

CITY AND CAMPUS

STATE BRIEFS

Child testifies about day-care sex acts

FARMVILLE — The first child to testify in the Little Rascals sexual abuse trial said Thursday that the owner of the day-care center forced him to perform sexual acts.

"A lot of bad things happened" at Little Rascals, which was closed by the state in April 1989, the 5-year-old boy testified.

The boy, questioned by prosecutor William Hart, said Kelly stuck objects in his rectum. "It hurted," the boy said. The boy also said he was forced to perform oral sex with Kelly and that Kelly performed oral sex on him.

Kelly has pleaded innocent to the 183 counts of sexually abusing 22 children at the Edenton day care. Defense lawyers have contended in court that allegations of sexual abuse spread through the 5,000-population town after Kelly slapped a misbehaving child.

Bakker's resentencing hearing begins today

CHARLOTTE — Former PTL leader Jim Bakker is prepared to accept responsibility for actions that led to his conviction on fraud and conspiracy charges, the television evangelist's attorney said Thursday.

Attorney Alan Dershowitz hopes to convince a federal judge that Bakker's initial 45-year sentence was too stiff. That sentence was thrown out on appeal, and U.S. District Judge Graham Mullen on Thursday began considering a new sentence.

Prosecutors spent the morning describing the lavish lifestyle they said the Bakkers led. Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker earned salaries and bonuses of \$4.7 million during the four-year period and received other perks, U.S. Attorney Jerry Miller said.

Martin urges caution in cargo airport project

CHAPEL HILL — North Carolina would benefit from an international air cargo complex, but the state must make sure the facility is not just a "field of dreams," Gov. Jim Martin said Thursday.

"Before a decision is made on whether to spend more money on land and development, we must be convinced there is more to the project than vision and enthusiasm," Martin told a group of about 600 economic developers, businessmen and state officials.

But Martin also made it clear he intends to be a booster for the project, which would combine a cargo airport with a ring of manufacturing plants.

Supporters say the project would bring an estimated 55,000 jobs and \$2.8 billion to the state's economy.

The complex would include two 2.5-mile runways for cargo jets, with factories beside the runways. Raw materials and components could be flown in and finished products flown out to markets anywhere in the world.

— The Associated Press

Officials consider gun control to lower crime rate

By Chris Goodson
Staff Writer

Town and law-enforcement officials are unsure whether proposed gun-control ordinances would help end the recent upward trend of violent crime in the area and in the state.

The Chapel Hill Town Council has been discussing possible gun-control laws with the district attorney and with the task force on reducing violent crime and illegal drug use, council member Roosevelt Wilkerson said.

"The question really becomes, 'How enforceable are (gun-control laws)?'" Wilkerson said.

Gun-control laws enacted by the town alone would not be effective enough, he said. "It would have to come through the legislature, anything that would have any teeth to it."

But restricting the sale of handguns may not be the solution to the problem because handguns used to commit crimes generally are acquired illegally, Wilkerson said.

Stricter penalties for handgun of-

fenses would be one way to reduce the problem, he said.

Chapel Hill Police Captain Ralph Pendergraph agreed with Wilkerson that most handgun crimes are committed with illegal weapons.

Many illegal handguns are stolen from homes or gun shops, making it easy for them to be acquired, Pendergraph said. It is much easier to get an illegal handgun than a legal one, he added.

Illegal drug traffic also adds to the handgun problem, Pendergraph said.

"Firearms and illegal drug trade go hand in hand."

Probably 70 percent of all crimes involving handguns are drug-related, Pendergraph said.

Although the town staff has taken no official action, Town Manager Cal Horton said some regulations on the local level would help. "Personally, I would welcome additional regulations on handguns and other weapons."

But Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said a ban on handguns in

Chapel Hill would not be effective because many individuals sell handguns to others without a permit anyway.

"Since most of these guns that there are problems with are obtained outside of retail markets, it wouldn't be effective anyway," Fox said.

Imposing stiffer penalties on handgun crimes probably would not be effective, Fox said. "I'm not convinced that a person who uses a gun in a violent crime is concerned with the penalties involved."

State law allows sale of alcohol until 2 a.m.

By Jennifer Brett
Staff Writer

A new state law allowing businesses to sell alcohol until 2 a.m. provides an extra hour for area bars to make money, for students to drink and for N.C. alcohol officials to monitor late-night drinkers.

Along with bars, convenience stores also are allowed to sell alcohol until 2 a.m., creating a recent increase in the rate of fake identification confiscation, store managers said.

"Lots of people start coming in around 1, 1:30, thinking we'll let them go ahead and get stuff just because it's so late," said Top of the Hill employee Jon McNair. "We've taken about ten (IDs) in the last week. You wouldn't believe how many freshmen come in here trying to buy beer."

Frank Heath, owner of Cat's Cradle, said being able to sell drinks an extra hour might increase revenues.

"While we're not expecting larger crowds, we're hoping to increase our profits," Heath said. "We'll actually be staying open only a bit later, but now we'll be able to sell drinks longer."

The later closing time will mean longer working hours for state Alcohol

Law Enforcement (ALE) officials.

"I don't think we'll have any additional problems enforcing the drinking age law, even though bars are going to be open later," said John Britt, deputy director of operations at the Raleigh ALE office. "We'll be out longer, so there will be an increase in enforcement opportunities, that's all."

Craig Reed, manager of Four Corners on East Franklin Street, said he was unsure if the extended business hours would affect revenues.

"It's a little too early to tell, as everyone's just getting back," Reed said. "We'd like to think an extra hour of business will help, but we don't know how many people will actually stay later because of early classes. We'll just have to wait and see what the students are like this year."

Neither Heath nor Reed said the recent violence on Franklin Street could be attributed to the new business hours of bars.

"People are going to do what they're going to do, regardless of what time it is," Reed said. "Maybe now that (bars) are going to be open later, people will find a place to stay inside instead of

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Towering ticket
Stacy Rodgers, a Granville Towers security guard, prepares to ruin someone's day as she writes a ticket for illegal parking Thursday afternoon. Only Granville Towers residents may park in the Granville parking lot.

Pizza Hut, Taco Bell added to UNC dining

By Jon Whisenant
Staff Writer

Despite endorsements by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Miami Dolphin quarterback Dan Marino, Domino's Pizza is losing ground to its competitors, at least on the UNC Campus.

Carolina Dining Services replaced Domino's pizza with Pizza Hut pizza at Lenoir Dining Hall and added Taco Bell products to the menu at Chase Dining Hall in August.

The switch in pizza suppliers followed a recent national agreement in which Marriott Corp. made Pizza Hut the provider of all its on-campus pizza services.

Marriott, which operates Carolina Dining Services, won the food services contract this summer and was awarded a three-year contract with the University.

The pizza change raised few eyebrows on campus — only eight out of 20 students questioned during lunch Wednesday expressed any opinion about the switch. Four said they preferred Pizza Hut pizza.

"I think Pizza Hut is much better, but the quantity is smaller," said senior Stephen Ingram. "I think it was an exchange of quantity for quality."

"I don't like either one," said junior Tim Freeman. "They did better selling the single slices downstairs at the Court."

Chris Derby, director of the Carolina Dining Services, said pizza prices are the same as last year, and the pizza's cardboard boxes are still 100 percent biodegradable.

Prices of Taco Bell products in Chase are the same as in off-campus locations, and students can choose from three types of burritos and two kinds of tacos, Derby said.

Comments from students have been

encouraging, he said.

The new menu is just one of the changes students will find when eating on campus. Carolina Court, located downstairs in Lenoir, will be used solely for "Seconds, Please!," a new all-you-can-eat meal plan.

The new plan provides 12 or 16 meals a week plus a \$50 or \$100 cash account that can be used anywhere cash cards are accepted. The plan costs \$675 for 12 meals a week and \$800 for 16 meals a week.

"Parents can budget for and know that their students have meals guaranteed throughout the semester, from the first day of registration to the last day of exams," Derby said.

"The traditional cash card plan may require additional funding throughout the semester whether parents are prepared for that or not."

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Student Recreation Center construction set to begin

Staff Report

Students used to walking to classes through the woods by Fetzer Gymnasium now will have to make a small detour.

The site of the future Student Recreation Center has been fenced off and construction equipment was moved onto it Wednesday.

The center is scheduled to be complete by February 1993, Project Manager Dena Leeson said.

The 30,000-square-foot building will be two stories high. Construction costs were projected to be \$2,952,841 and will be paid with student fees, Leeson said.

Students approved a \$13 fee increase in a Spring 1990 referendum to cover the costs of constructing the

SRC. Costs for the center's planning and design were paid with state funds.

The new SRC will include a wellness center, exercise equipment, weights and aerobics and dance facilities.

Carol Geer, former president of the Carolina Athletic Association, proposed the project in 1987.

Some students and faculty members objected to the SRC's planned location. They argued that construction at the site would consume greenspace and that a student-funded and student-controlled facility should be independent of other University buildings such as Woollen and Fetzer gyms.

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