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Campus

Monday, Nov. 9

■ A student was struck by BBs shot from a passing vehicle, police reports stated.

The victim was walking on the crosswalk of Cameron Avenue and Bynum Hall, according to police reports.

The victim observed a blue sedan with four or five passengers driving by her and was hit from behind by a BB pellet fired from the car, according to police reports.

University Police are investigating the incident, police reports stated.

Sunday, Nov. 8

■ Two vehicles were damaged while parked in the Craige Parking Deck on South Campus, according to police reports.

One victim secured his vehicle Friday, but when he returned Sunday, the vehicle's front windshield had been shattered, according to police reports.

No weapon was found in the area, but police said a similar event had occurred several days earlier.

The damage to the first car was estimated at \$382, according to University police reports.

Saturday, Nov. 7

■ David Lee Loman of Durham was arrested and charged with stealing about \$800 worth of audio cassettes from a Morrison Residence Hall room, according to police reports.

The roommate of the victim discovered the cassettes missing, according to police reports.

Another floor mate said he saw the suspect with the cassettes in his hands, walking outside Morrison, reports stated.

Loman was arrested and charged with attempted larceny under \$2,000, according to police reports.

Loman was taken before a magistrate and released under \$300 secured bond, police reports stated.

City

Tuesday, Nov. 10

■ Six Chapel Hill officers responded at 2:16 a.m. to a report that someone was damaging property with a hammer at 605-B Craig St., Chapel Hill police reports stated.

Sherman Tate, 31, of 104 Apple St., Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged at 2:25 a.m. with assault on a female, injury to personal property and real property in connection with the incident, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Real property damage includes damage to floors, walls, cabinets, ceilings, bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, appliances and furniture, Chapel Hill police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said Tuesday.

Tate was released under \$1,000 secured bond, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Tate is scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court Dec. 3 for the property damage charge, according to police reports.

He also is scheduled to appear Dec. 10 for the assault on a female charge, police reports stated.

"(Tate) was very uncooperative (at the time of arrest)," Pendergraph said Tuesday.

Damage was estimated at \$7,000, according to police reports.

Monday, Nov. 9

■ Two houses were shot at with BB guns within half an hour of each other, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

A Chapel Hill resident on Hillview Street reported at 8:20 p.m. that she heard a shot at her window, police reports stated.

The resident looked outside but could not see anyone, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Another Chapel Hill resident on Walnut Street also reported she heard a shot at her window at 8:46 p.m., reports stated.

The resident also could not find anyone around her residence, police reports stated.

Damage to the windows was estimated at \$50 each, according to police reports.

Sunday, Nov. 8

■ Chapel Hill police approached a leaf blower operator at the Wilco gas station on Airport Road at 8:20 a.m. after receiving complaints that the blower was too loud, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The blower was checked and it had the proper muffling system, reports stated.

The operator also was working after 8 a.m., which is legal under the town's noise ordinance, according to police reports.

■ The First Citizens Bank automatic teller at 113 East Franklin St. was discovered damaged at noon, Chapel Hill police reports stated.

The currency door was rewired and damage was estimated at \$50, according to police reports.

Saturday, Nov. 7

■ Two cars were hit with bottles at 6:45 p.m. on the 100 block of Franklin Street, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

No suspects have been located, reports stated.

Lack of toilets leaves some women waiting

By Thanassis Cambanis
Staff Writer

Women's fight for equal rights has gone to the toilet. Literally.

Some women on the UNC campus say they find the University's bathroom facilities less than adequate for their needs.

Although no UNC department had an exact log of the number of men's and women's bathrooms on campus, the number of facilities on campus does not reflect the gender breakdown of the student population, which is about 60-percent female.

Kierstin Corbett, a nursing student from Denver, said she thought women on campus did not have a fair share of bathrooms.

"I don't think we have as fair or as equal facilities," she said. "I think any female is more likely to be late for class than a man because of going to the bathroom."

The fact that women take longer to go to the bathroom, compounded with a proportional shortage of women's toilet facilities, creates a problem for women on campus.

Heather Deal, a senior from Hickory, said some buildings posed specific problems. "In Gardner Hall, I've had to wait in line to pee between classes," Deal said.

Gordon Rutherford, director of fa-

cilities planning and design, said his department did not see a problem with the bathroom situation on campus.

"We have had complaints in some specific buildings, and we have solved them," Rutherford said.

He said all University buildings comply with the state building code, which has changed over time. "Of course you have problems with old buildings which were built under the old code," he said.

The facilities department responds individually to any specific complaint, Rutherford said.

"If there is a complaint someplace, we'll go look at the problem and see if it can be fixed," he said. "It may be as simple as changing the sign on the door from 'Men' to 'Women,' which has been done very often in the past."

Thomas Shumate, an architect with the facilities planning and design department, said the state building code included very elaborate regulations to determine the number of bathrooms in every kind of building.

"The size of a building, along with its function, determine its total capacity, then the total capacity is divided up between the male and female proportional share," Shumate said.

Shumate cited the law school as one successful response to the problem of potty parity.

"The law school was built at a time when the male law school population

was 80 to 90 percent," he said. "Now the female population there is 60 percent."

Shumate said new women's bathrooms were built, and men's rooms were re-designated in an effort to keep the building proportionally correct.

Another University architect, Edward Hoskins, said the state building code was becoming more sensitive to the needs of women.

"The building code council is in the process of re-examining their requirements and becoming aware of the dramatic shortage of fixtures in female restrooms," Hoskins said.

In supplying shelter to campus residents, the Department of University Housing has had to work with buildings originally designed for an all-male student population.

Most dorms divided in a suite system have one toilet and one urinal in each bathroom. Since any suite can be male one year and female the next, the arrangement can prove inconvenient for females living in such dorms.

Wayne Kuncl, University housing director, said newer housing facilities were designed to accommodate both sexes, meaning that suite bathrooms would have two toilets rather than a toilet and a urinal.

Bathrooms in dorms like Teague do

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Burn survivors return to center in appreciation

By Kim Nikles
Staff Writer

Dr. Hugh Peterson made his rounds Saturday afternoon.

But instead of walking from bedridden patient to patient, he waded through a crowd of roughly 300, from hand-shake to handshake, smile to smile and hug to hug.

It was the first reunion of adult burn survivors at the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center of UNC Hospitals.

Patients from the past 11 years returned to Chapel Hill with their families not only to see Peterson, director and head surgeon of the burn center, but also to see the team of nurses, therapists and staff who cared for them.

Elbridge Combs of Trenton came to the reunion with his wife, daughter and grandchildren, Adam Riggs, 9, and Jennifer Lindsey, 5, also of Trenton. "I just felt like it was my duty to show appreciation," he said.

Combs was welding a fuel tank in February 1985 when the tank exploded, burning his face and hands. He was at the center for three months, the first seven weeks of which he was in a coma.

Combs lost his nose in the blaze. He said his grandson Adam, 3 1/2 years old at the time, convinced him to have it reconstructed. "He asked me, 'Granddaddy, are you going to have your nose fixed?' 'No,' I said, and he told me, 'Yes you are.'"

Doctors created a new nose for Combs from tissue in his left arm, a procedure that left his arm strapped to his face while the tissue grafted.

Peterson, who spent 21 years in the U.S. Army as a plastic surgeon, came to the burn center in 1983 with a desire to do more than heal the wounds of burn patients. "I got a chance to return young people to life," he said. "(But) there's no point in getting (victims of) larger burns to live if you can't return them to society."

Since its opening in 1981, the 21-bed burn center has treated approximately 1,700 adults and 700 children, close to 88 percent of whom have survived, Peterson said.

West Googe of Winston-Salem is

president of the N.C. Jaycees, an organization whose annual contributions compose 60 percent to 70 percent of the center's operating budget.

"It is the premier burn center in the entire country because of its advances in burn treatment, burn research, training and educating burn doctors and outreach programs like the 'Celebration of Life' (reunion)," Googe said.

Ann Bonham, a nursing education clinician, attributes the high standard of care at the center to the close-knit multidisciplinary team that runs it. "We are kind of like a family in here," she said. "We work closely together, all with one goal, and that is the patients' well-being."

Alongside the physicians, more than 60 nurses provide a basic frame of care, she said. "An occupational therapist ... works with the patients on feeding themselves again, buttoning their clothes ... what we call activities of daily living," she said.

Recreational therapists help patients plan what to do with their leisure time both in the hospital and once they leave. The vocational rehabilitation counselors help patients ferret through workmen's compensation, insurance, and new job training — long-term financial management.

A social worker helps patients without insurance obtain Medicare or Medicaid, helps find transportation and housing for family members and negotiates with the Department of Social Services in the frequent number of abuse cases.

A dietician teaches patients what should eat. Bonham said. "A very large burn may need 6,000 to 7,000 calories a day and a whole lot of protein," she said. "It's probably more food than you or I could eat."

Psychiatrists and psychologists also are available upon request from patients or doctors.

Chaplain Shirley Massey, who came to the hospital in 1987, provides emotional and spiritual support not only for the patients and their families, but also for the staff. "I call Shirley 'the only safe person' in our

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Firefighters extinguish flames on a Chevrolet Vega that caught fire Monday night

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Police to investigate cause of car explosion in Carrboro

By Dale Castle
Staff Writer

Officials at the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Carrboro Fire Department still are investigating a car fire that occurred Monday night at a residence on Hatch Road.

Orange County Fire Marshal Mike Tapp said the investigation would take several days and would not say if there

were any suspects or witnesses.

"It's still too preliminary to say anything right now," Tapp said.

But Tapp added that arson was suspected.

No one was in the car that exploded into flames at 11:16 p.m. at 619 Hatch Road, just outside Carrboro, Tapp said.

Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger said it took seven firefighters five minutes to extinguish the fire.

The 1973 Chevrolet Vega, valued at \$2,000, was a total loss, Swiger said.

The Rev. E.T. Malone, a neighbor who lives a block away from the fire scene, said he heard a sound similar to an exploding transformer.

"We were watching the news on TV, and we heard a loud boom," Malone said. "Ten minutes later, we looked out the back door and saw flames about 10 feet high."

Three groups responsible for racial crimes call North Carolina home

Human Rights Week speaker says state ranks eighth in violent race crimes

By Michael Workman
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The Confederate Knights of America, The Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, The Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. What do these groups have in common?

All three still are active in perpetrating hate crimes, and each group's leader lives in North Carolina, according to Linda Shealey Williams, community educator and field coordinator for North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence.

Williams, a 1988 UNC graduate, talked about the NCARRV and racist violence in North Carolina during a Human Rights Week presentation Tuesday in the Student Union.

North Carolina has an extensive history of harboring white-supremacist groups, Williams said. The state ranked first in the nation in white-supremacist groups in 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1987, and it currently ranks eighth, she said. "Since I got this job (three years ago), I've learned about a lot of ugly things in North Carolina," she said.

Williams began her presentation with three examples of groups she said were responsible for some of those "ugly things."

Terry Boyce's Confederate Knights recruit high school students for Knight-sponsored skinhead groups, playing on fears of interracial dating, Williams said.

"They have the potentiality of being one of the worst KKK groups in the country because they recruit in high schools," she said.

James Ferrins' Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Sanford, is one of the most violent white-supremacist groups in the nation, she said.

Virgil Griffin's Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan use their contacts in South Carolina and Virginia to organize marches throughout North Carolina, Williams said. "They are known as the marchingest group in the state," she said.

These groups should not be viewed simply as innocuous fringe groups, she said. "The potential for danger is great," she said. "They have lots of money, and they have powerful people who support them. We should really start to take these individuals very seriously."

An example of that potential violence is the "Holy Race War," which was scheduled to begin in 1992 but had to be postponed until 1995, Williams said. The Church of the Creator, which was based in North Carolina until recently, is one of the advocates of the war, she said.

North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence wants to enlist the support of law-enforcement personnel in preventing race-based violence and threats, especially since police officers and district attorneys often have been insensitive to such violence, Williams said.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that declared cross burning a protected form of free speech did not consider the intimidation associated with the activity, Williams said.

"Swastikas painted on your door — is that free speech?" she said. "Those symbols have a history of being used to intimidate people."

Mike Tadman, a visitor from Great Britain who attended the discussion, said he was not surprised by the level of hate crime activity in North Carolina. "Black people have clearly been here as long as whites have, so this kind of race war thing is not a surprising tactic," he said.

Williams said that the NCARRV might not be able to eliminate the white-supremacist groups but that it is using several tactics to reduce the number of hate crimes. Those tactics include infiltrating white-supremacist groups and collecting information about rallies and marches, she said. College students are particularly helpful as infiltrators, she said.

Carey calls for progress

By Leah A. Campbell
Staff Writer

Moses Carey, a Democratic incumbent who was re-elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners in the recent election, says he has a plan of progress for the county.

Carey, who has served as a commissioner since 1984, said he would begin to address the main issues facing Orange County right away.

"I think we really need to look at the problems of solid-waste management, the landfill dilemma, developing new economic opportunities, diversifying the tax base and building new school facilities," he said. "I also think that we need to stimulate some kind of discussion on the way in which the district elections are held."

Carey attributed his re-election to the fact that his supporters came from a varied group with common interests.

"I've enjoyed the luxury and the fortunate support of many people who believe in me regardless of where they live, their race or their party affiliation," he said.

Carey said he decided to become involved in local politics because of his interest in serving the community.

"I was volunteering a lot because I cared about the community and what goes in it, and suddenly I found myself becoming more involved with various boards in the county," he said.

"I just thought I could make more of a difference if I ran for office," he added.

Carey said he was not surprised that he and fellow Democratic incumbent Don Willhoit were re-elected.

"I was really not surprised because I know we've been doing a good job for the county, and this is just a reaffirmation of that fact," he said.

Carey, who has served as the board's chairman for the past three years, said he was interested in serving as chairman again this year.

"I would like to pursue the opportunity to be the chairman again this year," he said. "I am very interested in that position."

Carey said he was relieved that the election finally had occurred.

"I'm very glad this is over mostly because it is so time-consuming," he said.

"I'm thankful that election time only comes around every four years," Carey added.

Carey works as the executive director for Orange-Chatham Comprehensive Health Service Inc.

Carey received his undergraduate degree from Fort Valley State College in Georgia and his master's degree from the UNC School of Public Health.

Carey also received a law degree from N.C. Central University.



Moses Carey

Willhoit surprised at win

By Nathan Bishop
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Democrat Don Willhoit, a UNC environmental sciences professor, said Tuesday he was surprised to be re-elected to a sixth term on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

"I considered this year's election to be a significant challenge, and I was not real confident that I would win," he said. "I think my main supporters were those voters who are progressive in terms of education, human services and land use."

Moses Carey, Willhoit's fellow Democratic incumbent, also won in the commissioners race.

Willhoit said his first priority would be to work on enacting the school bond referendum.

"First and foremost, I want to work to put the facilities in place under the recently passed school bond referendum," he said.

Another one of Willhoit's priorities will be to complete a solid-waste management plan to reduce the amount of waste produced in Orange County.

Willhoit said he was waiting for the special committee's recommendation before addressing the issue of the site for the new landfill.

"This is an issue that I have been very involved in the past and will continue to be in the future," he said.

Willhoit denied the claim by independent candidate Mark Marcoplos that Willhoit and Carey were re-elected because they were Democrats in a Democratic year.

"That's nonsense," Willhoit said. "Marcoplos had a very narrow focus in his campaign. His only issues were to stop the production of solid waste in order to eliminate the need for landfills and to alter district representation."

"I've had a long-standing commitment to the schools and human ser-



Don Willhoit

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