



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Jan. 30

■ A resident assistant in Old East Residence Hall reported the vandalism of a vending machine on the first floor, police reports state.

A visiting parent said she heard a loud noise in the hall and went to check it out. She saw four males at the vending machine, reports state.

The glass on the vending machine was broken, causing about \$150 worth of damage, reports state.

Friday, Jan. 28

■ A former UNC student was arrested for assaulting his ex-girlfriend, reports state.

University Police arrested Richard Carroll Kauffman III, 22, of 1955 Kaster Court, North East Brenton, Wash., on one misdemeanor count of assault on a female.

According to police reports, Kauffman withdrew from UNC last semester. He had returned to Morrison Residence Hall to collect his personal belongings. Neither Kauffman's former roommate or his ex-girlfriend let him stay in their rooms.

Kauffman moved his belongings into the lounge and stayed there for a week, reports stated.

The female student was going home for the weekend and wanted to tell him goodbye. Kauffman was sleeping so she woke him up and they talked, reports state.

According to reports, Kauffman became hostile over their breakup, started to swear and yell, and grabbed her by the throat. After struggling, the female pushed him off and ran to her room to call the police.

University Police entered the lounge to find Kauffman sleeping. They woke him and started to question him. Kauffman didn't say anything at first.

Then, he said he was having a dream that he was being attacked and was trying to defend himself.

He said he then woke up and started choking the victim, reports state.

Police reported that the assailant asked police "Will you shoot me?" When police asked him to repeat what he said, he replied, "Nothing."

The victim had what appeared to be red finger marks on both sides of her neck.

Kauffman is being held at Orange County Jail on a \$10,000 secured bond. His trial is set for March 6 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

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■ A 21-year-old Chapel Hill resident was charged with one misdemeanor count of driving while impaired.

David Glenn Bunn III of 112 Duchess Lane was arrested by Chapel Hill police at the Circle K on Legion Road in Chapel Hill. His 1996 Land Rover Discovery was left secured at the scene, police reports state.

Bunn registered a .25 blood alcohol content and was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court on March 7.

■ A 19-year-old UNC freshman was arrested by Chapel Hill police for one misdemeanor count of possession of an altered license, one misdemeanor count of littering, one misdemeanor count of underage possession of beer and one misdemeanor count of open container.

Travis Brown Moser of 1536 Granville Towers was arrested on West Rosemary Street near Church Street after police observed him drinking a Bud Light. He was then seen throwing the beer bottle down on the sidewalk, police reports state.

During Moser's detention, police discovered that he was in possession of an altered driver's license and that he was only 19 years old, police reports state.

Moser was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on March 6.

Friday, Jan. 28

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a man at the Masee Lounge, located in the Kroger Shopping Plaza, and charged him with one misdemeanor count of simple possession of marijuana and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Babel Ketema Seyoum, 18, of 3113 Cedarwood Drive in Durham, was cited and released at 10:05 p.m. Chapel Hill police Officer G. Shinn approached Seyoum after seeing him smoking a "blunt" in the parking lot of the Masee Lounge. When asked what he was smoking, Seyoum responded, "weed."

His trial date is set for March 7 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Police Accost Suspect in Food Lion Robbery

By JACOB MCCONICO
City Editor

A foiled shoplifting attempt ended when the assailant fled a local grocery store, attempted to kidnap two Chapel Hill residents, stole a car and bit a man's finger.

Arlene Mozell Green, 38, of 112 Merritt Mill Road, was arrested and charged with two felony counts of second-degree kidnapping, one felony count of attempted common law robbery, one count of felonious larceny, two misdemeanor counts of damage to property, one misdemeanor count of larceny, one misdemeanor count of assault and one misdemeanor count of careless and reckless driving.

Carboro police officers received a call from Orange County Communications around 1:30 p.m. Saturday that a woman had attempted to rob the Food Lion at the Willow Creek Shopping Center on Jones Ferry Road.

While officers were en route to the scene of the crime, a second call came over the dispatch radio stating that the woman had fled the grocery store on foot and the manager was chasing her.

Six or seven bystanders were pointing and screaming at a woman in the truck who matched the description of the woman police were looking for.

The Food Lion store manager told investigators that he had seen the woman trying to leave the grocery store with some bags in her hand. He stopped her and asked to see a receipt, but the

woman told him she did not have to show him a receipt, reports state.

The manager told the woman she could not leave the store with the items, and she set the bags down and left. The manager noticed the woman had more items in her purse and he chased her to the Burger King drive-through.

According to police reports, the suspect forced her way into a vehicle in the drive-through and told the woman who was driving the car that she would kill her and her child if she did not drive

away immediately. The suspect put her hand in her jacket and acted like she had a gun, reports state.

The woman told the suspect she could not drive off because there was someone standing in front of the car. The store manager of Food Lion had seen what happened and ran in front of the car, police reports state.

The suspect then allegedly pushed the woman and her child out of the car

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Stepping in Rhythm With Cultural Tradition

By JERMAINE CALDWELL
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When African villages used a heavily rhythm-based dance to solve intertribal disputes, there was probably little idea that it would evolve into stepping and reach the UNC campus via black fraternities and sororities.

In its simplest state, stepping is the use of hands and feet in the forms of clapping and stomping to create complex but steady rhythms.

When these sounds are combined with chants, lights and music, it becomes the stepping of today, performed by fraternities and sororities at step shows.

"Once you get together, it's like a sisterhood-brotherhood activity," said Trenya Futrell, UNC's National Pan Hellenic Council president and Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc. member.

Along with the camaraderie, Futrell said stepping could also bring about competition in the form of step shows.

"It's a time where everyone can show who has the best moves," said the junior from Ahsokie.

Even though these moves might seem to throw all rules of rhythm out the window, there are actually masterminds behind the scenes orchestrating the routines.

Stepmasters, as some are called, develop the routines by creating steps, scouting out other shows for new moves, and using traditional steps

known as signature steps.

"It's almost like storytelling," said Ebony Staton, Delta Sigma Theta Inc. stepmaster. "It's passed on from generation to generation."

But these signature steps alone can cause routines to stagnate. The innovations and special effects make stepping eye-popping and keep it ever-evolving.

"It's a mixture of the old and new," said Staton, a junior from New Bern. "You try and think of things other people aren't going to do."

But more than old and new steps create a successful performance. Routine creators must work on details from creation of formations and rhythm to synchronization and music. And that's before the intense practice starts.

Once the traditional and unique are meshed together and the pieces of the routine are assembled, the stepmasters teach the choreography to the members.

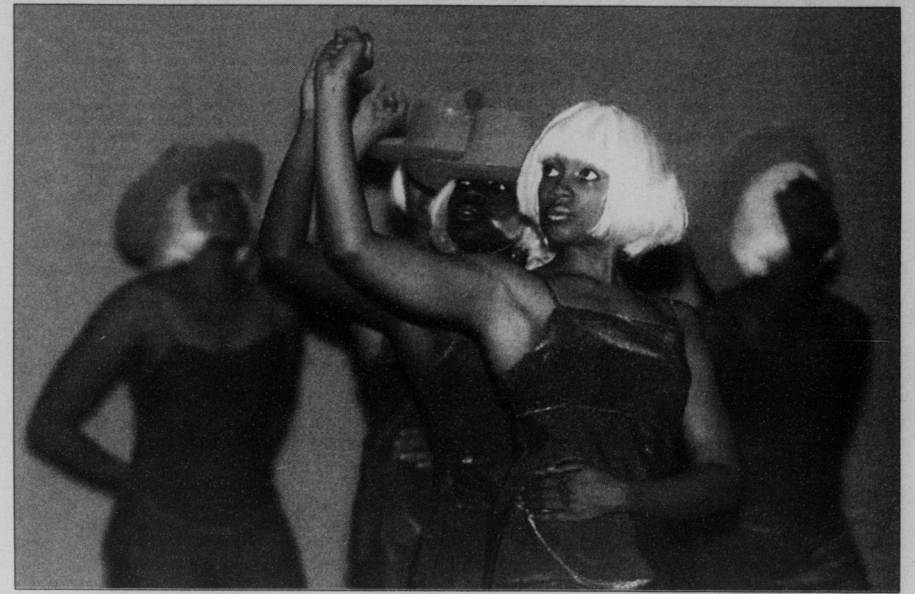
"It always looks unreasonable to learn," said Delta Sigma Theta Inc. step team member Nicole Cosby.

Cosby said getting accustomed to the rhythms and motions of general stepping helped to learn the routines.

"You learn how to learn how to step," Cosby said.

Batteries are not included with this African-adapted tradition, but stamina is an important factor in learning the 10- to 15-minute routines that can take hours of practice to perfect.

But while African tribes were exert-



Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Inc. step during Homecoming festivities in November. They added their own personal flair with hot-pink cowboy hats.

ing energy to solve intertribal quarrels, fraternities and sororities use it to participate in step show competitions.

To leave the stage as victors, teams must be a step above the rest. And while stepping can be done with just hands and feet, added accessories can take a routine from ordinary to spectacular.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity Inc. members use knee-high red and white canes when they step. They have become a standard symbol of the fra-

ternity, but the canes switch from icons to accessories when the show begins. They are tossed, spun and used to add different sounds routines.

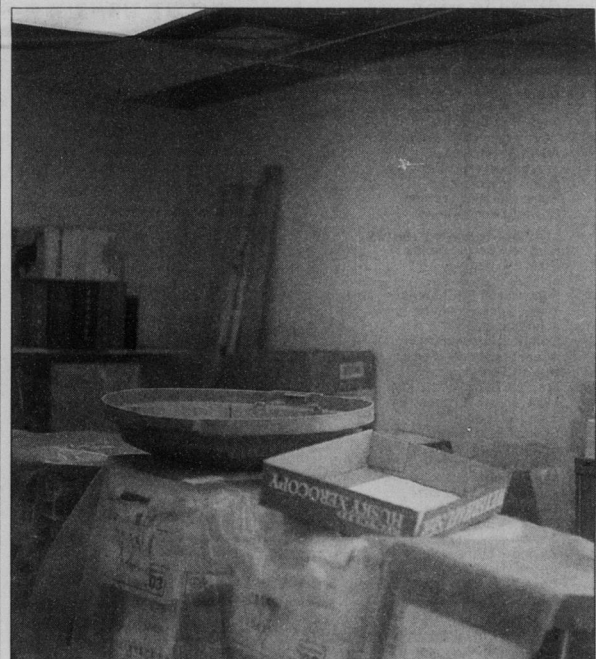
At the homecoming show in November, the Kappas and Deltas both walked away with the title.

The Deltas stepped their way to the title by incorporating chairs into their show, an idea they got from another chapter. As a grand finale, they stepped in the chairs, threw them across stage

and rotated them among members. But enhancements are not limited to just chairs. Everything from glow-in-the-dark wigs and gloves, cowboy hats, strobe lights and smoke can be seen in the span of one show.

But steppers recognize that these enhancements would not have been possible without the basic African dances from which they evolved and

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Plastic sheets and trash can tops protect office supplies and storage boxes from the leaky ceilings in the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Town Tables Station Repairs

By TRICIA BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Citing a chronically leaky roof, structural damage and crowded conditions, town officials are calling for renovations to the 20-year-old Chapel Hill Police Department building.

However, the Chapel Hill Town Council delayed any decision Monday night on a proposal submitted by Town Manager Cal Horton. The proposal seeks \$600,000 to renovate the police headquarters, which is located at 828 Airport Road.

Council members expressed their frustration with Lucien Roughton Architects of Durham who prepared preliminary needs of the department, saying they expected the company to work within the boundaries of the money allocated by Horton.

Several council members said they were confused with the architects' plan and requested the proposal receive further review from the town staff.

"I don't think we're going to be moving out of that building anytime soon," Horton said, agreeing that the town staff would further review the proposed

changes and come back to the council at a later date.

Maj. Gregg Jarvis pointed to an inefficient heating and air conditioning system and roof and wall leaks as major problems that needed to be addressed in the renovation plans.

"There are significant leaking problems," he said. "The protective sealant on the walls needs repair."

Several Town Council members expressed their support for proposed renovations that would go beyond a simple fix-up. Council member Jim Ward said the leaky roof needed to be repaired now rather than later when larger, more expensive problems could occur. "The roof has leaked for many years," he said. "It needs something more than a Band-Aid."

Ward said the police headquarters renovation was a council priority, but they needed more specifics on the actual costs of renovations.

"I think I will be very supportive of spending town money to make those renovations as soon as possible," he said. "It's incumbent upon us to take care of our capital assets."

In addition to the structural prob-

lems, the police headquarters is also running out of space in the midst of rapid personnel expansion. Building analysis done by the local architect revealed that the available space was sufficient for the police department's present needs, but there would be a need for future expansion. "We have 17,000 square feet right now," Jarvis said. "But the architect said that with our growth, there is a need for more square footage."

Since the police department was constructed in 1980, the number of personnel has increased from 75 to 127, and the number of police officers has increased from 66 to 107.

Along with having more people to accommodate, analyses showed that the building had potential safety concerns, such as vacant or loose floor tiles and a lobby shared by suspects, victims and visitors.

Horton said the building needed more than the basic renovations.

"Ultimately, the building needs to be modernized," he said. "The interior layout needs to be redone."

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UNC Rushing to Fill Job Vacancies

Human Resources is trying to fill about 560 positions by posting job listings on Internet employment sites.

By BETH O'BRIEN
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While the recent surge in the economy means employment for many people, it is also a big factor in the continuing problem of University job vacancies.

The nationwide business boom has created more jobs than can be filled, and the University is no exception, said Jack Stone, director of the Human Resources employment division.

"It's a heated economy. We have the lowest unemployment rate in a decade," Stone said. "It's a wonderful thing, but that's the problem."

With more than 500 jobs open, UNC is scrambling to fill staff positions, a situation which is nothing new.

Bonnie Smith, a job recruiter in Human Resources, said the number of vacancies was about 560 out of 6,000 total University-wide positions.

The employee shortage has been a problem for a number of years, reaching a high of 614 in May 1999 from a low point of 321 in May 1997, Smith said.

Smith cited a number of reasons for the vacancies. "We're competing with the Research Triangle Park as far as pay," she said. "Someone working here will think, 'I can just go work down the road and earn \$20,000 more.'"

Smith said another factor was that around 50 new University jobs were created each month, ranging from research positions to computer-related jobs. Some of those empty spots are left by permanent employees moving up in the ranks, she said.

"We fill 150 to 200 positions a month," Smith said. "But 30 percent to 35 percent of those are filled by other permanent employees, so their old spots open up, and nothing really gets solved."

Stone said the need for employees in the University was across the board, but certain areas were hurting more than others. He said that with jobs requiring certain skills, such as dental hygienists, there was a scarcity of people.

Both Stone and Smith said they still used old standards such as job fairs and

radio advertising for recruiting, but innovative techniques were becoming necessary to replace more conventional methods.

Stone said posting on the Internet proved to be highly effective. "We use job bulletin boards on sites like headhunter.net, monster.com and triangle-jobs.com," he said.

While the vacancies are University-wide, certain departments have seen marked improvement. Michael O'Brien, director of housekeeping administration, said more of those vacancies had been filled since September.

Housekeepers complained last spring that the 8 percent vacancy rate was putting an overbearing load on the workers.

"We are recruiting nine housekeepers right now, and there are 377 positions," O'Brien said. "That's down from 21 open positions in September."

Although O'Brien said he was pleased with the department's recruiting progress, the vacancies were still a problem. "As quick as we fill one spot we lose another. We have to be proactive."

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WFU Medical Center Makes Ethics a Must

A new educational program at Wake Forest University will require some medical faculty to pass ethics tests.

By ANNE FAWCETT
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Students will not be the only members of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center community taking exams this semester.

A new ethics training program, to be implemented in February, will require medical faculty leading research involving human subjects to complete an ethics certification course and exam.

John Butterworth, director of the WFU office of clinical trials, said recent media reports regarding ethics violations at prominent medical schools prompted his office to take action. "We thought it would be appropriate to make

it required for our physicians to know the rules - not that they have broken any rules, but that they may not know them as well as they should," he said.

Administrators plan to offer the 7 1/2 hour Clinical Research Investigator Training program on three dates in 2000. The first course, scheduled for Feb. 29, is already full. Butterworth said faculty with extensive research experience could place out of the course by passing the final exam.

Subjects of study include the ethics of human subject enrollment and informed consent, requirements for institutional review boards and the statistical basis for clinical trials.

Recent violations at schools such as Duke University and the University of Richmond resulted from administrative problems instead of unethical conduct by researchers, Butterworth said.

To head off these types of issues,

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