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Security reports auto break-ins

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UNCA security reported a string of car break-ins this week, with six autos in two campus lots undergoing over \$1080 in damage and thefts. The vandalized cars were parked in lots on Highrise Hill, leading down to Weaver Boulevard, and in the lower "horseshoe" lot located across from Carmichael Hall.

Dennis Gregory, investigator for security, said four of the break-ins occurred some time during the day Jan. 29. Students also reported two break-ins over the Jan. 2-27 weekend.

"The m.o. (method of operation) in four of the incidents were identical," said Gregory. He said each of those vehicles had a rear window broken out, apparently in order to allow access to valuables inside.

Gregory said security is

considering three of the Jan. 29 break-ins as felonies. "We're looking at charges of breaking and entering, and theft," he said. "Those are felony crimes. The fourth break-in didn't involve theft, so it's a misdemeanor."

"We're not sure if the weekend incidents were related to the others," said Gregory, "but it would seem likely."

Gregory said no arrests had been made as of Wednesday, although campus security is pursuing several leads.

The investigation continued at press time.

Gregory said security has stepped up patrols of the parking areas on campus as a result of the incidents. "We're taking extra security measures. We've increased patrols, and we stepped up surveillance in all the lots," he said.

Gregory also said security officers have tried to increase personal communication with campus

residents. "Every one of our officers is trying to make as much contact as possible with students on campus," he said.

Much of the stolen property was easily viewed from outside the cars, said Gregory, prompting him to caution students to take valuables with them when they park their cars. "If you leave a radar detector, say, or anything that resembles a purse, you stand a higher chance of a break-in," he said.

According to Gregory, the same rule of safety applies anywhere. "It's a problem anywhere cars are parked. It happens at the mall, and everywhere else. You have to take care with valuable things."

Gregory said the thefts involved non-standard equipment. "They took things like radar detectors, equalizers -- things that the factory didn't put in. They're easy to pull

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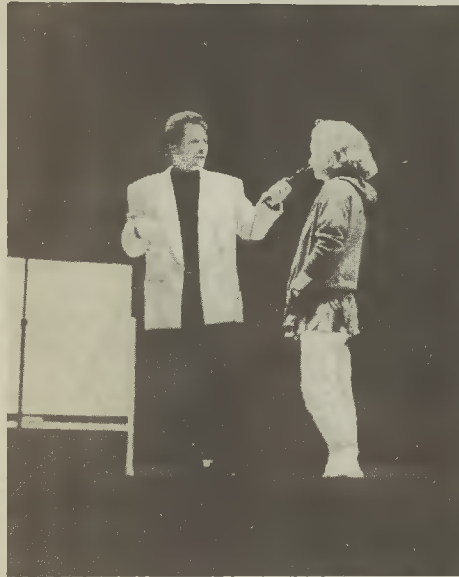


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Mesmerizing man

Tom DeLuca enchants his audience as he performs a mind-reading trick.

UNCA begins recycling program

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Staff Writer

A UNCA economist says a campus recycling program has helped cut the amount of paper wasted on campus.

Chris Bell, assistant professor of economics, said, "This summer a group of people got together and realized the major (waste) material generated around here is paper. We really wanted to make an impact on the solid waste that UNCA sends to the dump."

Bell heads an ad hoc committee, Recycle UNCA, which organized a recycling program hoping to benefit the university as well as the

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Former ambassador: Saddam is "assassin"

Stacy Libby
Staff Writer

"We Americans tend to underestimate the gravity of the dictatorial leaders of small, half-pint, nasty countries," said Hume A. Horan, former U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Jan. 28 at the Owen Conference Center. Horan spoke at the preview event of the Great Decisions 1991 Series on World Affairs.

"We, and all other observers, misread Saddam Hussein. We did not, however, misread his capabilities," Horan said. "Size [of countries], moderate or even small size, does not translate into small influence."

"It naturally goes with our

thinking to assume: Big country, big leader; medium sized country, medium sized leader; small country, forget about those," he said.

The Great Decisions series is a national program offered by the Foreign Policy Association. It will take place over nine weeks at seven different locations throughout Western North Carolina.

Horan, currently the special assistant to the director of the Foreign Service, spoke in depth of his knowledge and past experiences with dictators like Saddam Hussein.

"You spend a lot of time working with dictators in the foreign service, especially if you work in Africa and the Middle East," he

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said. "They have no imagination when it comes to their mortality. They are immortal, everyone else is mortal."

"We have, in Saddam Hussein, a man who is a professional assassin. These people all tend to respond instinctively. If something starts churning through their blood, they reach for their gun," he said.

"Saddam used more force than was necessary. [He] just used force

because he liked to use force. Some people just like to shoot people."

Horan supports the U.S. involvement in the Gulf. "The thought was the threat would come from the Soviet Union. When the threat came, it was from a different force, but a threat nonetheless."

"If the consequences, the potential consequences, of the threat had been less, our reaction

would have been less also," he said.

"You had a very different constellation of forces that drew in and affected in important ways our own national interests. [The Middle East] is an area that strategically, in terms of world communication, has always been vital to us and in terms of energy, vital to us and to the entire Western world including Japan. You have to make a decision."

Horan thinks the Gulf situation is very different from Vietnam. "The tone is very different. Some impressions I can share with you: Very impressive, a serious quality, a prayerful quality, an absence of self righteous posturing, and an absence of people saying 'I know what the answer is' and closing

their minds to all further discussion."

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Horan is a Harvard graduate and also studied at the University of Baghdad, the University of Jordan and the Islamic University of Libya.

The Great Decisions 1991 Series on World Affairs begins Feb. 4 with a discussion of the Middle East. John Fobes, former deputy director-general of UNESCO, will speak. For further information, contact Bob Farzanegan at 251-6634. Registration is required.

Draft issues addressed at campus forum

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"There is a 50 percent chance that Congress will vote to begin draft registration in the war against Iraq," warned draft counselor and World War II conscientious objector Jesse Mock at a meeting last Wednesday night.

The Humanities Lecture Hall was crowded with concerned UNCA students, most between the ages of 18 and 23, who would fall into the pool of potential draftees. The Free Inquiry Association sponsored the meeting to provide facts about draft law and to explain conscientious objector status.

"There are more political reasons for considering a draft than military reasons. About 30 percent of the deployed personnel belong to minority groups, so there is quite a bit of opposition to this imbalance of class and race in the military," Mock explained.

"Once the vote for a draft is passed, there would be a random lottery that same day, or certainly within that same week," said Mock. Then the Selective Service System would immediately send telegrams to the first selected individuals. Within 30 days 100,000 draftees would begin training.

"You would have 10 days from the postmark on the induction notice to file any claims for exemption from the draft, but on the tenth day you must report to the induction center where you receive a complete physical. That is where civilian life ends and military life begins," Mock said.

Sole-surviving sons, graduate students in medical school, elected government officials, practicing ministers, and women were among those automatically exempted from the draft, according to Mock.

Other possibilities for deferment or exemption include medical and

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

Spish Splash

Robin Dellinger happily splashes to class in an unusually warm winter rain.

Gulf war prompts large response to blood drive

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Due to the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, UNCA's blood drive took on a different meaning this past week. Many students cited Operation Desert Storm as a main reason for giving blood.

The blood drive, one of the three held each year, took place Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Highsmith Center. The Student Government Association sponsored the event.

Haywood Spangler, executive assistant for external affairs, described the turn-out as good. Spangler said the January blood drive traditionally has fewer participants than drives in the fall or spring. The high turn-out allowed SGA to meet the goal of 70 pints.

Setting up a location on campus provides students with a

convenient location to give blood which doesn't require a drive off campus. "The on-campus location brings the drive to the students," said Chris Orr.

According to John Schoultz, president of SGA, a limit of 100 pints was imposed by the American Red Cross. The limit prevents any blood from spoiling.

"At a time of war more people want to give, therefore they are limiting the number of pints," said Schoultz.

A percentage of the blood taken from UNCA is shipped to medical facilities in the Persian Gulf. The remainder is divided among area hospitals.

Students donating blood say the war is the main reason for giving blood.

"It's always good to do and since

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