

# Campus experiences drop in crime rate

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Crime on campus in 1988 declined by about 24 percent from 1987, according to University police reports.

In 1987, a total of 725 crimes, including robbery, assault, and breaking and entering, were reported to University police. In 1988, the number dropped to 554.

Higher levels of public education about safety issues contributed to the drop, said Sgt. Ned Comar, public safety officer. "People are just becoming better informed," he said.

The University police have made their work more visible to the University community by posting bulletins around campus and reporting their week's activities in The Daily Tar Heel. Also, this year is the second time that entering students have participated in security and safety seminars during summer orientation, Comar said.

Another factor contributing to the

lower crime rate is the 2-year-old Student Patrol program, he said. These students patrol campus, alerting University police to potentially dangerous situations.

"They were put in just about the time these statistics started taking effect," Comar said.

People on campus don't take adequate precautions to stay safe, which keeps the crime rate high, Comar said. Expensive equipment in unlocked cars, unlocked residence hall rooms and walking alone at night are some unnecessary ways in which people make themselves vulnerable to crime, he said.

Julia Greer, a coordinator of the SAFE escort service, which provides escorts to people walking alone on campus at night, said people sometimes make dangerous assumptions about the safety of the campus.

"People who have never been assaulted assume that it's never going to happen to them," she said. "Unfor-

Crime	Jan-Dec '87	Jan-Dec '88
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2*
Robbery	3	5
Assault	35	21
Breaking and Entering	57	51
Larceny	616	459
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>554</b>

\*Both were blind reports, reported, but not committed, during this time period

tunately, around here people mistakenly take that for granted."

Comar said some women refuse escorts even when police stop and offer their services to someone walking alone. "Women have a belief that they aren't in danger walking alone at night on this campus," he said. "Until we can get something done about that attitude, there's not much more we can do."

Wayne Kuncel, director of University housing, said residence hall staffs

have increased their efforts to keep students informed and to be observant in residence halls.

"We've put special emphasis on going around and reminding people about locking doors," he said.

Unlocked room doors create the housing department's largest security problem, Kuncel said. "That continues to be our biggest concern," he said. "There are people who are aware that students are lax about leaving their doors unlocked."

# Chapel Hill police report slight rise in major crimes

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Major crime statistics in Chapel Hill were mixed in 1988, with the overall number of major crimes increasing slightly.

The number of major crimes reported to the Chapel Hill Police Department in 1988 was up 1 percent from 1987, Chapel Hill police planner Jane Cousins said.

Cousins said she was not sure exactly what caused the small increase in major crimes. "But we are pleased things are remaining steady," she said.

The major crimes figure includes burglary, larceny, robbery, auto theft, rape, assault and homicide reports.

"One of the reasons the crime rate has increased slowly from year to year is because Chapel Hill is now a bigger city with more people, and with the recent completion of I-40 the city is no longer as isolated," she said.

The only big change in the crime statistics in 1988 was in the number of burglaries, a figure that has fluctuated greatly over the past three years.

The number of burglaries shot up from 415 to 605 from 1986 to 1987. But in 1988 the figure went back down to only 533 burglaries reported.

The large increase from 1986 to 1987 was probably due to the fact

that most burglaries are committed by visitors to the Chapel Hill area, Cousins said.

"We are glad the trend has reversed and the numbers are beginning to go back down," she said.

Other major crime figures remained relatively stable from 1987 to 1988, and the results were mixed. According to Cousins, major crime reports included the following:

■ 1,416 reports of larceny in 1988, up from 1,375 in 1987.

■ 24 reports of robbery in 1988, down from 28 reports in 1987.

■ 114 reports of auto theft in 1988, up from 89 in 1987.

■ Eight reports of rape in 1988, down from 9 in 1987.

■ 239 reports of assault in 1988, up from 220 in 1987.

■ No homicides were reported in Chapel Hill in either 1987 or 1988.

The Chapel Hill Police Department has made no major changes in personnel or equipment used to fight crime in the past two years, Cousins said.

"We study trends and as need rises for change we accommodate for the change," she said. "There are no concrete plans for any major investment in the coming year. We replace things such as bullet-proof vests, computer chips and other equipment on a regular basis."

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