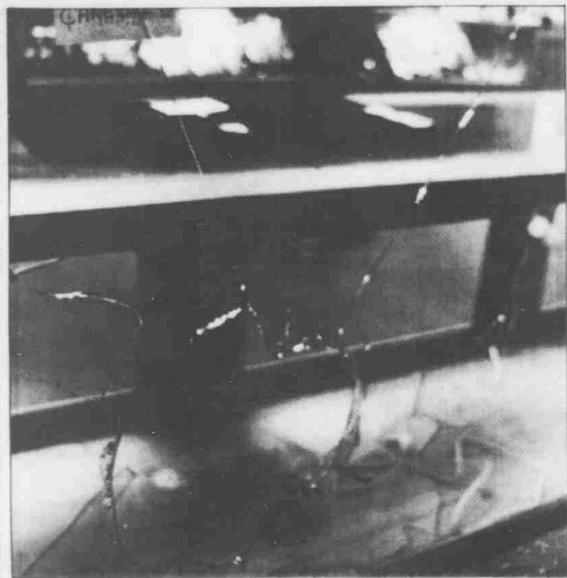


Gold Connection victim of theft



The window at the Gold Connection was broken in a robbery

By JADA K. HARRIS

Chapel Hill Police discovered a robbery at the Gold Connection in Franklin Center on 128 E. Franklin St. at 12:58 a.m. Friday.

Jack Tomkovic, owner of the Gold Connection, said about \$80 worth of silver jewelry was taken in the break-in. The more expensive jewelry is kept in the store's safe, he said.

Only a minimal description of the suspect is available, said Chapel Hill Police Planner Jane Cousins. A total of \$800 in property damage was done to the business and Franklin Center, the building where the store is located.

According to the police report, glass in a back door was broken to gain entry into the building. The door opens into the alley behind Franklin Center near Hanes Arts Center.

A display case and display window at the Gold Connection were also broken. "All they were able to do was snatch some silver," Tomkovic said. "The glass will cost more than the jewelry."

Police were patrolling on foot, and the response time for the alarm at the Gold Connection was about two minutes. Tomkovic said these factors helped to keep the loss at a minimum. "The alarm did what it was supposed

to do. The police did what they were supposed to do. No harm, no foul." Business will continue to operate on a normal schedule, Tomkovic added.

Plans for increased security for Franklin Center have been discussed, Tomkovic said. "The building may be adding one more alarm and a motion detector for the back."

Maurice Julian, owner of the Franklin Center and Julians College Shop, refused to comment on any exact plans. "We're trying to catch the thief, not encourage him."

In a separate incident Wednesday night, windows at the Ackland Art Museum were broken, said Timothy Riggs, assistant director of the museum.

About six small window panes were broken during the "big party when UNC beat Duke," Riggs said. The museum, which is closed for renovation, reported only slight damage.

"It's already been repaired," he said. "And it's insignificant in terms of the renovation itself."

Although damage was minimal, "it gives a warning to us that we have to improve security in that area," Riggs said.

6 years long enough for public defender

By ERIK ROGERS

The fat lady has finally sung for Kirk Osborn.

After six years of debating and manipulating in the courtroom, Osborn has decided to resign as head public defender for N.C. Judicial District 15-B, which is made up of Orange and Chatham counties.

Osborn, who began serving as head public defender in July 1983, is leaving with one year left of his second four-year term. He will step down March 1 and return to private practice. Osborn added he had no intentions of returning.

"I'm just tired and worn out. Now it's time for a change."

Osborn was appointed public defender in May 1983 by former Gov. James Hunt and was reappointed in 1987 by Orange County Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle.

A native of Colorado, Osborn completed his undergraduate work at the University of Colorado and received his master's degree from Colorado State University. He also has a PhD in mathematics and statistics from UNC. In 1974 Osborn graduated from the UNC School of Law. Osborn was appointed as the

first public defender for Chapel Hill and set up the first public defender's office in the area.

No official word has been given as to who will replace Osborn. Osborn said he believed Chapel Hill attorney Barry Winston was the front-runner.

"Barry Winston has been a defense lawyer in this city for at least 25 years, so he definitely has the needed experience," Osborn said. Winston, along with Osborn, was a finalist for the position in 1983.

Osborn said Judicial District Bar 15-B needs to come up with no more than three candidates and then the replacement will be appointed by Judge Battle next month. The job pays \$69,000 a year.

Attorney Pat Devine said she was thinking about the job, but she has decided not to apply for the position.

"This just was not good timing. I wish Osborn would quit at another time."

Osborn said whoever took the position would have his hands full. "No matter who takes the position, that person is going to have some tough cases waiting for him when he gets here."

Speaking of tough cases, Osborn said his toughest case was probably the one last year involving Joseph Annadale. Annadale was convicted in Orange County Superior Court for the 1986 slaying of Hillsborough resident Mary Kathryn Ennis.

"What made that case so tough was first of all having to go through it for two years," Osborn said. "And then the fact that my client started out as the prime target from day one didn't help matters." Osborn said in spite of the odds he did have some things going for him, such as the work of then UNC law students Doug Burger and Howard Kurz.

"Those two guys were such a big help because they did a lot of things for me. They did practically all of the investigation for me and they ran down the witnesses who were to testify. The thing about it is they did all of this without my guidance. I simply told them to use their heads and go out and do what needed to get done. They were really smart guys so I knew they could get the job done."

Even with tough cases, Osborn was a fighter to the end according to his colleagues.

"Osborn was the type of guy that would fight you tooth and nail," Devine said.

Doug Webb, assistant public defender, agreed that Osborn was a hard worker.

"Osborn has a great working reputation because he does a very thorough job. His dedication with his clients and his belief in what he is doing is definitely a notable asset."

Webb said he and Osborn had some important wins, but the most notable win was the case of North Carolina vs. George Burke.

"That was a big win for Osborn and myself because it was the first time in at least 50 years that a case has been won by reason of insanity here within North Carolina," Webb said.

As Osborn exits from being public defender, he said that the legal system was in good shape but that there were still some changes that could be made to make it even better.

"What I would like to see is more legal manpower for the poor."

Improvements expected with support service move

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

Pregnancy Support Services will be better able to meet the increasing demands for free pregnancy testing and

other confidential support services for girls and women now that it has relocated its Chapel Hill offices.

The Chapel Hill office, now located in the Village Plaza Shopping Center

on Elliot Road, sees UNC students almost exclusively. However, Executive Director Julie Graham said the clientele was not limited to high school and college-age students.

"We get people anywhere from 11 years old to 40," Graham said, adding that the number of high school students using the provided services is on the rise.

The cross-denominational Christian organization has existed in Chapel Hill for eight years and in Durham for three years and operates primarily on a volunteer basis, Graham said.

The organization's operating revenues come from donations from individuals and churches. It is not a medical clinic but a referral and counseling service, and it does not refer for abortions, Graham said.

"We stand on the quiet side of the pro-life issue. We don't do high pressure sales. We just want (the women) to know all the options."

Margaret Thielman, the organization's client services director, said PSS offered information about abortion and abortion procedures but would not assist or encourage a client in finding a means to have an abortion.

About half the clientele say they have a Christian background, Graham said, and most ask for a free pregnancy test. They make an appointment with PSS and give basic information about what services they want.

"We spend some time talking with them and try to guide them," Graham said. "They interpret their own results, and if the results are positive, we just talk to them about it. We'll hold somebody's hand all the way and refer her to whatever she needs."

PSS offers psychological and post-abortion counseling provided by volunteers who have had intensive training. Of the 150 volunteers at the organization, only a few are counselors. The long and short-term counseling is more like a peer counseling situation rather than a professional situation, Graham said.

In the past, PSS has had a working relationship with the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, an organization

working with victims of sexual violence. Mary Ann Chap, director of the OCRCC, said that PSS had given them referrals and that OCRCC had helped train the PSS staff in working with victims of sexual violence.

Although PSS now has much larger office space, Graham said she would like the organization to be able to offer more services and additional support groups.

"We would like to see more maternity homes in the area, because right now, there are none in Chapel Hill. We need something like fostering, something temporary so that we won't have to send pregnant women to somewhere else in North Carolina."

Other services provided by PSS are transportation to clinics and agencies, housing for pregnant women in private homes, free maternity and baby clothing and free furniture.

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In the DTH's first year as a member of the N.C. Press Association, Richard Smith, a senior from England who is an assistant editor for Omnibus, won third place for criticism with his review of "Rain Man." The award was announced Thursday night at the press association's annual convention in Durham.
In the William Randolph Hearst Foundation contest for editorial writing, editor Sharon Kebschull, a senior from Raleigh, won fourth place with the editorial, "Spangler strikes out."
The foundation received entries from more than 55 journalism schools nationwide.

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