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Police: no suspect yet in armed robbery

■ A man who carried a semi-automatic handgun robbed three females.

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An armed robbery Wednesday morning near Alderman Residence Hall has prompted University Police to warn students to take extra safety precautions.

According to a press release, a suspect carrying a semi-automatic handgun approached three female students wait-

ing off Raleigh Street to ride the Point-to-Point Campus Shuttle. The suspect reportedly made threats, grabbed one of the women by the arm and took their valuables.

He fled the scene when passers-by approached, the release states. The incident was reported at 12:35 a.m.

No injuries were reported, and University Police are investigating the case.

The release described the suspect as a 5 foot 9 inch tall black male, with a dreadlock hairstyle, wearing a black hat with white letters, a black v-neck T-shirt and baggy pants.

"It was extremely brazen and shocking to have someone walk up like that on a well-traveled street at a Point-to-Point stop," University Police Chief Don Gold said.

"Those young ladies did everything they could."

The case has been listed with Crimestoppers. Anyone with information they wish to share, even confidentially, can call Crimestoppers at 942-7515.

Although a nearby call box was available, Gold said the victims were probably too surprised to try and reach it.

"What people have to realize is that

every time someone is a victim of a crime, their response to it is very individualized," he said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen said the incident was frustrating because the victims were taking safety precautions such as walking in groups in well-lit areas.

"I just think I would be terrified if I was in those women's shoes," Kitchen said.

University legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus said the Emergency Notification Committee met Wednesday to plan the dissemination of information about the incident.

Ehringhaus said posters would be placed in residence halls. Police are warning students to stay alert, plan routes in advance and walk in well-lit areas.

After-dark transportation such as P2P Xpress or Point-to-Point campus shuttles should be utilized. Students should report any suspicious activity to University Police, the release states.

Meredith Small, a junior from Wilson who lives in Alderman, said she had heard screaming around 12:30 a.m.

"That is insane," she said.
"I was in the middle of a dream and I heard girls screaming."

Employees: complaints ruin unity

■ The groundskeepers say there is no institutional racism in the department.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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The University's groundskeepers pulled together last year during Hurricane Fran to restore order quickly to the campus.

Now some groundskeepers say that complaints about institutional racism within the department have caused that unity to fade.

"If there was racism at this shop, I would fight it tooth-and-nail," said machine operator Kevin Kaffenberger, one of several white groundskeepers who told his administrators about his concerns Wednesday.

Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd, Equal Opportunity Officer Robert Cannon and supervisors in the grounds department met with all employees Wednesday morning to explain a report the University drafted in response to 19 black groundskeepers who complained the department was run with a "plantation mentality."

They claimed the structure of the department has kept blacks from ever holding an administrative position in the department and has held salaries down for all groundskeepers.

The committee, headed by Cannon, found no signs of institutional racism after a two month study, but it suggested several changes to resolve communication problems between employees and its management.

"We've tried to be open, responsive and sensitive to the issues at hand," Floyd said Wednesday.

A group representing one-third of the department's employees gave Floyd a list of questions. The questions asked why they did not have opportunities to talk with the committee like the complainants did, why the complainants got time off to talk to the committee and news media, and why racism charges were being directed at the department.

Pam Dixon, who has worked for the department for four years, said both black and white groundskeepers agreed with the recommendations made by the University last week. But she said the 19 complainants did not need to make their grievance a racial issue.

"We could have worked this out amongst ourselves," Dixon said, adding that the report should have ended the complaints.

"They will eventually find someone who will tell them they are right, but that doesn't mean they are correct."

Floyd told the employees the University would move quickly to act on the suggestions, which include offering free training for employees, putting groundskeepers on a committee to choose their new supervisor and buying uniforms for employees.

Leo Watford, one of the employees who filed a grievance, said that,

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Proposed new authority for airport stirs reaction

■ Chapel Hill has no legal power over the airport, the town's attorney said.

BY JON OSTENDORF
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The University-owned Horace Williams Airport could come under the regulation of a new authority if University and town officials can come to an agreement.

A proposal made at Monday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting is the product of the Horace Williams Airport Committee, created to study the use of jets at the airport after former UNC-system President C.D. Spangler lifted the jet ban last year.

But the proposal has left local officials wondering what the next step will be.

The council recommended that Mayor Rosemary Waldorf meet with UNC-system President Molly Broad and University Chancellor Michael Hooker to devise plans for an authority to regulate the Horace Williams Airport.

"I would like to see the authority made up of all stockholders of the airport," said Diane Bloom, who served on the Horace Williams Airport Committee.

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Airport committee member



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flight pattern, which can be dangerous for pilots new to the airport. She said, "Because private jets often fly into unfamiliar airports, and pilots are often pressured with getting the boss there on time, they are actually more dangerous."

Town Council member Joyce Brown said forming an authority was the first step in resolving the concerns some residents had about the airport.

"This is just the opening of the door to let the University know what the town has found," she said. "We hope that the University is aware that the well-being of the town is important."

On Monday, the airport committee also recommended that a ban on jets at Horace Williams Airport be immediately reinstated.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said the town had no legal power to change policies at the airport. "(The proposal) is just a request," he said.

University officials said Monday they would welcome an advisory board but did not address the ban. UNC-system President Molly Broad said she had referred the airport issue to Hooker.

Carolyn Eifland, associate vice chancellor for business at the University, said different people make decisions regarding specific areas of the airport's management. "Some larger change, like the jet ban, would be discussed with a broad base of people," she said.

Waldorf, Hooker, and Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd could not be reached for comment.

Early exit

BY M. LEE TAFT
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Former North Carolina defender Tim Sahaydak always dreamed of playing professional soccer.

To achieve that goal, Sahaydak chose a school in one of the country's strongest soccer conferences. He started as a freshman and immediately established himself as one of the best defenders in the league.

Then he tore his anterior cruciate ligament. And only then did he get a shot at a pro career.

"I had thought about playing if the opportunity presented itself," Sahaydak said. "But nothing was offered until after I blew out my knee."

The offer came from Major League Soccer to play in the league as part of a new project for younger players. The program, called Project 40, allows players to leave college or high school and play with an MLS team.

The players also have an opportunity to play internationally at a younger age, all in hopes of strengthening the level of American soccer.

Sahaydak decided to leave UNC after his sophomore year to pursue a career in professional soccer. But the decision was easy for him.

"Blowing out my knee made me realize how fragile my soccer career could be," said Sahaydak, who will join either the Chicago or Miami expansion teams next season. "That's the one reason I decided not to risk further injury in college. The opportunity was there, and I took it."

Sparking soccer development

Tim Hankinson, the MLS' director of player development, spearheads the project. Hankinson said the goal of the project was to improve America's standing in the world of soccer.



UNC defender Tim Sahaydak (right) is the first Tar Heel to leave school under Project 40. He will play professionally next season.

"We want to advance further in the Olympics than we did in 1996," Hankinson said. "Another goal is to win the World Cup by the year 2010. To make these goals happen, we must introduce players to this level of soccer at a younger age so they can be better professionals at a younger age."

In order to meet those goals, MLS officials believe players must see more action on the field. A player compet-

ing in both the MLS and a foreign league can average 60 games per year, while the average college team plays between 18 and 20.

Hankinson argues that 20 games per year is simply not enough time for sufficient development. The more a developing player is on the field, the better he will become. The level of

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STAYING IN THE LINES



DTH/JON GARDNER

A lone student travels across campus through the rainy weather Wednesday afternoon. The shower came as a relief to the area, which has been suffering from near-drought conditions.

AIDS community responds to new vaccine experiment

BY COURTNEY WEILL
STAFF WRITER

The latest plan to combat the AIDS epidemic has local AIDS activists and experts questioning the plan's ethical implications.

The effort to inject healthy volunteers with a weakened strain of the HIV virus for vaccine research sparked concern among the AIDS community.

"I think that is a little nutty," said Dr. Charles Van der Horst, associate professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UNC-CH. "At this point I don't know if the vaccine has been tested enough in animals."

More than 50 members of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care announced Monday that they had willingly volunteered for the experiment. IAPAC and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation want to begin human testing by the year 2000.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation said that by deleting three genes out of HIV's structure they could inject the virus as a vaccine, preventing instead of initiating infection, Van der Horst said.

The experimenters utilized the same principles used in developing vaccines

for polio and measles, he said. "HIV causes a chronic infection," he said. "It's going to be much harder to prevent than those kinds of viruses."

The testing of a vaccine poses a fatal risk to all volunteers, said Dr. Arthur Amman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Suppose the virus isn't weakened enough; instead of getting a small reaction and then being resistant to the live virus, these people may fully develop AIDS," Amman said.

Alison Fischer, co-president of Carolina AIDS Resource Education Service, said the volunteers must consider the potential risks. "Obviously, I think a vaccine for AIDS would be incredible, but I don't think I would want to be the one to test it," she said.

Douglas Long, a UNC bioethics professor, said volunteers' awareness of possible consequences would determine if the experiment met ethical standards.

"It seems morally problematic to ask ordinary lay people to undergo the experiment unless they understand it thoroughly, but when people are associated closely with a cause, it may be eas-

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INSIDE Thursday

Hear no evil, see no evil

This week, Diversions takes a look at the many forms of censorship and how they affect art. Page 5

Today's weather

Mostly cloudy;
low 70s
Friday: Sunny;
high 70s

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A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.

H.L. Mencken