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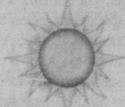
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Students Cautioned After Armed Robbery on Campus

Robbery Suspects

University police are looking for these two men, wanted in an armed robbery that occurred Saturday night in the parking area behind Morehead Planetarium. Police created these composite sketches based on descriptions given by the two students who were robbed Saturday night.

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY POLICE



By PHILISSA CRAMER
Staff Writer

An armed robbery reported on campus Saturday night has placed the University on a heightened state of alert.

A male and a female student were walking together when they were held up at gunpoint shortly after 9 p.m. in the parking area behind Morehead Planetarium next to Coker Arboretum, according to University police.

University police stated in a press release that the suspects took an undisclosed amount of money from the students. Police are seeking two men in connection with the crime. Both robbers are described as white men in their early 20s, police said. The release stated that one man had blonde hair and facial hair, and the other was thin and had brown hair.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said although police have no official suspects, they are investigating several leads.

He could give no further information.

The robbery was the first of its kind in recent history, Poarch said. "This is the first time a firearm has been used in a crime on campus in over three years."

Officials have posted composite sketches of the suspects and details about the crime throughout campus to heighten awareness of the incident.

University police also issued a news release Sunday morning that was distributed to all UNC students via e-mail. In

the message, officials advocated traveling in pairs and using University or Chapel Hill Transit services whenever possible.

"We continue to encourage people to follow our safety tips," Poarch said.

He said students should avoid the area where the incident occurred and other areas that are dimly lit and isolated. "It is certainly not an area we would encourage people to walk through," Poarch said.

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Bush: Year One

Ashcroft Approved Feb. 1, 2001

President Bush wins his first tough political battle when the U.S. Senate approves conservative former Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft to the post of U.S. attorney general.

Chinese Plane April 1, 2001

Bush faces his first international crisis when an American military plane is forced to land in China after a midair collision with a Chinese plane.

Jeffords Defects May 24, 2001

Vermont Sen. Jim Jeffords leaves the Republican party and becomes an independent, throwing control of the U.S. Senate to the Democrats.

Tax Cut Passed May 27, 2001

Bush fulfills a major campaign promise when the U.S. Congress approves a \$1.35 trillion tax cut.

Stem Cell Research Aug. 9, 2001

President Bush announces that he will support federally funded research on existing stem cell lines despite opposition from conservative groups.

Attack on America Sept. 11, 2001

Terrorists crash two planes into the World Trade Center, toppling the New York landmark. Another plane crashes into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashes in Pennsylvania.

America Strikes Back Oct. 7, 2001

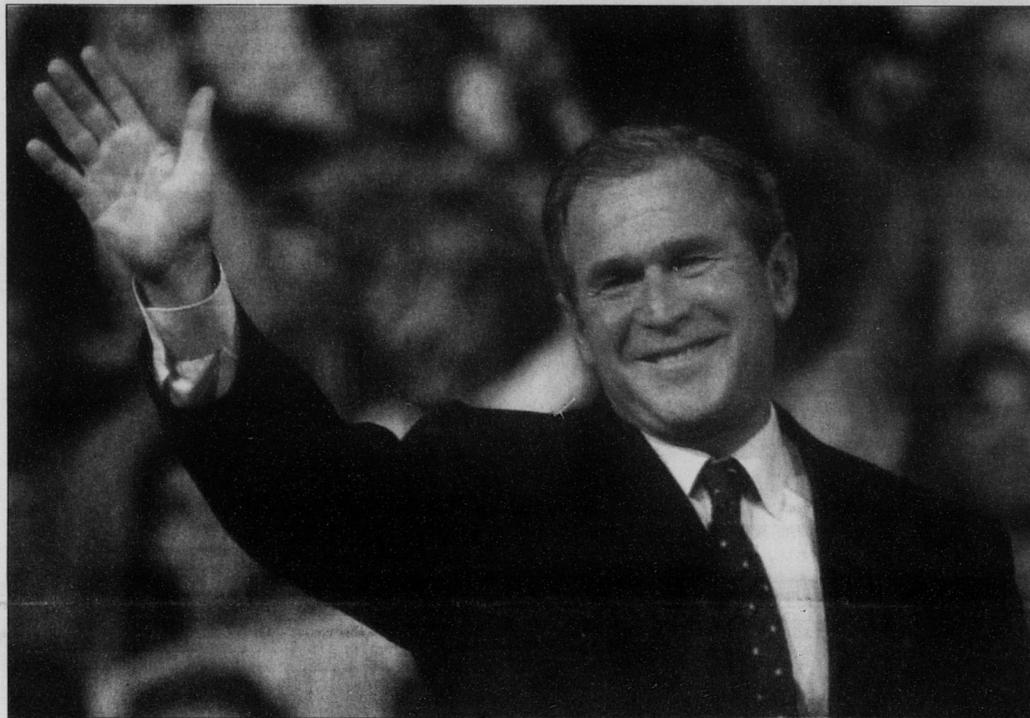
The United States begins airstrikes against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the nation where terrorist Osama bin Laden is expected to be hiding.

ABM Treaty Abandoned Dec. 13, 2001

President Bush abandons the 30-year-old Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, opening the door for construction of a national missile defense system.

Enron Scandal January 2002

Bush administration officials reveal that executives of Enron, a Texas energy company that made large campaign donations to the president, asked for federal aid only days before it declared bankruptcy.



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George W. Bush started his presidency on a rocky note a year ago, still dealing with the controversial 2000 election. Since then, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and military actions in Afghanistan have prompted most Americans to rally behind him.

Change Marks Bush's 1st Year

In August, "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart devoted a nightly segment of his talk show to joking about President George Bush's lengthy vacations and seemingly unending stream of verbal gaffes.

Move forward one month. When "The Daily Show" resumed broadcasting after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Stewart described to his audience, with tears in his eyes, how "subliminally" was no longer a punch line.

The temporary abandonment of "Bushisms" as national punch lines after Sept. 11 is indicative of some of the changes in public perception Bush experienced during his first year in office.

At the beginning of Bush's term on Jan. 20, 2001, the nation was still largely divided over the outcome of the hotly contested 2000 presidential election, and international leaders saw a political newcomer more interested in unilateralism than allies.

But a lot can happen in a year. The Sept. 11 attacks changed Bush's policy focus, unified the nation behind him and prompted the president to organize an international coalition to fight terrorism. But even though public perception of Bush has fluctuated, experts say Bush's stance on and approach to issues

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remains fundamentally unchanged.

Lessons in Foreign Policy

In the months after the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush transformed from a foreign policy "novice" to an international unifier, said Albert Eldridge, Duke University professor of political science.

"Through his actions in creating an international coalition to combat terrorism, Bush demonstrated that he understands the complexity of the world system," Eldridge said. "He demonstrated an understanding that the United States doesn't have the unilateral power to take on the world."

Eldridge said Bush's decisive handling of the Sept. 11 attacks — both domestically and internationally — resulted in public confidence.

According to a Sept. 15 Newsweek poll, Bush's post-Sept. 11 approval ratings of 82 percent were as high as Franklin D. Roosevelt's in the days following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

In early October, Bush's approval ratings peaked at 92 percent. As the conflict in Afghanistan intensified, Bush kept approval ratings high with continuous televised updates as the joint Northern Alliance-U.S. military

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Student Leaders To Survey Student Opinion Online

Student government will use the results of the tuition survey, which goes online today, to inform the BOT of student opinion.

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Student government officials said Monday they hope an online survey will give administrators an accurate view of student opinion on a proposed one-year, \$400 tuition increase.

Students can vote online today via Student Central from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on several options for a campus-based tuition increase. Student government officials plan to use the survey results to define the student body's stance to the UNC Board of Trustees on Thursday, when trustees will vote on the tuition proposal.

The online poll provides background on the proposed increase recommended by the Task Force on Tuition and outlines possible allocations. Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber said students will be forced to read the background before they proceed to voting.

The survey explains what areas the proposed tuition increase would address, including faculty salaries and the student-to-faculty ratio. The figures outlined in the survey are based on the task force's report, which Provost Robert Shelton released Wednesday on his office's Web site.

Students can choose tuition increases that are the "lowest reasonable," the "highest affordable" and "personal preference," based on the background provided beforehand. The options are \$0, \$100, \$200 and \$400 in tuition increases.

Kleysteuber said the survey will provide students the opportunity to voice their opinions about a tuition increase when their input might otherwise be neglected. "There has

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UNC Faculty Council Questions Allocation Of Tuition Revenue

Money from the proposed hike will fund four areas, but some faculty have concerns about how the money will be divided.

By BROOK CORWIN
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Faculty members and student officials expressed concern at Friday's Faculty Council meeting about how the money from a proposed tuition increase will be used to meet specific needs.

Faculty, student and administrative officials weighed in on the topic of a one-year, \$400 tuition increase recommended by the Task Force on Tuition last week. The UNC Board of Trustees is expected to consider the proposal Thursday.

Chancellor James Moeser opened the meeting by emphasizing the importance of alternative revenue sources in light of an expected state budget shortfall. "Given the circumstances of our state budget, campus-based tuition increases are among the revenue sources that will be essential to making UNC the top public university in the nation," Moeser said.

Provost Robert Shelton, who was co-chairman of the tuition task force, said the proposed tuition increase would be spent to raise faculty salaries, hire 135 new faculty members, increase the number of classes with fewer than 20 students and increase teaching assistant stipends for graduate students.

But several faculty expressed concern that the \$5.8 million generated by the \$400, one-year increase — after 40 percent of the revenue is set aside for financial aid — would fall short of the \$7.6 million necessary to fully fund those needs.

Faculty members also said they were unclear about how the projected revenue would be distributed among the needs.

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Past Activism Influences Current Leaders

By JEFF SILVER
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In 1999, UNC-Chapel Hill student leaders faced a tuition increase proposal that could have raised tuition by as much as \$2,000.

After protests that included organizing 400 students to storm the UNC-CH Board of Trustees meeting, the final product was lowered to \$600 over two years.

Two and a half years have passed, but students are still up against tuition increases of a similar nature. In recent weeks, students have been working against proposals that could have led to hikes of as much as \$3,000.

And as student leaders gear up for Thursday's BOT meeting, where trustees will consider a one-year, \$400 increase

recommended by the Task Force on Tuition, their predecessors say they wonder if students will be as vocal as in 1999.

"I'm curious about what the student voice is going to say," said law student Lee Conner, who headed the Graduate and Professional Student Federation in 1999-2000. "There hasn't been as much activism on campus to this point."

Past leaders said they had many advantages over the current student government in opposing a tuition proposal.

For one, the BOT voted on the increase in the middle of the semester rather than the start of the semester. "The misplaced schedule made it a lot harder for these students," Conner said.

In addition, some said the presentation of the increase in 1999 contained figures large enough to make mobilizing

the student body an easier task — \$2,000 as opposed to the \$400 increase.

"When we were protesting in 1999, we were protesting a huge sum," said Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber. "We had a big number to throw in everyone's face."

Former student leaders said they were successful by combining efforts. "We had a really great coalition," said Michal Osterweil, who was a member of the now-defunct Progressive Student Coalition.

Student Body President Justin Young said several current campus organizations have formed the Coalition for Responsible Tuition Decisions, which will work with student government to increase student input in deciding tuition.

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DTH FILE PHOTO

Students storm the steps of Morehead Planetarium to protest a tuition increase in October 1999.

A universal feeling, whether well or ill founded, cannot be safely disregarded.

Abraham Lincoln