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## Jennings No Stranger to Coaching Turmoil Experience Hailed in New Chief

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Melissa Jennings' involvement with the \$12 million lawsuit against North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance and the University isn't her first brush with a coaching controversy. During her high school career, Jennings and her father, Craig, took a list of grievances against the St. Charles High School girls' soccer program to the Illinois High School Association. As a result, the program was put on probation for one year. The coach later resigned.

In addition, Jennings never played for St. Charles, failing to make the varsity squad for two seasons. In each instance, she quit soccer instead of playing for the junior varsity squad, one of her former coaches said. But despite her inexperience in the prep ranks, Jennings graduated a year early and was recruited by the 15-time NCAA champion UNC program. It's a curious twist to the story that has shaken the UNC women's soccer community to the core. Last Tuesday, Jennings and two-time national-player-of-the-year Debbie Keller filed suit in U.S. District Court

accusing Dorrance of sexual harassment and misconduct. Aside from the allegations, one of the biggest questions in the case continues to be the hazy link between Jennings and Keller, who played together in 1996. Judy Keller, Debbie's mother



Former goalkeeper Melissa Jennings was dismissed from the UNC women's soccer team during the spring of 1998.

and prep coach in Naperville, Ill., said the families weren't close before the suit. About the ambiguous relationship between the Jennings and Debbie Keller, Judy Keller said Friday, "You'll hear more about that when it comes out in court. Anyone who can find out that connection will have a great story." Some members of the 1996 team said they couldn't recall the two as close friends. But Aubrey Falk, who played for Dorrance from 1994-97, said Judy Keller played a part in Jennings' arrival in Chapel Hill. "Judy Keller let Anson know about Melissa," Falk said.

In the 1997 UNC women's soccer media guide, the write-up on Jennings' prep career is brief. Listed among her activities at St. Charles is two years of varsity tennis and one year of varsity badminton. Her soccer experience came from the Illinois Olympic Development state team, where she played goalkeeper for four years. She also played for a select boys team in Chicago. That soccer involvement came after two failed attempts to make the varsity squad at St. Charles. The goalkeeper ahead of her in the team's rotation,

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Friends of new University Police Chief Derek Poarch describe him as a fair and honest administrator.

BY LAURA STOEHR  
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Community policing is no strange task to the University's new police chief. Derek Poarch has served in law enforcement since 1977 and has spent the past 19 years in the mountain town of Lenoir.

"He's an honest and a fair man and he's a heck of an administrator," Capt. Mike Phillips of the Lenoir Police Department said. "He's done a lot for this department and for the city of Lenoir." Lenoir Police Capt. Gary Clark, who has known Poarch for 32 years, said Poarch



New Police Chief Derek Poarch organized nearly every community policing group in Lenoir.

felt that all of a police department's duties were, from directing children across streets to handling emergencies. Clark said the Lenoir Police Department had received back-to-back Governor's awards for community policing efforts. He said Poarch's work was vital in receiving the awards. Clark said Poarch had organized nearly every community policing group or organization in Lenoir. He said the department worked as a problem-solving unit that sought out problems in various communities and organized community leaders.

Although Poarch did not return calls this weekend about his appointment, he stressed the need for increased community policing at UNC in a July 9 forum. Clark said that Poarch followed that philosophy in Lenoir. "He thinks that the people (on the force) and the community should be one," he said. "Poarch believes the police department can't operate without the input of the people it services." Poarch said that open communication within UNC's police department

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## Plane Crash Reinforces Concerns About Airport

BY SHELLEY LEVINE  
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Tensions between the the University about its Horace Williams Airport and area residents are heating up after a weekend plane crash at Guy B. Phillips Middle School. Richard Bibb of Oak Hill, Va., lost power in his RV4 plane Saturday morning as he approached the University-owned Horace Williams Airport on Airport Road. He attempted to make an emergency landing on the practice field of Phillips Middle School, which lies in the flight path of the airport runway, after trying to restart the homemade plane. As Bibb neared the field he noticed that a team was practicing, so he aimed for the school's parking lot. His plane hit trees near the parking lot and crashed. David Jones, the Phillips football coach supervising 39 boys at the time of the crash, said the plane landed about 20 feet from the team. "One of the teachers inside heard it and thought the trees were falling down for some reason," he said. Bibb, who has 20 years of flying experience, said the entire incident happened too quickly for him to be frightened. "Well, I was pretty busy at the time," he said. "I was more scared when I got on the ground than when the plane was crashing." The airplane crash on school grounds has turned fear into reality, residents said. Two schools, Phillips and Estes Hills Elementary School, lie in the path of planes approaching Horace Williams. Two other schools stand nearby.



Richard Bibb's homemade airplane crashed Saturday at Guy B. Phillips Middle School on Estes Road and was carried to Horace Williams Airport to await Federal Aviation Administration inspection.

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## Area Rapes Stir Debate On Privacy

Officials sought a balance between a victim's rights and a community's right to access crime reports.

BY COURTNEY WEILL  
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An unidentified rapist climbed through windows and assaulted two women in Judith Fetrow's neighborhood in the last month. After hearing about the attacks from a neighbor, Fetrow decided to double-check her window locks. Living in an air-conditioned house, she assumed her windows were locked. "Every one of my windows was unlocked," Fetrow said. "If I hadn't heard the information about this rape, how long would it have been until I locked them?" Her predicament prompted a debate between the Durham Herald-Sun, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and a West Durham neighborhood on balancing a victim's right to privacy and a community's right to information about crimes in their area. The Herald-Sun printed the street and block of the incidents Friday, following a week of attempts to obtain omitted police reports on the incidents, Herald-Sun Managing Editor Jon Ham wrote in a Friday column. The Rape Crisis Center attacked the newspaper in a mass e-mail for releasing the locations. But Fetrow said she was grateful for the article. She asked, "Should we all be in our homes not knowing about this so the next window the rapist breaks in is ours? It's not being insensitive to the victims to say there is a rapist in the neighborhood."

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## Retiring Police Chief Reflects on Changes

BY JON OSTENDORFF  
City Editor

When Ben Callahan was drafted out of graduate school and sent to Vietnam as a U.S. Army Military Policeman, he had no idea it would begin a career of community service. "I went to college to teach history," said the Carrboro Police Chief who will retire today after 14 years with the department. But after 25 years as a policeman in the Chapel Hill area, Callahan, 50, said

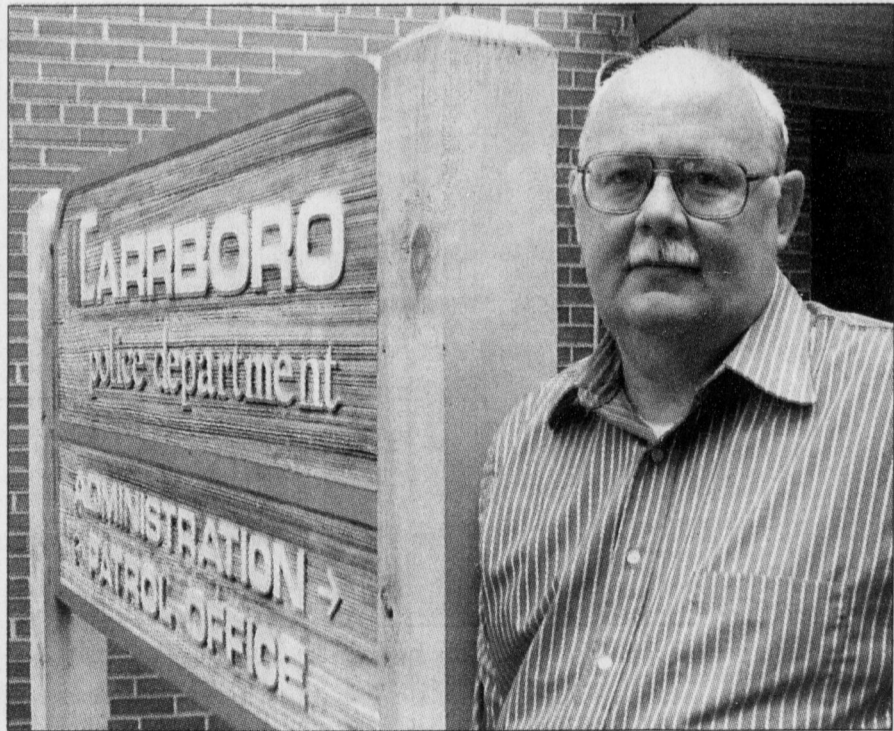
he had enjoyed the challenges of law enforcement. He said the department's community-oriented approach to policing had helped the small force serve effectively. "To me, police work is being a part of the community, and this department has always been close to the community," he said. In his quarter century of service, Callahan has worked for all the area's police departments. In the early '70s, he was an officer with the Chapel Hill Police, in the '80s he worked for the

University, and in 1984 he joined the Carrboro force. Callahan said he had seen many changes in the community that had affected his job. "We're dealing with different people with different expectations now. We now have people living in Carrboro that are not connected with the University at all," he said. Callahan said this influx had created new challenges. He said the rise in crack cocaine use was one of the biggest challenges. Petty larceny and armed robbery have increased in direct relation to crack

cocaine use, Callahan said. He said only active community participation would rid the town of drug problems. In Cabarrus County, where Callahan grew up, he said the community was very involved in law enforcement. "In my town, it was very small. If you committed a crime, you were ashamed," he said. "There really are no community sanctions here. Crime is just sort of expected. It used to be that criminals were outcast, now they are accepted as a part of the community." Callahan said in his experience, criminals were no different than anyone else. He said they looked at crimes with a cost-versus-benefits rationality. Sometimes, he said, criminals were simply doing the only thing they knew how to do, which could cause interesting relationships with the police. "There are people that are still around that I dealt with 25 years ago," he said. "We had this one guy that would run from us all the time, and we chased him. I guess he would still run now, but he's probably not as fast anymore."

Callahan, who had never worn a bullet-proof vest, said he felt fortunate that he had never been in a life-threatening situation. "To my knowledge, no one has ever pointed a weapon at me," he said. "But I have backed officers up in many cases where weapons were present," he said. Callahan said the use of deadly force was never a desired tactic and in many cases could be troubling for the officer involved. "After an incident you just have to sit down with the officer and talk to him. You have to make sure he hasn't had any problems with the incident," he said. Callahan has also had his share of funny experiences. "When I came to work in Carrboro in 1984 I had not been a patrol officer since 1976," he said. "One night I was sitting out in a parking lot and this car flies by. So I followed him just to talk to him about speeding."

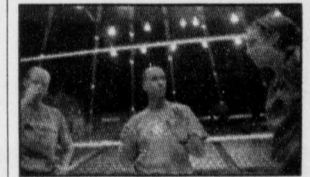
But when he pulled the driver over, See CALLAHAN, Page 4



After 25 years in the police force in the Chapel Hill area, Carrboro Police Chief Ben Callahan is retiring today. Callahan plans to move to Cabarrus County to teach history on the high school or community college level.

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## INSIDE Monday



### Increased Awareness

After the lawsuit against Anson Dorrance, who maintained a very personal relationship with his players, male coaches of female athletes at UNC are taking another look at their coaching styles and their interaction with team members. See Page 12.

### Taking Away Aid for AIDS Sufferers

In the midst of budget debate, N.C. lawmakers are considering cutting money from a program that helps uninsured AIDS patients purchase much needed drugs. For AIDS patients Kevin Nuttall and Robert Arrington, the program is more than just an item in the state budget. See Page 5.

### Today's Weather

Hot and humid; Low 90s  
Tuesday: Sunny; mid 80s

In the future, everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes.

Andy Warhol