

CAMPUS AND CITY



Campus

Monday, Feb. 17

■ The UNC Laundry Service reported that counterfeit coins and dollar bills were being used in the laundry rooms at Morrison, Avery and Carmichael residence halls.

Police found 30 fraudulent dollar bills in the change machine in Carmichael and gold and silver slugs in the washers and dryers in Avery and Morrison.

A laundry service representative said about \$10 to \$12 per week was lost because of the counterfeit money.

■ The Finley Golf Course staff reported that several areas of the course were damaged by an unknown driver during the weekend.

The practice driving range and putting green, No. 6 and No. 10 tees, and the No. 3 fairway sustained damage estimated at \$800 to \$1,000.

Police plan to increase patrols in the area on weekends and after athletic events.

Sunday, Feb. 16

■ A Chapel Hill resident was arrested at 11:25 a.m. on charges of second-degree trespassing.

Police spotted Mark Beasley skateboarding on Cameron Avenue and stopped him on Franklin Street. After an identification check, Beasley was found to have been issued a trespass warning for skateboarding on campus Jan. 7.

Friday, Feb. 14

■ Motor Fleet Management reported that a state vehicle was damaged in the Carolina Inn parking lot.

Police responded at 8:48 a.m. and found the driver's-side door kicked in and the handle broken off. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

■ Finley Golf Course staff reported that flag sticks had been stolen from the course between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The sticks from all of the back nine holes were missing when police responded at 7:30 a.m.

■ The left middle door of Manning Hall was damaged between 2:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. while campus election returns were conducted upstairs.

Police found signs of attempted forced entry upon arrival. The toe and jam lock had been ripped from the door, and damage was estimated at \$300.

City

Tuesday, Feb. 18

■ An ash can was thrown through the glass front door of Le Pont, a clothing store located at the Courtyard, between 11 p.m. Monday and 4 a.m. Tuesday, according to police reports.

An unknown suspect gained entry and took a money box which contained about \$20 in coins, reports stated.

■ A brick was thrown through the glass front door of Colonel Chutney's Bar and Grill, 300 W. Rosemary St., between 2 a.m. and 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, according to police reports.

The suspect did not enter the restaurant, police reports state.

Sunday, Feb. 16

■ The 200-block of Henderson Street was the site of several marijuana arrests Sunday morning just after 1 a.m.

Cole Hunter Headley of P.O. Box 620, Buies Creek, was arrested for simple possession of marijuana, according to police reports.

■ Paul Allen Rockwell of 3318 Devon Road, Durham, was charged with unauthorized purchase of alcohol.

Rockwell told police that he had used another person's identification to gain entrance to bars located at the corner of Henderson and Rosemary streets, police reports stated.

■ Jason Matthew Keys of 800 Pritchard Ave., Ext. B-4, was arrested at 12:15 a.m. behind Cat's Cradle, 206 W. Franklin St., according to police reports.

Keys was charged with simple possession of a controlled substance, police reports state.

Saturday, Feb. 15

■ Matthew Louis Williford of 1305 Melfield Road, Raleigh, and Caren Leigh Mallve were observed smoking marijuana by officers sitting in an unmarked car behind Cat's Cradle at 10:44 p.m., police reports stated.

Williford and Mallve, Appalachian State University students, were charged with simple possession of a controlled substance.

■ Police officers and the Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to reports of smoke coming from Bruggers Bagel Bakery, 104 W. Franklin St., at 11:01 p.m., police reports state.

Officers gained entry through the bakery's front glass door to continue their investigation, according to police reports.

No damage was reported inside.

■ A resident of 407 E. Franklin St. reported that when she woke up just after 1 a.m., a suspect was standing in her room, according to police reports.

The suspect fled on foot when the victim awoke. No description of the suspect was available, according to police reports.

The suspect entered the residence by removing a screen and opening a side window, police reports stated.

Home owners call annexation too costly

By Jennifer Brett
Staff Writer

Residents of the Culbreth Park development spoke at a Monday night Chapel Hill Town Council hearing against a town plan to annex their neighborhood.

Adele Newman of 105 Culbreth Park Drive said many residents could not afford the tax increase that would accompany annexation.

"We are asking you to please vote against the annexation of Culbreth Park at this time," Newman said. "We are thankful for our homes, and we are

going to fight annexation." Of the 50 homes in the development, 20 have been sold, Newman said. Ninety percent of home owners signed a petition opposing the annexation.

"A large number of residents in Culbreth Park are state employees who were denied increases in wages last year," she said. "We can't handle more taxes."

The average price of a Culbreth Park home is \$72,000.

Residents have not yet considered filing a law suit, Newman said.

Drusilla Zimmerman, of 112 Culbreth Circle, said residents appreciated their

affordable housing and were not ready to be annexed.

"Sometime in a few years, we hope to be included into your town," Zimmerman said. "But not yet."

Council member Julie Andresen said annexation would present a financial problem for many Culbreth Park residents. "I can understand where it does weigh on people with lower incomes."

Council member Mark Chilton said the town should leave the annexation option open until the burden on home owners could be assessed fully.

"We need to clarify if the Realtor told these people the truth about if and when

they would be annexed, and we need to determine if the additional financial burden is something the residents can handle," Chilton said. "The annexation is not automatic by any means."

Residents said developers told them the area, located off Culbreth Road near U.S. 15-501, would not be annexed.

The annexation is scheduled to go into effect June 30.

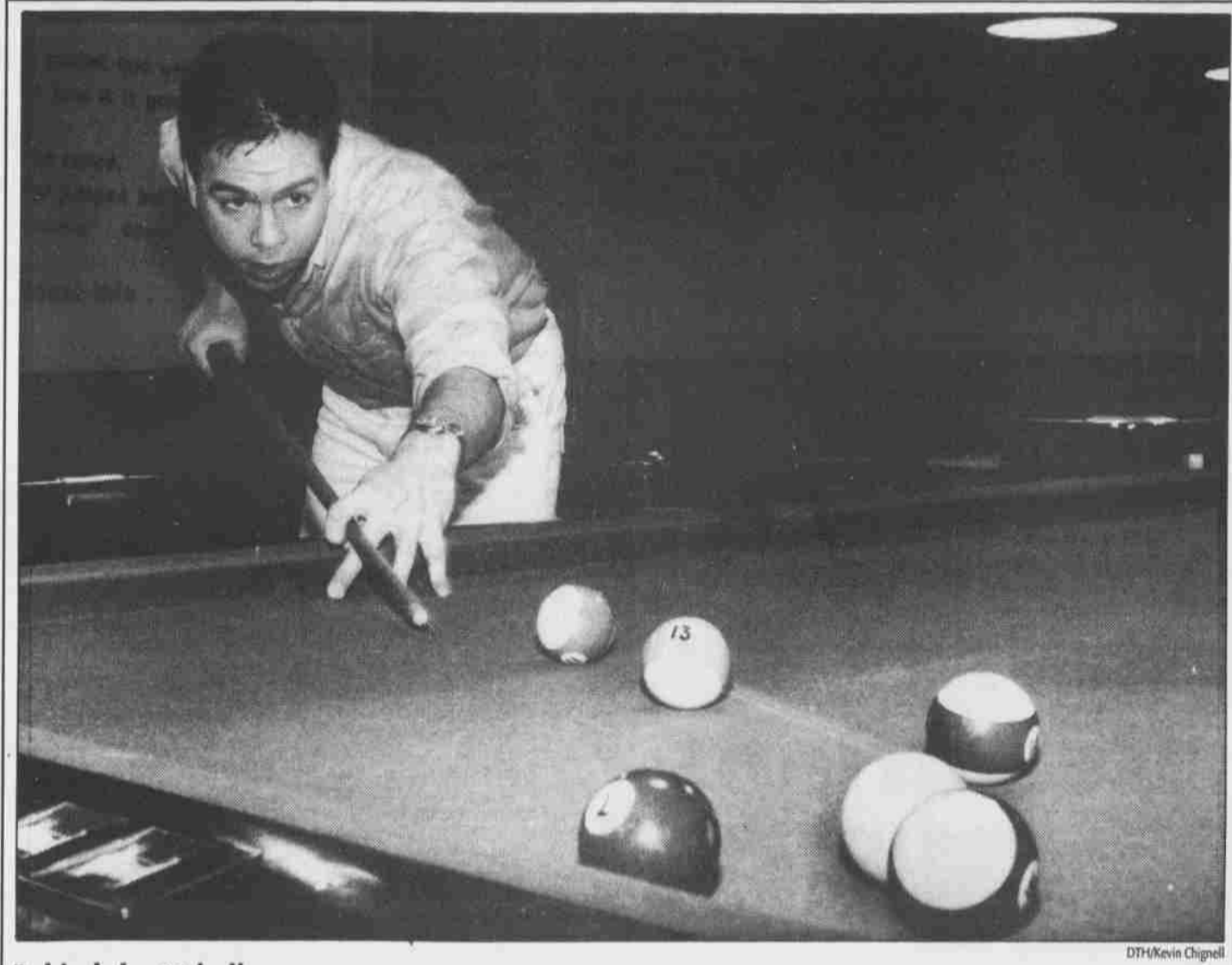
Council member Joe Capowski said many first-time home buyers often failed to research community development plans before moving in. "When a person buys a home, particularly if it's his first, rarely does he go down to town

hall and ask, 'What's going on in my neighborhood?'"

"People buying their first homes are often naive and operating on a shoe-string budget," Capowski said. "It's an emotional issue, and they're caught up just getting into the house and starting the American Dream. They're not concerned with the future of the development."

The council has been explicit in stating its intent to annex the area since the issue originated in December 1989, Capowski said.

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Behind the 11 ball
Matt White, a senior chemistry major from King, watches closely to see if the No. 15 ball he has just shot will fall into the corner pocket. White escaped dismal weather conditions of chilly rain Tuesday afternoon by seeking refuge in the Union Underground to engage in friendly pool competition.

Woman drowns in whirlpool

By Amber Nimocks
City Editor

A woman found floating in a Carrboro fitness center's whirlpool Saturday probably died of accidental drowning, an Orange County medical examiner said Tuesday.

Jennifer Joyce Owen, 29, of 104 Brighton Square, Carrboro, was pronounced dead after UNC Hospitals emergency room workers tried to revive her, Dr. Lisa Flannigan of the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office said.

Flannigan said the exact cause of Owen's death had not been determined. Police said preliminary autopsy reports indicated that Owen had a blood-alcohol level of 0.385 when she died.

Carrboro police Capt. Ben Callahan said employees of The Gym, 503-C W. Main St., Carrboro, found Owen floating in the pool with her head underwater about 1 p.m.

Flannigan said South Orange Rescue workers attempted to resuscitate Owens after they responded to a call from The Gym employees.

Owens came to The Gym about 11 a.m., according to police reports.

A blood-alcohol level of 0.1 is considered legally drunk in North Carolina. Flannigan said she would not speculate about how Owen's blood-alcohol level had affected her. Effects depend on an individual's weight and the frequency of alcohol consumption, she said.

The manager of The Gym declined comment about the incident Tuesday.

Teachers, parents might aid superintendent search

By Carol Davis
Staff Writer

Local parents and educators asked again Monday night for more influence in selecting Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' next superintendent, but some board members hesitate to increase the number of people involved with the selection committee.

After hearing from residents at a school board meeting, board members considered appointing an 11-member group to serve with board members on the selection committee.

Superintendent Gerry House said she thought a larger selection committee would threaten applicant confidentiality.

"Many applicants would not want their names revealed unless they were part of the final group," House said Tuesday.

But board chairwoman Mary Bushnell said she thought a larger selection committee would make the board's decision more representative of community interests.

"There are also those people who would've been weeded out that educators may approve," she said, adding that the board should make an effort to include teachers in every step of the selection process.

Some board members said it would be too tedious for each applicant to be

perused by a large committee.

"Having a great number of people on the school committee could be unwieldy," said board member Ruth Royster.

"And the information we've been reading speaks clearly of having only board members on the search committee. This particular board has really gone way out in making other parts of the education community part of the search process."

According to the board's proposal, 10 of the 11 selection committee members would be members of School Governance Committees, who administer the site-based management program.

Some governance committee repre-

sentatives expressed concern for the board's proposal to involve 10 people on the committees.

Committee representatives complained that they already spent vast amounts of time working.

Governance committees should choose representatives from the community to help in the selection process, they suggested.

Board member Sue Baker disagreed with the suggestion and said board members often were required to do more things than those for which they had time.

Board members also requested that at least two members of the selection committee be minorities. A representa-

tive from the central office also would serve on the proposed selection committee.

Board member Douglas Breeden said the selection committee needed to have proportionate representation of teachers, parents, principals and minorities.

Applications will be accepted for the superintendent position until April 6.

The Board of Education will address the selection process again at its March 2 meeting.

House announced earlier this year that she would accept the superintendent's position in the Memphis, Tenn., school system at the beginning of March.

Surcharge on gas bill protested

By Tiffany Ashhurst
Staff Writer

Some local customers have complained about a surcharge on their natural gas bills, but gas company representatives say the charge is part of a new weather normalization program.

Ruth Kinzey, public relations manager for the Public Service Company of North Carolina, said the weather normalization adjustment enabled gas companies to make profits during unusually warm winters and allowed consumers to save money during cold winters.

"It takes the high and low swings out of the process," Kinzey said. "If the winter is warmer than normal, then there's a charge on the fixed costs of the bill, but if the winter is colder than normal the customer receives credit."

"The charge is based on a complex formula computed every day based on weather readings."

The Public Service Company has received some customer complaints since the program charge was established in November, Kinzey said.

Other natural gas companies throughout the state also have installed a surcharge.

Craig Stevens, spokesman for the N.C. Utilities Commission, said the commission had received about 250 complaints about the program. "The commission is collecting the complaints and creating a special file."

Bill Gillmore, a state natural gas industry analyst, said that if a large number of complaints were received about the program, the complaints would be channeled to the public staff commission.

The commission will decide whether to let the program continue when utilities companies lobby again for rates, he said.

"The consumer is mainly concerned

with paying for things they don't use," Gillmore said.

Jo Cohen, a gas heat user from Hillsborough, said she disagreed with the weather normalization charges. "The charge is not fair and is only a way for the companies to get more money."

Kinzey said the company had tried to inform customers about details of the program by putting brochures and inserts into bills.

Gillmore said no extreme protests had been reported.

"Once (customers) understand it, it's not quite as crazy," he said. "With the old system, it required people betting on the weather."

Because the N.C. Utilities Commission regulates gas company rates, the Public Service Company had to receive the commission's approval to implement this program.

Similar programs have been implemented in 40 states.

Campus personalities to battle it out in Jell-O

By Kathleen Keener
Staff Writer

How would you like to see 40 well-known campus figures wrestle in lime-green Jell-O?

Participants in the UNC-Rostov Exchange program hope a night of Jell-O wrestling Friday will raise money for their May trip to the former Soviet Union.

Contestants include members of the Clef Hangers, Student Environmental Action Coalition, Carolina Fever, the fencing and football teams and even Mr. UNC himself, Ashutosh Kshirsagar. The event will start at 6 p.m. in Woollen Gym.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 in the Pit through Friday and for \$6 at the door.

Ruffin Hall, a senior from Linden, said he and his tag-team partner Greg Parent, a senior from Gastonia, decided to participate once the competition was made coed.

"Greg and I support Russian exchange enough to wrestle out two good-looking neighbors," Hall said.

The exchange program will send 12 University students and two faculty members to Rostov-on-Don in May. The exchange also will sponsor visits by 12 Russian students and two faculty members from Rostov State University in October.

Exchange members hope to sell 500

tickets. The event will cost \$1,500, so members need to sell at least 300 tickets to cover expenses.

Eve Furse, a sophomore from Jenkintown, Pa., said participants hoped the event would raise enough money to cover the cost of plane fare.

Furse organized the event with Ashley Perkins, a sophomore from Marshville. Furse said the high school she attended had raised more than \$5,000 with a Jell-O wrestling competition.

"I want it to raise a lot of money, but I think it will be a lot of fun and will bring the student community together," she said.

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First black SBP advises leaders to battle racism with spiritual strength

By Jon Whisenant
Staff Writer

He was called a nigger on his first day as a freshman on the University campus. Discouraged, he decided to seek an education elsewhere. But instead of letting racism intimidate him, he gritted his teeth and stayed at UNC.

Three years later, he became UNC's first black student body president, and now, some 18 years later, he is in the running for a seat on UNC's Board of Trustees.

Richard Epps, 40, told many similar stories about being a young black man growing up in the '60s and '70s and offered advice to today's black campus leaders during a speech Tuesday night.

"I grew up in Wilmington, N.C., when all the schools were segregated; all the neighborhood restaurants and theaters were segregated," Epps said.

"I can tell you what a debilitating feeling it is to be turned away from a theater or forced to sit on the back of the bus. I can also tell you how to deal with those types of struggles."

Epps said his parents enabled him to overcome the barriers of his youth. They lived in the South of the 1920s, when blacks had little opportunity.

But Epps' parents worked hard and survived in an effort to ensure a better life for their children, he said. They provided him with support and installed within him a moral imperative

to excel. "When you see your parents struggle to provide a future for you, you must work to prove that you appreciate it — not waste it," he said.



Epps' speech was part of the Leadership Workshop Series sponsored by the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, Black Student Movement and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Those who want to carry on the legacy of black leaders of the past should search for and develop a spiritual faith from which to draw strength, he said. "The thread that runs through all major black leaders is that they had a personal relationship with a higher being."

Martin Luther King, as a Christian minister, had such a relationship, and this gave him the strength to face the police dogs and fire hoses of his opponents, Epps said, and Malcolm X, a devout Muslim, gained great strength through his faith in Allah.

Rallies are effective tools for forcing an issue, but if used too much they can lose their effectiveness, he said. He advised students to choose wisely when deciding to rally.

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