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Partly cloudy; low 70s.
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Police chief challenges charges of racism at aldermen meeting

■ A professor's comments painted a false image of race relations, leaders said.

BY ROB NELSON
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The issue of alleged discrimination by Carrboro police was put at the top of the Board of Aldermen's Tuesday night agenda.

Police Chief Ben Callahan was invited to speak to the board to address concerns and answer questions about alleged racism involving an incident last Wednesday.

The controversy began when when four black men were held at gunpoint by Carrboro police at Highland Hills Apartments after a woman phoned police because she suspected the males were breaking into a car.

"I know a large concern has been raised because your department has

worked to build a good relationship with the community," Alderman Alex Zaffron said to Callahan.

Zaffron said it was important for the public to have a better understanding of proper police procedure in high-risk incidents such as the one last week.

"It would be helpful to go through the history of what you do when you respond to calls like these so the public sees there was no difference between proper procedure and what actually happened," he said.

Town Manager Bob Morgan said the incident has caused worry among Carrboro police. "The officers are very



Alderman HANK ANDERSON said Carrboro police now had to defend themselves because of Professor Chuck Stone's comments

concerned with their public perception," he said.

Alderman Hank Anderson said comments made Thursday by UNC journalism Professor Chuck Stone about the incident bothered him.

"I don't understand what Stone was talking about," Anderson said.

"What he said about Carrboro hurt. Now we have to defend ourselves because of what someone said."

Stone upset Carrboro officials last week when he said in an interview with The Daily Tar Heel, "I would not be surprised to see a young black man killed in Carrboro soon."

In an interview following the meeting, Administrative Capt. Carolyn Hutchison said the department had taken Stone's comments personally.

"When a renowned professor in an academic community makes generalizations like that, it's something we take very seriously," she said. "In my mind, his comments have taken us back 30 years."

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BEN CALLAHAN
Carrboro Police Chief

Callahan said accusations of racism have had a tremendous impact on his department. "My officers are devastated," he said.

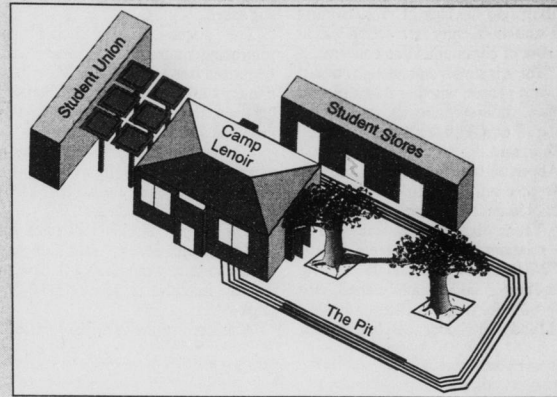
"This kind of thing hurts their pride and they're concerned that some people are going to throw this in their face."

Callahan said the incident had been difficult for everyone involved.

"It was an unfortunate situation, and I'm sorry it happened, but it's the nature of the job. We have to combat this by telling our side, which is what I'm trying to do."

Camping out

Construction on Camp Lenoir will begin during Spring Break. The facility will be built partially in the Pit and should take about a third of the space. Camp Lenoir will be open for use May 20.



DTH/ELYSE ALLEY, JESSICA GOWIN AND PHILLIP MOLANO

Pit space to remain available despite interim dining area

BY MERRITT DEMPSEY
STAFF WRITER

Activities will continue as usual in the Pit, despite construction on the alternative dining area, Camp Lenoir.

The facility, which will take up one-third of the Pit, will open on May 20. Construction is set to begin during Spring Break.

Increased congestion in the Pit area and enhanced noise are both concerns the UNC community.

"I think everyone's going to have to make sacrifices," said Campus Y co-

minister of information Malav Doshi.

Camp Lenoir comprises part of the University's interim dining services, while the regular dining hall is closed for renovations. The temporary structure will take up Pit space until July 1998.

But Anne Varley, central reservationist in the Carolina Union, said much of the Pit would still be available to student groups.

"We're planning on continuing to reserve the Pit," Varley said.

Martin Pomerantz, director of the

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The sound of silence

BY APRIL SIMUN
STAFF WRITER

Catherine Hair walks into her Thursday class, takes a seat near the front and pulls out a notebook.

Her friend smiles at her, turns a chair around to face her and begins a polite-looking conversation.

But it's hard for a hearing person who can't lip-read very well to know exactly what they are talking about.

Hair and her transcriber aren't speaking aloud. They are speaking silently with Cued Speech, because Hair was born deaf.

Hair is one of 17 University students who is deaf or hearing-impaired.

"We do not know why I'm deaf," she wrote on a slip of paper. "I'm the only one in both sides of (my) family."

Hair, a senior from Cary, learned Cued Speech when she was about 3 years old.

"My parents taught my sister first, and I learned it from her," she wrote.

Cued Speech is a form of communication in which the speaker mouths words while making handshapes.

Eight different handshapes and four placements around the mouth are used to distinguish between words like met and bet which look similar on the lips.

UNC's Department of Disability Services supplies notetakers for the 17 hearing-impaired and deaf students and interpreters for four of them.

Out of the classroom, social communication is a different story.

When Hair first meets hearing people who don't know Cued Speech, she communicates by writing notes.

"I've met a lot of people that were afraid to talk to me, so I usually make the first move," she said. "I usually say,



DTH/MATT KOHUT

Catherine Hair looks to her interpreter during a lecture. This real time interaction allows her to participate normally in class.

"Ya know, I'm only deaf. I don't have a disease or something. I'm normal like ya'll but only with no hearing."

After a while, she said, they become familiar with reading each others' lips,

so they do that instead of writing. But deaf people have different ways of communicating — signing, lip read-

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■ Some students hope to implement a course in sign language for credit.

BY APRIL SIMUN
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Four years ago, senior Lindsay Rae McIntyre started an extracurricular class to teach interested undergraduates American Sign Language, one of the ways to communicate with the deaf and hearing-impaired.

Since then, she's tried to get the University to offer an undergraduate course in sign language and deaf issues. She's gotten petitions signed, spoken to department heads and even designed a syllabus.

"There are so many academic possibilities for (a course) in terms of learning about sign, learning about deaf culture," she said.

But McIntyre has been told that the University lacks the resources to offer the course.

Jackson Roush, director of the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, said he thought an ASL course would be popular.

"We just haven't had any way to finance it," he said. "If we could get the funding, I think it is a worthwhile issue. We have a graduate course, and people are beating down the doors."

McIntyre's class, which she has taught every semester since she was a freshman except one, has proven to be popular, she said. She said she

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DTH/MICHAEL KANAREK

ASG President John Dervin talks to student volunteers Ali Fischer (left) and Joanne Werdel on Tuesday about their National Student Day of Action work.

Petition project strives to empower, educate students

BY WHITNEY MOORE
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Students hungry for legislative power on the national level streamed into the Pit on Tuesday afternoon to urge lawmakers to vote for student issues.

The National Student Day of Action encouraged students to sign postcards addressed to Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., President Bill Clinton, and Rep. David Price, D-N.C., that dealt with higher education issues.

"This effort is to draw attention to the fact that students are really concerned about higher education issues," said Mandy Hitchcock, a junior from Charlotte who helped pass out petitions. "We have the power to make (legislators) pay attention to our opinions."

John Dervin, president of the

Association of Student Governments, predicted that students would sign almost 500 postcards on the first day. The postcards will be available in the Pit throughout March.

He said the postcards stressed to lawmakers the importance of supporting higher education by continuing funding for the State Student Incentive Grant, which provides grants for needy students.

The postcards also urged opposition



Association of Student Governments President JOHN DERVIN said students could secure higher education victories.

to attempts to force student welfare recipients out of school and into work and attempts to end affirmative action programs for universities, Dervin said.

"We hope to win these three issues," Dervin said. "Our major goal is to educate and empower students, but our second goal is to win these three legislative victories."

The petition drive is part of a national push by the United States Student Association, an organization that lobbies with student funds for a variety of college issues, including federal aid for education.

USSA caused controversy at UNC in January when Student Congress voted against a possible student referendum that would have increased student fees to fund USSA.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said UNC had a responsibility to

get involved with national issues.

"If we are going to call ourselves one of the number one universities in the country, we have to take a leadership role on national issues," he said.

USSA Organizing Director Rebecca Flynn said empowerment came from teamwork.

"Students all over the country are holding high visibility actions today," Flynn said.

"We want to show, on a national level, our power over our elected representatives," she said.

UNC students who signed the petitions said they hoped their legislators would consider student opinions.

"I don't feel my one petition will make a difference, but it's one of many," said Stephen Lui, a junior from Dallas.

"Sheer numbers are the only way to get to these representatives."

Humankind can't stand too much reality.

T.S. Eliot