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Campus

Saturday, Jan. 9

■ A case of breaking and entering and larceny was reported at Room 161 of the Carolina Inn. The victim left a wallet and purse on a night stand and returned to the room to find \$132 and the wallet missing, reports stated.

■ An attempted breaking and entering was reported at 114 Bingham Hall. Police reports stated that damage to the external side of a door indicated an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry from outside.

■ Another attempted breaking and entering case was reported at 200 Greenlaw Hall. After pry marks were discovered at 200 Greenlaw, security personnel searched the building and reported more pry marks on the door of the mail room, reports stated.

Thursday, Jan. 7

■ A black wallet containing \$40 in cash and assorted credit cards was reported stolen from the Woolen Gym locker room. Police reports stated that there were pry marks on the locker.

■ Gary Colson of Chapel Hill was arrested for driving while his license was revoked and with driving without his lights on, according to reports. Colson was stopped on Franklin Street near Hillsborough Road because his lights were not on, and the dispatcher found that his license had been revoked, reports stated.

Colson was placed under a \$200 unsecured bond and will appear in court Feb. 9, reports stated.

■ According to reports, \$10 in cash was stolen from 218 Bynum Hall. The money was located in a secure desk drawer, according to police reports. Some change was left in the envelope, reports stated.

■ \$90 and a receipt were stolen from a secured desk drawer in 208 Bynum Hall, reports stated.

■ A construction employee reported vandalism at the UNC Neuropsychiatric Hospital construction site. Police estimated the damage, which included 250 feet of severely damaged wire, at \$3,500, reports stated. Several large tire prints were found in the mud, according to reports.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

■ A person stuck in a Davis Library elevator left the premises before police officers arrived on the scene, reports stated. Elevator personnel got the person out of the elevator, which was stuck at the sixth floor, according to police reports.

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Sunday, Jan. 10

■ A Chapel Hill High School student was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at University Square at 4:15 a.m.

James Ryan Edwards, 17, of 7020 Old 86 Highway, fired a .25-caliber pistol in the vicinity of a group of 15 or more people, according to Chapel Hill police reports. Edwards was released on a \$500 secured bond. His trial is expected to take place on January 28 in the Chapel Hill District Court, reports stated.

Saturday, Jan. 9

■ A suspect stole a cash register from a Chapel Hill business, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

A suspect entered J&J's Deli, located at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road at Timberlyne Shopping Center, and approached the register, reports stated. The suspect pushed several items from the counter onto the floor and then picked up the register and ran from the business, according to reports. Total loss and damages were not yet available, reports stated.

■ A resident of Camelot Apartments in Chapel Hill reported \$1,675 in goods stolen from the apartment, Chapel Hill police reports stated. A typewriter, television, video cassette recorder and jewelry were among the items missing, reports stated.

Friday, Jan. 8

■ A resident of KA Fraternity, located at 110 W. Cameron St., reported \$610 worth of goods stolen from his room while he was away for the holidays, Chapel Hill police reports stated.

The door to the resident's room was kicked in, according to reports.

Thirty compact discs, a wall clock and a coat were reported missing.

■ A Chapel Hill teenager was arrested and charged with possession and intent to sell and deliver cocaine, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Jerry Mauri Baldwin, 17, of 7 Rockbrook Trailer Park, was observed dropping an object on the ground, reports stated. The object was found to be a Lifesaver Holes canister containing 6 rocks of .9 gram crack cocaine, reports stated.

Baldwin, who is employed by Ye Olde Waffle Shoppe, was arrested on Johnson Street, an area known for drug-related activity, police reports stated.

Baldwin was taken to an Orange County jail where he was held on a \$1,000 secure bond, according to reports.

■ Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, reported that a rattlesnake was crawling on the roof of the Chamber of Commerce, according to police reports.

The complaint, filed at 10:39 a.m., was unfounded, reports stated.

Apartments, frats targets of break-ins

By Jackie Hershkovitz
City Editor

Chapel Hill law enforcement officials said Sunday that they were not surprised by the rash of break-ins that occurred while students were away for the holidays.

Several thousand dollars in property was reported missing, according to police estimates.

Most of the break-ins took place at apartment complexes where students comprise the majority of renters, but several fraternity houses, homes and local businesses reported burglaries as well.

Patrol Lt. Robert Frick said that despite efforts to encourage people to secure their homes, the number of break-ins tends to rise when students leave town.

"There are always more break-ins at this time of year," Frick said. "The largest part of the population goes home. (Burglars) know that the percentage of Chapel Hillians is way down during the holidays."

Scott Russell, a senior from Brownsville, Tenn., returned to his room at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house on West Cameron Avenue to find more than \$600 worth of property missing. Four other residents of his fraternity had personal property taken as well, Russell said.

"We took the same precautions we usually take," Russell said. "There's not really anything you can do but count your losses."

But Chapel Hill law enforcement officials said there were several things students could do to decrease the chances of being the victim of a break-in.

Before leaving town, students should make sure their doors and windows are securely locked, remove valuable belongings and have well-lit entrances.

But Russell said his fraternity could not afford to increase its security.

"It's not really practical for us to hire security or buy alarms," he said. "We do the best we can do. And pray."

Russell said his fraternity house was an easy target for would-be burglars because the doors cannot be secured.

"It's easy to break into," he said. "And once you're inside, you've got all the time in the world to take what you want because no one's here."

Although most stolen property is never found, odds are "quite good" that police investigators can locate missing items if serial numbers are known, Frick said.

"People should immediately record serial numbers," he said. "Without a serial number, there's probably one chance out of a hundred that missing property will be found."

If serial numbers are known, investigators can search in a computer system that locates missing property anywhere in the world.

Frick said although some residents were at fault for not taking precautionary safety measures, some thefts were due to burglars becoming more resourceful.

"I'm not sure people are being more lazy," he said.

"They probably just go by the old theory that it always happens to someone else," Frick said.

Elvis is alive! At least in hearts of fans eager to buy his stamps

By Phuong Ly
Staff Writer

Thousands of Elvises were seen leaving area buildings this weekend — post office buildings, that is.

More than 61,000 stamps commemorating the late "King of Rock and Roll" were sold at Chapel Hill and Carrboro post offices Friday and Saturday.

Nationwide, 500 million copies of the 29-cent Elvis stamp went on sale beginning at noon Friday, which would have been the legendary singer's 58th birthday.

At area post offices, crowds of Elvis enthusiasts flocked to buy the stamps. About two dozen eager fans lined up a little before noon Friday at the East Franklin Street post office, making jokes and reminiscing about the "King."

"Surely Elvis is worth an hour. Shoot, he might even be in line with us," said Ken Litowsky, who works in the University human resources department. He bought eight stamps — four to use and four to save — while he was on his lunch break.

Jennifer Watson of Chapel Hill, 24, also plans to save the stamps as souvenirs.

"I love Elvis. My parents were raised on him, and what they listened to, I listened to," she said. "He appealed to all age groups. Everybody loves Elvis."

Denise Johnson, a secretary in the University anesthesiology department, thought she was making history because she was the first person to buy the Elvis stamp at the East Franklin Street post office.

"Elvis is a big thing.... Everybody talks about him," said Johnson, an Elvis fan and a stamp collector. "Now I can add to that and tell everybody, 'Guess what? I was the first person in (the East Franklin Street office) to buy the Elvis stamp.'"

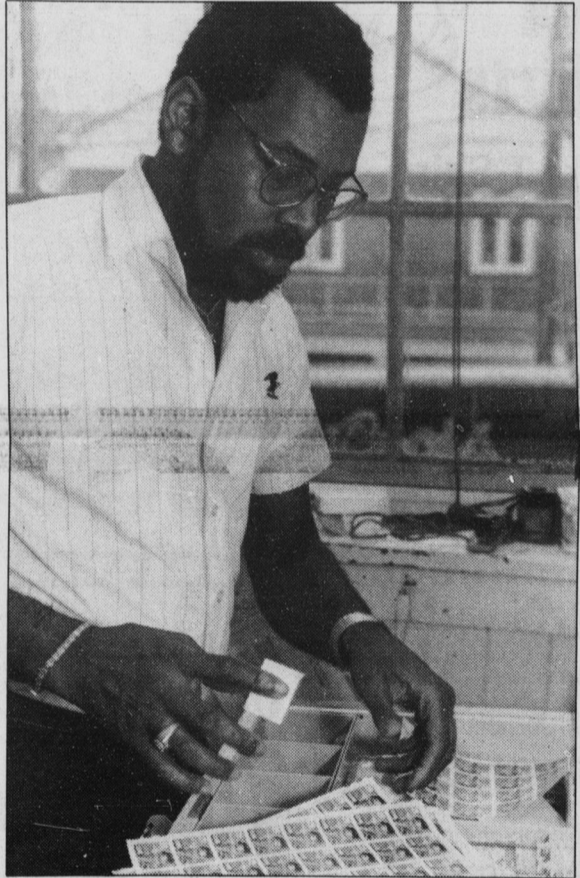
A total of 42,000 stamps remain from the order of 92,000 stamps that Chapel Hill post offices received, said Becky Vester, mail processing supervisor. Customers are limited to five sheets of stamps — there are 40 per sheet — and two plate blocks, a section of four stamps which have a color code printed on the side.

The Carrboro Post Office sold all of its 11,000 Elvis stamps by noon on Saturday, said Preston Mooney, a clerk at the Carrboro office. "The line was pretty much out the door for the first hour (the stamps were on sale)," he said.

A total of 800,000 stamps were distributed to post offices served by the Raleigh regional office — an area stretching from Chapel Hill to the coast, said Elaine Garner, acting customers relations coordinator for the office. Another 200,000 to 300,000 stamps are expected to arrive next week, she said.

The U.S. Postal Service originally printed 300 million Elvis stamps, but because more than 100,000 were requested in advance, a total of 500 million stamps were printed — that's about two Elvises for every person in the country. The postal service usually releases 160 million of each commemorative stamp.

Elvis-stamp fever began in June,



Selling Elvis stamps to waiting fans kept postal worker Pawley Edwards busy Friday.

when more than 1 million people participated in a nationwide vote on which image of the King would be featured on the stamp — a young 1950s Elvis or an older, heavier, "Las Vegas" Elvis. The young Elvis won by a landslide.

Monica Hand, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., said the huge demand for the stamp was a little surprising.

"We knew it was popular just by the numbers of people that participated in the poll," she said. "We could feel the public interest, ... but we didn't know it would be this big."

"We haven't seen this kind of interest in a commemorative stamp in recent years." Postal service officials have not decided whether to reissue the same Elvis stamp or one with a different image of the singer.

The postal service expects a net profit of \$20 million from the sale of the stamps, Hand said.

Some customers also are hoping to capitalize on the stamp.

"I feel someday (the stamps will) be worth something — maybe not in my lifetime, but maybe in my grandchildren's lifetimes.... You never know," said Sue Hester of Graham,

who bought 23 stamps.

Because of the popularity of the stamp among Elvis fans and collectors, postal service officials estimated that 15 percent of the stamps would be saved rather than used, Hand said. Most stamps have a retention rate of 5 percent, she said.

But don't get your hopes up on cashing in on the stamps, warned Pierre Wertheimer, owner of Wertheimer Stamps & Collectibles in Chapel Hill. The stamps are not a good investment because too many are being printed, he said.

"It's a simple equation of supply and demand," Wertheimer said. "They'll probably be worth 29 cents for years to come."

Even an Elvis stamp that was sold accidentally and used Dec. 30 — more than a week before the stamps were scheduled to go on sale — will not be of much value, he said.

A post office in Texas sold the Elvis stamps the day it received them because it had not received the letter stating the stamps' official release date. Texas resident Kay Peoples bought 60 Elvis stamps and sent a letter to her nephew with one

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Hardin agrees to meeting with tenure activists

By Anna Griffin
University Editor

Chancellor Paul Hardin recently refused to intervene in the tenure case of popular speech communication Assistant Professor Paul Ferguson, citing University regulations that prevent him from making any move in the case.

But supporters of Ferguson, who has filed an appeal with the Board of Trustees, took heart in Hardin's announcement at the Dec. 11 Faculty Council meeting that he would meet with them "at the appropriate time."

"Yes, I guess you could say this is a good sign," said Martin Strobel, a graduate student who has been one of the leaders in the student movement for Ferguson. "I don't think he'll talk about the (Ferguson) case. But we would like to talk about the tenure evaluation process and also how the University evaluates tenure overall."

Ferguson, winner of the 1992 Undergraduate Teaching Award and the 1989 and 1992 Senior Class Favorite Teacher Award, contends that he has been denied tenure because Beverly Long, a professor in the department, and William Balthrop, chairman of the speech communication department, removed a favorable review from his personnel folder. The review, written by Northwestern Uni-

versity scholar Paul Edwards, a leader in speech communication studies, outlined the importance of creative research — what Ferguson was hired to produce.

Ferguson also contends that Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has not provided him with fair hearings since Balthrop and Long admitted to removing the review. On Dec. 11, shortly after his appeal to the Faculty Hearing Committee was denied, Ferguson filed an appeal with the BOT.

Hardin said he would be happy to meet with the students to discuss some of their ideas for improving the tenure process but not Ferguson's specific case.

"At an appropriate time, (Provost Richard) McCormick and I will be glad to hear the general concerns of these students with respect to tenure policies, particularly with respect to the evaluation of teaching and the appropriate weight to be assigned to teaching in the tenure decision,"



Paul Hardin

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Council to consider hiking parking fines

By Richard J. Dalton Jr.
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council is likely to approve a proposal at tonight's meeting to increase the fine from \$50 to \$100 for illegally parking in handicapped-designated spaces, according to council member Joe Capowski.

Capowski said the proposal, which would go into effect February 1, was unlikely to generate much controversy.

"It's kind of like motherhood and apple pie," he said. "It's pretty hard to oppose it."

Capowski said the purpose of the proposal was not to increase the town's revenue but to help handicapped people, adding that increasing the penalty would not generate much money.

"It's absolutely criminal when someone who does not require (a handicapped parking space) takes one," said Capowski, who requested the proposal. "Put yourself in their position."

Capowski said the proposal was on the consent agenda, in which non-controversial proposals were voted on as a package. He said he planned to make a motion to remove the proposal from the

consent agenda to increase publicity about the issue.

Capowski said he was unsure how the town would publicize the change other than through the media.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said the proposal was suggested in response to the N.C. legislature authorizing maximum penalties of \$100 for illegal parking in handicapped-designated zones.

Although the increased fine would be the second in less than a year, Horton said the town had not experienced excessive violations of the statute.

"I think the signs are the main deterrent," Karpinos said.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Crel Horton said he had not heard any opposition to the proposal.

David Holmes, evening supervisor of the University Department of Transportation and Parking, said the town ordinance would not affect parking on campus.

Holmes said the University had mandated \$100 fines since August for illegally parking in handicapped-designated spaces. Violations tend to occur more often at night and during football games, he said.

Tuition overestimate causes \$1 million cut

By Thanassis Cambanis
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An overestimate in the amount of out-of-state tuition revenue two years ago caught up with the University this fall, forcing all academic affairs departments to trim their budgets to the tune of almost \$1 million.

Every department in the Division of Academic Affairs, which includes all UNC departments except health sciences, was asked to return approximately 1 percent of its budget last November.

Revenues fell short of projections during the 1991-92 academic year, when the University overestimated the amount it would receive in out-of-state tuition.

Departments used reserve funds to make up for the discrepancy and were left underfunded the next year.

Several factors combined with the out-of-state tuition shortfall to cramp the budget and force the cutbacks, said Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Science.

"We were operating on very tight budgets," he said. "That meant that any unanticipated changes mean we have to scramble a lot more."

Provost Richard McCormick said University projections did not take into account the large number of out-of-state graduate students who successfully applied for in-state tuition.

"They just didn't take into account the growing trend of out-of-state graduate students who, after their first year, are able to qualify for in-state tuition," he said.

The admissions office and the dean's office work with the provost to project student enrollment. McCormick said revised projections had been sent to the general administration office.

"Obviously we don't want this problem to happen again," he said.

Birdsall delayed cutting departmental budgets until he could examine the budget shortfall in detail.

"This is something that grew on us over time," Birdsall said. "The impact

did not occur for quite a while. We had to see what impact it would have on the college."

Birdsall met with McCormick and requested additional funds to help the College of Arts and Sciences deal with the budget cuts.

"I think Dean Birdsall was taking time to do everything he could to absorb the cuts before passing them along to departments," McCormick said.

"My office was able to provide (Birdsall) with several thousand dollars to protect spring instruction. We gave the highest priority to retaining the number of courses and sections in arts and sciences."

Some departments in the College of Arts and Sciences had to reduce course offerings this semester to operate within the financial constraints.

Richard Soloway, chairman of the history department, said his department had to cut the number of teaching assistant positions for graduate students this semester.

"In practice, it means discussion sessions in large undergraduate survey courses will be bigger," he said.

Laurence Avery, chairman of the English department, said some course offerings had been shifted from the spring semester to the summer session.

"We have more students than we can offer courses for anyhow," Avery said. "This spring we have seven less courses."

McCormick emphasized that the College of Arts and Sciences wasn't the only academic division hit by the cuts.

"This is not just an arts and sciences problem," McCormick said. "The 'cut' affected all academic affairs divisions."

McCormick said systematic tuition increases mandated by the General Assembly had no relation to UNC's tuition shortfall.

The N.C. state legislature sets a cap on undergraduate enrollment of out-of-state students. "The guts of the problem seem to arrive at the graduate level," McCormick said.

Party peachy with Mack and the Heels

Staff Report

All hail the conquering Heels.

For the first time since 1982, the UNC administration is inviting all students, faculty members and Tar Heel fans to take part in a rally honoring the UNC football team for its 21-17 victory in the Peach Bowl and its 9-3 record.

Players and coaches from the team will gather on the steps of the South Building today at 3 p.m. for the celebration. In case of rain, the event will

be held in Carmichael Auditorium.

"Coach Brown will be there and will speak, and the co-captains will certainly have something to say," said UNC Athletic Director John Swofford.

Natrone Means and Bracey Walker, the offensive and defensive Most Valuable Players of the game, also will speak.

The UNC Pep Band and cheerleaders will entertain the crowd, and the 1993 Peach Bowl championship trophy will be on display.

Chancellor Paul Hardin will emcee

the event, which is expected to last about 30 minutes. Student and civic leaders also will be on hand to honor the team.

The last time the University staged such a welcome-home for a varsity team was in 1982 when the men's basketball team won the national championship by defeating Georgetown. More than 25,000 students, faculty members, employees and alumni crowded into Kenan Stadium for the 1982 event.