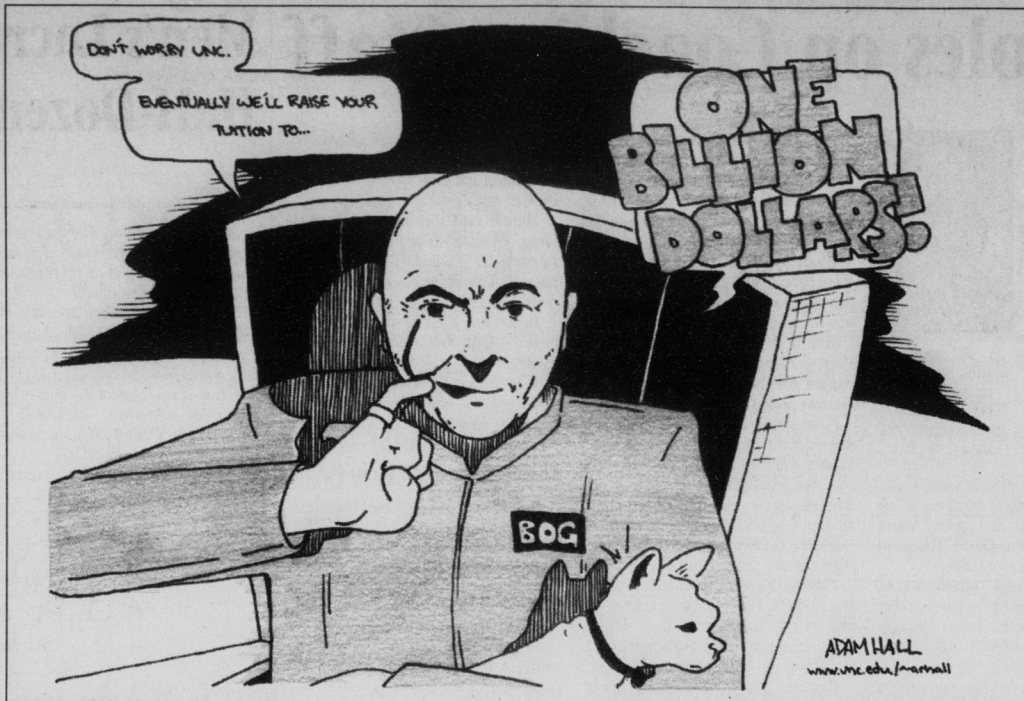


Opinion



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Keep an Eye on Campus Crime

Recent thefts prove the need for more security and reinforce that the campus is not immune from crime

Greek houses once again were crime targets this weekend. Two laptop computers and a green fleece jacket were stolen Saturday from the Chi Psi fraternity house on Cameron Avenue, and another laptop was reportedly taken from the Sigma Chi fraternity house in Fraternity Court.

Breakins also occurred over the weekend at the Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi fraternity houses.

While the suspect was caught Monday, that shouldn't be the end of the story. Greek houses and all group student residences are prime targets for theft. They're generally easy to enter, easy to move around in unnoticed and chock full of pilferable items like laptops and televisions. They're a thief's dream.

Greek houses, unlike residence halls, don't fall under any particular watchful eye. Each member is responsible for the house, and it's generally accepted that everyone will do his part to take care of it.

The problem is, sometimes they don't.

And Greek houses don't get patrolled by the Department of Public Safety and receive scant attention from Chapel Hill police.

Every time a crime is committed or someone is assaulted on campus, the reaction is the same - initial outcry, investigation, fade to black, just like the past few days. Remember BOLO?

It technically means "Be On the Lookout," but for UNC students in August 1999, it was a veritable threat. BOLO was the nickname for the suspect who attempted to sexually assault two female UNC students. Chapel Hill police eventually arrested a man, and the campus forgot about BOLO - typical of a campus reaction to crime.

After a crime, the administration will claim the campus is safe and issue some sort of study with numbers to prove it. Looking at the raw numbers, of course it seems that the campus and its outlying areas are safe. Crime isn't a common occurrence. But it's not rare.

UNC is not in the bell jar, but when it comes to safety, students seem to think that

they're in a utopia.

It shouldn't be that way. Campus crime is a viable threat, one that should be monitored and remembered by every student. DPS and Chapel Hill police should work more closely to patrol Greek houses as well. While the houses are private residences, the houses are home to many UNC students whose tax dollars foot the police bill and whose money also helps pay for DPS services.

Students shouldn't have to live in fear simply because they don't live on campus.

Choosing to live in a residence hall or a Greek house means that you accept responsibility for the safety of others as well as your own security. So take care of your roommates.

Lock the doors, close the windows, and be on the lookout for suspicious characters that lurk around or enter your building.

A watchful eye is often the best defense against crime, and residence halls and Greek houses are no exception.

Tragic Misunderstanding

Communication must be strengthened to ensure that Saturday's tragedy at Fort Bragg doesn't happen again

In a grave misunderstanding that left one Green Beret in training dead and another seriously injured, the U.S. military was dealt a heavy blow Saturday - this time by a police officer who believed he was protecting his own life.

Deputy Sheriff Randall Butler shot and killed 1st Lt. Tallas Tomeny and wounded Sgt. Stephen Phelps Saturday night when the men, who were engaged in a training operation outside Fort Bragg, tried to disarm him.

Tomeny and Phelps, who were dressed in street clothes at the time, believed the officer was a part of the role-playing exercise and were shot when they moved on Butler, who believed the men to be civilians.

What makes this tragic miscommunication worse is that it could have been easily avoided.

Civilian law enforcement agencies routinely participate in similar role-playing

exercises conducted by the Army and special forces. But Butler didn't know that the men, who he pulled over for having someone seated in the bed of their pickup truck, were participating in a training operation.

Though it is encouraging to see that the Army has instituted new procedures following Saturday's events, it is still bewildering to consider why Butler was unaware that the men were Green Berets in training.

Calling the event a "breakdown in communication", Army officials said soldiers engaged in similar exercises outside Fort Bragg will no longer dress in civilian clothing during their practice missions. There also will be no role-playing situations involving civilian law enforcement agencies in the future.

Why the Army would allow anyone outside of the force to participate in the secret training of some of their most elite soldiers is baffling.

In the past, there have been local gov-

ernment officials who have sought to become involved in the role-playing exercises as if they were some sort of game.

Certainly, the military does not need to be reminded that, now more than ever, it is dealing with matters of life and death. Disallowing civilian law enforcement agencies from participating is a good move, and it seems that if anything, the training of special forces such as Green Berets should be more secretive.

But as these practices continue in areas outside of military bases, the Army needs to make sure that adequate communication ensures a mistake like this does not happen again.

In addition to action taken by the Army and police departments concerning this accident, the Army Special Forces issued a statement saying it will conduct an internal investigation to determine how to prevent a similar situation. Butler will return to active duty shortly and will not be charged.

Uncoding the Idea of Honor By Example

What is honor? That is the question (although my English professor might suggest otherwise). Our everyday life is filled with stories of scandals and unethical behavior, and yet, as we sit around in our naive college world, we wonder how we are involved.

So I thought I'd perhaps look at the all-time best movie scene, Al Pacino's final speech in front of the Baird Committee in "Scent of a Woman," to gain some insight. I have selected a few key quotes to relate honor to our everyday lives. Perhaps the fictitious character of Charlie Simms can indeed teach us something about honor in real life.



JOHANNA COSTA
FLANK VIEW

"He doesn't need to be labeled 'still worthy of being a Baird man.' What the hell is that? What is your motto here?"

I was T-shirt shopping downtown last week when I came across one of those dorky college "top 10" shirts. The list was of the top 10 lies told at UNC, and the first item listed was "I have neither given nor received any unauthorized information on this examination" from the Honor Code. This royally pissed me off.

First, I was annoyed that such a T-shirt was even produced. I know this is a generic college shirt sold at numerous other institutions, but really, why make such crap? Is the Honor Code really such a joke? This is not the image that students should promote.

"I don't know who went to this place. ... Their spirit is dead, if they ever had one; it's gone. ... Because I say you are killing the very spirit this institution claims it instills."

Just last semester, several University of Virginia students were expelled or dropped out for violating Mr. Jefferson's hallowed code.

Apparently, a professor made a computer program to match phrases and sentences on papers with downloads from the Internet or other sources. When more than 150 students' work matched, he demanded their dismissal.

"Here's Charlie, facing the fire. And there's George, hiding in big daddy's pocket. And what are you doing? You're gonna reward George and destroy Charlie."

UVA was only partially willing to comply with the professor's request; the university couldn't expel more than 100 students, especially their precious athletes and their big donors' children.

We've grown not to expect universities to act with integrity. But where is the honor in these students' work? And if these are college norms, it's sad that these are the basic ethics people might carry into the workplace after graduation.

"As I came in here, I heard those words, 'cradle of leadership.' Well, when the bough breaks, the cradle will fall, and it has fallen here, it has fallen. Makers of men, creators of leaders, be careful of what kind of leaders you're producing here."

Our society OKs a lack of morality even at the very top of our government. What a disgrace former President Bill Clinton made of himself and American values with his infamous line, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," and later, "That depends on what 'is' is." And Enron top executives are just as guilty of fumbling honor. You're not saving face if you betray honor in the process.

"I don't know if Charlie's silence here today is right or wrong. I'm not a judge or jury, but I can tell you this: He won't sell anybody out to buy his future."

Even my lowly place of employment is not removed from honor issues.

Two weeks ago, a headwaiter resigned at my workplace because he was caught charging beer and food to a bill knowing that these regulars trusted the restaurant and would never notice the addition to their bill. And when other waiters were questioned about it, most of us refused to "sell out" the guy who had lacked any morality by stealing and then lying in the first place.

Again, I don't know if we were right. But I do wonder if it is honorable to remain silent when you know something wrong is occurring.

"Now I have come to the crossroads of my life. I always knew what the right path was. Without exception, I knew. But I never took it. You know why? It was too damn hard. Now here's Charlie; he's come to the crossroads. He has chosen a path; it's the right path. It's a path made of principle that leads to character. Let him continue on his journey."

So I leave you with Mr. Slade's conclusion. We all can learn a lesson from his perspective on honor.

Johanna Costa's feelings are hurt that her student body president-elect wouldn't dance with her at the UNC Dance Marathon last weekend. E-mail condolences at costa@email.unc.edu.

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Submit Nominations for Teaching Awards Online; Today Is the Last Day

TO THE EDITOR:
Do you have a favorite teacher that should be recognized for outstanding performance in the classroom? Then nominate him or her for the Student Undergraduate Teaching Awards. SUTA was established in 1989 by a student referendum and is funded entirely by student fees to provide monetary awards to exemplary professors and teaching assistants. The winners of these awards are nominated by undergraduate students whom they have taught, and the final selection is made by a SUTA selection committee composed entirely of undergraduates. The committee actively encourages nominations from all students, regardless of department or class/year.
Teachers are chosen on the basis of exemplary classroom performance as well as dedication to students inside and outside of class. Applicants are chosen to be broadly representative of the diversity of student life at this university. The winners are selected during the spring semester and are traditionally honored at the Chancellor's Award Ceremony in April. The deadline for nominations is today, so submit your

nomination now at www.unc.edu/student/orgs/suta for the teacher you think deserves to be honored for exemplary teaching.

Wes Brinkley
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A Way to Fight Tuition: Expand Carolina Lobby Corps to Entire State

TO THE EDITOR:
To add to and support Monday's column by Matt Jones, I feel that it is necessary to present an idea that could potentially strengthen the student voice here at Carolina and at schools across the state. We all know that the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees pay no attention to the student voice or our elected officials, and furthermore, the General Assembly allows for such tax loopholes as Jones mentioned, which contributed to North Carolina's budget hitting rock bottom this year.
Unfortunately, North Carolina's politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, have little interest in subsidizing public education, and when they're through with us, we'll be paying the same as our out-

state buddies. I believe that Justin Young's Carolina Lobby Corps is on the right track.
However, like Jones mentioned, it needs more funding and also needs to be expanded to represent more students. Funding can come from a number of places but most of all from students. I want next year's student election ballot to contain a proposal put in a \$10 or \$20 student fee addition to fund Carolina Lobby Corps - I am sure it would be voted in by a high margin.
Most of this money should go to lobbying and campaign contributions. There is no way we can be heard by "rising above" other interest groups; rather, we must sink to their level and play dirty dirty. In expanding CLC, I mean changing the name to North Carolina Students' Lobby Corps.
North Carolina has one of the highest numbers of public universities relative to its population in the country. This means that students are spread out thinly across the state. If students across the state unionized, and more importantly, all financially contributed to this interest group, we would be cooking.
Sure, it's easier said than done, but I am sure every student in North Carolina would pay \$10 a semester to fund a powerful interest group fighting on their behalf than pay a \$400 tuition increase! It'll take time and

effort, but it will pay off, so Jen Daum, please give it a thought, I think it could work.
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Student Refutes Notion That American Journalist Pearl Was a CIA Agent

TO THE EDITOR:
The world Vietnamese and French press are awash in outrage and sorrow over Daniel Pearl's execution. Me too. I would like to add this observation to this particular audience.
One of the rationales proposed by Pearl's executioners has been that he worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. It's a slur that can be floated about any white man working outside the continental United States.
There are people who have known me all my adult life who think I work for them. What else is a Westerner doing here in Vietnam? Why else would a Duffy from New Haven get Ford Foundation support to publish Vietnamese literature? Why is the French government paying this guy to hang around in bookstores?

What can you do? Poor people and police everywhere are ignorant of the actual machinery of power here in the metro-pole. They are busy surviving. They don't know enough about the real CIA to know how close I am to that milieu and how far my life decisions have taken me from it.
What always startles me, like hearing a racial slur, is to hear this kind of insult floated and accepted by educated people in our milieu. I don't think Daniel Pearl was a CIA agent. It would have been superfluous; he was so interpellated by our world order that to have him running informers and doing drops would have only gummed up a good thing.
I think it is bad form to complain about the petty annoyances of being a white man, flak from the people who assume that you got whatever you have by the color of your skin and you have never thought or heard about their particular grievances. But this one is life-threatening, terrifying to my timid, world-traveling soul. Calling an American intellectual working overseas a CIA agent is vicious racism and should not be tolerated by people of good will.
Thanks for your attention.
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