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Security Gate Left Open for 'Access'

Department of Public Safety officials say the PR gates can only be exited by a car, not by a person on foot.

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
Staff Writer

After the Department of Public Safety decided Friday to leave the newly-installed automatic gate to the Estes Drive PR lot open because of a concern for pedestrians, nearly 40 cars in the lot were broken into Saturday.

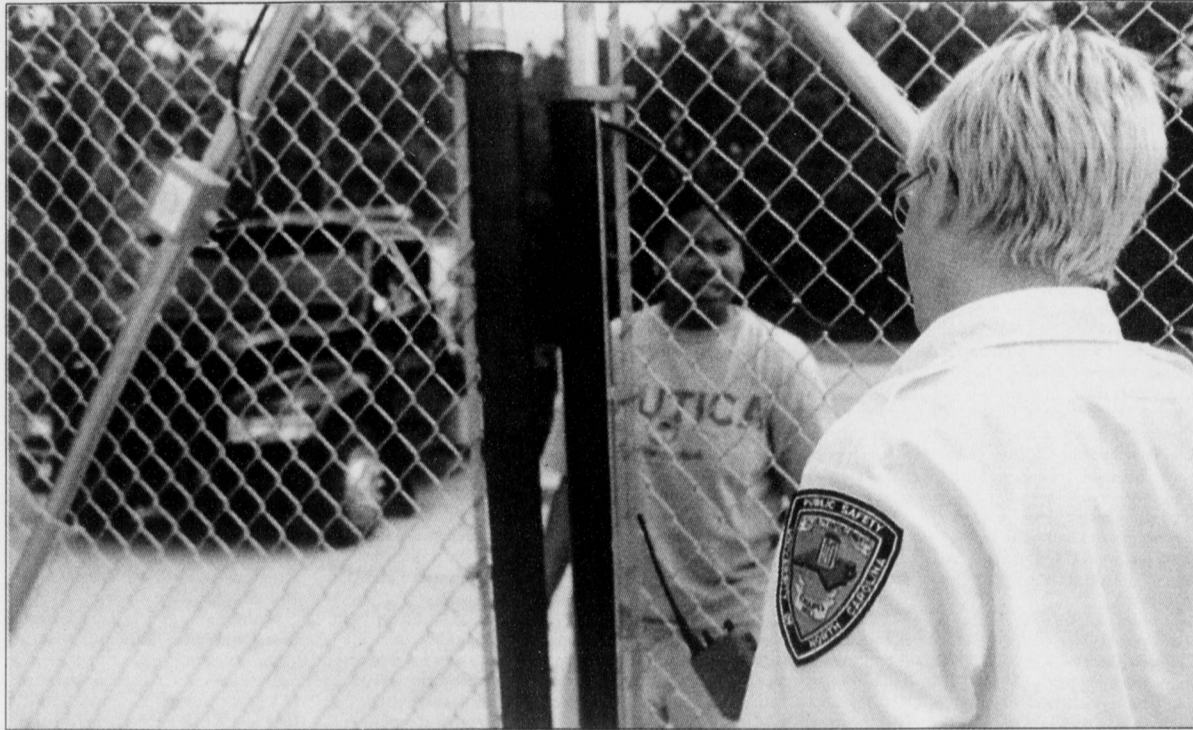
Now the University is waiting for a new gate to be installed so people could leave the lot and it could remain secure, but a date had not been set to build it, police Maj. Jeff McCracken said Tuesday.

Friday afternoon, police were concerned that people who wanted to leave the lot on foot or by bike would get locked in since only cars driving past activate the exiting gate, University McCracken said.

The full-time security guard in charge of the lot did not show up on Saturday night when the break-ins occurred, said Lt. Archie Daniels, the officer investigating the break-ins.

McCracken said when the security guard didn't show up to patrol the lot, it was the result of a staffing mix-up.

Young said officers only patrolled the See PR GATES, Page 7



Matthew McCown, a security guard at the PR lot off Estes Drive, talks to a woman who needed to tow her vehicle out of the parking lot but did not have a PR card to access the gates. McCown has worked as a guard for one year and he said the vandalism occurred when no guard was on duty.

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Town Looks At Boosting Protection

Police and town officials will consider increasing patrols of park and ride lots after a rash of break-ins.

By JENNIFER KNESEL
Staff Writer

Town officials said Tuesday that they would consider increasing security after a weekend crime spree resulting in 58 car break-ins at local park and ride lots.

Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill Police spokeswoman, said officers already patrolled park and ride lots regularly to deter crime by staying visible.

But police will re-evaluate security tactics in light of the recent break-ins, Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said. "I'm sure the police will take another look at the situation and consider what more can be done."

Bob Godding, Chapel Hill Transit Authority director of transportation, said the authority had not met to discuss security at the lots.

Cousins said students who used the lots should remove expensive items such as compact discs and compact disc players from their parked cars.

The Town Council had not looked at crime problems in town lots since last February when seven break-ins were reported, member Joe Capowski said. "The last time there was an outbreak of break-ins, we put video cameras in and police stepped up patrols."

Police arrested three people shortly after last weekend's break-ins and police are investigating to see if the suspects are related to all 58 break-ins, Cousins said. "We certainly hope that the arrests we have made will have an impact."

Godding said crime in the lots had decreased slightly due to security cameras. "The actual amount of arrests related to cameras is low, though." Godding said he could only recall one instance where video footage had helped police capture thieves.

After last January's string of break-ins at park and ride lots, victims criticized police and the transit authority for not notifying them of damage done to their cars. In mid-February, Scott McClellan, a transit authority representative, wrote a letter to The Daily Tar Heel apologizing for the delay in notifying victims of the break-ins and promising to do better in the future.

Cousins said this time the police department had not received any complaints from victims. "As much as we were able to, we notified the owners."

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Walters: Time Expiring To Fulfill Platform Goals

By COLLEEN JENKINS
Staff Writer

Six months into her administration, Student Body President Reyna Walters said Tuesday that she realized how little time she had left to accomplish her platform goals.

"I feel we're on track, but I'm starting to realize I don't have as much time as I thought I did," she said.

While Walters emphasized that two-thirds of her platform goals were completed or in progress, the Executive Branch's October Report presented at Tuesday night's Student Congress session showed that several of the promised goals had not been fulfilled.

Walters said her three biggest accomplishments during the first six months of her administration were creating an interactive University Day, working on advising programs and increasing student input in the Carolina Computing Initiative.

But the report stated that several of the platform goals were in research and planning stages. For example, two out of three Human Relations goals, Greek Affairs issues and on-campus service projects, had not been pursued.

"A lot of groundwork has been laid, but we need to do a lot of planning ... to get the results we want," Allison McKie, chairwoman of the Human Relations committee said.

Transportation was another area overlooked so far by the Walter administration. No efforts had been made to increase the number of Point-2-Point drivers or to open a P2P telephone line for Student Health Service.

"We're still trying to figure out how to approach some things," she said. "Point-2-Point hasn't gotten addressed, and that's very important to me."

The External Relations committee report gave tangible evidence for progress made in the last six months. Danya Ledford, chairwoman of



external relations, reported that in September and October the executive branch helped register more than 1,500 student voters.

Speaker of Student Congress Brad Morrison said he was disappointed in the lack of communication between the Walters administration and congress. "A lot of the stuff in the report is new to me, and I think that says a lot."

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Congress Trumps Committee's Cuts

Congress gave Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and graduate students \$630 Tuesday.

By ANDREW MEEHAN
Staff Writer

Student Congress restored \$335 in funding to Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and graduate students Tuesday after the group's co-chairman accused the finance committee of not taking its mission seriously.

After several proposed amendments and much debate, Student Congress gave a total of \$630 to CAMP.

The bill introduced to Congress by the finance committee originally provided the group with \$295, which was cut from the requested \$1,825 at the committee meeting Oct. 6.

CAMP is a student group that promotes the organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender graduate and professional students.

The group planned to place a flier in every graduate student's mailbox that would outline resources and services available to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender graduate students, CAMP co-chairman Glenn Grossman said.

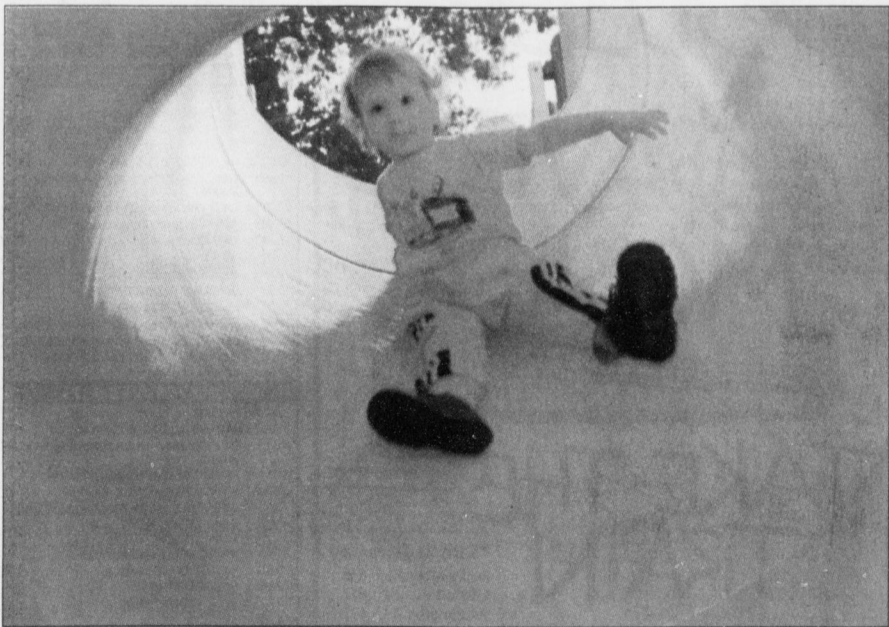
CAMP requested funds for speaker fees, subscriptions, office supplies, tele-

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Representative Mark Kleinschmidt introduced the final amendment giving the group \$630.

SLIDE SHOW



Jonathon Hampton whisks himself down a playground slide at the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Community Center on South Estes Drive on Tuesday afternoon. From inside of the bright red slide, Hampton turns the same color as his ride. The center is a toddler hot spot for him and other children after school.

DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Phones Disconnected Due to Unpaid Bills

Student government and SAFE Escort have argued about which group should pay the phone bill.

By BRIAN BEDSWORTH
Staff Writer

Students forced to use the pay phones in the Undergraduate and Davis libraries might soon be able to make calls for free again.

The courtesy phones were disconnected on Sept. 23 by the University's telecommunications company, Telecom, because bills had not been paid for one year, Dennis Pickett of Telecom said.

The unpaid bills totaled \$782.36, Pickett said.

Student Body Treasurer James Dasher said he was arranging for the bills to be paid, and said the phones would be reconnected soon.

Undergraduate Librarian David Taylor said the libraries had not been informed about the phones. He said no one told library officials when the phones had been disconnected.

"We thought they had been stolen," Taylor said. "We need them."

Dasher said SAFE Escort, an on-campus security organization, was responsible for funding the phones.

SAFE Escort is funded by the safety and security fee, which is paid for by student funds, he said.

Pickett said Telecom had notified SAFE Escort several times by mail of its overdue bills, but had received no reply.

SAFE Escort Treasurer Lisa Barnard, said the phones were originally installed as a security measure, to allow students to call for a ride late at night.

Robert Dalton, who has worked at the Davis reference desk since 1989, said the phones had been there as long as he could remember.

But the phones were used by students for general purposes at all hours, Barnard said. She said no one had ever given SAFE Escort an explanation as to why they should pay the bills when the phones were used most often for purposes other than calling SAFE Escort.

SAFE Escort's president told Barnard not to pay the bills for the three courtesy

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INSIDE Wednesday

10 Years of Music
Mammoth Records celebrates its 10th anniversary as a major label in the Chapel Hill music scene with a two-day birthday bash at Cat's Cradle. Mammoth invited bands from its label to perform at the shindig.
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All Eyes on Kosovo
Foreign leaders began sending 2,000 monitors to Yugoslavia to ensure that President Slobodan Milosevic abides to NATO demands for the withdrawal of troops from the Kosovo province. Milosevic agreed to peace negotiations with ethnic Albanians.
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Today's Weather
Mostly Sunny
Mid 70s.
Thursday: Sunny,
Low 70s.

Gimme a Break, Finally

The Daily Tar Heel will take a much needed Fall Break along with the University. To celebrate, we will not publish Thursday or Friday. Be sure to pick us up when we return on Monday.

Every government is run by liars and nothing they say can be believed.

I.F. Stone