

# Graveyard shift changes pace for 24-hour stores

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\$2000 Reward for information leading to a conviction for armed robbery of any Fast Fare store. This and similar warnings are a common ornament of most convenience stores, particularly those which operate in the wee hours of the morning.

These warnings, and the promise of a seven-year mandatory prison sentence for armed robbery, may have had some effect on would-be criminals in Chapel Hill.

According to Master Officer Greg Jarvis of the Chapel Hill Police Department, the number of armed robberies at convenience stores in Chapel Hill is relatively low.

"The few robberies we have had, two or three in the last year or two, occurred around 11 or 12, not in the early morning like you might expect."

Jeff Byrd, who works nights at Ken's Quickie Mart at University Square, said his biggest problem is not the fear or threat of a late night robbery, but drunks seeking more alcohol.

Jay Rouse, a senior industrial relations major who also works at Ken's, said the biggest problem he has had was when a slightly over-indulgent female came in, searching for an escort to a late-night party.

Byrd and Rouse agreed that the location of Ken's Quickie Mart had much to do with their good record. Ken's clientele consists mainly of students from nearby fraternities and Granville Towers. University Square security guards check the store at least twice a night, and Chapel Hill police constantly patrol the area, they said.

The Happy Store on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets is open 24 hours and keeps two people on the graveyard shift.

Happy Store employee Pat Casey recalls one incident when he was threatened. "It was early morning and I was bored enough to welcome any diversion," he said.

"A woman came in — she'd been in several times before — and was being somewhat of a nuisance. She was a non-functioning ball of nerves, cursing, and throwing threats about, and I asked her repeatedly to leave."

"I was reaching for the phone to call the police when she said, 'If you're calling the police, you're dead.' I was a little nervous, but I did dial the police and they were there in less than a minute." The woman fled as soon as Casey placed the call, but police were able to apprehend her.

Mike Galager, manager of the Happy Store, says their location and clientele have a lot to do with the success of their operation.

The Happy Store offers complimentary coffee and soft drinks to University and Chapel Hill police. Both are constantly patrolling and coming inside the store to make sure things are running smoothly.

Galager says most of their early morning business comes from students, particularly those who have been out drinking and come in with late-night munchies.

Fast Fare on Rosemary Street, behind Fowler's, is also open 24 hours. Business stays fairly steady during the shift from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., employee George Jones said.

"After 2:30 or 3 the business slows down but there is always another late-night worker coming through for coffee or a policeman coming in to check the store and take a break," Jones said. He added that the only real disturbances were caused by "typical drunks partying late on weekends."

Employee Ruth Markinson has worked the night shift at several Fast Fare locations. "The circumstances differed greatly from store to store," she said. "Here in Chapel Hill the police are always around and there is really nothing to be afraid of, but at the Durham Academy location, there is another type of people, the business isn't as busy, there's more time to be bored which means more time to worry



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Late-night convenience store employees find relief in the occasional customer. Police say out-of-the-way stores are criminals' targets.

about what could happen.

"Working on Guess Road is nice," she said. The store stays busy and the truck stop across the street ensures that people are always present, she said.

Jarvis said the greatest temptation to criminals comes from stores with a somewhat isolated location and those with few cars in the parking lot. "Even the

neighborhood surrounding the store has a lot to do with which stores seem a likely target for late night bandits," he said.

Convenience store employees say that working the late-shift in Chapel Hill isn't so bad. The people and problems graveyard employees run up against differ from daytime workers, and as Casey noted, "Working third shift is definitely a trip."

## Alternative to jail

# Making criminals pay

By TRACY ADAMS  
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Imagine the smell of Kenan Stadium, Franklin Street or the alleys of Chapel Hill on Sunday morning.

Not appealing is it? But, beginning Oct. 1, criminal offenders will face community service tasks, like cleaning those areas, in exchange for having criminal charges dropped.

The Community Service Restitution Program grew out of a pilot program used in Chapel Hill last year. Funding for the program came from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and donations solicited by the program's board of directors. The Department of Crime Control has provided nearly \$40,000, asking that the board raise 10 percent of the grant, or \$4,000, on its own.

Dorothy Bernholz, board chairman and UNC's Student Legal Services director, said about \$2,700, including a \$1,000 donation from Orange county, has been raised.

"I would like to see student organizations get involved in the fund raising and help reach our goal," Bernholz said.

Jeff Gram, treasurer of the board and a UNC student, plans to petition the Campus Governing Council for funds.

"We've been collecting about a month and I would have liked to have seen more community support," said Kathy Speas, program coordinator.

One of the major problems the program organizers face is the absence of office space. They had hoped the space would be donated. "It looks like we'll have to raise even more money to pay rent and utility costs," Speas said.

"This type of program is particularly appropriate in a student setting where students don't tend to know their conduct is a foul of the law," Bernholz said.

Of 145 offenders placed in the pilot program, about half were UNC students.

Speas, who worked with the Chapel Hill Police Department in the pilot program, received a master's degree in social work from UNC. She also worked with a similar program in Denver, Colo.

Speas will spend time in court screening potential candidates and she'll supervise the community service work. Community service tasks, in addition to labor, include tutoring, phone and clerical work. Alcohol-related offenders will serve 20 to 40 hours, while serious offenses, like breaking and entering, merit more service time, Speas said.

"(Offenders) can learn by doing something differently and it protects them from having a criminal record," Bernholz said.

"This program enables them to put something back in a community where they live two to three years," Speas said.

Although the program is new to Chapel Hill, Raleigh has had a similar one for four and a half years.

The First Offender Good Conduct Program deals mostly with property crime offenders, said Earl C. London, program coordinator.

"About 30 to 40 percent of the participants are college students," London said. "Eighty percent of the participants successfully complete the program."

Charges are continued for six months, during which time the offender must complete 75 hours of community service, attend school or be employed and not involved in criminal activity.

Participants have contributed more than \$100,000 in services in the Wake county area, London said.

Starting the program in Chapel Hill is necessary because of the Safe Roads Act, effective Oct. 1. The number of alcohol-related cases and students involved is likely to increase, Bernholz said.

# UNC's Rude Boys rev up as college bowl season opens

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The football season is heating up, and so are plans for a different competition — the "varsity sport of the mind."

Plans for the 1983-84 College Bowl matches have begun.

College Bowl, a trivia quiz game, is a serious sport at Carolina.

UNC's 1982 team was the National Champion and 1983 members won the regional competition. And this year the Rude Boys are hoping to capture these titles once again.

Many questions will be asked in many matches before the national competition comes around. A regional campus tournament will be held beginning Oct. 15 and continuing the next five Sundays, excluding Fall Break Sunday.

Any team wishing to exchange a little intellectual crossfire in this double-elimination tournament must sign up between Sunday and noon Sept. 30, said David Kushner, Union College Bowl coordinator.

The winning team of the intramural competition will automatically be on the All-Star team.

"It's up to me to pick the remaining four people for the All-Star team from

those who played well in intramural competition," Kushner said. "From those eight players, five are chosen to represent UNC in further competition."

The Rude Boys consisted of Seth Katz, a senior English and Slavic languages major from Raleigh; Ron Black, a law student from Raleigh; Blair Haworth, a senior history major from Jamestown; Chad Russell, a senior computer science major from Hendersonville and John Wike, a graduate student from Lexington. They will return this year with only one change.

Wike will not see action.

"I've been in College Bowl for seven years," Wike said. "I'm just getting tired of it."

Last year, no national competition was held because of lack of money. But because of UNC's win in regional competition, the Rude Boys and 15 other regional winners received a \$1,250 prize from Time Inc.

"I think if there is a national this year, we should be among at least the top three teams," Haworth said.

Katz agreed.

"I can't make any predictions, because who knows what freshmen peons might decide to show up," he said. "Should everything go as planned however, we'll be right there in the nationals."

But just because the Rude Boys are back in action doesn't mean other teams should be intimidated, Kushner said.

"Everyone should be interested in College Bowl," he said. "It's a lot of fun, and a great experience."

Applications for moderator, scorer, timer, and checker for College Bowl are available in the Carolina Union for anyone who really enjoys the thrill of an intellectual battle of the minds.

# Outpatient surgery saves patients money

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Subscribers to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina saved over \$1 million last year because of an increase in the use of outpatient surgery.

Outpatient surgery was begun in the early 1970s as an inexpensive method for minor surgeries. Patients report to a hospital in the morning, have the surgery done, recuperate for a few hours, and then return home by evening. Because there are no overnight hospital stays involved, the average savings is \$500 per procedure, said

Elizabeth Swaringen, spokesperson for Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The greatest advantage of outpatient surgery, though, is its convenience, said Dr. James E. Davis, a surgeon at Durham County General Hospital.

"Patients like it because it helps preserve their lifestyles and saves them money without sacrificing the quality of care," Davis said. "We endorse it because its just good medicine."

Davis, who has published several articles on outpatient surgery and who currently is writing a textbook on the subject, said that outpatient surgery was one of those rare

phenomena "which doesn't have a single legitimate downside — all participants seem to benefit."

According to Davis, patients like the convenience, employers like employees' quick return to work, surgeons like having more time to spend on sicker patients, hospitals like the chance to serve more patients, and insurance companies like the savings, which in turn are passed on to their customers.

Davis estimated that 70 percent of the hospitals in the United States feature at least a few types of outpatient surgery, and

he said that the figure is growing each year.

North Carolina Memorial Hospital provides 140 to 150 outpatient operations each month, said Jackie Webster, secretary of the day-op program.

Swaringen said 300 to 500 procedures can be done on an outpatient basis, although seven are most commonly performed in nearly all of North Carolina's 120 hospitals. These are procedures involving the nose, ears and throat; hernia problems; uterus enlargements; the clipping of fallopian tubes; breast mass removals, vasectomies; and circumcisions.

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