

CAMPUS

Statistics reveal increase in some crimes

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Local police have reported an increase in certain crimes for the Chapel Hill and University communities and are urging students to take precautions.

Campus criminal activity remained moderately quiet over the summer, said Lt. Marcus Perry, UNC crime prevention officer. The major campus crimes during June and July were two assaults and one homicide/suicide.

Campus police reported 374 incidents of breaking and entering, larceny and burglary from January 1990 through July. Chapel Hill police reported 1,346 such incidents in the same time period.

Chapel Hill police reports also included three rapes and 86 assaults that occurred off University property during June and July. The total number of assaults for the first seven months of 1990 is 236. During 1989, 286 assaults were reported for the whole year.

"This year we're watching a big jump

in assaults," said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill Police planner. "Each year can mean a different crime that significantly rises or drops, but this does not affect the general crime rate."

However, the crime rate in Chapel Hill increased from 1988 to 1989 by 6 percent, Cousins said. This rise corresponds with state and national trends, she said.

Despite the increase in assaults, statistics show a decrease in the number of crimes committed against women during the summer of 1990. Incidents reported in June, July and August 1990 totalled 35, compared to 42 crimes from the same period in 1989.

These reports include assaults, rapes, attempted rapes, peeping Toms and obscene phone calls, so these figures may be misleading, said Lisa Lackmann-Edds, Orange County Rape Crisis Center direct services coordinator.

Cousins said statistics about rape may be deceptive. "The figures for rape are

almost meaningless because the number reported is a small percentage of what is happening."

Perry said students could take precautions to protect themselves from local crime. "Travel in pairs at night, be assertive; it helps prevent you from being a victim."

"Don't over-consume alcohol. Alcohol is involved in the vast quantity of

date and acquaintance rape cases."

Students can fight crime together with protection programs such as the SAFE escort service, said Gret Diffendal, Residence Hall Association president. "In terms of safety, SAFE is the most obvious and accessible way to keep yourself safe," she said.

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Poole to chair BOG as Jones' term expires

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After serving his two-year term as Board of Governors chairman, Robert Jones stepped down last month, and the BOG voted unanimously for former vice chairman Samuel Poole to fill the position.

Poole, who lives in Durham and works in Raleigh, serves as administrative assistant to Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C. Poole ran unopposed for the position.

In his two-year stint as vice chairman, Poole is most noted for his work as head of the Poole Commission, a group appointed by UNC-system President C.D. Spangler to investigate problems in the N.C. State University athletics department.

BOG member Charles Evans nominated Poole. Evans said he nominated Poole because of his personal qualities and his experience on the board.

Poole has been a member of the BOG since 1983.

"He's a good person and he cares a lot about the University," Evans said. "He's been on the Board of Governors for many years and has served in various leadership positions and headed several very important committees."

Poole graduated from UNC in 1959 and from the UNC law school in 1962. The length of all BOG office terms is two years. Officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Poole could not be reached for comment.

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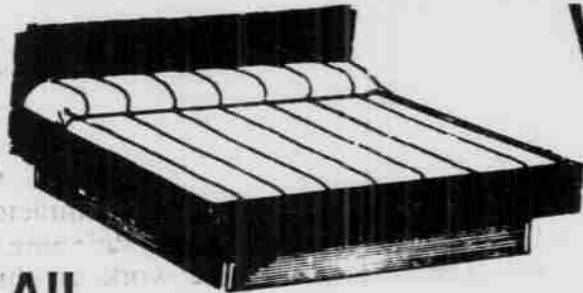
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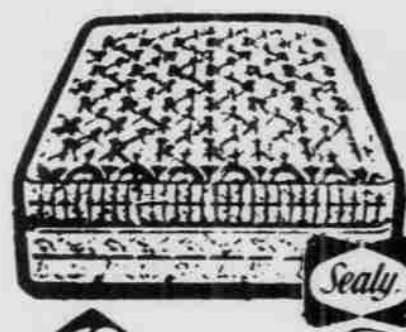
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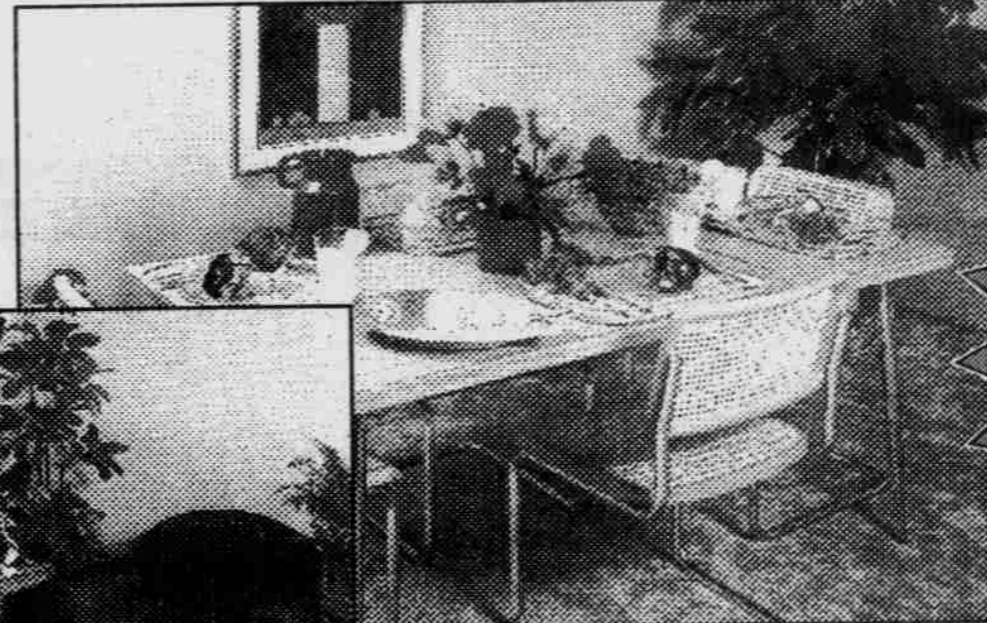
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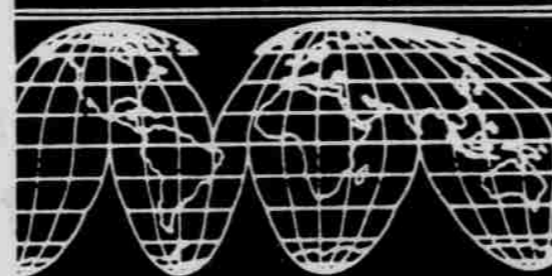
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