

CAMPUS AND CITY

STATE BRIEFS

14-year-old girl knifed directly through heart

ARCHDALE — A knife wound directly through the heart caused the death of an eighth-grader who was stabbed in a classroom, according to a preliminary autopsy, authorities said Thursday.

Archdale police Chief Larry Allen said today that the preliminary autopsy revealed that Patricia Mounce, 14, of Thomasville had been stabbed through the left side with a survival-type, 5-inch blade that penetrated her heart.

The stabbing occurred about 9 a.m. Tuesday while Mounce sat in her general science class.

Willis Gravely Jr., 16, Mounce's former boyfriend, was charged with murder.

He was denied bond Wednesday in Randolph District Court and was assigned a court-appointed attorney, Ed Bunch of Asheboro.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 10.

Meanwhile, school officials said that student counseling continued.

Attendance Wednesday was about normal, with 84 students absent, most of them eighth-graders, officials said.

Sister of co-defendant testifies in Rascals case

FARMVILLE — Sexual abuse allegations about a day care center caused the sister of a co-defendant in the Little Rascals sex abuse case to send her own children to a psychologist, she said Thursday.

Nancy Smith testified in the trial of Robert Kelly Jr., who is charged with 97 counts of sexually abusing 12 children at Little Rascals Day Care Center. Kelly's wife, Elizabeth Kelly, is Smith's sister and is charged with sexual abuse. The Kellys owned and operated Little Rascals in Edenton.

"The allegations were coming from everywhere," Smith said. "Different ones were popping up. It was a nightmare."

She said she heard from Robert Kelly's lawyer that her son had been named.

"I was naive enough to think that if the police had used my son's name with other children and other families, they must have some proof," Smith said. "I finally went to Betsy and said, 'Bets, I don't know what to do. What do I do?' We talked about it, and we decided the best thing for me to do was have the children evaluated."

The children were taken to Duke University for evaluation, but the Smiths didn't seek treatment or therapy, she testified.

Judge awards \$35,000 in Hayes damage suit

MECKLENBURG COUNTY — A settlement was reached Thursday in a lawsuit stemming from Michael Charles Hayes' 1988 shooting spree, in which four people were killed and five injured.

Nick Nicholson, whose son, Tom, was among those killed in the 1988 Forsyth County shootings, said \$35,000 in damages was awarded in the wrongful death and wrongful injury suits.

Superior Court Judge Marvin Gray awarded the money in Mecklenburg County, where the case had been moved.

The money will be split eight ways among survivors of the four people killed, Nicholson said, adding that his share wouldn't cover his legal expenses.

"So much has happened as a result of this incident that even when we win, we lose," he said.

An earlier ruling limited the damages to the amount of the performance bond posted by sheriffs in Forsyth and Davidson counties.

Hayes was found innocent by reason of insanity in the shootings, which occurred in southern Forsyth County four years ago. Hayes remains at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh. A judge ruled last week that Hayes had not yet proved that he was no longer dangerous.

The victims' families had sued Forsyth County Sheriff Preston Oldham and Davidson County Sheriff Paul "Jaybird" McCrory, accusing them of negligence.

T-shirt printers charged with copyright fraud

FALLSTON — Investigators with the U.S. Marshals Service seized a screen-printing company after a New York clothing manufacturer filed copyright infringement charges Thursday in federal court, employees said.

Federal officials seized Textile Printing Inc., Fallston Sales, bank accounts for both businesses and personal property belonging to the companies' owner, Dale Dixon of Charlotte. Federal charges were brought against Dixon by Guess Inc. of New York.

Textile Printing Inc. employees said U.S. marshals brought two tractor-trailers to the company Tuesday and loaded up merchandise and equipment. Dixon, who verified that he had been charged with copyright infringement, said Thursday the T-shirts were made for someone who had been a customer for six to eight months.

"The only thing I can tell you is we were doing subcontract work," he said. "We were doing it for a customer. And we apparently had a customer that was doing an illegal product."

— The Associated Press

Hiring thaw returns Visitors' Center

By Kathleen Keener
Staff Writer

The Visitors' Center will offer its services on a full-time basis Monday after closing almost a year ago.

The center's one paid employee resigned last March, and the University could not fill the vacant position because of a statewide hiring freeze.

Funds became available for the position when the hiring freeze was lifted last fall, said Clifton Metcalf, associate vice chancellor for University relations.

The Visitors' Center has been operating on a part-time basis for the past

two weeks. The new director, Sandra Roberts, will take over Monday.

"We're very fortunate to find her (Roberts) and very excited about reopening," Metcalf said.

Roberts said the University had been at a disadvantage for the past year without a center to address visitors' needs. "It is a problem if they cannot



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It may be difficult to enter a position that had been vacant for a year, but Roberts said she was excited about contributing to the University and community.

"The Visitors' Center has been closed for a year, but I think that will give me

the opportunity for personal input in the position," she said.

The center is located in the west entrance of the Morehead Building. The staff consists of 56 volunteers from the University Women's Club and part-time student employees.

Roberts also is a member of the University Women's Club, which in-

cludes faculty members and spouses.

She has nine years of experience organizing volunteer programs for the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. She also has worked for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. Metcalf said this experience would be an advantage in meeting visitors' needs.

The Visitors' Center's staff is responsible for answering questions on all aspects of the University, including its history, admissions policy and athletic programs. They will direct campus tours and tours for schoolchildren visiting Morehead Planetarium.

Rep. brings code charge against self

By Anuradha Seth
Staff Writer

Student Congress member Ron Swift has filed charges against himself Wednesday for violating the Student Government Code.

Swift, chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, said he unknowingly had violated the code and now hoped to clear his name by bringing charges against himself.

Swift offered a bill requiring former student body president candidate Mark Bibbs to resign his position as Student Supreme Court Chief Justice in a committee meeting earlier this month.

Michael Kolb, Ethics Committee chairman, said the code required Swift to notify Speaker Tim Moore before offering a bill in committee.

"Swift passed a bill in committee without notifying the speaker," Kolb said. "The incident happened when Mark Bibbs was still chief justice, and Tim Moore brought charges against Swift for violating the code."

Speaker Tim Moore pressed charges against Swift at the time for violating the code.

Swift said he decided to press charges against himself as well so students would know that his actions had not been politically motivated.

"After reading the (Daily Tar Heel) editorial about me, I felt really bad for not knowing the code, so to clear my name I pressed charges," he said. "I wanted to restore the integrity of Student Congress, but only if we start policing ourselves can we do this."

Kolb said the Ethics Committee had found that Swift technically had violated the code but that no malice had

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Head 'em up, move 'em out!

Jane Norwood, a sophomore from Mount Holly, and Marie Davis, a freshman from Durham, load their car for Spring Break. Norwood plans to skip her English 23 class

today to get a head start toward her break destination — Charlotte — while Davis is making her sojourn just around the corner to Durham.

Legal settlement to help counties, welfare applicants

By Jackie Hershkovitz
Staff Writer

N.C. counties and welfare applicants will benefit from a legal settlement that eliminates some of the procedural red tape involved in processing applications for and distributing financial aid.

After a 17-year legal battle, an agreement was reached last week between the N.C. Association of County Commissioners and N.C. Legal Services.

Instead of presenting income verification from employers, applicants for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medicaid will be able to submit sworn statements of need.

"This will vastly improve the ability of welfare recipients to get their benefits in a timely fashion," said Woody Webb, a Raleigh attorney representing the counties.

Linda Wade of Orange County Social Services said the elimination of the late fees would enable the agency to concentrate more on human services.

"If anything, we'll be better able to serve people and not be concerned about paying sanctions," Wade said.

Doug Sea, a Charlotte attorney representing the state, said that, before the ruling, the state had levied fines on counties for delays in processing applications. In 1992, counties would have been expected to pay \$1.9 million in late fees, he added.

"This has been described as a win-win settlement," Sea said. "It will help both the departments of social services and individual welfare applicants."

Webb said the new regulations would not affect welfare recipients who already were registered with social service departments.

"This will only affect those who are applying for the first time," he said. "It will let them know much sooner if they meet state eligibility requirements."

Social service departments will be more accountable for errors and delays. In the past, people who were eligible for aid might have "fallen through the cracks" because of the complex application process, Webb said.

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Wade said she did not think the decision would allow the Orange County department to aid more residents.

"I don't think an easier application process will change the number of people we're helping," Wade said. "We are required to take applications from anyone who qualifies."

Sea said the changes affected more than just traditional welfare recipients. "There are more and more middle-class people in need of aid."

Wade said that, as of January, 1,979 Orange County residents were receiving AFDC and that 1,823 were receiving Medicaid.

AFDC is available to families with at least one deprived child under age 18. Wade explained that a deprived child is defined as having an absent, unemployed or deceased parent.

The maximum AFDC payment for a family of four with no outside income is \$297 per month, Wade said.

Medicaid is provided for the disabled and for people over 65. A family of three would be entitled to Medicaid if its total assets did not exceed \$2,350.

Sea said the agreement also would limit the rapidly increasing administrative costs of processing applications.

Dave Flaherty, state human resources secretary, told The Associated Press that within the previous system it had been easier for counties to pay penalties for delays than to process welfare applications in a timely manner.

"There was so much paperwork set up, we were starting to focus more on the paperwork than on getting people signed up," Flaherty said. "We were arguing with legal aid over the errors and not over the people we were serving."

Police advise residents to watch security after incident in Everett

By Valerie Holbert
Staff Writer

Lock your doors, and use your peepholes.

Campus crime incidents rose about 30 percent between 1989 and 1991, and the number of reported assaults has almost doubled, University Police said Wednesday.

So far in 1992 only two assaults have been reported on campus, including an incident last Saturday in Everett Residence Hall. A University of Illinois student was arrested and charged with assault and indecent exposure.

Li. Marcus Perry said that because campus safety was a high priority, University Police was trying to take a proactive approach by going out to speak with students.

Perry spoke to residents in Aycock Residence Hall Wednesday night to address concerns and answer questions about campus safety.

"We'll talk to one person or 900," he said. "We're trying to get the word out on safety."

Kim Baker, an Aycock resident assistant who planned the program, said it was only a coincidence that the

Everett incident had occurred so close to a program she already had scheduled on safety.

Annetarie Utz, second-floor Everett resident assistant, said no special programs had been scheduled for Everett residents to address safety concerns.

Residents received letters and were encouraged to talk with the area director, resident assistants or campus counseling facilities, she said.

Everett residents were also invited to the program in Aycock, although none attended.

Holly Derr, a third-floor Everett resident, said she was satisfied with the way officials had handled students' concerns after Saturday's incident.

Utz said residents were not terribly upset by the incident because the circumstances were so unusual. "It hasn't been an extremely large concern," she said.

"They know it's kind of a freak occurrence."

Baker said she decided to have a program on safety because she had noticed people on her hall leaving their doors unlocked and had thought residents needed to be more aware of crime on campus.

"We should take precautions for our-

selves because campus police and the University can only do so much," Baker said.

Utz added that residents could have avoided some of the events in Everett by locking their doors.

"Something like this really wakes them up."

Perry said students should use good judgment and always be aware of their surroundings.

"No place can be considered safe," Perry said. "Safety is relative to your situation."

One out of six college women will be raped, and nine of 10 will not report the crime to the police, Perry said. Rape and other crime reports are important, even if the student doesn't want to press charges, to help prevent those crimes from happening again, Perry said.

"We need those reports," he said. "Data can prevent other rapes and crimes from occurring."

By reporting crimes, police get information they need, and criminals get the message of what areas are bad targets, he said.

"You want to be a bad target for criminals."

New bead store to open downtown

By Andrea Bruce
Staff Writer

Decorative beads and jewelry-making supplies soon will be sold in a building which used to dish out ice cream cones and chocolate malts.

When students return from Spring Break, The Original Ornament, a jewelry craft store, will be operating at 145 E. Franklin St., where Baskin Robbins 31 Flavors Ice Cream had operated.

Rebecca Martenis, the store's owner, said the shop's wares would include antique, metal, semiprecious and plastic beads along with earring, bracelet and necklace skeletons.

"I have African trade beads, Austrian crystal beads and Czechoslovakian glass beads," Martenis said.

Some beads will be sold by the gram, while others will be sold individually, she said.

Martenis will sell some of her own jewelry designs and books about jewelry making, she said.

"I got the idea of the name from the Oxford Dictionary, which said that beads are the original form of all ornaments," Martenis said.

Representatives of other Franklin Street jewelry shops said they were not worried about competition from the new store.

"It's nothing we can control, and we don't sell loose beads, so there is no competition," said Graham Harris, manager of Light Years.

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Jewelry stolen at Brendle's

Staff Report

Brendle's department store was burglarized during regular business hours Wednesday, according to police reports. The police report said a box contain-

ing jewelry valued at \$5,000 had been taken from behind the jewelry counter.

Manager Didi Grotke reported the box missing at 6 p.m. She declined comment Thursday.