

Chapel Hill Police Roundup

■ A domestic incident turned into a serious assault Tuesday.

Police were called to Johnson Street in Chapel Hill, where Lavinia Robinson was involved in an argument with her ex-boyfriend Henry Smith over the ownership of some furniture.

Police believe that during the argument, Smith hit Robinson with a 4-foot plank with nails protruding from it. Smith also used the board to break all the windows in Robinson's car. Grady Burnette of Chapel Hill, Robinson's current boyfriend, then arrived and cut Smith with an unidentified weapon.

Smith was taken to North Carolina Memorial Hospital with serious wounds to the head and hands. Robinson was also taken to the emergency room at NCMH. Police took out an arrest warrant on Smith for assault with a deadly weapon, but are investigating Burnette's role in the incident.

■ Roses in University Mall has reported to police that during the month of January, a total of 31

pieces of jewelry were stolen from the store. The estimated value of the stolen merchandise is \$4,208.

■ A beer truck parked in front of Fowler's Food Store on Franklin Street was tampered with Monday. Four people raised a side door on the truck and attempted to steal some of the beer. Nothing was taken, however, and no suspects were found.

■ The Britthaven Nursing Center on Legion Road was robbed between Friday night and Tuesday afternoon. Police report that meat was stolen from the center's kitchen.

■ A block of granite was stolen Monday from the wall in front of the post office on East Franklin Street. Police have no suspects.

■ A United States and a North Carolina flag were stolen from outside the Chapel Hill Sunoco on U.S. 15-501 Service Road sometime Sunday night or Monday morning. The owner of the gas station also found evidence of an attempted break-in.

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Farmer's market faces rent increase

By ELIZABETH SHERROD
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday to a rent increase in order to get a one-year lease extension for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Farmer's Market.

Dr. John French, owner of the farmer's market property, requested a \$1,000 rent increase in exchange for a one-year lease extension.

The town previously paid \$1,000 a year to lease the market property.

Carrboro is currently developing plans for a town commons which will provide a new location for the farmer's market.

Charlie Thompson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Farmer's Market, said he believed the town should pay the \$1,000 increase, but the market would pay half if necessary.

The rent increase is equal to a \$25 fee for each week that the farmer's market operates, Thompson said.

"I have problems with this increase," said Alderman Hilliard Caldwell.

The landowner should be asked to contribute the farmer's market property to the community without a rent

increase, Caldwell said.

Alderman Randy Marshall said French will probably lose money on the market property even after the rent increase.

The board approved a budget ordinance amendment authorizing the transfer of \$1,000 from the general fund contingency to pay for the rent increase.

In other business, the board considered a joint town-school project to expand a new gymnasium to be built at Carrboro Elementary School.

"I'm all for cooperation between government systems, but when it comes right down to it, money is the issue," Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said.

The estimated cost of the project is \$279,000, not including supplies and equipment.

Alderman Caldwell said the town

should not invest money in the gymnasium project.

"I would not recommend pursuing this matter any further," Caldwell said. "We're talking about a lot of money and only a little use to the town."

Richard Kinney, director of parks and recreation, said certain problems needed to be discussed.

To finance the expansion, the town would need to hold the title to the improvements, but because the school system is using school bond funds to finance the gymnasium, they must also hold the title, Kinney said.

The school also wants a buy-back clause in the contract in case the facility is needed permanently and could no longer be available to the town, he said.

The gymnasium would accommo-

date town athletic programs between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on weekdays and all day on the weekends.

Alderman Frances Shetley expressed concern that the facility could not be used by children as late as 11 p.m., and senior citizens could not use the gymnasium during the day.

Discussion of the gymnasium expansion will continue for two weeks as the board attempts to answer financial questions.

Alderman Randy Marshall said the gymnasium expansion is a good idea that would give the town a game facility at little expense.

"There really is no advantage to the school to have an expanded space. All of the advantage is to the town," Marshall said.

New group hopes to increase awareness of women's issues

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A UNC student has formed Activating Awareness for Choice and Equality (AACE), a group organized to make people aware of an April 9 pro-choice march on Washington, D.C.

The march, sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW), is designed to show support for keeping abortion safe and legal and for passing the Equal Rights Amendment, said senior Tania Malik, founder of AACE.

Twenty days after the march, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide Webster vs. Reproductive Health Service, a decision which could reverse Roe vs. Wade by determining that life begins at conception.

"We want to let people know the importance of what will happen if Roe vs. Wade is overturned," Malik said. "The march is designed to mobilize support and affect legislators who are pro-life."

"I decided to start it (AACE) because it's a male-dominated court and Congress, and they're trying to take away women's choice," she said. "We're formed specifically for the march, but we want to be a permanent organization focusing on and keeping the public aware of women's issues such as equal pay."

Malik said she expects at least 100 UNC students to go to Washington but added she would like more people to go.

The group is planning to raise money to try to cut the costs of renting a bus to go to Washington and printing fliers by selling candy and doughnuts, as well as taking donations.

AACE plans to be in the Pit with petitions asking students to support the idea that it is every woman's right to choose to have an abortion, Malik said. The signed petitions will be sent to legislators in Washington.

The group is also planning to have a candlelight vigil in the Pit after spring break, possibly March 22, to raise awareness of the issues on campus.

Senior Kim Jordan, AACE publicity director, said AACE is the first group on campus whose main focus is the march on Washington and increasing awareness about women's issues on campus.

AACE is also planning to raise awareness and support as well as increase membership by going to residence halls and apartments, putting up fliers and knocking on

doors.

"This is a big project, but we don't have many people," Malik said. "We want to have more members, but not just women because it's not just a women's issue."


Jordan said she would like males to participate as well, because the decision will affect them too.

Malik said so far people have been very supportive of the group. "But it takes more than being supportive.

We want people to sign the petitions at least."

Malik said the group has not met with much resistance yet but expects to when they go to the residence halls. "We've met more with people just not having information than with any resistance."

"We're not just for people who believe that abortion is right, but that the choice ought to be there," Malik said.



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war in Vietnam but wouldn't stand up and say it.

"There was no way for the public to know that the government was against the war," Peters said. "We (the Monthly) campaigned for people to take the risk."

The same unwillingness of government to take risks was a large cause of the economic recession of the 1970s, he said. Without risk-taking entrepreneurship in the United States, it was easy for Japan and other countries to take advantage of us economically, he said.

The feminist movement also had its problems, he said. "We (the Monthly) wanted men to imitate women. We thought that the problem with the feminist movement was that women were trying to act like men. A lack of a chip on the shoulder (machismo) was a strength of women and gays."

The interest and dedication to civil service that existed in the '60s does not exist today, said Peters, a former Peace Corps worker. "Since Kennedy, there has not been a president who has preached the joy of civil service."

"The thing I would like to bring back for people is the feeling I had when Jack Kennedy was president. We were serving in a government we were proud of," he said.