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ATM Gunman Remains at Large

Police are still searching for the suspect who robbed a man at a South Elliot Road ATM early Thursday.

By KATE TURGEON
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill police are still searching for the suspect who robbed a man at gunpoint Thursday morning at the State Employees' Credit Union automated teller machine on South Elliot Road.

At 7:47 a.m. the victim was standing in front of the ATM when a man approached him.

Jane Cousins, police spokeswoman, said the man pressed a silver automatic handgun in the victim's side and told

him to hurry up and take money out of his account, which the victim did. Police are still looking for the assailant.

Police said the incident was surprising because it did not happen at night.

"You don't expect that first thing in the morning and in broad daylight," said A. Sanders, a police investigator.

A witness described the gunman as a 6-foot tall black male in his mid-twenties with a stocky build and a light to medium complexion.

Police said they hoped the security camera image of the gunman would lead to an arrest this time.

"Hopefully we'll be able to catch him if someone sees this photo and recognizes him," said Sanders, the investigator assigned to the case.

The witness, who was in her car in the parking lot at the time of the robbery,

told police the gunman approached the victim after getting out of the passenger side of an older-model white car with tinted windows.

Cousins said the victim did not notice the state the car's license plate was registered in, only that there were three number fives on the plate. According to police, the victim made the right decision by giving the money to the man.

"Don't play the hero," Lt. E. Johnson said. "If you are using an ATM, always be aware of your surroundings and make your transaction in a timely manner. If confronted, always follow their instructions."

The robbery is the second in Chapel Hill this year, Cousins said. The first occurred Jan. 25 at the State Employees' Credit Union ATM on South Hamilton Road. Cousins said no arrest was made.

There was only one reported ATM robbery in 1998. That robbery took place at the Central Carolina Bank on Dobbins Drive, and Cousins said no arrest was made.

Police are not disclosing the amount of money that the gunman escaped with.

However, the bank's branch manager, Bryan Johnson, said the bank's policy was not to let customers withdraw more than \$200 a day from automated teller machines. "It's important that people realize there is always a risk at an ATM machine," Cousins said.

Anyone with information about the robbery should call Chapel Hill police at 968-2760 or Chapel Hill/Carrboro Crimestoppers at 942-7515.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STATE EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION

This unidentified man robbed an automated teller machine customer at the State Employees' Credit Union on South Elliott Road Thursday.

Co\$T of Competition

UNC's Faculty Salary Push: Keeping Up With Prof. Jones

By CHERI MELFI
Staff Writer

As University officials prepare to vote on major tuition increases to raise faculty salaries, many say the driving force behind this quest might be a matter of competition, not money.

Clarice Evans, research associate at the American Association of University Professors, said many universities tended to increase faculty salaries in order to stay competitive with peer institutions.

"What we've been seeing is that there are some 'superstar' faculty members that universities compete over," Evans said.

"In many cases, universities will recruit these individuals and pay them much more than they pay other faculty on the same level — so salary is definitely a big factor in competition."

David Guilkey, chairman of UNC's Department of Economics, said the University dropped in U.S. News & World Report's 1999 college rankings because faculty salaries had become less competitive than those at other schools.

"When people are in the initial stages of looking for jobs, salary is the most important consideration, especially when we are trying to get good teachers to come here from other schools," Guilkey said.

Guilkey and fellow professor, Edward Samulski, submitted a letter to a University committee Oct. 15 pushing for significant tuition increases to address the school's faculty salary woes.

Guilkey said the results of his recent faculty salaries study indicated that UNC faculty were not being paid enough to stay competitive with peer institutions. He said in recent years he had noticed many faculty members were leaving for higher-paying jobs.

Guilkey's study, which differs significantly from the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy study that ranked the University's faculty pay fifth among public institutions, listed UNC 14th in salary and 14th in total compensation among 17 peer institutions.

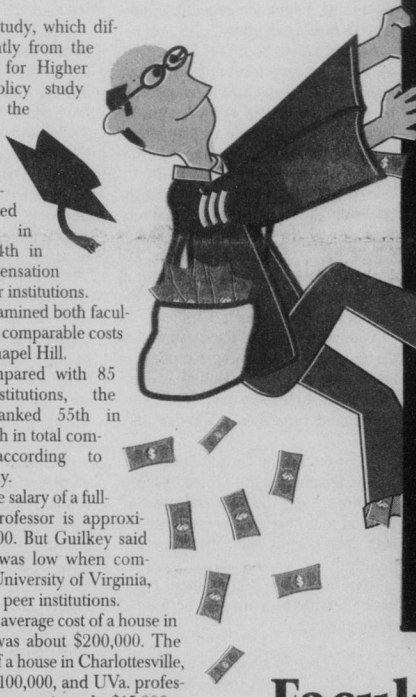
Guilkey examined both faculty salaries and comparable costs of living in Chapel Hill.

When compared with 85 research institutions, the University ranked 55th in salary and 58th in total compensation, according to Guilkey's study.

The average salary of a full-time UNC professor is approximately \$88,000. But Guilkey said that amount was low when compared to the University of Virginia, one of UNC's peer institutions.

He said the average cost of a house in Chapel Hill was about \$200,000. The average cost of a house in Charlottesville, Va. is about \$100,000, and UVa. professors are paid approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 more a year than UNC professors, Guilkey said. "If you compare \$90,000 to the salary of a Chapel Hill High School teacher, it is very good," Guilkey said. "But when you compare

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Faculty Feel Salary Strain

By KIM MINUGH
AND KAREY WUTKOWSKI
Staff Writers

A proposal to boost faculty salaries by raising tuition has sparked speculation about whether UNC can recruit and retain top professors.

But for some UNC departments, the fear of losing top faculty is already a daily reality.

Donald Searing, chairman of the Department of Political Science, said that at least seven senior faculty members in his department were being recruited by other universities.

He said the professors, who make an average of \$10,000 less than their peers at competitive institutions, were bringing offers from other universities to the table, forcing negotiations.

"I am very afraid that we're going to lose

those people, and salary is not the only consideration, but it is a big one," he said. "Most people want to stay here, but they know they can get a considerable raise if they go elsewhere."

Searing said salary woes had already spurred two professors to leave his department for two of the nation's most prestigious institutions — Carnegie Mellon and Duke universities. He said these universities had covered UNC's \$10,000 shortcoming and then offered them up to an additional \$25,000 in annual pay.

When Harvard lured two other professors from UNC, the Department of History and School of Medicine school also suffered, said Richard Kohn, chairman of the curriculum in Peace, War & Defense.

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Report: Aid Missing for Area School

The founder of a failed charter school filed a report claiming the school lacked necessary local support.

By GINNY SCIABBARRASI
Assistant City Editor

The founder of the School in the Community released a report Thursday detailing the causes of the school's failure and pointing fingers at who he thought was to blame.

The school closed down last spring after low enrollment caused the state to revoke its charter.

But Fred Good said the school's closing was part of something much larger. He said the community was turning its back on children with special needs.

"I went in this because I had discovered the issue — in Chapel Hill we had a lot of kids falling through the cracks," he said. "I started this school in good faith and got creamed for it. I lost a battle, but I'm not going to lose the war."

Good said the purpose of the School

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Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

Do you support a tuition hike to increase UNC faculty salaries?



Go to www.unc.edu/dth to cast your vote.

INSIDE Friday

3,269

The Carolina Athletic Association drew this number for Saturday's ticket distribution for the basketball games against Howard, Clemson and Tennessee Tech. The numbers ranged from 2,401 to 4,133.

Be Heard

The Daily Tar Heel is looking for UNC faculty to share their thoughts and opinions on the proposed tuition increase at the University. Interested faculty should write letters to the editor or guest columns, all of which will be published next week. Contact Editor Rob Nelson at 962-4086 or at nelson@email.unc.edu with questions.

Today's Weather



Cloudy;
High 60s.
Saturday: Cloudy;
Low 60s.

Justice O'Connor to Dedicate Law School Building

By JAMILA VERNON
Staff Writer

Sandra Day O'Connor will be the second U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 30 years to serve as the keynote speaker at a dedication ceremony for the UNC School of Law today.

The Van Hecke-Wettach Hall was first dedicated in May 1969 by Justice Earl Warren, said Audrey Ward, director of communications at the law school.

"It's an honor to have a Supreme Court Justice come to speak — someone of her caliber," Ward said.

The rededication will celebrate the new addition to Van Hecke-Wettach Hall and starts at 3 p.m. The ceremony features various speakers, such as N.C. Supreme Court Justice Henry Frye and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

School of Law Dean Gene Nichol said Frye would introduce O'Connor.

"(Frye) is the first black North

Carolina Supreme Court justice and one of our graduates, so that should be an added attraction," Nichol said.

Nichol said school officials expected about 1,000 people to attend the ceremony.

One law student who plans to attend said she felt the dedication was a good way to network. "It is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the alumni and welcome them to the new addition," said Tara Hogan, a second-year

law student from Sylvania, Ga.

A ribbon-cutting and an open house of the new building will follow the speakers from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event will be catered and will feature self-guided tours through the renovated building.

The school has been under renovations for nearly three years, Ward said.

She said it was a two-pronged project — the creation of the new addition and the renovation of Van Hecke-Wettach

The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves.

Logan Pearsall Smith