

Fraternity Pledges Arrested for Pumpkin Prank

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The hundreds of pumpkins surrounding Fraternity Court on Halloween were not part of a massive pumpkin-carving festival, a Carrboro mother alleged. Maria Owens, whose children's pumpkins were stolen from their porch the night before Halloween, said she thought the pumpkin heist was part of a fraternity prank. "On my whole street, every single person had their pumpkins stolen," she said. "One lady down the street had \$150 worth of decorations taken out of her yard. I couldn't pick out the guy who stole my pumpkin, but did you see all those pump-

kins in front of Frat Court?" Ron Binder, director of Greek Affairs, said he was concerned that fraternities were being blamed unfairly for every pumpkin theft in the area. He said four fraternity pledges were arrested Nov. 5 for stealing pumpkins and Halloween decorations in Chapel Hill. The four pledges have sent the Chapel Hill Herald a letter of apology, Binder said. "They would have had to have a semi-truck to take everything that was taken that night," he said. Owens said she began to suspect that the theft was part of a fraternity prank when she saw an article in the Chapel Hill Herald and when she saw all the pumpkins on Fraternity Court. The Chapel Hill Her-

ald article reported that police stopped two students on N. Greensboro St., two blocks from Owens' home. The two students were fraternity members, but they may not have been related to the Chapel Hill arrest, Carrboro police Capt. John Butler said. Butler did not have the names of the two suspects available. Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Matthew Robert Paszek, 18, of 2130 Granville Towers South; Matthew David Kennedy, 19, of 316 Stacy Residence Hall; and Thomas Eugene Gallo, 18, and Jason Wade Marlow, 18, both of 2622 Granville Towers South, were arrested and charged with larceny in the Chapel Hill incident.

Police stopped the four students at 1 a.m. Halloween morning at the Eubanks Road park and ride lot, where they were turning around, Cousins said. Police noticed their car was filled with decorations, and at the time the men admitted to stealing them as part of a fraternity prank, she said. Police took the decorations but were unable to make an arrest because they could not tell who owned the decorations. When one of the owners claimed some of them Sunday, they arrested the students. "We were just goofing around," said Kennedy, who is one of the fraternity pledges. "It was a stupid mistake, and it didn't have anything to do with the fraternity."

United Jewish Appeal To Hold 'Kristallnacht' Memorial Gathering

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The year was 1938. The date was Nov. 9. It was the day the atrocities associated with the Holocaust began. Today at 4 p.m., 57 years later, United Jewish Appeal will host a memorial service on the steps of Wilson Library to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust.

Beth Stern, a sophomore elementary education and history major from Winston-Salem and co-chair of UJA, said she was hoping for an inter-faith group at today's Kristallnacht memorial, which will include prayers, poems and songs about the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust didn't just affect Jews, it affected everyone," Stern said. "Kristallnacht," meaning Crystal Night or Night of Broken Glass, was the night government-authorized police and Nazi officials plundered, ransacked and destroyed Jewish synagogues, stores and businesses throughout Germany, leaving behind a trail of shattered glass, shattered hopes and shattered lives.

About 30,000 men were arrested and shipped to concentration camps.

Two months later, on Jan. 10, 1939, UJA was officially born. Leaders from three major organizations in the United States that focused on aiding Jews abroad and German immigrants in the United States signed an agreement to merge, thereby forming UJA.

Today, UJA remains a national effort by Jewish-Americans to extend material and moral support to fellow Jews around the world.

Darin Diner, interim director of N.C. Hillel, said UJA was not just a fund-raising organization.

"It's responsible for many humanitarian projects around the world," he said. UJA helped Russian-Jewish emigrants

travel to Israel after the fall of the Soviet Union, Diner said. Jewish immigration centers around the world are funded and supported by UJA with the purpose of easing transitions for immigrants.

Stern and co-chair Hannah Herman, a sophomore communications and sociology major from Raleigh, head the fund-raising sector of UJA at the University. They are responsible for overseeing the annual telephone fund-raiser, which takes place in the spring. Fund-raisers call Jewish students on campus and ask for donations.

"Half the money raised goes to Israel," Stern said. "The other half goes to Jewish communities around the world."

Herman said the money collected was used in "kibbutzim," which are working villages, or to aid the elderly and fund education in Jewish communities.

Each year, the UJA also organizes a 10-day "mission trip" to Israel. This year about 500 students have signed up for the trip, which begins Dec. 24. The trip shows students firsthand how UJA funds make a difference in Jewish communities.

Stern said she went on the mission trip last year simply because she wanted to go to Israel. "When I saw how the money was used, I got really interested," Stern said. It was then that she decided to become involved in UJA.

Considering the recent assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Herman admitted she was a little nervous about going to Israel, even though she had been there once before. "I don't know if it's the best time to go to Israel," she said. "But it's a different feeling once you're there. Watching the news is scarier."

Stern said the media portrays Israel as being very unsafe. "No one lives in a utopian society," she said. "Especially after the shooting on Franklin Street last semester, I realized I could get shot here just as easily as in Israel."

Campus Calendar

- THURSDAY**
- 1 p.m. UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a presentation by Harvard University Divinity School in Union 210.
 - 4 p.m. SAF will hold an interest meeting about paid internships working with migrant and seasonal farmworkers for the 1996 summer in Union 224.
 - KRISTALLNACHT MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on the steps of Wilson Library by Hillel and the United Jewish Appeal.
 - 5 p.m. HEALING CEREMONY for Rape Awareness Week will be held at the Forest Theater.
 - CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS will meet in 204 Howell Hall.
 - 5:30 p.m. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION will meet in Union 206.
 - VSA will meet in Union 205.
 - SANGAM will be having a general body meeting in Union 226.
 - 7 p.m. CAROLINA INDIAN CIRCLE will have a potluck dinner in Cobb Basement Training Room.
 - C.A.P. will hold its biweekly meeting in Union 226. There will be a speaker from the Rape Crisis Center.
 - NC FELLOWS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT will have a workshop "Star Powers" in Union 206.
 - 8 p.m. SARR will meet in Union 213.
- ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- UNC ULTIMATE CLUB will host a coed ultimate tournament on Sunday at Carmichael Fields from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - CAROLINA TEAM HANDBALL CLUB will be holding a clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday in Fetzer Gym B.

REACTION

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in the school had been saddened by the whole event. "We have faith in our judicial system, and we respect what the jury did and accept their verdict."

Those most affected by the verdict are the friends and family members of the victims. Lohse said the athletic department had been as supportive of lacrosse players as possible. Lohse said members of the athletic community had expected the verdict, but "as prepared as we were, it still comes down like a thud."

Some said the law saying juries can only find defendants guilty, not guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity puts juries in a difficult position. "The way the law was written, if the jury did their job, there could be no other verdict," Lohse said. "I guess in the eyes of the law, justice is served."

Lohse said many of the people who knew Reichardt and Walker are now left to face the fact the Williamson could eventually be released from Dortha Dix Hospital. "You wake up to see a life like Kevin's obliterated for no good reason, and I understand that Wendell Williamson is in the hospital, but it's just as if he's walking. It's almost as if he got away with it." He said there are three memorial scholarship funds that have been named for Reichardt. One is through his high school, one is through the UNC Development Office, and the last is a lacrosse scholarship with his name.

Lohse said an article he wrote for the lacrosse team's media guide best expressed his feelings: "But we must go on. We have no choice. We cannot bring Kevin back. But we must dedicate ourselves to making sure he didn't die in vain. Our horror must make us work to make sure it never happens again — to anyone, anywhere."

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