to bring those seniors on and those seniors off campus together more," she said.

Childress said senior blocks, senior nights out and band parties as activities would unite members of the senior class more.

Childress said she will help other officers plan activities for the class, as well as fulfilling her duties as secretary.

"I want to have more of an active planning role rather than just taking notes," she said.

Childress is president of Parker Residence Hall. She has previously served as a floor senator and social chairman at Parker. She has been a member of the Campus Y Umstead Hospital Volunteer Program and an orientation counselor.

Two men arrested for convenience store robbery

By LAURA DIGIANO
Staff Writer

Two men trying to leave a Chapel Hill convenience store with the cash register Tuesday night didn't get very far before police caught up with them.

Charged with common law robbery, simple assault and assault with a deadly weapon were Kenneth Darryl Watson, 24, of Route 4, Box 480, Pittsboro and Rodney Scott Merritt, 24, of 500 Sykes St., Chapel Hill.

Only a few minutes after taking the register from The Beverage Outlet, located at 309 W. Rosemary St., Watson and Merritt were apprehended on nearby Sykes Street by police searching the area, said Chapel Hill Police Capt. Ralph Pendergraph.

Information from the store clerk and citizens in the neighborhood helped in the speedy apprehension of the two robbers, Pendergraph said.

The police received a call at 8:18 p.m. from Michael Moltzon, an employee of The Beverage Outlet, who said the store had just been robbed.

Pendergraph said the two black males entered the store and started to take some beer. "The men then allegedly struck the clerk a few times with their hands and fists, took the cash register and headed out the door," he said.

Pendergraph said Watson and Merritt attempted to smash the register outside the store before taking the whole machine down the street.

Moltzon was not seriously injured in the robbery, Pendergraph said.

The two men were held Wednesday in lieu of a \$2500 secured bond and appeared in Hillsborough District Court Wednesday. Watson and Merritt are scheduled to appear for a probable cause hearing Feb. 24.

Tickets

right is equally important and equally protected by the Constitution.

In two federal district court cases in North Carolina involving Raleigh's Dorton Arena and the Greensboro Coliseum, the judge ruled that search-

ing people upon their entrance to an arena is unconstitutional.

North Carolina Civil Liberties Union Attorney William Simpson wrote a letter Dec. 17 to Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancel-

lor, opposing the search upon entry.

"It is quite clear that searches not based on individualized suspicion are inherently unreasonable," Simpson wrote. "Entry into public facilities such as the Smith Center cannot be

conditioned upon waiver of rights protected by state and federal Constitutions."

Ticketron lawyer Thomas also compared the Ticketron search policy to airport security searches.

Pollitt said he strongly disagreed. A federal law was enacted to allow for airport searches because Congress felt the danger of hijacking was very real, he said. Such dangers do not apply to concert arenas, he said.

In a letter about Dorton Arena to the state fair manager, dated May 8, 1987, Simpson said both the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 20 of the N.C. Constitution guard against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Speaker

States today, including the deficit, taxes and the presidential election of 1988.

"I don't think the problem is that taxes are too low," he said. "Federal spending is too high."

If America really wants to tackle the problem, the political leadership must take on 100 percent of the federal budget, including defense, entitlements and Social Security,

Rukeyser said. "The arithmetic of Social Security is constantly changing," he said, "and it's going to run us down."

Rukeyser predicted that in the future, there will be too many people in retirement and too few people working.

A plan where people could opt out for receiving future benefits may be

one solution, Rukeyser said. Everyone still would be required to pay taxes, he said, but anyone choosing the option could get a better private retirement plan.

Instead of today's \$2,000 maximum for an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), those abiding by his plan could invest up to \$10,000 in IRAs.

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