

Robbery Leaves Cops Guessing

Police say they have no leads in a robbery that occurred Friday at the State Employees Credit Union.

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Staff Writer

With no leads and no suspects, police continue investigating Friday's robbery at a Chapel Hill bank.

According to police reports, an unidentified man entered the State Employees Credit Union, located at 310 Pittsboro St., at 12:53 p.m. and presented the teller with a threatening note demanding money.

A single photograph taken during the robbery by one of the bank's security cameras shows the thief face to face with the teller.

The suspect is described as a black

male with a mustache, a height of 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches and a weight of 200 pounds.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the suspect was wearing a gray wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses with orange lenses, dark slacks, a dark jacket and a white T-shirt.

"The suspect entered the building at around 12:50 p.m. with about 20 customers and 20 employees present at the bank," she said.

Cousins said the suspect went over to a table before approaching a bank teller and giving him the threatening note. The note demanded money but did not imply that the robber was armed.

After the teller complied, handing over the requested money, the robber proceeded to flee by foot.

Randall Welborn, senior vice president of the Orange County State Employees Credit Union, said he was shocked by the robbery.

"We were certainly surprised," he said. "That bank opened in June of 1974, and this is the first incident we have had here."

Welborn said police did not consider that bank to be a predictable target for robbery.

"It is a tranquil campus bank that is also very active (with customers)," he said. "The Chapel Hill Police Department said the bank wasn't a likely spot (to be robbed)."

Cousins would not disclose the amount of money that was stolen. Both Cousins and Welborn could not disclose the name of the teller.

Cousins said anyone who recognized the suspect's description or photograph should contact police at (919) 968-2760 or the Chapel Hill Crime Stoppers at (919) 942-7515.

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Public Urges Smart Use of Land

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A heated debate ensued Monday as residents voiced concerns over the proposed rezoning of the Greene Tract at a joint public hearing.

The Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners came together to gather opinions concerning the application that proposed a rezoning of the Greene Tract from the rural transition zoning district to the material handling zoning district.

The rezoning would allow solid waste collection and disposal facilities to be built on the 169-acre property, which is located between Eubanks Road and Homestead Road.

Donna Rogers, who spoke at the hearing and who is presently on an academic sabbatical from the Environmental Protection Agency, recommended the land be used for environmental education.

"This acreage is one of the most beautiful and valuable resources I have seen in a long time," she said. "The fact that there are existing schools located near the property, and others scheduled to be built, is reason enough to allow this land to be used for educating our children."

"Let's give our children the same experience in nature that so many of us were privy to as we grow up," she said. "Give them an environmental education that will instill in them a sense to preserve, conserve and sustain Mother Earth."

Ken Rudo, a resident of Rogers Road and the state's toxicologist, said his investigation revealed contamination at the Greene Tract. He said if rezoning were to take place the contamination problems would only worsen.

"We found contaminated water possibly coming from the landfills, with many homes contaminated with carcinogenic chemicals," he said.

"Anybody who would vote to rezone the tract would be doing it knowing that it would be harming the resident's health and I consider that shameful and immoral."

Dawn Gerakaris, of 2020 Billabong Lane, said she moved to the area because of the strong commitment to education and family values. She said rezoning the tract would be detrimental to her neighborhood.

"This is the home and the land we hope our daughter will inherit some day," she said.

The debate ended with Town Council member Joyce Brown petitioning the council to drop the rezoning application.

"The rezoning is in conflict with the previous agreement," she said. "The Greene Tract should be kept as a natural area."

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Arrests Fail to Quash Labor Protest at UW-M

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After 54 anti-sweatshop protesters were arrested and placed in jail, students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are resuming their fight against the school's labor licensing policy.

Students and community members gathered Monday afternoon to rally again in front of Bascom Hall, which houses the office of the chancellor.

"(The) rally is focusing on raising awareness about what happened, reasserting demands and dropping charges," said UW-M graduate student Daniel Long.

All 54 original protesters were arrested early Sunday morning for unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct, according to a UW-M press release.

Sixteen of the 54 people were also charged for resisting arrest, and one with underage consumption of alcohol.

All the students were later released on bail. Long said the bail for the general charge was \$400. For those who resisted arrest, an extra \$300 were added to the bail amount.

"People from the community came forward and maxed out their ATM cards (in order to pay bail)," Long said.

As of Monday, the local district attorney's office had yet to decide what formal charges to press. Campus police officer Martin Redmann said the process might take up to two weeks.

Chancellor David Ward ordered that

the protesters be removed Sunday after agreeing to one of their demands - to join the Worker Rights Consortium and end the school's membership in the Fair Labor Association.

But UW-M Student Body President and protester Adam Klaus said, "(Ward) made no commitment to not going back into the FLA (and) his commitment to the WRC is, at best, sketchy."

Long said at least 20 police officers arrived in full riot gear, including gas masks, tear gas canisters and batons.

After police discovered that students who were locked together had the keys on their bodies, the students were strip-searched, Long said. He alleged that three students were denied medication while in jail - one was denied prescribed insulin, while another was denied her antidepressant medication.

While UW-M officials stated that they had given the protesters several opportunities to discuss their demands, Klaus said these offers involved returning to a drawn-out dialogue process.

In a similar protest at UNC last April, students staged a three-day protest in South Building, demanding full disclosure of the University's licensing contracts. No arrests were made.

Klaus said, "I hope that we can come up with a process where students can enact change without having to come to large-scale protests."

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FIGHT

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fight. Lassiter, 17, was not an ECHHS student. The fight took place at the popular hangout across the street from the school during ECHHS's one-hour lunch break. Juniors and seniors are allowed to leave campus during the break.

Still investigating the case, police were hesitant to discuss possible motives behind the fight. But students openly discussed the brawl Monday.

Junior Ramsey Green, a friend of Carrier, said he witnessed the fight.

He said the fight first broke out between Carrier and Cooper, but Cooper's friends eventually joined the brawl. Green said Cooper and his two friends forced Carrier to the ground and kicked him before other students finally broke up the fight. "It was basically Rodney vs. three other guys," he said.

Although Carrier moved to the area last year, Green said his friend had no problems adjusting and did not have enemies at ECHHS.

"(Carrier) is a funny guy," he said. "He was fine with everyone."

Thaden said teachers held "advocacy meetings" with students Monday to discuss how they felt about the incident.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said the three teenagers were given their defense attorneys at Monday's hearing. They are all being held at the Orange County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 secured bonds.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said felony charges were given because the teenagers' feet were classified as deadly weapons.

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CAMPAIGNING

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said campaign worker Chris McClure. "We're working harder than ever before to make sure students hear our voice."

Matthews said he was planning to continue the same strategies that had served him well throughout his campaign. "We're going to do the debate, put the final touches on elections day stuff and hopefully get a little sleep."

Both Matthews and Smiley said they would employ a final push for certain planks of their platforms.

Smiley said she would focus on increasing ties with the Chapel Hill community as well as being accountable to the student body.

Matthews said he would continue to

stress communication with the student body. "I want students to know every opportunity that is available to them."

After last Tuesday's turnout of less than 4,000 voters, candidates and their supporters said they were also concerned with getting students out to the polls.

"Our campaign now is all about getting people out to vote and reminding them that there is a runoff," Wakelin said.

Matthews said he would target every voter, with a focus on graduate schools. "Every student is affected by this election."

Elizabeth Breyer contributed to this article.

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ASG

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USSA member failed last week. But student leaders at UNC-system schools are interested in ensuring they are represented in USSA via ASG.

Jonathan Rowe, student body president at Western Carolina University, said ASG should take more advantage of its USSA membership. Rowe said there needed to be an increase in communication for the ASG to fully benefit from its USSA membership in USSA.

While there has been a breakdown between the two organizations, some student leaders see great potential in the relationship.

Nieman said the USSA was an important lobbying tool for students.

"Any group that's going to represent student interest is a healthy thing," he said. "The USSA is by far the most well-established student organization."

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Campus Calendar

Today

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - The Management and Society Association will be holding a meeting in Union 208.

All students are welcome to come to the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

7 p.m. - The International Socialist Organization will be holding a talk and discussion on the relations between capitalism and domestic violence.

The talk will be held in 103 Greenlaw Hall.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

7:30 p.m. - The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will host a debate between the Young Democrats and the College Republicans on the third floor of New West.

The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday

4 p.m. - Grammy-nominated Columbia-Sony jazz recording artist David Sanchez will lecture on the influence of Latin music on jazz on in Person Recital Hall.

The lecture is open to all students and is free.

8 p.m. - Carolina AIDS Resource Education Service (CARES) will be holding an elections meeting in 108 Murphey Hall.

For the Record

Monday's article "3 ECHHS Students Face Felony Charges" should not have included Torrey Lassiter as a student at East Chapel Hill High School.

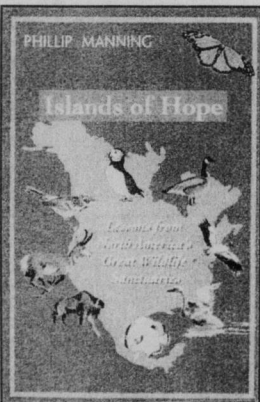
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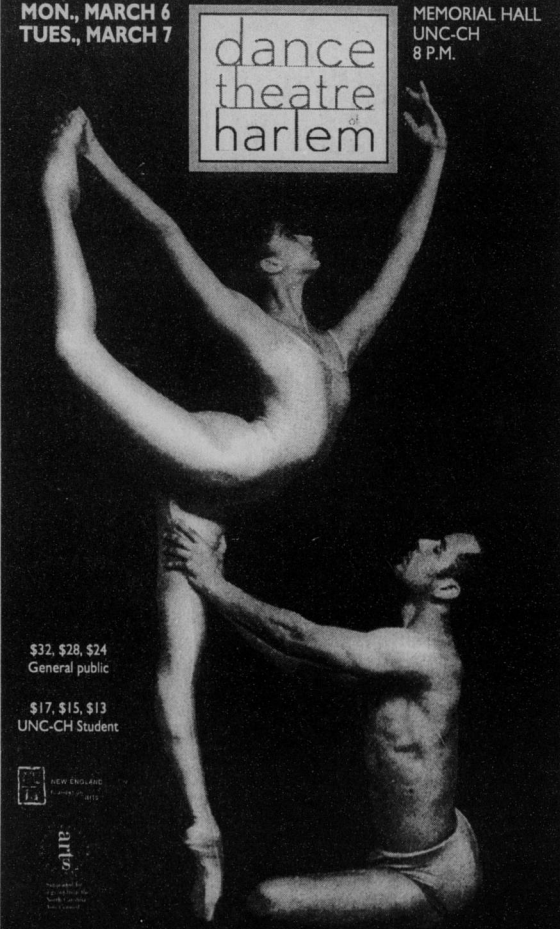
Islands of Hope investigates the animals and ecosystems that the sanctuaries protect; it talks with people who run the preserves to discover how they use conservation laws and the science of ecology in their work; it examines how refuges are created; and it explores the threats still facing North America's sanctuaries.

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