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11 vehicles broken into during break

Several of the vehicles damaged during the break belong to UNC employees.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Burglars took advantage of employees and students during Thanksgiving weekend to break into several cars parked across campus.

At least 11 cars were broken into, mostly on South Campus, and some car owners discovered compact disc players, cellular phones and radar detectors missing when they returned to their vehicles.

Police reports state that several of the victims were employees of UNC Hospitals who worked Friday and Saturday.

Police reported pry marks on several car doors and trunks. The thieves used bricks and rocks to break into some cars, reports state.

One of the largest rashes of car thefts in recent years occurred last spring when thieves stole radios out of several Hondas parked in the PR Lot and other off-campus car lots.

No radios were reported stolen during the weekend break, and only two cars parked off campus on UNC lots were damaged by thieves.

Five of the damaged cars were parked in Craige Parking Deck on South Campus, and four were parked in lots near the hospital.

A car on the fourth floor of Craige Parking Deck suffered more than \$1,000 in damage Saturday when a thief pried open the doors and broke windows of a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer.

A pry bar did \$700 of damage to the vehicle's doors and \$350 in damage to glass of the UNC Hospitals' employee's vehicle.

The thieves also stole a CD player and radar detector from the sport utility vehicle.

Damage from another break-in also caused several hundreds of dollars of damage to a 1990 Ford Taurus parked in the Health Affairs Parking Deck.

The robbers stole a \$300 cellular phone, a wallet with cash and identification, and damaged the locks of the car by prying the cylinder out of the lock in the trunk, according to police reports.

While the robbers raided some of the cars, others were broken into and left with valuables inside. The 1983 Honda parked in the PR Lot had a broken window, but the thief did not take the cellular phone or CD player hidden under the seat, reports state. Police took the items from the car to keep them safe.

Police usually make an effort to warn students to secure their cars during any break.

University Police Lt. Mark McIntyre, who investigated several of the break-ins, did not work Sunday and could not be reached for comment. The burglars apparently gave drivers a break on Thanksgiving Day. No thefts were reported Thursday.

Student leaders leave offices to campaign

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

The race for next year's student body president got off to an early start Sunday.

Three members of Student Body President Mo Nathan's cabinet said they would resign from their positions to run for the office.

Two others announced they would resign to serve as campaign managers for other candidates.

Student Body Secretary Anne Neville, Human Relations Committee Co-chairwoman Reyna Walters and one of Nathan's executive assistants, Lacey Hawthorne, will all resign by next Monday.

Neville said she had a hard time deciding to leave her office. "I've given this more thought than I've given any-

thing else in my entire life," she said. "If I didn't have to leave my position now, believe me I wouldn't."

She said she also looked at the big picture in making the decision.

"Student body secretary ends in April, but if I'm elected, I'd be starting in March."

Walters said she felt somewhat rushed in making her final decision to run. Cabinet members had to let Nathan know by the Thanksgiving break



Student Body President **MO NATHAN** issued a statement supporting the UNC system's affirmative action policies.

whether they would seek office or help campaign for others. "Right now I'm saying I definitely want to do this, but Christmas break will be the final deciding time," she said. "I haven't even told my parents yet."

Hawthorne said that ever since she got involved with student government as a freshman, people have always asked her if she was setting herself up for the student body president office. "That has never been my intent," Hawthorne said.

She said she was running to serve students not her own personal aspirations. "I came to grips with that a long time ago," she said. "I didn't want to do it just because it was a title. I don't think there is a place for egos within student politics."

Scott Hammack, co-chairman of the Student Services Committee, said he would leave the cabinet to manage

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REYNA WALTERS
Cabinet member

Hawthorne's campaign. Kristina Morris, co-chairwoman of External Relations Committee, is also leaving to become a campaign manager for Charlie Roederer, Carolina Athletic Association co-president, who will also run for student body president.

Neville said she was not surprised by the number of candidates coming from the cabinet.

"Everyone on cabinet has thought about (running)," Walters said. "They almost expect you to on student government."

Nathan said duties would be reallocated to other students involved with student government. The position of student body secretary is open to all students, and the deadline for applications is Friday.

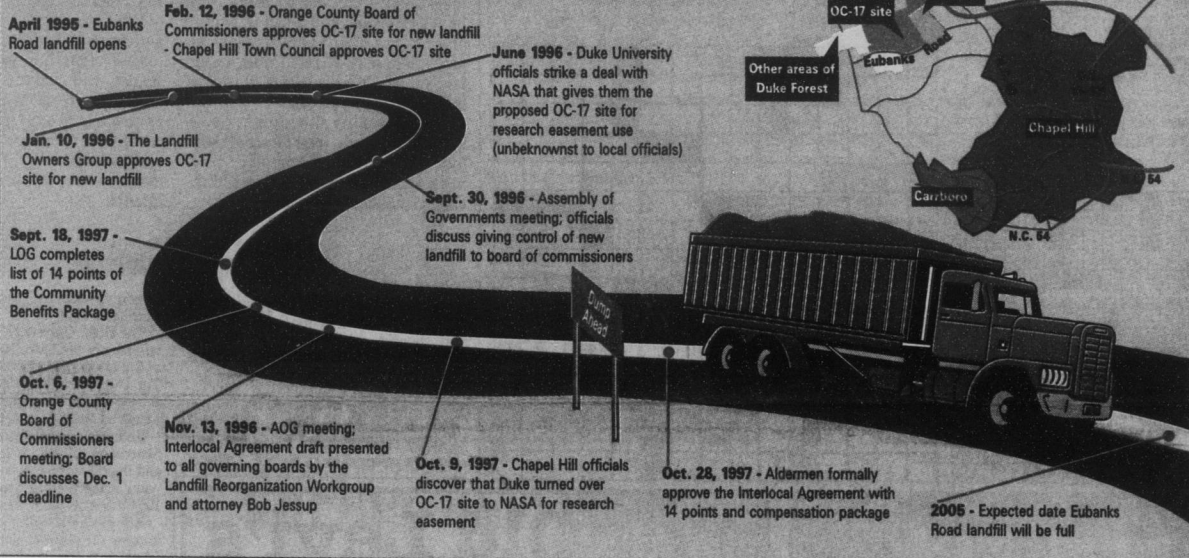
In other business, Nathan said he supported the use of affirmative action programs in admissions at the University.

Nathan said he had to make a statement since campus policies might soon change. UNC-system President Molly Broad announced a review of affirmative action programs last week, which could directly affect campus policies.

"When it was in California it was in California," she said. "But it's not something out in the distance anymore."

The long road to sanitation

In the past two years, officials have held dozens of meetings on the fate of a new Orange County Regional Landfill. Because of recent findings Monday's deadline for finalization will not be met.



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Trashing the deadline

BY HUGH PRESSLEY
STAFF WRITER

Enough talk. It's decision time. After years of deliberating over the solid waste situation in Orange County, local officials are faced with a smelly situation after failing to select a site for the new Orange County Regional Landfill by today's deadline.

The Assembly of Governments, consisting of the four governing bodies of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and Orange County, proposed the new landfill in order to replace the existing Eubanks Road landfill. The Eubanks Road landfill is expected to reach capacity in 2005.

In January 1996, nine months after the Eubanks Road landfill opened, the Landfill Owners Group, a group of local officials working on the landfill reorganization project, approved site OC-17 for the new landfill. The site, located adjacent to the Eubanks Road landfill, gained approval from Chapel Hill and Orange County a month later.

But plans to use site OC-17 were foiled in October 1997 when local officials found out that Duke University, the owners of the site, had turned it over to NASA in June 1996. NASA will use the site as a five-year research easement.

This twist in the landfill reorganization plot surprised local leaders, and on Oct. 21, the Orange County Board of Commissioners voted it

would not be able to select a new site by the Dec. 1 1997 deadline.

"I don't think we had any reason to know about that easement," said LOG chairman and Chapel Hill Town Council member Richard Franck. "We hadn't been actively engaged in landfill selection activities because we were preoccupied with other issues, like dealing with the neighbors of the (Eubanks Road) landfill."

In response to Duke's deal with NASA, Chapel Hill Town Council members voted in October to send a letter to NASA requesting information about the research easement. But Bill Crowther, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, said Chapel Hill had yet to receive a response.

Despite the setback, Crowther said site OC-17 was still a possibility because the NASA easement would only last five years.

"It's still not out of the question," he said. Crowther said in addition to site OC-17, three other possible sites existed: OC-2, located in Bingham Township in west Chapel Hill, OC-9 and OC-11, both located in Hillsborough.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said other options were available besides constructing a new landfill.

"Anything else would involve the development of a transfer station," he said. "We can't all just sit around and keep (the waste) at home. There has

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Traveling students face road delays

Traffic accidents near Greensboro and Charlotte delayed returning students.

BY COURTNEY WEILL
STAFF WRITER

Though officials denied any major problems on the road, UNC students faced traffic jams on their way back to campus.

Connie Johnson, a senior English major from Huntersville, complained of long waits along Interstates 40 and 85 between Charlotte and Chapel Hill on Sunday afternoon.

"It took twice as long as it normally takes me to get home," Johnson said.

Like Johnson, sophomore Chris Hibbard also encountered accidents.

"There was a wreck outside of Greensboro, and I've heard it's gotten worse," said Hibbard, a business major from White Mountain.

"It took longer than normal to get here."

Others avoided the huge backups by leaving home early to return to campus.

"It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be," said Jean Marie Henderson, a junior music major from Wallace.

"There were a lot of people on the road, but the traffic flow was good."

Officials like Highway Patrol Sgt. N.R. Strader agreed with this positive outlook on the traffic situation.

"Traffic was extremely heavy on Wednesday and Thursday," Strader said. "But today, it has been flowing very smoothly."

Strader said there was not an unusual number of accidents during the holiday weekend.

"Things have gone pretty well overall throughout the state this weekend," Strader said.

Although the Highway Patrol said conditions were favorable overall, 14 deaths were reported on N.C. highways by Sunday afternoon, according to the

Associated Press.

Increased traffic not only plagued the highways, but most airports also suffered a large surge in passengers this weekend.

The number of airline travelers at Raleigh-Durham International Airport reached record levels this holiday weekend, said Rick Martinez, public affairs manager for Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority.

"If this is not our top weekend, it will probably be up there," Martinez said.

The high numbers were a result of the rush out of town on Wednesday, he said.

"Wednesday was pretty tough," Martinez said. "We probably had about 28,000 passengers, and for every passenger you have about three people to pick them up or drop them off."

Despite the large number of people visiting the airport, Martinez said there were few problems.

"We haven't had one incident of crime."

UNC public health students to promote AIDS awareness

STAFF REPORT

As the AIDS epidemic continues to spread across the planet, several UNC students want to make sure others have the information they need to keep it from reaching them.

As part of their final project, 40 students in Professor Deborah Bender's "Organizational Theory" class have embarked on a mission to spread the news about AIDS and to break stereotypes associated with the disease.

The students, who are in Department of Health Policy and Administration, will set up booths and pass out information about AIDS and HIV today at South Square Mall and

East Chapel Hill High School. Today marks the 10th annual World AIDS Day and kicks off an entire week of AIDS awareness activities on campus.

The booth at the mall will be open from noon to 9 p.m. Students will distribute pamphlets they have developed and red ribbons. Students will ask participants to pin a matching ribbon to a tree next to the booth. The students plan to donate the tree to the Inter-Faith Council Community House in Chapel Hill.

"Our students tend to be active — they tend to be idealistic — they tend to

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Rain, then sun; high 50s
Tuesday: Mostly sunny; high 50s

If there is another world, he lives in bliss. If there is none, he made the best of this.

Robert Burns