

UNC Honor Court seeks students to fill staff positions

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Staff Writer

The Undergraduate Honor Court has announced a selection process to fill positions on the court's staff for next semester.

Students may pick up applications at Steele Building, the Union desk or suites C and D in the Student Union, newly elected Honor Court chairman Wilton Hyman said.

The Honor Court staff will hold two information sessions to explain what the Honor Court does and how

it works in relation to the student attorney general's staff, Hyman said. Applicants must fill out an application and interview with the Honor Court staff, Hyman said.

"Both the application and the interview are equally important factors in the decision of a student," Hyman said. "Approximately half of the Honor Court staff is graduating, so those positions will be available."

Hyman said 30 students and 10 alternates make up the Honor Court

staff. The alternates will be moved up to full staff members and their slots will be filled.

"Being involved in the Honor Court does take up a substantial amount of time," Hyman said. "But we encourage all people to apply. We want to stress the importance of diversity on the court staff."

"Through a diverse group of students we can get a better understanding of student concerns. The staff needs to be able to empathize with the students, but follow through

with a decision."

Students who are accepted to the staff will not begin to hear cases until next semester, Hyman said.

"At the beginning of the fall semester, we will hold training sessions and a two-day retreat for the new members of the court," Hyman said.

Students must pass a certification exam after the retreat before they can hear cases, Hyman said.

"A student can apply for both the

Honor Court and the attorney general staff, but they will have to choose between them if they are accepted to both," Hyman said.

"Since the attorney general hasn't been named yet, a staff can't be formed," Sophie Sartain, former Honor Court chairwoman, said. "But the Honor Court is trying to get its application process started now."

"The honor system helps to uphold the reputation of the University and is a viable part of this institution,"

Hyman said.

"We feel, in accordance with the Honor Code, that the court should uphold the integrity, honesty and trust that the system has instilled in the environment at this University," he said.

The Honor Court meets every Monday and Thursday night, but the court's size means each staff member doesn't attend all these meetings. Students are randomly assigned nights, usually once every two weeks, Hyman said.

Local police organize programs to fight crime

By **AMY GRUBBS**
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Police Department is taking action against a rise in the crime rate by implementing several new programs and warning citizens to look for and report suspicious conditions.

Chapel Hill police planner Jane Cousins said the burglary rate in Chapel Hill rose 45 percent from 1986 to 1987.

Chapel Hill has an unusually high number of empty houses, and burglars often look for these isolated areas to strike, Cousins said.

Chapel Hill crime prevention director Robert Frick said the Briarcliff and Colony Woods areas have been especially susceptible to increased break-ins because they are

easily accessible from Durham and therefore attractive to suspects.

Practically every middle to upper class family has a television, a VCR and a microwave, Frick said. Thieves take these most often because they are easy to resell. Cameras, guns and jewelry are other items that thieves frequently steal, he said.

Cousins said there has also been a 36 percent increase in thefts from parked vehicles. People are stealing radar detectors most frequently because they are easy to remove, she said.

The Chapel Hill Police Department has implemented two main programs to help fight the rising crime rate: Operation I.D. and the Mobile Crime Watch Program.

Operation I.D. is a program in

which people engrave their driver's license number on their belongings. The Chapel Hill Police Department owns four engravers and there is a waiting list to use them, Frick said.

This has been a popular program because engraving appliances makes them easily identifiable and less tempting to thieves, he said.

The Mobile Crime Watch program educates community workers and encourages them to report anything suspicious to the police, Frick said.

The department has trained bus drivers and other town workers, as well as Carolina Cable, Duke Power and U.S. Post Office employees to look for anything suspicious when they are working in the community.

"They are the extra eyes and ears in the community which we have had

all along," Frick said. "But now they are educated on what to look for."

The department also encourages citizens to call in any suspicious incident. But people are often embarrassed to call the police, he said.

"Citizens should go by their gut reaction," he said. "If something tells you (a situation) is not right, just call. We won't complain if it's a false alarm."

"Assumption is a terrible thing. Don't assume that someone else will call if you hear a 'panic' scream or see something suspicious."

Cousins said the Chapel Hill Police Department has a high arrest rate compared to the national average. The national average of closing cases by arrest is 21 percent and the Chapel Hill rate is 27 percent.

Residents voice opposition to annexation plan

By **REBECCA NESBIT**
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Residents expressed emotional opposition to a proposal which would result in the annexation of areas northwest and southeast of Chapel Hill at a public hearing Monday night.

The town has proposed annexing two areas which would add 1,217 acres and about 1,000 people to the town of Chapel Hill. The annexation would also expand the town's tax base.

Most of the residents were concerned that the areas being considered for annexation are not ready to become part of the town.

Peter DuBose, a resident representing "a fair share of the southeastern area," said, "Why you want to take undeveloped land you don't need to have to get developed land. I don't know."

Residents were concerned that if these areas become a part of Chapel Hill it would force them to become developed. "The bulk of this land is undeveloped and we want it to stay that way," DuBose said.

"If you push toward annexation and if you push toward things like Finley Forest, which you did over our objections, you will hasten the day when that land will be developed," he said.

Dan Garner, DuBose's lawyer, said, "If this area is annexed then taxes are going up. If taxes go up I'm not sure my client will be able to afford to mow the pastures that make the entrance to Chapel Hill so pretty."

DuBose asked the council, "Does this (annexation) achieve what you really want or is it biting the hand of what has kept you in good shape?"

Chapel Hill Planning Director Roger Waldon said when an area meets state standards of population density and commercial development it is qualified to become part of the town limits.

These areas have met the standards and the town should follow the annexation policy it has used for many years, Waldon said.

But some residents questioned how the area's population density and development were calculated.

P.H. Craig, who lives in the southeastern area, said, "We can't find these (commercial) structures that you count five of."

"We don't think they're out there," he said. "We think you're counting the cow stalls and maybe outhouses."

This annexation could alter the character of a neighborhood that has remained relatively unchanged for 25

years, Craig said. "This will cause a great hardship for us," he said.

These areas have provided the town with one of its prettiest entrances, Craig said. "We don't want you to change it," he said. "I am prepared to go as high as I can to challenge you on this."

Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes said, "Annexation is an emotional issue. That emotion was present tonight and the arguments were made rationally."

Howes praised the speakers for making their arguments "reasonable but firm."

Town manager David Taylor recommended that the town council vote to annex these areas at its March 28 meeting. The annexed areas could be served without additional personnel or equipment to provide sanitation, fire and police services, he said.

Tournament

Ridge Road and Ramshead parking lots after 5 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday.

Chapel Hill police planner Jane Cousins said no parking will be allowed on the U.S. 15-501/N.C. 54 bypass or in the residential areas surrounding Smith Center.

Thirty-five special officers, comprised of campus, Chapel Hill and Carrboro police officers and Orange County sheriff's deputies, will be on duty around Smith Center during the entire tournament, she said.

Several local hotels said they are experiencing a sharp increase in reservations due to the tournament.

Andy Hanst, a clerk at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 15-501, said his hotel is completely booked up for this weekend. Vaunzell Wells, hotel operator for the Omni Europa Hotel, said the Europa is "very busy."

Local businesses, restaurants and bars are also preparing for the large flow of people into the area.

Charles Smith, manager of the Rathskeller on Franklin Street, said

the restaurant has doubled its stock of food and beverages and the number of people on each shift.

"We are expecting a really big weekend starting Wednesday night and going on through Sunday," he said. "People will be looking for something to do to fill in the time

Reform

only way Gorbachev could make the internal reforms he needed and check American military advantage, he said.

"In a nasty catch-22, you have to reduce weapons to maintain weapons," Wiles said.

Pulling out of Afghanistan may only be a prelude to what the Soviets need to do to improve their economy, Wiles said. Gorbachev's policy of perestroika is cracking down hard on Soviet labor, and funds are needed to create more rewards for participating in the program, he said.

"It (perestroika) is like having the builders in: brick dust everywhere,

people in big boots clomping around," Wiles said. "Perestroika is hell."

Gorbachev has been increasingly bold in strengthening his reforms, and is coming dangerously close to stepping on the toes of the Politburo, Wiles said.

"I don't think it was obvious to the Politburo what they were doing when they voted for Gorbachev," Wiles said. "He is, as far as any communist can be, a democrat."

While the Politburo continues to allow Gorbachev's changes, the KGB may not be so kind, Wiles said. The KGB has always employed minorities

said his store is staying open two hours later on Thursday and is scheduling extra workers on Saturday.

"(The tournament) is going to bring a lot of extra traffic into town," he said. "Hopefully it will spread to Franklin Street."

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Sandinistas launch military offensive

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Nicaraguan forces launched a major offensive Tuesday against contras in the northern part of the country and also sent forces into neighboring Honduras, U.S. officials said.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said battlefield reports were sketchy, adding that there were no firm estimates on the number of troops involved.

The State Department had said earlier that preparations by government forces appeared to foreshadow "the largest offensive we have seen the Sandinistas undertake."

Later, one official said, "The attack is beginning." He added that initial reports indicated that the Sandinistas may be intent on a "knockout blow" against the contras.

But House Democratic aides, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the offensive by Sandinista troops was merely "business as usual" and an attempt to "soften up" the contras before cease-fire negotiations scheduled to resume on Monday.

Separately, military officers who briefed reporters said that between 1,000 and 1,500 contra forces were in the Bocay area where the Sandinista troops had been gathering.

They said that the Sandinistas

may be intent on gaining the upper hand militarily to improve their bargaining position once cease-fire talks between the Sandinistas and the contras resume next week.

The report of the Sandinista offensive came hours after congressional leaders reacted icily to a White House plea for renewed aid for the rebels.

"It doesn't really seem to make total sense," House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, said of the urgent request, conveyed to bipartisan congressional leaders at a White House meeting.

Wright said it was House Republicans, acting in concert with President Reagan, who defeated a \$30 million package of food and clothing for the rebels two weeks ago, just after their U.S. aid pipeline had run dry.

He expressed "amazement" that Reagan would cheer the defeat of that package, then two weeks later come to Congress with an urgent request for new supplies. "I can't conceive of it," Wright said.

Wright quoted Reagan's national security adviser, Colin Powell, as telling congressional leaders that "virtually all aspects" of the contra effort are "in crisis and on the verge of collapse, that food for the contra families will run out on the first of April. The program is drying up and dying before our very eyes."

Journalism society celebrates Freedom of Information Day

UNC's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ/SDX), will commemorate Freedom of Information Day today with a program of speakers at 7:30 p.m. in 104 Howell Hall.

Pat Stith of the Raleigh News and Observer will speak on freedom of information in reporting the news.

Margaret Blanchard, a professor in the School of Journalism, will speak

on freedom of information in conducting research.

Lee Ann Necessary, representing SPJ/SDX, will speak on the history and heritage of freedom of information in American society.

The mayors of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will issue proclamations marking Freedom of Information Day.



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