

High today in the low 60s. Low tonight in the low to mid 30s. Warmer Thursday but cooler Thursday night. No chance of precipitation today.

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Area crime increases

Larceny and theft becoming more frequent off campus

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Reports recently released by the Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and University police indicate that crime in the area is gradually increasing. Crime statistics from all three jurisdictions for the first three months of 1980 show that robbery, assault, burglary and larceny are on the increase compared to the previous quarter. The totaled figures were compiled by *The Daily Tar Heel*.

Larcenies or thefts showed the greatest increase over the last quarter, with 49 more larcenies reported for a total of 555. Of these,

313 were reported in Chapel Hill, 53 in Carrboro, and 189 on campus. There were 15 more cases of burglary this quarter with a total of 186. One hundred twenty-six burglaries were reported by Chapel Hill police, 37 by Carrboro police, and 23 by University police.

Armed robbery more than doubled in the beginning of 1980 with 19 reported in the three areas. Most of the increase was in Chapel Hill, where robberies jumped from six in the previous quarter to 17 in the most recent quarter. Carrboro reported only two armed robberies during the quarter. The University reported none.

The number of assaults rose by ten for a total of 78. Forty-nine assault cases were reported in Chapel Hill, 24 were reported in Carrboro and 5 were reported at the University.

Rapes, however, showed a slight decrease during the previous quarter, down from five to four. Chapel Hill and Carrboro each reported two in the first months of 1980, while the University reported none. Even though some have occurred on or near campus, the Chapel Hill police were called in to investigate and the rapes officially were reported by the Chapel Hill police.

But the University police recently became a

separate jurisdiction under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. This means most of the crimes occurring on University property will be reported separately from crimes in Chapel Hill. UCR statistics encompass seven separate categories of crimes, including criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, burglary (breaking and entering), larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

Police officials said the increase in the number of crimes in these categories may be the result of an increase in public reporting of the crimes.

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Communication vital to reducing crime ...policeman works to keep lines open

Dorm residents told to lock up

By MELODEE ALVES
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Although warm weather and the University's charm may cause some students to forget about such trivial matters as locking their doors, University Police warn students not to become lax about security matters.

The University may have a peaceful facade, but theft goes on in spite of it. During the 1978-1979 fiscal year, 224 thefts in dormitories and adjacent parking lots were reported to the University Police. This year there have been 169 thefts reported.

"Students are very trusting of people in this village atmosphere," said Sgt. Walter Dunn of the University Police investigation and crime prevention division. "This is something which they can't afford."

The highest number of thefts on campus have occurred on South Campus, with Morrison dormitory leading with 34 reported thefts last year

and 34 so far this year. Craig dorm, which had reported 50 thefts last year, has had 20 to date. Hinton James and Ehringhaus have had 18 reported thefts each so far this year.

"With a lot more people in one area, there is less security," Dunn said.

But Morrison Residence Director Mark Brown said he does not believe that his dorm is any different from the other South Campus residence halls. "We've made a really big point of telling people to be cautious of thefts," he said.

The high number of thefts in Morrison is a reflection of students reporting thefts, Brown said. In a campaign to combat thefts, Morrison's residence assistants have urged residents to mark their possessions and question any unfamiliar person spotted in the dorm.

"I have asked people questions like, 'Do you live here?' 'Who are you visiting in the dorm?'" Brown

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Area police officers haven't had much time for chats ...recent rise in crime has kept them on their toes

Local man arrested after report of rape

By BEVERLY SHEPARD
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University police arrested a 20-year-old Chapel Hill man Monday night and charged him with committing one rape and one sexual assault near the Bell Tower this week.

Elton Leon Carver of 706 Church St. was arrested by campus police officers shortly after one University student reported that she had been assaulted near the Bell Tower at approximately 10 p.m. Monday. When police arrived to search the area, Carver was in the vicinity. He was taken in for questioning.

University Police Lt. Charles Mauer said that after the questioning Carver was charged with sexual assault in connection with the Monday night incident. Carver also was charged with raping another University student near the Bell Tower at approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Carver currently is being held on \$100,000 bond in the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough, according to the county district attorney's office. Carver made his first court appearance before District Court Judge Donald Paschal Tuesday.

Paschal explained the four charges against Carver—second degree rape, attempted rape, common law robbery and assault on a female.

A.B. Coleman was appointed as Carver's attorney. Carver's hearing has been set for 9 a.m. May 6.

Ben Callahan, administrative assistant for the Chapel Hill Police Department, which is working with campus police on the case, said the Kenan Stadium-Bell Tower area was a likely area for rapists to attack because of its isolation and inadequate lighting. Callahan advised women to walk in pairs and to contact the police if they have any trouble.

"Whether you're jogging, walking or riding your bike it doesn't matter," Callahan said. "If he's there and he's bigger than you are, he'll do it."

Callahan said he did not know if Carver was involved in other rapes and assaults recently reported in the Chapel Hill area. Callahan did say, however, that repeated offenders are likely to be caught.

"If they keep on doing it, they're going to get caught," Callahan said. "They don't stop the first time."



Carolina Inn involved in tax dispute ...noneducational property included

Court will rule

UNC may owe back taxes

By CINDY BOWERS
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The North Carolina Supreme Court Tuesday heard arguments in a five-year-old legal dispute over the right of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County to tax University property not being used for educational purposes.

The high court's ruling, expected in several months, will determine whether the University must pay several million dollars in back property taxes to the local governments.

The case is an appeal by UNC and the town and county governments of the 1979 ruling by Superior Court Judge William McKinnon that found the University liable for more than \$2 million in local property taxes. McKinnon ruled that UNC must pay taxes on the Carolina Inn and the Hill Building, a Franklin Street building which houses several businesses, including the Carolina Coffee Shop.

McKinnon also ruled that the University was responsible for back taxes on the telephone and electric utilities it owned until 1977. The utilities were sold in 1977 for \$42 million.

The debate before the state Supreme Court centered on a 1968 N.C. Supreme Court decision that state-owned property must be used for public purposes to have tax exempt status.

The town and county attorneys argued that the University properties in question would not qualify for tax exemption under the 1968 definition.

"We're not saying that the University had no right to get into the fields of utilities and commercial uses," Carrboro attorney Michael Brough said.

Brough said the UNC ownership of utilities could not be defined as public purpose uses of property.

"It's an important point that these utilities are financed by user charges," Brough said. "We submit that where you have property that's financed by user charges, that tends to indicate that it's not a public purpose use."

But UNC lawyer Myron Banks argued that taxing the utilities would not have been in the public interest.

"If the utilities had been taxed, (the taxes) would have found their way into the public's rate base," Banks said.

The uses of the properties were in the public interest if they benefited the University, Banks said. Banks also said it was a fundamental error to assume that unless UNC property was being used strictly for educational purposes it was taxable.

"The University is simply a state agency and can have such functions the state assigns to it," Banks said.

But Orange County attorney Geoffrey Gledhill said that the public purpose use of UNC property should be judged specifically by its educational value.

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N.C. Reinsurance Facility hikes auto rates

By CHARLES HERNDON
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In action approved last month over the objections of state Insurance Commissioner John Ingram and Gov. Jim Hunt, consumers will be paying more for their auto insurance policies.

Motorists had surcharges added to their policies by the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility, which is attempting to recover losses incurred during the last quarter of 1979. The facility is an insurance industry-run pool to which insurance companies assign drivers who are considered bad risks and who cannot obtain insurance through normal channels. The companies share in the facility's losses. About 25 percent of the state's drivers are assigned to the facility.

The state is questioning the legality of the surcharges levied by the facility which is required by law to be non-profit. Last year the state filed a suit to stop the

surcharges. Litigation is still underway however, and until the case is resolved, the surcharges will continue to be passed on to the consumer.

Oscar Smith, Jr., a spokesman for the N.C. Department of Insurance, said Tuesday that although the facility originally was established to eliminate rate discrepancies, it recently has been abused by the insurance industry. "They (the Reinsurance Facility) are claiming that they are losing money, but 90 percent of the drivers in the Reinsurance Facility have not cost the facility one red cent," Smith said.

Smith said the insurance department was unable to determine whether the facility was making a profit because it wouldn't provide the department with financial records. Ingram has said the surcharges are costing Tar Heel taxpayers more than \$35 million.

Three of the four surcharges levied by the facility already are in effect, and the last one will be instituted July 1. Policy-holders under the jurisdiction of the

facility will have to pay 18.6 percent more on their coverage, or a total of \$31.4 million. These drivers are the principal consumers who will be hurt by the increases. The three other surcharges affect owners with good driving records and consist of a 1.1 percent surcharge and two 5.3 percent surcharges to recoup the facility's losses. These combined increases will cost about \$16.1 million to policy-holders across the state.

"This (surcharge) was done as a result of a new law passed by the General Assembly which gives carte blanche to the Reinsurance Facility and the insurance industry to do whatever they want to do," Smith said. "They bypass the authority of the insurance commissioner, the attorney general and the governor."

John Watkins, assistant manager of the Reinsurance Facility, denied the insurance department's accusations of illegal surcharges and profit-making. "Based on our interpretation of the law, the surcharges are legal," he

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ABC to come to Chapel Thrill

By KERRY DEROGHI
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When Carolina students purchased their tickets to Chapel Thrill, they didn't know they were buying a chance to be on national television.

In fact, no one—not even the concert organizers—knew. That is, they didn't know until Friday, when ABC News received permission from University officials to film the Beach Boys during Saturday's afternoon concert.

Pam Cohen, associate producer for 20/20, ABC's news magazine, announced upon receiving permission that two camera crews, reporter Bob Brown, and other members of the 20/20 staff would arrive in Chapel Hill this weekend to film the Beach Boys in concert as a part of a feature story on the group.

"It's their only outdoor concert on their tour," Cohen said. "We feel it is much more indicative of the traditional Beach Boy's music."

The 20/20 staff approached Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald Boulton several weeks ago to obtain permission to film the concert and conduct student interviews. Boulton said

that this was the usual procedure used when a commercial network wanted to use public property. The administration's decision in such cases is based on whether the programs are too time-consuming or whether they interfere with the student life on campus, he said.

"We don't see anything wrong with them filming the concert," Boulton said. "We often invite networks in to film our football games, and it goes along the same lines."

Chapel Thrill Finance Chairman Chris Holmes said the coverage should spark a lot of interest in the concert and in ticket sales.

He estimated as of Tuesday that 10,000 student and non-student tickets had been sold. Discount rates on student tickets still will end today, he said.

The Chapel Thrill concerts will feature Sister Sledge, Skyy and Mass Production Friday night in Carmichael Auditorium. The Beach Boys will be joined by Bonnie Raitt and The Atlanta Rhythm Section Saturday in Kenan Stadium.

The Chapel Thrill committee also announced that Mass Production will give autographs Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Record Bar on Franklin Street.



Donald Boulton



A mixed season

The sudden bout of cool spring weather which came through Chapel Hill Tuesday caused some like Elizabeth Hickson, age 3, to bring out the warm coats for what almost everyone hopes is the last time. Elizabeth was standing outside Carmichael Auditorium with her parents and three sisters.