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UNC officials are looking to store a rare instrument.
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A report says too many high school seniors suffer from senioritis.
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Football News has named Julius Peppers a first-team All-America.
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Police: Extra Cost for Halloween Worthwhile

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Police officials reported Monday that this year's Halloween celebration, which drew about only half the crowd of last year's, cost the town an additional \$35,000.

But Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvies told Chapel Hill Town Council members Monday night that safety should not be sacrificed to reduce the cost of policing Halloween and that the additional money was a necessary price to pay.

Last year more than 50,000 revelers turned out for Halloween, and the festivities cost the town \$75,000, a figure that Jarvies said he hoped would decrease with stricter security measures

announced in early October.

Jarvies attributed the increased cost to additional law enforcement on Franklin Street on Halloween night.

Chapel Hill spent \$49,000 on more than 200 police officers, who were employed from outside jurisdictions including Morganton, Wilson, Henderson and Raleigh.

Jarvies said expanded traffic restrictions, also implemented this year, did not contribute greatly to the increase in cost.

Despite the fact that the cost of this year's celebration was higher than last year's, Jarvies said the new measures should be retained next year.

Jarvies told the council that the new traffic plan and the beefed-up security contributed to the town's successful control of the Halloween festivities.

"The amount of officers was sufficient for the crowd size this year," Jarvies said. "We will need to have at least the same amount of people next year."

Jarvies also said the traffic restrictions were necessary to keep the celebration controlled. From 8 p.m. until about 1:30 a.m., vehicles were restricted from the roads within a 1 1/2-mile radius of downtown Chapel Hill.

Jarvies reported that arrests were down 40 percent from last year's celebration. There also were fewer problems related to illegal parking or vandalism in nearby neighborhoods around the downtown area, he said.

Jarvies said he estimates that next year's Halloween costs will be approximately

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A Reasonable Price?

Although this year's crackdown on Franklin Street's Halloween festivities did not achieve its goal of saving the town money and actually cost the town more, officials say the measures were worth it.

- Police only closed off Franklin Street to traffic from 10:20 p.m. to 3:15 a.m. This is 90 minutes less than in previous years.
- Five hundred people, including 200 police officers from various jurisdictions, such as Morganton, Wilson, Henderson and Raleigh, managed the crowd.
- The number of arrests were down 40 percent from 2000.
- Two hundred employee hours were spent planning the event.

Total cost = \$110,000
This figure is \$35,000 more than last year



N.C. Troops Participate In Combat

The desert airstrip captured by the Marines late Sunday was part of the last major stronghold of the Taliban.

The Associated Press

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN — Newly landed U.S. Marines went into combat for the first time late Monday, with fighter jets attacking armored vehicles near their new base in southern Afghanistan.

Two F-14 Tomcats hit the armored column, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command. He said Marine AH-1W Cobra helicopters were in the area but did not fire on the armored vehicles.

The Marines landing in Afghanistan come from two divisions, including the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The other division is based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Earlier, Marine spokesman Capt. David Romley said Cobras had attacked 15 tanks and armored personnel carriers and destroyed some of them. As he spoke with reporters shortly before midnight local time, he indicated combat continued. There was no word on casualties for either side.

Romley did not say who manned the vehicles, but the desert airstrip the Marines seized Sunday night is in the region of Kandahar, the last major stronghold held by the Taliban.

Romley would not say if the armored column was heading toward the base or give any details about where it was attacked, except to say it was "in the vicinity of this base." He said the vehicles had been spotted by U.S. aircraft.

Romley said the column included tanks and BMPs, which are armored vehicles capable of carrying a dozen soldiers each. When the Soviet army retreated from Afghanistan in 1989 after a decade-long war, it left its client regime with dozens of tanks and BMPs that later were captured by a coalition of local militias and warlords.

At the base, helicopters and transport planes ferried in troops and equipment, and the Pentagon said it would take at least another day to reach the full complement.

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Town Votes To Continue Equity Talks

The issue of who should pay the costs to the town that UNC's growth will create first came up last year.

By CAROLYN PEARCE
Staff Writer

After 14 months of negotiations, the Chapel Hill Town Council accepted the University's stance on fiscal equity Monday night but emphasized a need for more negotiations.

Town Council members voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a Nov. 16 letter that Chancellor James Moeser sent in response to the town's request that the University help cover the costs of its own development.

But although town officials acknowledged receipt of the letter, they said it leaves more to be desired and expressed discontent with the University's response to the town's requests.



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf is disappointed with the University's response to the town's requests.

The town's requests to share growth costs with the University came in the form of a 17-point proposal sent to UNC officials in October that outlined the town's expectations for how the University will handle an upcoming surge of development. Although UNC officials agreed with most of the town's stipulations, they disagreed or deferred decisions on three of the points. One of the three points mandated that UNC cover all costs created by development of the Horace Williams tract.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said she was disappointed with portions of the University's response to the town's requests. "I somewhat regret that we didn't get everything we wanted," she said.

Mayor-elect and council member Kevin Foy also said he is not completely satisfied with the negotiations.

"This is not the final version," Foy said. "There are a lot more things to talk about."

Council member Bill Strom said he has seen some inconsistencies in negotiations between UNC and town officials that he wants to see rectified.

"I want to clarify some points in (Moeser's) letter that are inconsistent with some conversations," Strom said. "I hope that (Foy) can bring an innovative model."

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O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE



DTH/GREG LOGAN

Jim Lowry, manager of Cranberry Tree Farms, helps Chapel Hill resident Tanya Froeber choose a Christmas tree Monday night. Froeber purchases her tree every year from the farm and this year decided to take a Fraser fir home to her family. Lowry, a graduate of N.C. State University, has worked at the farm for 10 years. Cranberry Tree Farms has been in operation for 14 years and has several lots in the Chapel Hill area.

Thanksgiving Break-Ins Plague South Campus

University police say they are considering increased patrols around residence halls during Winter Break.

By MIKE CALLAHAN
Staff Writer

Several UNC students returned to their South Campus residence halls Sunday to find their rooms had been burglarized during Thanksgiving break.

According to police reports, five rooms in Craige and Hinton James residence halls were robbed during the four-day weekend. A DVD player, a VHS recorder and a television were among the items stolen, which totaled more than \$530 for the five rooms.

"They pretty much ransacked our room," said freshman Christie McDaniel, who lives in Craige. "I just really felt violated."

University police Maj. Jeff McCracken said the burglaries are still under investigation and appear to be

connected. Officials have no suspects at this time.

McDaniel said she and her roommate had their window screen broken and the contents of their dresser drawers emptied onto the floor. Despite the mess left behind, McDaniel said the burglar only stole her roommate's combination TV/VCR.

In two of the five rooms, nothing was stolen, reports state. But damage was reported in all rooms.

Sophomore Glenn Hollar, also a Craige resident, said he felt angry when he returned to school to find a Super Nintendo, DVD player, checkbook and pillowcase stolen from his room. The estimated cost of the items is more than \$300.

According to police reports, the person or people who burglarized the rooms left the rooms in disarray. Police said the burglars might have entered through a window.

Hollar said more should be done to protect student property during vaca-

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Grade Inflation Makes Marks at Harvard

Some professors say increasingly inflated grades reduce their institutions' validity and that the problem must be addressed.

By MICHAEL DAVIS
Staff Writer

The findings of a report released last week by Harvard University stating that grade inflation is a problem at the institution are similar to the findings of a report released by UNC professors last year stating that the problem exists at UNC.

According to the report, half of all grades awarded to Harvard undergraduates are A's or A-'s.

The report adds that the humanities have the biggest problem with grade inflation, with A's and A-'s making up almost two-thirds of grades awarded in small humanities classes.

In a letter accompanying the report, Susan Pedersen, Harvard's dean of undergraduate education, said actions will be taken in the spring to correct this trend.

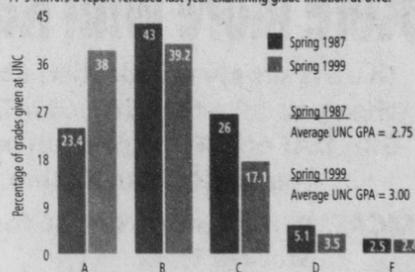
UNC economics Professor Boone Turchi said the report's findings indicate a problem that needs to be addressed by many universities, including UNC. Turchi brought the issue to the forefront at the University two years ago, saying inflated grades needed to be investigated.

The Faculty Council approved a resolution this fall requiring individual departments to monitor grade inflation and give annual reports to deans. An amendment to the resolution also required that the Educational Policy Committee collect information from those reports for the council.

Turchi said the Harvard report's findings will remind the faculty of the issue on the UNC's campus.

An "A" for Effort

A Harvard report stating that half of all grades received by students are A's or A-'s mirrors a report released last year examining grade inflation at UNC.



Harvey Mansfield, a Harvard government professor and the lead opponent of grade inflation, said the issue is a major epidemic at the university. "I think it's a scandal here at Harvard."

But he said grade inflation is not limited to Harvard and is especially prevalent in other private institutions.

Mansfield said in addition to the staggering percentage of A's and A-'s, more than 90 percent of students graduate with honors. Mansfield said weighting grades by reporting the percentage of students who received each letter grade in the class on transcripts is one solution to the problem.

The system will retain a professor's sovereignty by not lim-

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Nothing spoils a good party like a genius.

Elsa Maxwell