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Library Dangers Raise Concerns

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With only humming fluorescent lights, turning pages and the occasional passing footsteps breaking the silence, UNC's libraries seem benign venues for quiet study.

But reports of stolen wallets and indecent exposure at late-night study spots have prompted UNC students, police and library officials to examine ways of promoting a safer learning environment.

While officials have considered better lighting and increased patrolling of study areas, Pat Mullin, associate University librarian for access services and systems, said he understands why some students choose not to study at places like Davis Library. "If it was me, I'd leave if I was all alone on one of those floors (of Davis)," he said. "Since (Davis) is a public building, there's a wide variety of people in there. We don't have the staff to patrol the whole area."

If students are in a threatening situation, Mullin said, they should contact the library's circulation desk. The incident is then reported to University police, who attempt to identify the perpetrator.

Within the past week, two female students have reported separate incidents of indecent exposure.

In each case, a female student filed a complaint to University police after seeing a man exposing himself. One incident was reported in Davis, and the other occurred in the Undergraduate Library.

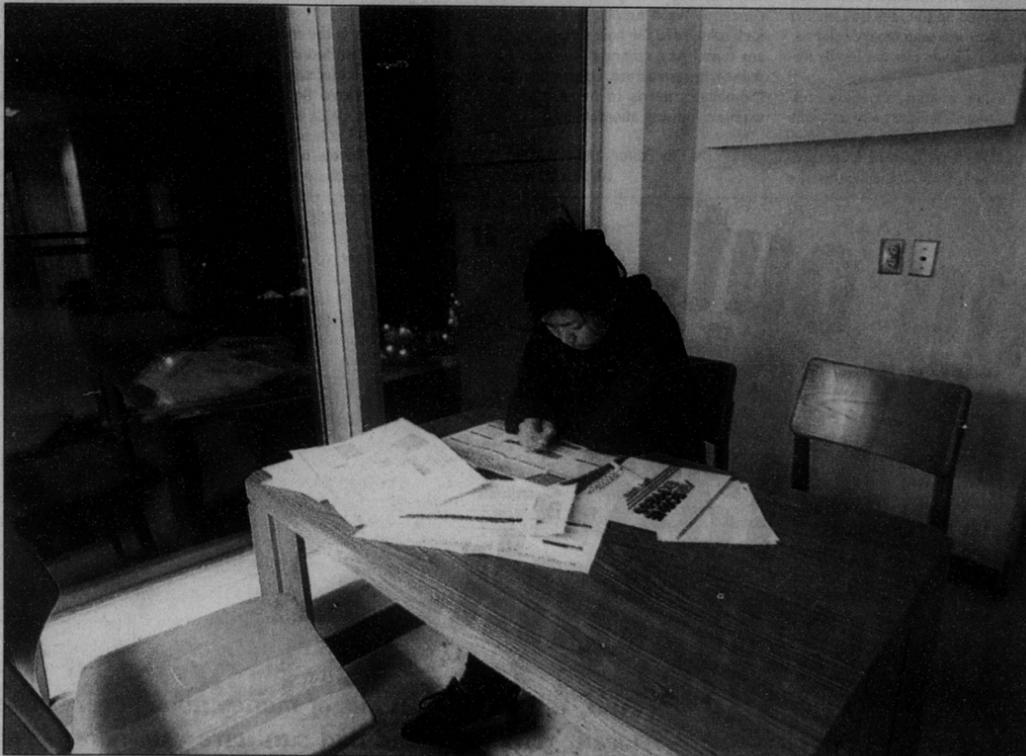
Neither suspect was apprehended.

One of the female students, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was studying at night on the seventh floor of Davis when she saw a man masturbating in a faculty study carrel next to her.

The student reported the incident to the first-floor circulation desk, where librarians told her that Davis had a few "regulars" like the man she was describ-

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SAFETY IN NUMBERS



DTH/MIKE MESSIER

Soo Yeon Kwon, a second-year graduate student, studies alone on the eighth floor of Davis Library on Monday night. She says she often feels unsafe in the library at night and that the University should make an effort to increase security.

Provost Selection Nears End

Professor Chuck Stone
says the University's faculty
shows a lack of interest in
the committee's search.

By KIM MINUGH
University Editor

The University awaits the end of an intensive search as Chancellor James Moeser deliberates the final three candidates for UNC's provost position.

But Journalism Professor Chuck Stone said he senses little interest on behalf of the University community.

Stone said UNC's faculty has exhibited little concern for the search for UNC's chief academic officer.

"You haven't seen an outpouring of faculty interest,"

he said. "Faculty at any university, by and large, are apathetic."

Stone, who attended all four open forums featuring each candidate, said the lack of faculty presence was disheartening.

And he said Bill Roper, dean of UNC's School of Public Health, attracted the greatest turnout — primarily his own supporters.

While Stone said Roper can't be discounted, he said Roper was overshadowed by candidate Paul Courant of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

"There's no question he would be the best one," Stone said. "After a while, you get a feel for the one you really want."

"I know a lot of people who would be happy with (Courant)."

The Provost Search Committee gathered Friday for last-minute discussions, before passing three finalists' names to Moeser later that afternoon.

"We gave the chancellor our report," said committee Chairman Jeffrey Houpt. "We have to be confidential about this because we don't want to hurt the rest of the process."

The two remaining candidates are Karen Lawrence of the University of California-Irvine and Robert Shelton of the University of California-Davis.

Houpt said the committee based its decisions on careful review of each candidate's résumé. He said it looked at their administrative capabilities as well as their credentials.

Moeser faces no deadline as he considers the three finalists and carries on further conversation.

Although Stone said the opportunity was squandered, Houpt lauded the chance for faculty involvement he says

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Fresh Crop of Officers To Boost Police Presence

By TYLER MALAND
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More campus police officers will be seen on bikes and walkways in response to the University community's demands for an increased police presence.

The Department of Public Safety hired seven officers Aug. 28, but three positions are still open, DPS Director Derek Poarch said.

"We have sufficient officers for the job right now, but we know we would like to increase police visibility, and we realize it is an issue with the University community," DPS Deputy Director Jeff McCracken said.

Five of the new officers will not patrol campus until January.

McCracken said these officers are undergoing an 18-week course of Basic Law Enforcement Training.

They will then participate in a 12-week field-training program through DPS during which they will be assigned to a certified field-training officer on

campus.

The other two officers began the 12-week training session last week.

"New officers must go through the UNC training procedure to learn specific policies, procedures and the layout of campus," McCracken said.

Efforts to boost police patrols on campus coincide with recent concerns about nighttime safety in UNC libraries, a topic discussed by Poarch's Campus Security Committee last week.

Several police reports have been filed in past weeks by female students complaining of sexual harassment in Davis Library and the Undergraduate Library.

Tracy Krajcovic, a sophomore from St. Louis, Mo., said she hopes the increased staff will help maintain a visible police force around campus during potentially dangerous hours at night.

"I would much rather have more police patrolling and riding around dur-

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DTH/MILLER PEARSALL

Police officer Matt Ferguson pulls over a speeder off of Raleigh Road near the UNC campus Monday afternoon. Ferguson, a 1996 UNC graduate, has been patrolling for the University Department of Public Safety for almost three years.

School Program Gets Latino Parents Involved

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School officials at Frank Porter Graham Elementary attempted to break the communication barrier that exists between the school and its Spanish-speaking community Monday night.

The school held its first Latino Night of the year for non-English-speaking students and their families. About 35 parents filled the cafeteria and listened to information on vaccination policies, hearing and vision screenings and upcoming PTA events — all presented in Spanish.

School faculty and PTA members said they hope the Latino Nights will give non-English-speaking parents a chance to voice their concerns and ask

questions in a Spanish-speaking environment.

"I have found that our Hispanic families want to be involved," said PTA President Mary Glenn Benton. "But they are having trouble communicating."

"The goal is to communicate information about our schools to our Hispanic parents," she said. "The nights also serve as a networking opportunity for parents themselves to get to know other families in the community."

School officials created the program last year to accommodate needs for non-English-speaking Hispanic students and their families. Frank Porter Graham has 77 non-English-speaking students enrolled.

"Latino Night started with a total of two events with the goal of bettering the

future of the (Spanish-speaking) community," said Mary Patten, one of the school's English as a Second Language teachers.

Claudia Ladino, parent of two students at the school, who spoke through a translator, said the program was important to the Hispanic community.

"This is a good, strong first step for non-English speaking Hispanics to feel more comfortable, to get close to the school and express what we think, what we feel and what we need," she said.

Ladino also said the nights give the parents a chance to get involved with their children's education.

"Children spend so much of their time at school and they see their parents interested in their education and that is very important," she said through a

translator.

In addition to Latino Nights, which the school plans on having once a month, the PTA also plans to create several programs to help Hispanic parents. It has established a Spanish hotline to answer school-related questions and hope to offer additional English classes for parents.

Benton said she hopes Latino Night will help demonstrate that more should be done to meet the needs of its non-English speaking families.

"We need to make sure we are doing the best we can to communicate with these families to ensure their children's success in school."

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Mary Glenn Benton, PTA president at Frank Porter Graham Elementary, speaks in Spanish to Latino families during Latino Night on Monday.

Happiness means quiet nerves.

W.C. Fields