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Highs in low 80s

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Investigations of University police Outside officer to take grievance case

By JASON KELLY
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The University will employ an outside police officer to investigate alleged discrimination and mismanagement in the University police department.

Ben Tuchi, the vice chancellor for business and finance, indicated to the UNC Affirmative Action Office that he would use the services of an officer unrelated to the University to make recommendations concerning the operations of the University police.

Complaints of discrimination have been periodically filed with the University police, but all except one have been dropped.

Officer Keith Edwards, the only black female officer on the University police force for the past 15 years, has

taken her complaint to the step 4 level, which is as far as it can be taken inside the University system. At the step 4 level, an administrative law judge will rule on the complaint. The Edwards grievance will be heard Oct. 9.

Edwards is the last of eight University police officers who charged that the decision to promote 13 white officers in June 1987 was discriminatory. The other officers dropped their complaints after losing in step 1 of the grievance process, petitioning the employees' immediate superior.

In her letter to the Affirmative Action Office, Edwards charged that 15 black female candidates had applied for 15 vacant positions, but only two were interviewed and none were hired. The positions were filled by eight white males, four white females and three

black males. Since she was hired in 1974, Edwards claims 15 white females have been hired by the University police.

"They (black female applicants) have no chance," Edwards said. "I've been here for 15 years, and they can't even get an interview. Certified police officers are being turned down in favor of a one year clerk in the traffic office."

Edwards said she was hired as a token.

"When I was hired in 1974, the University was under a consent decree. They had to achieve some racial mixture. But I'm nothing more than a token — I'm used (by the University police) to let people see me, but I'm never allowed to participate in any decision-

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Stolen property probe nearing end

By AMY WAJDA
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University police officials are hoping to wrap up a more than four-week investigation of stolen University property by the middle of next week, Robert Sherman, UNC director of public safety, said Wednesday.

"The detectives and the SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) are still interviewing folks. As of yesterday they told me they hoped to be able to conclude their report and investigation by the middle of next week."

The investigation is running about one and a half weeks behind Sherman's prediction from last week. Earlier he had said he thought the investigation would be completed by the end of last week, or possibly a little later.

The delay was caused by the unavailability of interview subjects, Sher-

man said. "Some of the people they may have wanted to interview were not in town."

Two University police employees and one SBI investigator are working on the case, Sherman said.

University police had begun investigating the case about two weeks before requesting SBI assistance on Sept. 5. The SBI is usually notified in cases of missing University property.

University police officials had removed three employees from active duty Sept. 6 in connection with the investigation of about \$4,000 of missing property.

One of the employees, Michael P. Curtis, a police dispatcher, and his wife Nancy were found dead the evening of Sept. 6 near their mobile home in the Crawford Traylor Park on N.C. Highway 54 in a double suicide.

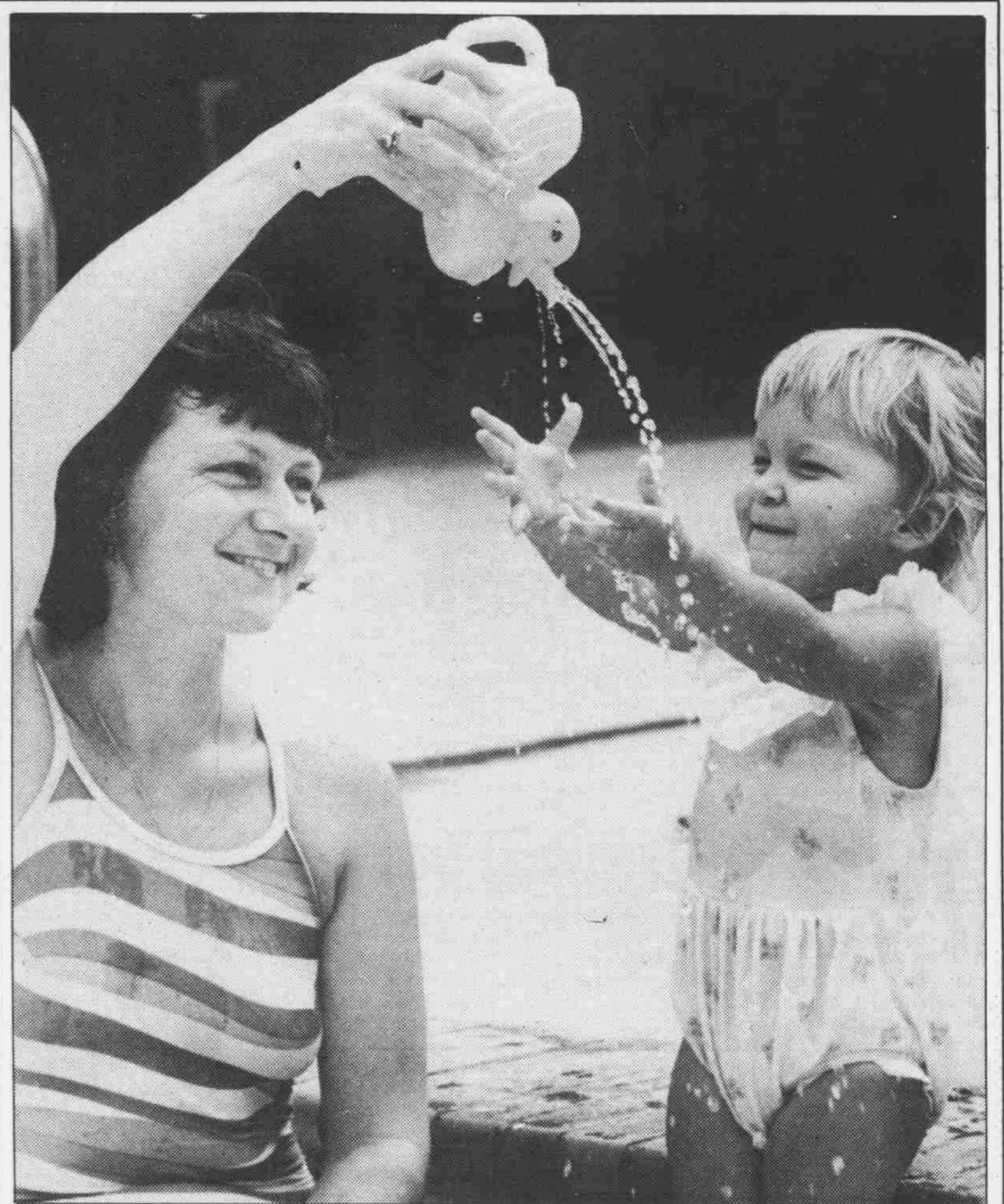
Another of the employees, Officer Elliot W. Edwards, was charged Sept. 11 by University police and the SBI with two counts of breaking and entering and larceny.

The break-ins occurred Sept. 3 and Sept. 4 at the UNC Physical Plant's Electric Distribution Center, at the intersection of Airport Road and Estes Drive. Three answering machines and two telephones, together valued at about \$720, were stolen.

Edwards was released under \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Sherman said the third officer was still off active duty, and Sherman would not release his name.

The investigation has not affected morale in the police department, Sherman said. "I think the officers are professionals in the field. They are being as cooperative as they can be."



DTH/Jodi Anderson

Water wonder

Christina Bidmon, 16 months, enjoys one of the last days of summer — and the last day before

Hurricane Hugo hits — in the pool at Foxcroft Apartments with her mother Brigitta.

Claims in satire of anti-CIA group called lies

By BETH MECKLEY
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Satiric posters denouncing the CIA Action Committee (CIAAC) were recently posted on campus by the N.C. Federation of College Republicans.

The top portion of the posters resembled the actual fliers that the CIAAC distributed. Underneath this were claims that the CIAAC's actions include pre-

venting students from hearing the truth about the CIA, stopping student job interviews with CIA recruiters and vandalizing private property.

The federation is a statewide organization, said Sharon Sentelle, president of the UNC College Republicans. The UNC group is a member of the federation. Bill Peasley, federation chairman, was unavailable for comment Thurs-

day.

But most of these claims are lies, said Dale McKinley, a member of the CIAAC, and he said he felt the reason the College Republicans did this was because "that's the only way they know how to respond to something they don't agree with."

"It's indicative of the closed-mindedness of the College Republicans in

general. First of all I think it's juvenile, and it's a misrepresentation of what the CIAAC has done in the past."

Although the CIAAC does demonstrate that it thinks it is wrong for CIA agents to interview students, it has "not once prevented someone from interviewing," McKinley said.

"The College Republicans' depiction of the CIAAC may prove to be a

violation of the Campus Code, said Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress. If the CIAAC were to press charges, it could have a case either because of slander or because of the unauthorized use of the name of an organization in the University community, he said.

McKinley offered an open invitation to the College Republicans to publicly

discuss their conflicts with the CIAAC. "I'm sure there are several members (of the CIAAC) that would be more than willing to engage in a public debate or public forum."

Speaking for the organization, McKinley said, "I issue a challenge to the College Republicans to tell me what the truth about the CIA is, in a public forum."

N.C. battenning down the hatches for Hurricane Hugo

By GABRIELE JONES
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As Hurricane Hugo roars toward the North Carolina coast, local residents and businesses are waiting and planning for the worst.

The hurricane could hit Chapel Hill Friday morning or afternoon according to the National Weather Service. The NWS predicted Thursday that Hugo's

eye would pass over the Triangle causing heavy rain and possible flooding.

A flash flood watch has been in effect for all of North Carolina since Thursday night and the threat of tornadoes is also a concern, especially for areas near Fayetteville.

University officials from the Physi-

cal Plant, the Health and Safety Department, Health Affairs Department and the News Bureau met Thursday to discuss emergency procedures. University police Chief Charles Mauer said the group decided to relay emergency information through local radio station WCHL 1360 AM.

Larry Stone of WCHL said the station had received numerous calls con-

cerning the hurricane.

"People are worried and getting a little bit nervous. They have asked everything from where Hugo will hit to if the State-Carolina game will be affected."

Schools in Orange and Durham counties will open two hours late today, Stone said.

WCHL is preparing to handle traffic

reports and plans to keep an eye on the station's generator in case of power failure, he said. "We will still be on the air if anything goes wrong."

Duke Power is also getting prepared for Hugo. Engineer Superintendent Larry Touchstone said the company was getting ready for a widespread power outage should the hurricane come through.

The forecasted 40 to 50 mph winds could cause extensive damage that would take three to four days to recover from, Touchstone said. The power outage could last from several hours to days depending on how many lines come down.

Southern Bell spokesman David Lane said that their backup generators were ready to go and that teams had been formed to tackle any damage caused by Hugo. Crews can be brought in from around the state to fix lines that are down.

Lane said there shouldn't be any major outages because most of the main wires are underground. But just in case, trailers equipped with public pay phones are ready for emergency service.

If lines do come down, they will be fixed as soon as it is safe for employees to go out and work, Lane said. Lines downed by fallen trees will be fixed quickly.

The Chapel Hill Public Works Department has provided a sandpile for area residents who want to bag sand to prevent flooding, but spokesman Tommy Tapp said the department's main objective was to keep streets open.

Trucks and other equipment are ready in case of flooding or fallen trees, Tapp said. "We're expecting and setting up for the worst."

Capt. Ralph Pendergraph of the Chapel Hill Police Department said the Red Cross had set up shelters for those coming from the coast seeking safety. Shelters are also available at the local

community center, Orange High School, Chapel Hill Senior High School and at the Inter-Faith Council Center.

The police department is suggesting that people park their cars in high areas and avoid parts of town that have already had flooding problems, Pendergraph said. People should expect the worst and prepare for Hugo before it gets bad.

Mike Ferlotti, manager of the Harris Teeter in Carrboro, said people had been stocking up on groceries since Thursday morning.

Staple items have been going fast, he said.

"We've made sure to order and stock enough of these items and we will try our damndest to stay open."

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DTH/Kathy Michel

Who was that masked man?

McIver residents applaud as an unidentified Lewis resident streaks across the front porch of McIver. The tradition continued Wednes-

day night, although the University had threatened to end it. See story, page 3.

Art is anything you can get away with. — Marshall McLuhan