

# News

## Public Safety Reports

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Between March 1 and March 6, the Department of Public Safety filed six incident reports.

On March 1 around 11:45 p.m., Officer John Huffstickler, while on routine patrol, noticed that the stop sign at the main entrance to campus was missing. Apparently, someone pulled the sign out of the ground sometime between 11:15 p.m. and the time it was noticed missing.

Physical plant personnel said that to their knowledge the removal had not been authorized, and they had not taken it.

Two days later, close to midnight, Resident Assistant Greg Boswell reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from room 202 in Moore Hall.

Andrew Delpino, the resident of that room had not responded when Boswell tried to get him to open the door.

Officer Steve Metcalf came to the room, knocked on the door, and identified himself as a police officer. Still, Delpino did not answer the door.

Metcalf checked further on Delpino and found he had prior drug arrests, and he had been involved in incidents on campus involving drugs.

Shortly after that, Metcalf was called to Dante's by Lemuel Daniel Jones. A customer came into Dante's looking for his double cheeseburger combo, but someone else had either eaten it

or taken it to the customer. Jones could not cook another one because he had already put chemicals on the grill.

The customer demanded his money back, but since he did not have a receipt, nothing could be done. The customer refused to leave, so Jones called the Department of Public Safety.

The customer left before Metcalf arrived at Dante's.

Officer Bruce Martin reported on March 4 that he had found several items on UNCA property off of North Street that is leased to the U.S. Forest Service.

Most of the items were found inside a tent that had been set up for several weeks without permission. The items can be claimed at the Department of Public Safety.

The next day, UNCA student Maria Whitson reported that her book bag had been taken from the lobby area of the cafeteria. Whitson left the book bag there while she went inside to eat lunch.

Dorothy Sulock, lecturer in mathematics, reported to Officer Martin on March 6 a case of larceny from the day before.

On the day of the incident, she left her office briefly. She left her purse on a chair by her desk, and she also left her door open.

When she came back, she noticed that her pocketbook was somewhat open, but was still in the chair. Later she noticed her wallet was gone. Credit cards, her checkbook, and driver's license were some of the items taken.

## Organized religion on campus

By **Shelley Eller**  
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Students at UNCA have a variety of options available when choosing a religious association to join, because many faiths and beliefs are represented among the different groups on campus.

According to Grant Hardy, assistant professor of history, one of the newest religious groups on campus is the Latter-day Saints Student Association. Hardy helped found the group at the beginning of spring semester. The group is currently comprised of eight members.

"There is a weekly scripture study group on Tuesday evenings," said Hardy. "The group also tries to provide social and educational opportunities for students."

The Baha'i faith is the newest of the world religions. It was founded by Baha'u'llah in the 19th century. The main mission of the faith is to unify the entire planet and the religions that occupy it. The Baha'i faith also promotes the idea that mankind is one and that people of all races, nations, economic groups, and religious backgrounds are equal in the sight of God. The Baha'i Association on campus is comprised of about 10 members.

"We hold several activities such as a weekly study group," said Eric Horton, a junior literature and education major. "Recently the association held a dialogue called 'The Color of Fear,' which dealt with

racism, a problem the association fights actively against."

"We're working on giving a talk about Judaism as opposed to the Baha'i Faith," said Horton.

The Baha'i Association is also active with other groups on campus such as the African-American Student Association and WAIL, a women's liberation group.

The United Methodist Campus Ministry is a group that participates in different service projects such as Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the group recently held a luncheon honoring Women's History Month.

"Our association is made up of around 20 members," said Todd Hagans, president of the association and a senior mass communication major. "Many of our members are Methodist but the group is open to anyone on campus."

The Jewish Student Association is a group formed last year by Michele Sussman, a junior psychology major.

"We do a lot of activities with the Center for Jewish Studies," said Sussman. "The center gives a lot of academic talks."

Richard Chess, an associate professor of literature and language, is the group's advisor as well as the director for the Center of Jewish Studies in the group," said Sussman. "This includes people from neighboring colleges since there aren't that many Jewish students at UNCA."

The group doesn't meet on a regular basis, but sends out a letter



PHOTO BY BONNER BUTLER  
**Student Jonathan Jones paints a new piece of furniture for the Baptist Student Union house.**

to inform members of Jewish activities going on in the community. These activities often include synagogues or guest speakers at the Jewish Community Center. The group also has get-togethers, dinners and brunches for members.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a national organization located on many high school and college campuses around the country. Accord-

ing to Chris Swayngim, president of FCA at UNCA, the group is a ministry reaching out to students at UNCA.

"The mission of FCA is to present athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenges and adventures of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in

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## National fraternity bans alcohol

OXFORD, Ohio—(Business Wire)—Phi Delta Theta, an international college fraternity with 180 chapters and 7,500 undergraduate members, will ban all alcoholic beverages from its houses as of July 1, 2000.

"We want to give renewed strength to the core principles of our founders," said Robert B. Deloian, president of Phi Delta Theta's General Council.

"Our objectives are friendship, encouragement of academic achievement, development of leadership, and community service. Abuse of alcohol among college undergraduates endangers these principles."

Phi Delta Theta already has 11 chapters with residences in the United States that are alcohol-free.

"We find academic achievement improves and that we are attracting young men with excellent leadership qualities," Deloian said.

Phi Delta Theta's General Council adopted the substance-free policy by a unanimous vote at its recent winter meeting in Lexington, Ky.

The fraternity has put together a

program of education and incentives to achieve the July 1, 2000 implementation date. Chapters that volunteer to take the lead in removing alcohol from their residence facilities will receive such incentives such as grants to upgrade their educational capabilities and to make structural improvements to their houses.

Phi Delta Theta said research showed the seriousness of alcohol abuse among undergraduates.

A study by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found alcohol is a factor in 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of dropouts. The same study reported that 42 percent of all students have engaged in binge drinking in a two-week period.

At the same time, the Astin Study, conducted annually over the past 25 years with incoming freshmen at 460 colleges and universities, has found that the number of freshmen

who do not drink increased to 47 percent in 1994 from 21 percent in 1981. The Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education has reported that 33 percent of entering college students would like to live in a substance-free environment.

Approximately 130 Phi Delta Theta chapters have a residence facility. There are 169 chapters in the United States and 11 in Canada.

The 11 alcohol-free chapters are at Ashland University in Ohio, Arizona State University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State University, Hanover College in Indiana, Indiana University, University of Michigan, University of Montana, Oklahoma State University, University of Vermont, and Westminster College in Missouri.

Phi Delta Theta was founded at Miami University of Ohio in 1848. Its international headquarters is in Oxford, Ohio.



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**Marriott Specials for March 23rd to the 29th**  
**DINING HALL**

**Tuesday:** Bagel Bar for BREAKFAST  
**Wednesday:** Blue Plate Special for LUNCH and Premium Dinner  
**Thursday:** Hot Dog Bar for Dinner

**DANTES**

**TUESDAY:** Seafood Salad Sandwich, Chips, & Soda \$4.29  
**WEDNESDAY:** Lasagna, Garden Salad, & Soda \$4.49  
**FRIDAY:** Jerked Pork Sandwich w/ Jamaican Relish, Fries, & Soda \$4.49

**CAFE RAMSEY**

**TUESDAY:** Seafood Salad Sandwich, Chips, & Soda \$4.29  
**THURSDAY:** Turkey Club Wrap, Chips, & Soda \$4.29

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Wed., March 19 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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