

## Women's History Month ends with porn, writing issues raised

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March means more than Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day. Some UNC organizations have scheduled events throughout the month in celebration of Women's History Month.

The Association for Women Students, which has about 14 members on campus, focused on the issue of pornography.

"Pornography is a hot issue in Chapel Hill," said AWS chairwoman Margie Walker.

People recently have acted against pornography in this community, she said, citing as examples a symposium on pornography sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at Duke and debate about whether Duke bookstores should continue to sell pornographic materials.

In a crowded Union Auditorium on March 18, two films about pornography were shown: "Killing Us Softly" and "Not a Love Story."

AWS distributed pamphlets about pornography and the films in women's dorms and planned a panel discussion to follow the films, Walker said. AWS also sponsored a pornography awareness slide show and discussion Wednesday night in the Student Union.

The March 18 panel members were: C.J. Reilly, Orange County Rape Crisis Center representative; Jane Brown, associate professor of journalism at UNC; Carolyn Cole, chief clinic social worker at N.C. Memorial Hospital; and Myron Liptzin, a psychiatrist at Student Health Services.

Today's mass media contain more pornography, said Brown, a researcher on women's roles on MTV. "The scary thing," she said, "is the boundaries of what is acceptable are getting very fuzzy."

During the panel discussion, one female in the audience said most women did not recognize pornography without violence.

"Do women really know female

sexuality?" she asked. All they really know, she concluded, is what their families and culture taught them.

Another woman said women were afraid of the power needed to fight pornography.

"Most women," Walker said, "don't like it (pornography) and don't know why." Through education, women will become enraged about this sexual inequality and take action, she said.

"Women don't have to think about pornography, normally," Walker said. Placing notices under women's doors forces them to face this issue, if only on their way to the trash, she said.

"Women disagree on the definition of feminism," she continued. "They don't want to stand up against pornography, yet they want equal pay."

Women constitute more than one-half the population; if they all took a stand on an issue, they could take action, Walker said. But differing stances on issues, such as rape and pornography, have split the women's movement, she added.

AWS advocates making pornographic places non-profitable, which would put them out of business without censorship, Walker said.

UNC's Women's Studies Program scheduled several cultural and scholarly events during March.

Jane Smith Patterson, secretary to Gov. James B. Hunt, spoke March 12 about women in politics. She focused her speech on economic issues concerning women and the importance of women choosing representatives in government.

Linda Kauffman, assistant professor of English at UNC, spoke at a March 20 lunchtime forum for UNC faculty about the love letter as a neglected genre of literature.

Today, Emily Seelbinder, a doctoral candidate in the English department, will speak about women writers. This seminar for graduates and professional school students will be in Manning Hall at noon.

## Recent killings don't mean rise in violent crime

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Although three violent deaths in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area have rocked the University community since January, local police said last week they did not believe violent crime had increased significantly in recent years.

"Violent crimes are running about like usual, except for the murder on University property," said University Police Sgt. Ned Comar, referring to the death of 8-year-old Ephesus Elementary student Jean Kar-Har Fewel, who was discovered strangled near Finley Golf Course on Jan. 30.

The other two incidents — a shooting and a stabbing — resulted in the death of two University students.

UNC senior Thomas Perry Zimmerman was shot to death Feb. 4 when two masked men entered the Orange County trailer in which he was visiting and demanded money.

On March 16, UNC sophomore Freshet Gokho was found dead of multiple stab wounds after neighbors in her Carrboro apartment complex reported hearing screams and the sounds of an argument.

Suspects in all three cases have been apprehended and charged. Police, however, offer no explanation for the sudden spurt of violence.

"I think what you'll find is that murders don't run in any definitive pattern," said Chapel Hill police planner Keith Lohmann. "Violent crime

is an extremely hard thing to predict. Sometimes there's a 20, 30, 50 or even 80 percent variance in violent crime (between years)."

Comar and Lohmann both said they saw no evidence of a significant increase in the number of homicides, rapes, assaults or robberies — the violent crime categories recorded annually in the FBI's uniform crime reports.

Lohmann said the public often confused larceny, a non-violent crime, with robbery. The two differ because when someone is robbed there is usually eye contact, and force or the threat of force is used to take property.

Twenty assaults, three robberies and no rapes have been reported to the University police through mid-March for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 1984, Comar said.

By contrast, one homicide, 191 assaults, 11 robberies and 12 rapes were reported to Chapel Hill police during calendar year 1984, the last time period for which crime statistics were available.

Rape was the only violent crime that increased significantly in either jurisdiction in the last reporting period. During 1983, five rapes were reported to the Chapel Hill police.

Lohmann cautioned, however, that rape and related sexual crimes were very underreported so that measures of their increase or decrease were subject to large inaccuracies.

"Rapes on campus aren't being reported in the way we can do anything

with them," Comar said.

He added that many rapes were never brought to campus police for investigation and that officers sometimes learned about them third- or fourth-hand and, in some instances, months after they occurred.

Although Comar said date rapes were the least likely to be reported, he said he knew of one recent case in which a student who was raped by a stranger didn't report the incident until six months later.

Comar estimated that, in addition to unreported rapes, other sexual crimes, such as forced oral sex or manual stimulation by force, often went unreported.

"A lot of people think these aren't a crime or don't want you to know that they've been forced to engage in them," Comar said. "There's more (sexual crime) going on than meets the eye."

A spokesman for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center agreed with this assessment. She said women often reported rapes to the center that were never reported to police.

In 1984, the center received reports of 28 rapes in Chapel Hill and 11 rapes on the UNC campus. In 1983, center reports showed 14 rapes in Chapel Hill and six rapes on campus.

Assaults in Chapel Hill and on campus showed a slight increase during the last four to five years but decreased during the last reporting period. Twenty assaults have been reported to Univer-

sity police in the nine months since July 1984, compared to 34 reports in fiscal year 1983-1984, which runs from July through June. Although no 1985 figures were available, Chapel Hill police records show 191 assault reports in calendar year 1984 compared to 209 reports in 1983.

Weather conditions often make a difference in the number of assaults, Lohmann said.

"There's more people out when it's warm," he said. "And in this town, when more people are out, there's more drinking and more assaults."

Comar said he thought the nature of assault reports investigated by the University police had not worsened noticeably. "There are lots of (incidents with) water pistols and people touching people where they don't want to be touched," he said.

Property crime is one category that Comar and Lohmann both said had increased. Property crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Comar said a large proportion of the dollar amount of property stolen from campus was represented by five computers stolen from different academic departments since August. All but one have been recovered.

Service calls, traffic accidents and traffic citations are also categories that showed signs of increase, Chapel Hill police said.

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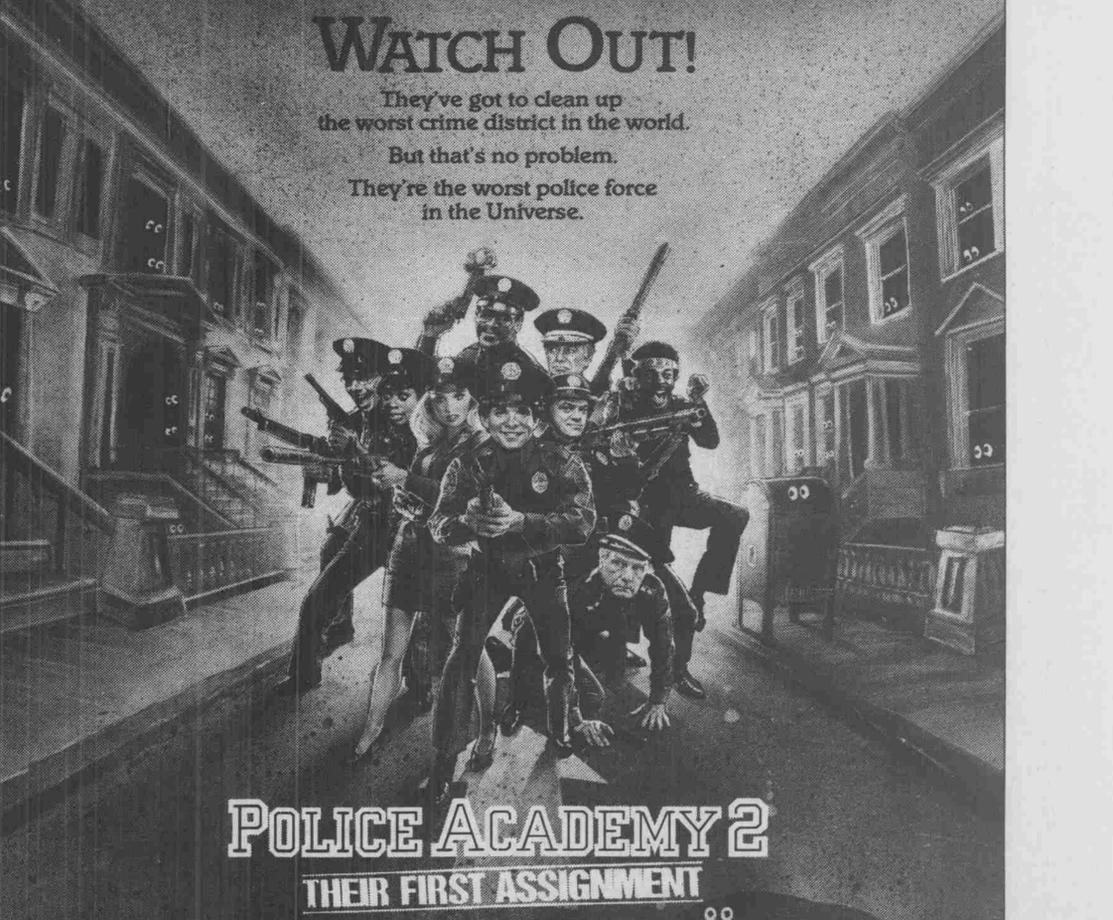
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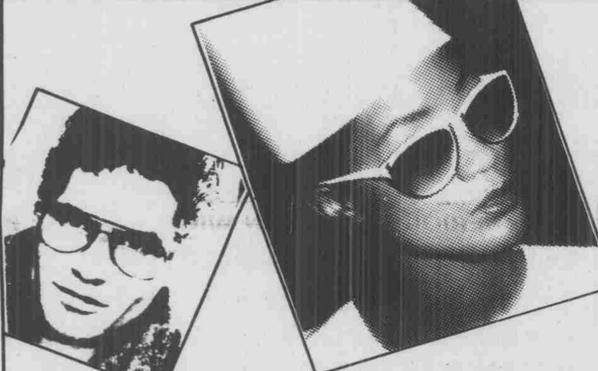


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