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Police Searching More Residence Hall Rooms for Drugs

■ The director of Student Legal Services said students shouldn't consent to searches.

BY NOELLE TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

University Police have searched more residence hall rooms for drugs and alcohol this semester than in the past because of an increase in the number of complaints against students, University Police Chief Don Gold said.

"The complaints coming out of residence halls — complaints of controlled substances — have increased," Gold said. "Officers have been responding to these reports."

Rather than obtaining search warrants from the magistrate to investigate tips, police typically visit residents reported for drug possession and ask them to sign a consent form that enables police to search the room, Gold said.

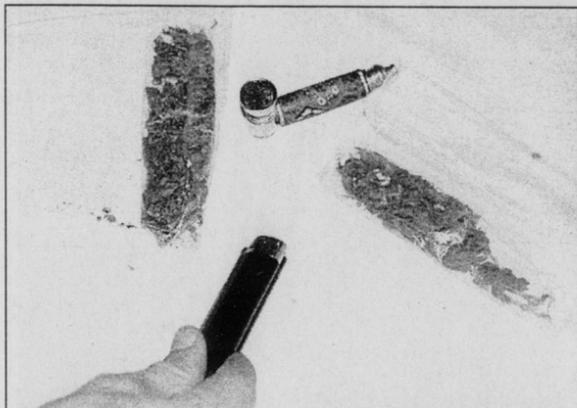
Student Legal Services Director Dorothy Bernholz said she had advised several students who were cited in residence hall rooms this semester.

"Based on the descriptions I see from students, the police are being much more aggressive in searching rooms," Bernholz said. "Officers are knocking on doors and asking the students to sign consent forms."

Students do not have to agree to a police request to enter their rooms unless the police have a search warrant, she said. "My legal advice would be not to consent."

If a student will not consent to a room search, the officers must obtain a search warrant from the magistrate's office, a procedure that usually takes 10 minutes, said Officer Angela Carmon.

Two of three students contacted for this story whose residence hall rooms were searched by police — all of whom asked not to be identified — said police had not



University Police Chief Don Gold said police had conducted more room searches because of more complaints about drug use in residence halls.

informed them they did not have to sign the consent form.

"They just said, 'We need you to sign this so we can search your room,'" said a student cited for marijuana possession.

The third student contacted said police officers covered the peephole on his door while knocking and did not immediately identify themselves. The student said he had initially refused to open his door, but "they were like, 'You have to open the door, it's Campus Police.'" When the student opened the door, he said he told police he would not voluntarily consent to a search, but an officer said he could search the room because he could smell marijuana. The student was cited for possession of marijuana.

Another student also said police had covered the peephole when they knocked.

An increase in the number of room searches should not be linked to more aggressive tactics on the part of the police, Gold said, but resulted instead from a rise

in complaints about students over the past semester.

"These type of searches are initiated by a call from an anonymous caller or a resident assistant who suspects that a controlled substance may be present in a room," Carmon said.

Bernholz said students needed to recognize their rights when faced with police pressure.

"Officers are trained to encourage you to consent or confess," she said. "Usually students think that if they are very forthcoming, the police won't prosecute," she said. "But police have a duty to make an arrest if they see contraband."

Gold said University Police did not condone the Appalachian State University policy of administrative room searches — residence hall room searches conducted by campus police without warrants. Because ASU does not use a warrant in the searches, information obtained in them can only be used by the university, and not in court.

Campus Reports of Robbery, Sexual Offenses Decrease

BY KATIE TYSON
STAFF WRITER

Reported incidents of crimes at UNC follow some of the national trends at other universities, according to a survey released Sunday by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Between 1993 and 1994, UNC saw a decrease in aggravated assault, burglary, liquor-law violations, drug-law violations and weapon-law violations. However, forcible sex offenses, robbery and motor vehicle theft all increased.

The Chronicle, a national weekly newspaper that covers all aspects of academe, conducts annual surveys of crimes on college campuses. The survey was composed of data from 831 colleges, each with more than 5,000 students, which submitted copies of their crime reports.

The reports submitted detailed information that colleges are required by law to disclose. The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires colleges to publish statistics in nine categories: incidents of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor-vehicle thefts; and arrests for liquor-law violations, drug-law violations and weapons-law violations.

The survey compared figures from 1993 and 1994. The results found overall increases in drug arrests, alcohol-related offenses, murder, non-forcible sex offenses, forcible sex offenses, weapon violations and robbery. Overall, decreases were found in aggravated assaults, burglaries and motor-vehicle theft.

Duke and N.C. State also followed trends set at schools nationwide. Burglary ranked high among crimes reported at both schools. However, the two schools

Crime on the Decline

With a few exceptions, crime at UNC went down from 1993 to 1994.



SOURCE: THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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showed remarkable differences in numbers of liquor-law violations. Duke reported no incidents in both 1993 and 1994. N.C. State reported 480 violations in 1993 and 417 violations in 1994.

These similarities and differences are representative of how it is impossible to use the numbers as the basis for comparison among schools.

University Police Chief Donald Gold said increased emphasis on several areas could have contributed to the change in crime figures. He said increases in bike patrols, residence hall security seminars and C-TOPS information had all worked to make improvements.

Gold said crime patterns at UNC re-

flected trends within society.

"The University community is just a microcosm of the greater community that it makes up," Gold said. "You will see these same trends in many communities across the country."

Crime Prevention Safety Officer Angela Carmon said larceny was the biggest crime problem at UNC.

Despite its prevalence on many college campuses, larceny is one category that colleges are not required to track or report. Carmon said UNC fared well in comparison to other schools their size.

"I feel that this is a relatively safe campus," Carmon said. "However, we are by no means 100 percent crime free."

Acquittal in Review Case Could Lead to Lawsuit

■ The Carolina Review might file charges against Reza Ardalan and Rich Fremont in a state court.

BY JAMES LEWIS
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

Two students who admitted taking more than 1,500 copies of The Carolina Review were found not guilty in the UNC Honor Court Sunday night of impeding the free speech rights of the magazine's publishers.

Review staff members said Monday they were looking into taking the two students, senior Rich Fremont and junior Reza Ardalan, to a North Carolina criminal or civil court.

"We are discussing the possibility of going to a real court," said Carolina Review Editor Ashley Garner. "Unfortunately, it may be the best way to handle the situation in light of the Honor Court actions."

Review Publisher Charlton Allen said he was not sure what specific legal action Review staff members would take against Ardalan and Fremont outside the University. "It's still too early," he said. "I know that everything is on the table, and we will be making some decisions shortly on this."

Ardalan said he was confident that he and Fremont had done nothing wrong. "I don't know what they have planned," Ardalan said. "But I feel we did nothing wrong."

Fremont said the Honor Court's verdict confirmed his belief that taking the 1,500 copies was justified. "Reza and I, from the very beginning, believed that we did not violate any aspect of the Honor Code," he said. "The fact that we were exonerated through the Honor Court proves that by taking the Review we were doing the right thing — something that we have always known."

Ardalan said he was pleased with the verdict and felt the case should never have gone to the Honor Court.

"I'm glad that the Honor Court found us not guilty," he said. "I'm still a little upset that we were charged in the first place."

"I am glad that the proper authorities came to that decision as well — that we didn't do anything wrong."

Allen said he disagreed with the not guilty verdict for Ardalan and Fremont because he felt the Honor Court was not impartial.

"Before we were concerned with these two individuals coming forward and confessing their part in this crime and being exposed for doing that," he said. "It's sick now that they have confessed and they have been allowed to weasel out of it by a system that's willing to look the other way because of political and personal prejudice."

One of the five Honor Court justices who heard the case served on the Nelson transition team with Fremont.

Ardalan said the case had been handled fairly by both the Honor Court and the student attorney general's office, which investigates all Honor Court cases. "I feel that the members of the court, and everybody involved, were impartial," Ardalan said. "It's their job to be impartial, and they did a good job of that."

Ardalan and Fremont took copies of the Review's election issue, which had been distributed in campus classrooms hours before the Feb. 13 student elections.

The cover of the issue featured then-Student Body President candidate Aaron Nelson, who is Jewish and a member of Ardalan's and Fremont's fraternity, with horns and a pitchfork.

Ardalan and Fremont have said they took the issues because they viewed the covers as anti-Semitic and also because they felt that distributing the publication on the eve of campus elections amounted to electioneering — a violation of student election laws.

In a column appearing in The Daily Tar Heel today, Fremont said that then-Student Attorney General George Oliver approved the removal of the Reviews.

Ardalan and Fremont put the stolen issues outside Oliver's office after student elections returns were announced.

The Review theft trial started April 16 and was set to continue the next evening, but a state superior court judge's temporary restraining order blocked the hearings.

The order, requested by the DTH, was lifted Thursday, and the court concluded proceedings Sunday evening.

The DTH filed the request to block the closed hearings until a judge could decide whether the Honor Court's closed proceedings violated the N.C. Open Meetings Law or the N.C. Constitution.

The DTH's complaint against the University is set for a May 6 trial in Orange County Superior Court, and the University must preserve all records of Ardalan's and Fremont's trial until the case is resolved.

Longtime Community Volunteer to Carry Olympic Torch

■ Frances Hargraves, who turns 82 today, still volunteers 25 hours a week.

BY LAURA GODWIN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

When asked her reaction to the news that her good friend and fellow volunteer Frances Hargraves would be running the summer Olympics torch through the area on its way to Atlanta, Chapel Hill Historical Society member Helen Allen replied, "I hope there is no real running to it because

she is getting along in years."

Eighty-two years to be exact. Hargraves has dedicated much of her life to serving others in the community, which made her a prime candidate to represent the area during this summer's Olympic torch-run.

Hargraves said her enthusiasm for volunteer work came from watching her mother helping others. She said in her life, volunteer work was "a part of the family tradition." When Hargraves was growing up, she said her mother would go from house to house in the community to care for the sick.

"I saw her doing so many things," she said. "I think it just came naturally."



Among the many organizations where Hargraves volunteers her time are the Friends of the Senior Center, Girl Scouts, The Community School for People Under Six, Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill Public Library, Orange County Library and the Chapel Hill Historical Society.

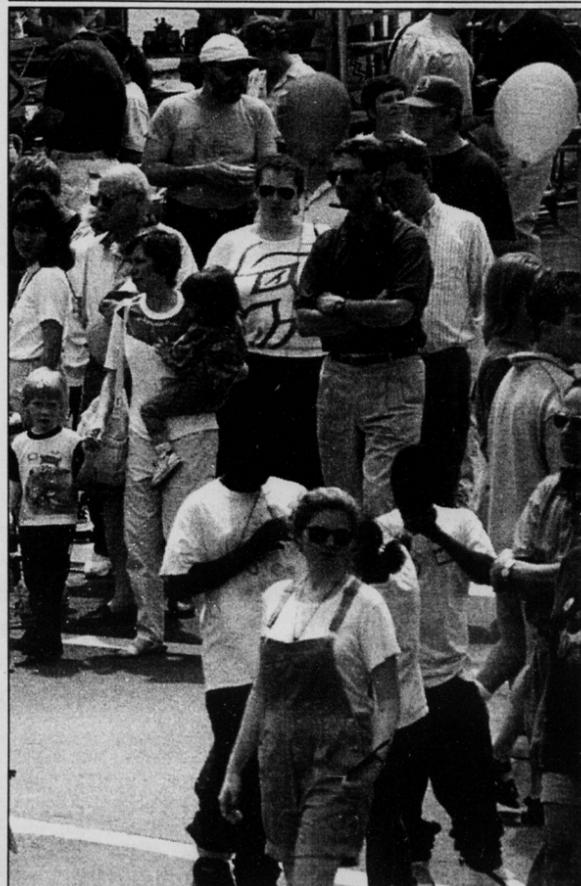
Hargraves said almost every moment of her free time was spent volunteering. "I'm

doing some type of volunteer work just about every day," she said. "I would say (I volunteer) around 25 hours a week. Anytime they know they can call on me to get the job done, and I will do it to the best of my ability."

Allen said Hargraves was enthusiastic and dedicated in whatever venture she tried. "No one is a stranger," Allen said. "She is very supportive of the organizations. She works hard."

Hargraves, who celebrates her 82nd birthday today, said she had not let her age stop her from trying a new activity. "I think

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The large crowds at the 24th annual Apple Chill resulted in traffic congestion on Chapel Hill streets hours after the festival was over.

Traffic Problems Linger Long After Apple Chill Ends

■ Chapel Hill Police arrested 14 people at the 24th annual festival.

"Traditionally, there have been large crowds and traffic after Apple Chill."

BY ANGELA MOORE
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JANE COUSINS
Chapel Hill Police Spokeswoman

Official Apple Chill festivities lasted only until 6 p.m. Sunday, but the heavy traffic on Chapel Hill's streets resulting from the Franklin Street festival did not abate until nearly five hours later.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said that although the delays were frustrating, they are just a part of Apple Chill tradition.

"Traditionally, there have been large crowds and traffic after Apple Chill," Cousins said. "Cruising is not unusual afterwards."

Cousins said some of Sunday's traffic difficulties were worsened when police had to close off more of Franklin Street than had already been closed off for the festival.

"At about 3:30 p.m., the number of pedestrians on West Franklin began to grow, and traffic got so heavy that it was at a standstill," Cousins said. "So at 4 p.m., we rerouted traffic off Franklin to keep it flowing."

Cars were directed to Cameron Avenue instead of Franklin Street, where they encountered long lines. Cousins said West Franklin Street remained closed until 9:30 p.m.

At 8 p.m. it took about 30 minutes to travel from the Harris Teeter supermarket in Carrboro to Townhouse Apartments on Hillsborough Street.

About the same time, it took about 10

minutes to travel one block along Hillsborough Street on campus.

By 9:30 p.m., the pedestrians were mostly gone, but town traffic was still clogged, Cousins said.

"Traffic was still heavy until 10:30 or 11 p.m.," she said.

Chapel Hill police arrested 14 people at the festival. Four people were arrested for carrying concealed handguns without a permit. One person was arrested for possession of a stolen handgun, Cousins said.

Three years ago, Apple Chill was the scene of a shooting in which two people were injured.

Cousins said the number of officers assigned to the festival had not necessarily increased since the incident, because the incident was not one more officers on patrol could have prevented.

The police also arrested four people for drug possession and issued two open-container citations Sunday.

Fifty-seven traffic violations were issued near the festival for "anything from not wearing a seat belt to reckless driving," Cousins said.

Compared to previous years, this Apple Chill was relatively calm for police. All in all, Cousins said the heavy traffic and arrests made "weren't very unusual" for an Apple Chill day.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.
American proverb