

CAMPUS AND CITY

# Charges still pending after accident

By Grant Holland  
Staff Writer

Officials have not decided whether to press criminal charges against a University student involved in an automobile accident Tuesday evening that left a pedestrian in critical condition. Carboro's interim chief of police said Thursday.

Abigail Rierson, a University senior from Greensboro, was traveling south on North Greensboro Street when her car collided with Terrance Terrell "T.J." Robinson and Ronnie Lee Jones, who were crossing the street.

Robinson, a Chapel Hill High stu-

dent, was still listed in critical condition at UNC Hospitals Thursday morning, said Beverly Thompson of the hospital's public affairs office.

Carboro Interim Police Chief Ben Callahan said police might file charges in connection with the accident but added that charges would not be filed until Robinson's condition changed.

"At this point, no charges have been brought," he said. "That doesn't mean they will or won't. We have to wait for the status of the victim."

Callahan also said that charging an individual had nothing to do with fault or civil action.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney

Carl Fox said he knew nothing about the details of the case.

"Nothing has been brought to me," he said.

Fox explained that charges could not be issued at this time because the possibility of a "double jeopardy" situation existed.

"In a situation where someone may die, you don't want to make charges," he said. "If charged with a lesser crime like reckless driving, she couldn't later be charged with a more serious one."

Jones, 30, who lives at the same residence as Robinson, was treated and released from UNC Hospitals Tuesday.

But Jones said Thursday that he found

blood in his urine and would return to the hospital Saturday.

The accident occurred just past Old Pittsboro Road at 7:08 p.m. Tuesday, according to police reports.

Reports estimated that Rierson's 1986 Mazda was traveling at 35 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. She braked sharply prior to impact, slowing the car's speed to between 35 mph and 28 mph at the time of collision, according to police reports.

Callahan said trees in the median of North Greensboro Street could have obstructed the views of both the driver and the pedestrians.

Jones said he saw no cars coming

when he and Robinson attempted to cross the street on the side adjoining Rand Road.

"We looked both ways before crossing," he said. "I think it hit me first."

Sandra Brown, Robinson's school counselor for the past three years, said Robinson was a good student.

"T.J. won the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) award for most improved student," she said. "He is a wonderful singer and dancer and has been the choreographer for some of the school's productions. He is also very involved with the teen center."

Rierson declined to comment on the accident Thursday.



## Jugglers come to Carolina for weekend festival

The organizers of a juggling convention on campus this weekend encourage students to drop everything and visit their shows and workshops.

Perhaps that was a bad illustration. The Second Annual Triangle Juggling Association Festival will feature "people from all different juggling abilities — from beginners to people who do it semi-professionally," said Sandy Merritt, UNC Juggling Club president.

The UNC club joined forces with the Duke Juggling Club and sent more than 500 letters to International Juggling Association members along the East Coast. Merritt said she expected 75 jugglers to attend this weekend.

The festival will take place today from 6:30 p.m. until midnight in Carmichael Ballroom, and from 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Great Hall, Merritt said.

"People will just be ... juggling," she said.

Won't their arms get tired?

Merritt said she would bring "a slew of bean bags" to teach beginners the fundamentals of juggling. Workshops also will be held for advanced jugglers.

Advanced jugglers can take part in an obstacle-course race. Participants can win juggling apparatus and a T-shirt in a raffle.

## New system will make library more accessible

Endless hours of searching through the stacks at Davis Library may soon be over.

Patrons of the Triangle Research Libraries Network soon will be able to access more information and retrieve it more efficiently because of a contract the network has signed with Data Research Associates of St. Louis.

The company will provide new software that allows on-line catalog users to access other networks and identify which materials are on the shelves and which are checked out.

Implementation of the system begins immediately, and it will be available to library patrons by the end of the year.

## N.C. residents give more to academics

The Tar Heels are popular, but not as popular with donors as education, according to a recent poll.

By a margin of 31 percent to 15 percent, more state residents contributed to colleges or universities for academic purposes rather than sports-related purposes.

Those results are part of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's spring Carolina Poll, which recently asked 621 adult residents of statewide households questions about a variety of topics.

People who attend college in North Carolina, especially alumni organization members, were most likely to have contributed to N.C. higher education, the poll showed.

Among alumni organization members, 71 percent had contributed to academics, and 34 percent gave to sports in the last year.

## F.Y.I...

The N.C. section of the American Chemical Society will hold its annual sectional conference at 8:20 a.m. Saturday in Venable Hall.

WXCY's campus talk show will feature student leaders Michelle Thomas and Scott Wilkens discussing the recent push for a free-standing black cultural center from 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Kevin Phillips, author of "The Politics of Rich and Poor: Wealth and the American Electorate in the Reagan Aftermath," will deliver a lecture about the 1992 campaign at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Hanes Arts Center.

William Moffett, director of the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., will discuss "Who Owns Knowledge: Issues Surrounding the Release of the Dead Sea Scroll Copies" at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wilson Library Assembly Room.

# Merchant to plead not guilty to rape charge at hearing

By Kelly Ryan  
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The lawyer representing a downtown businessman charged earlier this week with second-degree rape said Thursday that his client would plead not guilty in next week's preliminary hearing.

Sean Christopher Gilchrist, 23, of 703-B Edwards St. was arrested and charged Monday with a second-degree sex offense and second-degree rape, according to police reports.

A University student filed the charges last week against Gilchrist, who formerly owned Stadium Express-Headline Sports at 306 W. Franklin St.

An Orange-Chatham district attorney's office spokesman said Thursday that either District Attorney Carl Fox or Assistant District Attorney Nancy Vecchia would handle the case for the prosecution.

Stadium Express-Headline Sports, which opened in January, closed last week before the criminal charges were

filed. Attorney Barry Winston said he was relatively sure the closing was unrelated to the charges against his client.

Todd Zapolski of Consolidated Ventures, the company that leased the space to Stadium Express-Headline Sports, said Thursday that the business was still paying rent.

The business closed because it failed to receive a small-business loan, Zapolski said, adding that he did not know if the store would reopen.

"To the best of my knowledge, their intent is not to reopen," he said.

The woman, who said Gilchrist raped her after a party in the early-morning hours of Feb. 21, did not decide to press charges until last week.

Gilchrist made his first appearance Tuesday in Orange County District Court.

Winston of Winston and Massengale Attorneys said a statute requires that

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## Super senior

Senior Class President Mike Ferguson recognizes Lydia K. Worely, a senior from Canton, for her outstanding leadership in Phi Mu sorority. Outstanding seniors and professors were honored at the 1992 Senior Awards Presentation Thursday in Wilson Library.

# Khrushchev's son to lecture on his father's reforms

By Kathleen Keener  
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Sergei Khrushchev, son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, will deliver a lecture on campus discussing how his father initiated reforms that eventually culminated in the former Soviet Union's present policy of openness.

Khrushchev, a research fellow at Brown University and a former fellow at Harvard University, will discuss his most recent book, "Khrushchev on

Khrushchev," at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Hanes Art Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Joel Schwartz, professor of political science who teaches a course in Soviet politics, said the book addresses questions such as why Premier Khrushchev did not pursue as aggressive a policy of openness as recent leaders have and why he went silently into retirement.

Premier Khrushchev, the first leader of the Soviet Union in the post-Stalin era, initiated reforms similar to Mikhail Gorbachev's innovations of glasnost,

or openness, Schwartz said.

"For those who are interested in reasons why the first efforts for openness failed, I believe hearing his son will be very interesting," Schwartz said.

Betty Cates, administration secretary for UNC's curriculum for Peace, War and Defense, said the lecture would deal with why Nikita Khrushchev decided to publish his memoirs in the West after he was forced out of office.

Cates said Sergei Khrushchev's trip had been organized through the American Programs Bureau in New York.

While in North Carolina, he also will speak at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

"We are all very excited," she said. "This is the first time we have had a speaker of this caliber in a long time."

Schwartz said faculty members were pleased UNC had the opportunity to host Khrushchev, but he said he was concerned with the lack of publicity for the event. Schwartz said he asked a class of 65 students if they had heard about the lecture and only one or two raised their hands.

"With all these groups sponsoring it, he must be getting a considerable amount of money," he said. "If one is paying a considerable amount of money, there should be decent publicity."

The lecture was arranged by David Nordlander, a history graduate student, and is sponsored by the curriculum for Peace, War and Defense and the offices of the Chancellor, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Provost and the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Nordlander was unavailable for comment.

# Professor to fly around the world

By Teesha Holladay  
Staff Writer

While most professors prepare their students for final exams, Richard Levin will be preparing his Piper-Twin Comanche plane for a trip around the world.

Levin, a Phillip Hettleman professor at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, will depart this Sunday with Dan Boone, owner of a flying business in Carboro. Levin has scheduled 22 stops over the next six weeks.

Levin, who has completed his classes, said the trip should be well worth the work.

"Everybody should do something like this," he said. "Dan and I have worked on the plans for a year and a half. We've had quite a few 15-hour work days, but this is going to be the most exciting adventure we've ever

experienced."

The journey includes stops in 15 countries, including India, Egypt, Italy and Canada, Levin said.

Levin and Boone will begin by flying to California, then head out over the Pacific to Hawaii. This initial leg will be the most stressful part of the flight.

"With the gas in the tank, we can travel 19 hours non-stop," he said. "The flight from Oakland to Hawaii takes 15 hours. We'll be nervous out there, but we'll do fine. It'll be the toughest leg of the trip just because the gas is so tight."

From Hawaii, Levin and Boone will travel to the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Australia, Bali, Singapore and Bangkok. Their trip then extends to India, Egypt and up through Europe.

Finally, the pair plan to cross the Atlantic, making stops in Iceland, Greenland and Labrador. Following a stop in Quebec, the last leg of Levin's

trip brings him back to Chapel Hill.

When asked what stop will be the best, Levin didn't hesitate.

"I'm looking forward to stop No. 22," he said. "When we land safely back in Chapel Hill, I'll be one exhausted but happy man."

A problem Levin has met in his planning is the bureaucracy of the countries that he will travel through.

"Just yesterday, I received notification that Oman has a holy week when we plan to be there," he said. "As of right now, we can't fly over the country. We should have permission by the time we get to Hawaii."

Boone and Levin have flown together for 15 years.

"Yeah, it'll get a little testy, and this trip will have the usual yelling, but that's just part of it," he said. "We've been flying together for so long that we're sure to have fun."

# State grant may provide money for housing aid

By Andrea Bruce  
Staff Writer

If the state approves a grant to a local housing-development corporation, it could mean about \$1 million in housing aid to low-income county residents, a corporation director said Wednesday.

Orange County Housing Corporation (OCHC) executive director Diana Dyer asked local governments at the Orange County Assembly of Governments meeting for their cooperation in the Home Program.

The program would use a state grant to fund local non-profit housing-development organizations working with local governments.

Home Program would help residents who could not afford non-subsidized rents by funding new construction, reno-

valuations and home acquisitions.

"It is a complicated network of all the town governments of Orange County working together to alleviate the housing situation," Dyer said. "The program could mean up to a million dollars for Orange County."

Dyer said OCHC had presented the program to the state, which has already approved the program for Orange County but has not yet granted funding.

Organization and cooperation between Orange County governments and Chapel Hill and Carboro town governments are the only factors that could slow the grant-approval process, she said.

"Getting the town and county governments to join together is a compli-

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# Conference to focus on education reforms for minorities

By Gillian Murphy  
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North Carolina's school systems should reorganize and coordinate with social welfare agencies to improve educational opportunities offered to the state's poor and minority children, a University law professor said.

Jack Boger, a law professor who organized a conference that will be held today and Saturday in the Student Union, said the event would address the execution of educational reforms.

The conference, titled "Serving Poor and Minority Children: Crucial Educational Mission for the 1990s," will give scholars the opportunity to present ideas,

while educators with practical experience discuss how the ideas apply to problems in North Carolina, Boger said.

All necessary reforms cannot be carried out in the schools, Boger said.

"There is a desperate family need for social welfare and health assistance," he said.

The conference will feature panel

discussions with national and local education activists, scholars and social-welfare administrators.

One national figure speaking at the conference will be Julius Chambers, director-counsel of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Representatives from

several national education and minority organizations also will attend the conference.

Speakers from North Carolina will include William Friday, UNC-system president emeritus; N.C. House speaker Daniel Blue, D-Wake; and local school

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