

City and Campus

Campus Police Roundup

- An external disk drive was stolen from the computer lab at the Health Sciences Library Monday. The equipment is valued at \$312.
- A Winston resident reported harassment from a former boyfriend who called her room around 12:25 p.m. Monday.
- About \$45 was taken from a woman's purse that had been left in an unlocked room in Hamilton Hall Monday.
- Around 3 p.m. Monday, Kenan residents reported that someone had called their room. The caller did not speak, but breathed heavily into the phone.
- Police found tables and chairs left in the Arboretum at 1:50 a.m. Sunday.
- A television set in a common room of Alexander was found on the floor, destroyed, at 8 p.m. Sunday.
- Transients were reported sleeping on a bench in the Arboretum Saturday around 12:30 p.m., but had gone when police arrived.
- A man who identified himself as an SBI agent Saturday drove the wrong way into the S6 campus parking lot while attendants were collecting a parking toll fee. An attendant approached him with a request that he pay, but he refused. When a police officer contacted him, he paid the toll. Later the parking attendants reported that he directed threats and abusive language to them.

- A parking sign and a pine tree on Hibard Drive were damaged in a motor vehicle accident around 4:15 p.m. Friday.
- At 9:25 p.m. Friday, police spoke with a man whom witnesses had seen strike a woman at a North Carolina Memorial Hospital loading dock. The man said he had had an argument with his girlfriend, but had not hit her. The woman was not found.
- A locked Chevrolet Blazer was entered last Thursday, and three guns valued at \$1,625 were stolen. The thief relocked the vehicle after taking the guns.
- Someone reported that two people were seen loading lumber onto a truck near Mangum Residence Hall last Thursday around 9 p.m. The wood may have been part of a bed.
- An 18-year-old woman reported that as she was walking from the Pit to Davis Library last Thursday around 11 p.m., an unidentified man started following her. He stopped when she approached the bike rack. He did not assault her or say anything to her, but she felt uncomfortable in his presence.
- Police saw a man break the parking lot gate control arm off at Hill Lot last Thursday. John Michael Garnett, 22, of 909 Brookrun Dr., Charlotte, was arrested on charges of damage to real property.

—compiled by Jenny Cloninger

Student office to aid town relations

By CHRISTINE THOMAS
Staff Writer

Bill Hildebolt, the new student liaison to the Chapel Hill Town Council, wants to use his position to encourage a better understanding between students and town officials.

Public opinion in Chapel Hill is geared to argue "that students capture the place (the town) and that the students are ruining downtown," Hildebolt said in an interview Wednesday.

The new student liaison argues that "downtown survives not in spite of the students but because of the students."

After serving as designate student liaison for five months, Hildebolt was officially approved by the Student Congress as the Chapel Hill liaison during a meeting Wednesday night.

The liaison position was created in 1988 to represent the student's voice on the town council. The liaison is a non-voting position on the council, but Hildebolt will be asked to speak on issues concerning student matters.

"I think they (liaisons) hold a very important position and the people that have held the position in the last two years have done a very good job of

setting up good lines of communication between the town and the University," said Mayor Jonathan Howes.

The creation of the position has led to other successes for the students in the town government, Hildebolt said. These successes include the appointment of four students to three different town board positions.

Hildebolt said his main interest as student liaison concerned traffic problems and downtown development.

As a member of the Consultation Coordination Committee's (CCC) transportation work group, Hildebolt said he had defended student interests in matters concerning traffic congestion. One of the concerns of the CCC was a transportation work group aimed at eliminating traffic problems in Chapel Hill.

The focus of the work group is to encourage students to ride the bus and bicycles to campus, but he said this encouragement is unnecessary.

The CCC work group is "barking up the wrong tree" because University students are riding buses and bicycles to campus, he said. The group hopes

this will eliminate town traffic and parking problems.

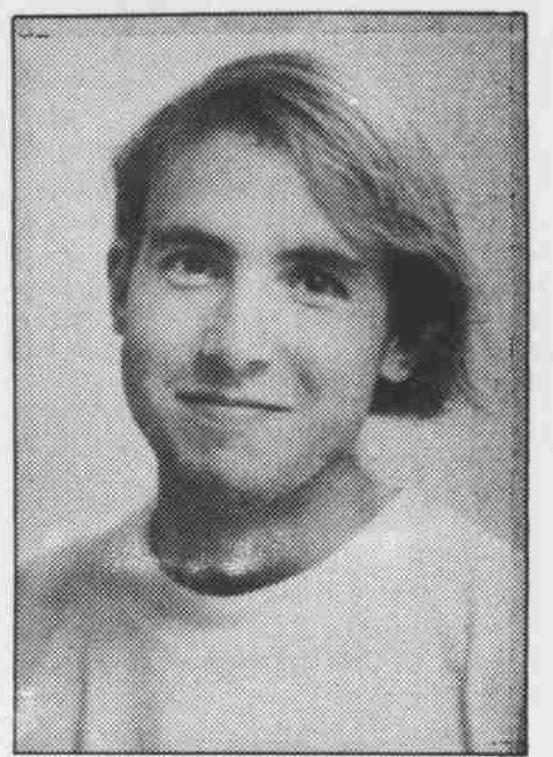
A student on the town council gives members a person to call if a matter comes up concerning students, Howes said. This also allows the students to keep proper lines of communication open and convey the student interests to the town.

As External Affairs Director of the Executive Branch of the Student Government, Hildebolt said he was currently working with the town of Carrboro to set up a liaison position similar to the current working relationship in Chapel Hill.

"The idea of having a liaison to Carrboro was an idea of mine in an effort to continue to improve conditions with the city," he said.

When the idea of a liaison was presented to the Carrboro Board of Alderman, it was received enthusiastically by the board. Hildebolt said he hopes the board will accept the proposal made by Student Body President Brien Lewis and himself to establish the liaison.

Hildebolt said having a liaison to both Chapel Hill and Carrboro will



Bill Hildebolt

improve the public attitude toward University students.

"Most of the town thinks of the students as a horde of individuals interested in crowding the roads and drinking beers."

SAFE plans to expand escort availability

By MARCIE BAILEY
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Plans are under way to make SAFE (Students Avoiding Frightening Encounters) a more effective and widespread campus service by expanding to South Campus and stationing escorts in libraries.

In past years, escorts could be called at the SAFE office, located in Winston Residence Hall, but they were only available to escort on North Campus.

The service will be very different this year, said Bill Craver, director of SAFE.

The biggest change is the shuttle system, he said. Regular parties will be leaving from Morrison every 30 minutes between 7 p.m. and midnight and going to the Student Union. Escorts will be posted at Hinton James and Ehringhaus to walk people to Morrison and meet the rest of the group.

A library service will post two volunteers at the exits of both Davis and House Libraries. Women can request an escort there instead of calling the service and waiting for a volunteer to arrive.

Women still can call the program office, in Winston Residence Hall, for an escort.

Associate Dean of Students Kathleen Benzaquin, who is in charge of the Rape Action Project, said she was glad to see the escort service being organized with more efficiency.

"I strongly support what SAFE is doing," she said. "It is one of the best services for students, and research has been done showing it is one of the most recognizable."

Benzaquin said she uses SAFE herself to get to her car at night because the service accommodates faculty and staff as well as students.

"Anyone can use SAFE," she said. "I enjoy meeting the escorts as students and asking them why they volunteered."

Graduate student Robert McLean agreed that SAFE is a good idea for women who walk alone at night. "It seems like having a guy walking with you would deter anyone from harassing you," he said.

Craver said SAFE has been changed because the former organization was ineffective, and people didn't utilize

the service enough.

He said he hopes with the addition of the shuttle system and expansion to South Campus that more people will be aware of the service and utilize it.

South Campus resident Michele Nagle said she was aware of SAFE but didn't know it wasn't available to her. Although she has never used SAFE, she said she believes it is a worthwhile program.

"I think it's a good idea," she said. "Most people have an attitude that it (assault) won't happen this one time."

Nagle said she would probably call SAFE knowing it is now available to her.

Craver said he feels that most women don't call the service because they feel they are being silly or that they will bother someone. But new volunteers will be around campus regularly and readily available to the students, he said.

"Some people are anxious about calling SAFE, but now escorts will be more visible and more people will be willing to use it."

Benzaquin said SAFE is "moving

away from the stereotype of man protecting woman. It ensures a safer campus environment."

The service is not in full operation yet, but will start as soon as enough escorts volunteer. Craver said, "Right now we need volunteers, more because of the new services. Then the emphasis will shift towards publicizing for girls to use SAFE."

A former escort, junior Rob Freeland from Charlotte, said he volunteered for SAFE because "it is a very valuable service to the campus. It is a good alternative to girls walking alone at night. I felt like I was helping out."

Volunteers interested in working as SAFE escorts are encouraged to contact Craver at 942-6585.

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the system. Groups endorsing the proposal include The Yackety Yack and Student Television.

"I want to make sure that in 10 years every student publication that wants to use it (the system) can use it," Bagenstos said.

The issue of scheduling time for different organizations to use the equipment is one Laakso and Davis hope to address with fairness, they said.

Quarrels among campus publications could also cause problems with using the system, said Matt Lotspeich (Dist. 15).

Mark Bibbs (Dist. 12) questioned the credibility of the endorsements from some of the campus groups the Phoenix editors have said support the proposal.

For instance, Bibbs said, The Black Ink, the newspaper of the Black Student Movement, never officially endorsed the proposal. "I hate being given false information. If the BSM wasn't consulted, who else wasn't consulted?"

Davis said he had contacted Victor Blue, editor of The Black Ink. Blue was interested in the equipment and gave an oral endorsement of the proposal, Davis said. He presented members of congress with written statements from other groups who had supported the proposal.

In other budget business, congress approved an appropriation of \$21,980 to the BSM. Debate on the funding focused on costumes for the Opeyo dancers and the phone bill of The Black Ink.

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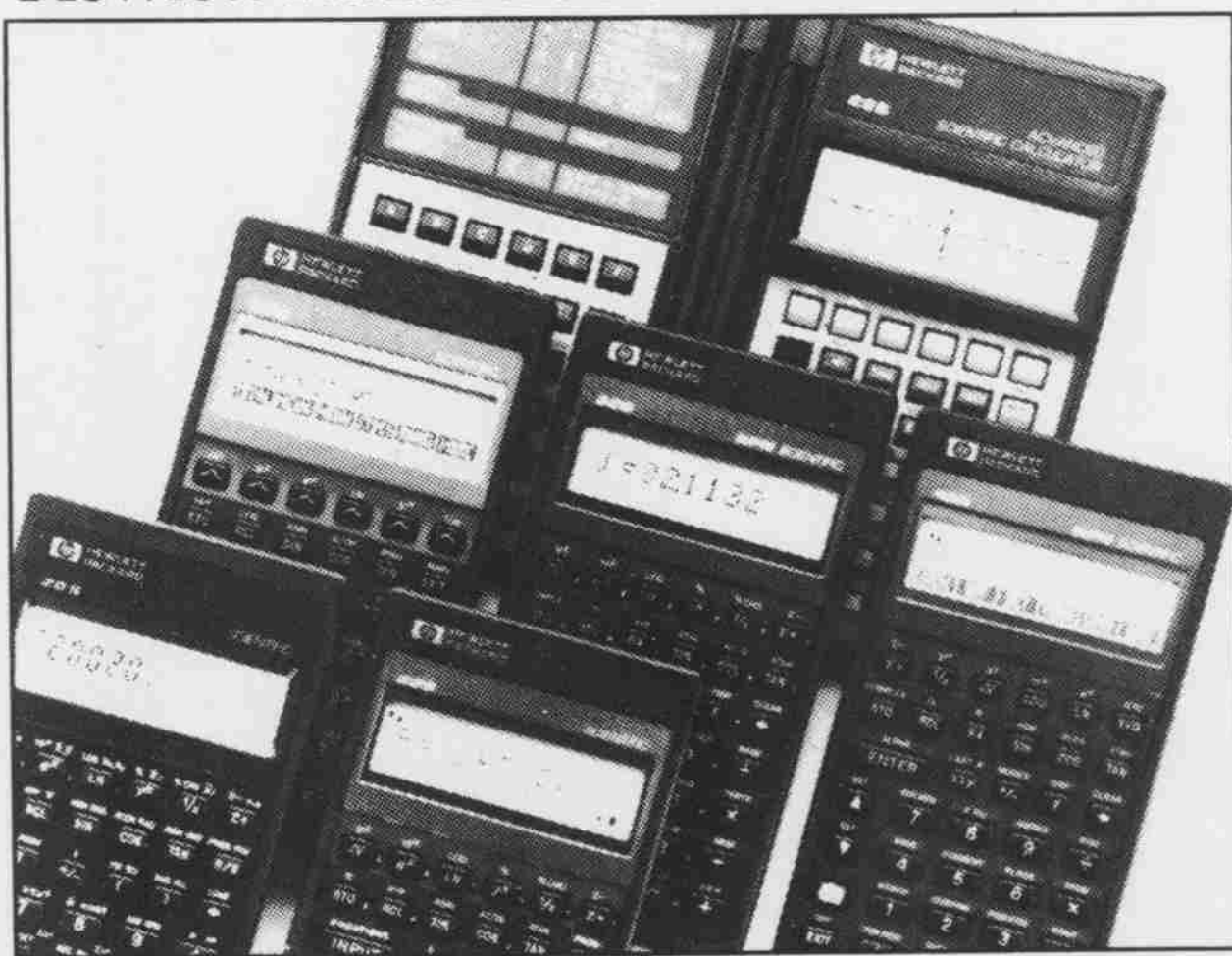
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