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Paintin' town



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High atop a ladder, Skip Williams of Carrboro concentrates as he puts the finishing touches Tuesday on the exterior of Town House Apartments on Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill.

Anonymous donors fund reward in kidnapping case

A \$10,000 reward fund has been started by anonymous donors to anyone supplying information leading to the safe return of Sharon Lynn Stewart, a UNC graduate student who was kidnapped Saturday night, Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III announced.

The reward, which is being coordinated by Donald A. Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, was started to encourage people to contact the police if they have any information regarding the whereabouts of Stewart or her kidnapper.

People who want to contribute to the fund can send checks to the Stewart Fund, care of the vice chancellor for student affairs, 102 Steele Building 050A.

Gale Thomas, the father of a UNC freshman, had originally contacted the University and the Chapel Hill police about the possibility of starting a reward fund. But Thomas, of Ashboro, said he was encouraging people to contribute to this existing one.

Thomas, who is a stockbroker, said he hoped the "greed factor" in people would encourage them to come forward if they had any information.

A reward fund would give students some feeling of being able to help, he said.

"I would like to see a grass-roots thing. Students could kick in \$5 to show their support."

Possible witnesses asked to alert police

By DORA McALPIN
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill police say they need information regarding the kidnapping of Sharon Lynn Stewart Saturday night.

They request that anyone who was in or near the downtown area during evening hours Saturday, especially people who meet any of the following descriptions, contact the police department at any of the following numbers:

968-2848
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968-2850.

Anyone who was in the following places at the times indicated, or who knows someone who was, should call any of the above numbers or go to police headquarters on Airport Road as soon as possible:

• If you parked your car or if you know anyone who parked their car in the Morehead Planetarium parking lot between 8 and 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

• If you were walking or if anyone

you know was walking in the Planetarium parking lot between 10:30 and 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

• If you or anyone you know were walking down Franklin Street between the main crosswalks in front of NCNB Plaza and the Planetarium parking lot Saturday between 10:30 and 11:15 p.m.

• If you parked your car, or if anyone you know parked their car, in the Swain Hall parking lot Saturday evening, or

• If you or anyone you know were in the general vicinity of Swain Hall parking lot Saturday evening.

Police are also looking for the owner of a white Ford Gran Torino or Mercury Montego that may have been parked in the Swain parking lot Saturday night. They said this car may have been hit by another car in the parking lot, but added they do not know if there is any link to the kidnapping.

Police ask that callers keep trying if the line is busy.

Police still seeking leads in Stewart case; citizens' input crucial for investigators

By DORA McALPIN
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Chapel Hill police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and at least seven other law enforcement agencies are still searching for leads in the kidnapping of UNC graduate student Sharon Lynn Stewart.

The police department released a notice Tuesday calling for the cooperation of anyone who was in certain areas of Chapel Hill late Saturday — the night Stewart was abducted.

"At this point, the brunt of the investigation is just following up on citizen leads," police planner Keith Lohmann said Tuesday, adding that information has been reported in bits and pieces.

Police Capt. Ralph Pendergraph said there was no way of knowing how many calls the department had received about the case.

About 60 full-time investigators working on the case have already acted on several possible leads, Pendergraph said. Police will continue to investigate any further leads they receive.

Stewart, 23, who lived at Kingswood Apartments, was kidnapped about 11 p.m. Saturday by a black male carrying a knife. She and a friend were walking from NCNB Plaza to Stewart's car



Sharon L. Stewart



Police composite of suspect

when she was abducted.

She was wearing an off-white cotton sweater, a white sweatshirt jacket, a black mini-skirt and white, flat shoes.

Police describe the suspect as a black male about 5 feet 6 inches tall with a medium build. They said he appeared to be in his early 20s and had a dark complexion. He was wearing a maroon beret-type hat.

Both Pendergraph and Police Chief

Herman Stone say they are optimistic about finding Stewart.

"I'm still optimistic . . . that we're going to locate her," Stone said, adding that other investigators feel the same way.

He said that help from students and other community members may determine the success of their attempts to find her. "We need all the help we can get," he said.

Housing removes dorm room garbage cans

By RACHEL ORR
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Many incoming freshmen and students returning to the dormitories this fall were surprised to find the University no longer supplies a trash can to each resident.

Last year, the Department of University Housing noted the change in *Hallways and Highrises*, which contains the housing contract, by adding trash cans to the list of suggested items for students to bring for their rooms.

But for most students, the missing trash cans came as a complete surprise, and area directors say the change has caused numerous student complaints.

"I would have liked to have known before I got here," said Mia Davis, a freshman Morrison resident from Burlington.

Gary Gentry, a junior from Winston-Salem who lives in Ehringhaus, said: "I wish we had our own trash cans in our rooms. Nobody told me."

Area directors interviewed Tuesday agreed that the housing department could have informed students more effectively of the change.

"We could have done a better job in letting people

know," said Olde Campus Area Director David Spano.

Hinton-James Area Director Vernon Wall said uninformed students had gone so far as to fill out maintenance requests asking for trash cans for their rooms.

The removal of trash cans from students' rooms is part of the Housing Department's long-range policy to improve trash removal and fire hazards in the dorms, said Wayne Kuncl, director of University Housing. Kuncl said he hoped students would take a more responsible role in caring for their trash now that they must use their own trash cans in their rooms.

Trash pick-up policy in the residence halls began changing four years ago, Kuncl said, when maids no longer entered each student's room to empty wastebaskets. Instead, students placed their trash cans in the halls for emptying, which created a fire hazard, he said.

Last year, Housing Department officials attempted to solve the problem by establishing common trash areas. However, these areas also posed a potential fire hazard, because they were not equipped with overhead smoke detectors and sprinkler systems,

Kuncl said.

As a result, this year, trash cans are removed from common areas each school day before 3:30 p.m. On weekends, students are responsible for dumping their trash in the outdoor containers.

For some areas of campus, the Housing Department has hired custodial assistants who will put trash cans in common areas on weekends, Kuncl said. Eventually, he said, every dormitory would have custodial assistants to remove the trash on weekends.

In the meantime, Kuncl acknowledged that weekend trash removal was a problem. South Campus residents especially were aware of the lack of common trash cans last weekend, as debris piled up on floors and in dorm lobbies. Kuncl called it a "first-weekend phenomenon."

Sophomore Hinton-James resident Jackie Parker, from Fayetteville, summed up the situation. "It's messy, very messy."

As the semester continues, Kuncl said he hoped students would adjust to the new policy and cooperate under the present system.

"We are working for a long-term solution," he said.

Organization decreases woes of graduate students

By KIM WEAVER
Staff Writer

For the graduate student who is tired of complaining to his tank of goldfish about his heavy work load, the Graduate and Professional Student's Federation may be the sympathetic ear he has been seeking.

By paying his student activity fees, each graduate student is automatically a member of GPSF. The GPSF uses the fees for various graduate student functions and commissions task forces to determine the role of the graduate student in the University.

Graduate students are often overlooked at UNC, so the GPSF works to pursue their interests, said GPSF President Brad Torgan.

"Like graduate students in general, we tend to maintain a fairly low-key position — in part by choice, in part by design," Torgan said. "By design, graduate students don't always have the time to participate fully in University affairs. Work loads, teaching and research duties, and other things prohibit this."

"We also have eight seats on the Campus Governing Council, so we are free to pursue other interests because of our representation in University-wide government."

This semester, the GPSF will work toward completing a special report put together by its commission on education. Last fall, a survey of various aspects of student life was distributed

to the graduate student population. The survey was designed to determine what specific problems graduate students have. For example, one out of every six graduate students admits to having serious problems financing his education, Torgan said.

At present, GPSF is working on turning the computer printout of the survey into a workable project on a university-wide level, he said.

A comparative study of libraries at universities similar to UNC is being done, he said. Acquisition budgets and hours of operations are among the many items receiving attention.

"One of the things that came out of the survey last fall was that students were particularly unhappy with library

hours," Torgan said.

"I wish to improve the quality of life for graduate and professional students at UNC and to see both a smooth-running disbursement system and full implementation of the studies performed this semester," he said.

The GPSF meets the first Tuesday of each month in room 224 of the Student Union. For interested graduate students, several committees — namely scholarships, financial aid and the food services advisory committees — are seeking new representatives, Torgan said.

Graduate students who wish to find out more about what GPSF has to offer should stop by Suite D in the Student Union.

3 area Democrats eye Cobey's 4th district seat

By JILL GERBER
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Three Democrats from the Research Triangle have unofficially announced their candidacies for the 4th District congressional seat occupied by Rep. Bill Cobey.

David E. Price, Kirsten Nyrop, and Woody Webb are all vying to represent the 4th District, which consists of Orange, Franklin, Wake, Chatham and Randolph counties.

Price, a political science professor at Duke University, served two years as chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party. He said he decided to run for Congress because he felt Bill Cobey was not serving the best interests of his constituents.

"This is a critical time for the district," Price said. "The Reagan landslide swept Bill Cobey into office, and he seems to be marching to a different drummer as far as this district's needs are concerned."

Price named education as one of his biggest political concerns. He stressed preserving federal programs such as student loans.

Another campaign issue he said he would focus on is the federal deficit, with regard to North Carolina's economic future.

"The federal budget is now reaching proportions that everyone from tobacco to textiles to the new high-tech industries should be concerned about," he said. "The deficit threatens trade. It's a huge interrelated problem."

Kirsten Nyrop, former executive director of the Technical Development Authority in Raleigh, said her

decision to run came after many years of political experience.

"I've been involved in Democratic Party politics since 1968 — before I was even old enough to vote," Nyrop said. "I really believe in the good things that government can do, and I'd like to be part of it. It's high time to bring some new blood into the candidacy."

Nyrop, who has a master's degree in political science and higher education from UNC, named economic growth, job creation, defense spending and international trade as her primary political concerns.

Woody Webb, a Raleigh lawyer and former assistant attorney general, wants to put a Democrat back into the 4th District congressional seat, said Webb's campaign director, Thomas E. Merkel.

"Cobey got elected as a Republican in a largely Democratic district, and that didn't sit too well with Mr. Webb, Merkel said. "He felt that he was the appropriate candidate to rally for the 4th District in '86."

The issues most important to Webb are the deficit, tax reform and equity and trade balance, Merkel said.

"The deficit is one issue that everyone talks about," he said. "It's just a dark cloud that won't go away. The business vitality that this area enjoys is based on the balance of trade."

Merkel said Webb's experiences as a member of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and a partner in a law firm made him uniquely qualified to deal with the private sector.

National pride is a modern form of tribalism — Robert Shnayerson