

POLICE ROUNDUP

University
Wednesday, Oct. 2

■ University police responded at 7:29 a.m. to a report of breaking and entering, reports state. A UNC employee reported the breaking and entering to Miller Hall. The employee said he was the last person to leave the night before and the first person to return that morning, reports state. Reports state that the broken windows and door seemed to have been damaged with a brick because brick fragments were found near the breakage areas.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

■ At 4:23 p.m., police responded to a report of obtaining money by false pretenses, reports state. A 23-year-old resident told police that someone accessed his checking account through two ATM withdrawals on campus and took about \$400 between Sept. 20 and Sept. 25, reports state.

Monday, Sept. 30

■ At 11:20 a.m., Academic Technology & Networks officials notified University police of a situation concerning a former student failing to return ATN property, reports state.

The suspect was loaned an IBM laptop from ATN while a graduate student and signed a contract to return the computer by June 1, reports state. ATN employees began e-mailing her and leaving phone messages for her to contact the department about returning the laptop in early August, reports state.

On Aug. 20, an ATN official contacted the suspect, who said she would return the laptop the first week of September, reports state. University police called the suspect, left two messages and e-mailed her, reports state. An officer also visited the suspect's apartment, where it was discovered that she had moved back home to Connecticut.

City

Tuesday, Oct. 1

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a UNC senior at 1:57 p.m. after an officer saw him leave the scene of an accident, reports state.

Szymon Aleksander Pucilowski, 22, of 130 BPW Club Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count each of driving while impaired on drugs, hit and run, and driving while license revoked, reports state.

Reports state that a Chapel Hill officer witnessed a car accident near Town House Apartments on Hillsborough Street and then saw one of the vehicles leave the scene. The vehicle immediately returned to the scene, and the driver stated that he had hit another car but decided to come back after he saw the police car, reports state.

Pucilowski's pupils would not constrict against light, and he reported that he had smoked marijuana earlier that day after he performed poorly on field sobriety tests, reports state. Pucilowski was arrested at the scene.

He was transported to the Orange County Jail and was released at 3:30 p.m. on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on Nov. 12.

■ Carrboro police responded to a call of breaking and entering at on the 200 block of Board Street at 10:37 p.m., reports state. The victim told police that when he returned to his home about 10:30 p.m., his television was missing, reports state. The victim told police he had only been gone for about 20 minutes.

The burglar broke the glass in the back door of the home to gain entry, reports state.

The TV is reportedly valued at \$300.

Monday, Sept. 30

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a man on one felony count of armed robbery at 4:28 p.m. on West Franklin Street, reports state.

John Joseph Healy, 39, of 951 N.C. 54 West, was arrested after an officer pulled over his dark green Mazda truck because he matched the description of a suspect who robbed a man at knife-point nearby and drove away in a similar-looking truck, reports state.

Police found \$200 in \$20 bills in Healy's left pants pocket, and a small silver knife was found in the console of his truck, reports state.

The victim of the armed robbery told police a man matching Healy's description robbed him at knife-point of \$200 in \$20 bills. At the scene, the victim positively identified Healy as the robber, reports state.

Reports state that Healy was transported to the Orange County Jail where he was being held on \$20,000 secured bond. He had his first appearance in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Tuesday.

Employee Forum Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By LAURA BOST
Staff Writer

The lobby of Wilson Library was filled with sounds of a celebration Wednesday as the University's Employee Forum recognized its 10-year anniversary.

The Employee Forum was created in 1992 by Chancellor Emeritus Paul Hardin to give University staff a voice in governance, said Kay Hovious, who served as the first Employee Forum chairwoman.

Since then, it has succeeded in earning its constituents recognition in the University community.

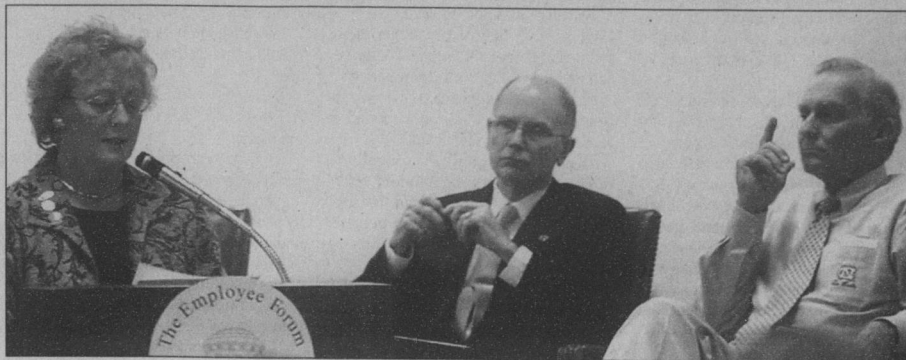
"When people speak to the University now they recognize students, faculty and staff," Hovious said.

"That's just one example of how far we've come."

Festivities began at 9 a.m. with a catered buffet breakfast of pastries, fruit and juice as well as time for socializing among friends and colleagues.

In attendance at the celebration were former and current forum delegates and alternates.

Dianne Hill, a member of the forum's Awards and Recognition



Kay Hovious (left), the first Employee Forum chairwoman, speaks in Wilson Library on Wednesday morning. Chancellor James Moeser (center) and Chancellor Emeritus Paul Hardin attended the ceremony.

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Committee, said she was "very pleased with the turnout and absolutely tickled" that both Chancellor James Moeser and Hardin attended.

"We've come a long way in 10 years," said Tommy Griffin, Employee Forum chairman and a 30-year employee of the University.

"We're very proud of what we're

doing and the changes we have seen are for the benefit of both staff and students."

Eventually the group moved into a meeting room for speeches by Moeser, Hardin and Hovious to commemorate the day.

In his speech, Moeser commended the forum for its advances during the

past 10 years, jokingly citing his recommendation for the chancellor position three years ago as its most notable achievement.

Hardin then took the podium to the sound of gracious applause for the founder.

"It's amazing what you've done," he said, addressing the group.

Politics Divide, Join Orange County

By MICHAEL DAVIS
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To some observers, Orange County might appear as two separate universes.

In the southern end, Chapel Hill and Carrboro dominate the landscape with a progressive agenda that caters to an largely affluent and educated population.

The median family income is \$73,483 in Chapel Hill and \$47,330 in Carrboro, and more than 75 percent of adults have a college degree.

But a 10-minute drive up N.C. 86 quickly shows the topographic and economic disparity of the county, as suburbia shifts to open fields and more rural, blue-collar towns near the county seat of Hillsborough, which has a median family income of \$46,793.

The politics of the two directional regions differ as well.

Although Orange County overall is a Democratic stronghold — with 54 percent of voters registered as Democrats and only 23.5 percent registered as Republicans — many officials and residents recognize more conservative tendencies in the north.

And it's the responsibility of the Orange County Board of Commissioners to represent both extremes, as well as everyone in between.

Although the board does not catch the eye of Chapel Hill or Carrboro residents like the Town Council or Board of Aldermen often do, it has a wider jurisdiction.

The commissioners and Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass overlook the entire county, representing expanses from the more liberal, developed hub of Chapel Hill-Carrboro to the relatively conservative rural reaches of northern Orange, including unincorporated regions that lack town governments.

Board Chairman Barry Jacobs said it's the board's responsibility to care for the health and well-being of a county that claims



Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairman Barry Jacobs (above) and Commissioner Alice Gordon are responsible for representing the political interests of all Orange County residents.

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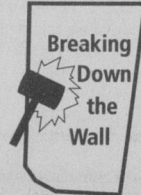
almost 120,000 people and 700 government employees.

Jacobs said some of these people live in unincorporated areas where they have no local government other than the board and must rely on the commissioners for representation.

"The people in town have two voices," he said. "They have us and they have the town board."

"When people have no other locally

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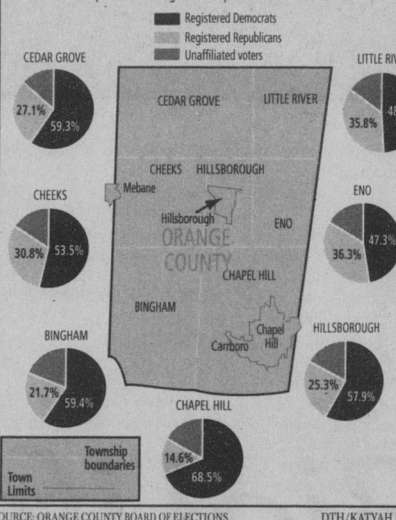


A two-part series examining the divides between the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and the surrounding county

■ Wednesday: Developmental Divide
■ Today: Area Politics

Along Party Lines

Fifty-four percent of Orange County voters are registered Democrats. The northern part of the county has more residents who are registered Republicans, but none of the seven townships have more registered Republicans than Democrats.



GPSF Voices Support for LGBTQ Aim

Progress stalled by state budget cuts

By RACHEL HODGES
staff writer

A motion to support the provost's office report on the climate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community at UNC passed Tuesday at the Graduate and Professional Student Federation meeting.

GPSF President Branson Page said the motion was made because two of the GPSF Cabinet members are co-coordinators for LGBTQ issues.

"We recognized their accomplishments," Page said. "We wanted to give them as much support as possible."

Page said that the GPSF does not intend to take any action to speed the implementation of the report but that members wanted to show respect for the provost and for the work put into the document.



GPSF President Branson Page said it is important for the organization to show its support for the LGBTQ report.

Pamela Conover, chairwoman of the planning committee that wrote the report, said any support is helpful. "It's important that the campus as a whole embrace the ideas," she said. "It lends the report validity."

The report states that the University's goals are to "facilitate the development of a lively LGBTQ community and to promote an open and tolerant University Community that engages the LGBTQ community in intellectual and social exchange."

The LGBTQ Climate report was released last May, but the implementation of the report's recommendations has been slow due to the state's budget

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UNC Continues Search For Diversity Director

Search narrowed to 12 candidates

By CAROLINE KORNEGAY
Staff Writer

The Office of Minority Affairs is in the process of creating a new post to give direction to UNC's diversity programs.

The new director for diversity education and research will have the task of assessing the University's existing diversity policies and initiatives and implementing diversity education programs.

Once inventory of existing programs has been taken, the director will be responsible for creating new diversity strategies and programs for the University.

The director will also be responsible

for providing the public with information on UNC's diversity policies, programs and new initiatives.

Archie Ervin, director of the Office of Minority Affairs, noted the position's importance when he said proven experience as an effective leader was necessary.

The position requires a master's degree and at least three years of experience in the field of diversity education, research and assessment, preferably in an higher education environment.

The new director will be responsible for assisting faculty, staff and students with achieving the goals of the diversity initiatives.

"The person has to be... well-versed in dealing with students," Ervin said.

The review process began last spring, with the formation of a committee made up of students, faculty and administra-

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Officials Consider More Safety Measures

By LIZZIE STEWART
Staff Writer

The robberies at Avery Residence Hall and Granville Towers happened only a couple of weeks ago, but leaders are already generating ideas to alleviate students' security concerns.

Becca Frucht, student government's student services committee chairwoman, met with University police Chief Derek Poarch on Monday after a Sunday night Cabinet meeting called to discuss campus safety issues.

On Sept. 19, a student in his Avery Residence Hall room was robbed at gunpoint of his laptop computer, cellular phone, gold chain and cash. On the same night, a laptop computer and cellular phone were stolen from a Granville room. University police have released pictures of two suspects but have not yet made any arrests.

While no concrete plans have been made, a few ideas about campus safety were brought up that student government, the Residence Hall Association and University police want to imple-

ment collectively, Frucht said.

She said the ideas included the installation of cameras on external residence hall doors as well as an increase in officer presence at residence halls.

Frucht stressed that leaders must consider possible negative effects of heightened security measures, saying there is concern that some students might oppose extra efforts. "We enjoy the open campus atmosphere," she said. "We don't want the campus to be impersonal."

Poarch said that University police are doing all they can to solve the robberies but that individuals should take extra precautionary safety measures in the meantime.

Housing Director Christopher Payne said RHA President Joanna Jordan spoke with him after the robberies to initiate an educational awareness program to students. "We especially want to focus on areas of prevention," Payne said. "The RHA wants to make the student body actively aware and involved."

Jordan said they implemented a "Lock It and Stop It" program on the Monday after the night of the robberies to curb the

problem of tailgating, or allowing people to follow in residents at residence halls. "There's a lot the average student can do to help the community," she said.

The collaborative efforts of the departments have made dealing with the issues of residence hall security easier, Jordan said. The RHA pitched the ideas to the housing department, and the resident assistants helped carry them out. "It gave the RAs the opportunity to talk with (the residents) about safety issues," Jordan said.

She said that most residents feel safe on campus and that UNC's crime rate is much lower than other campuses. But she said residents were appropriately alarmed after the robberies.

"Campus safety will be a concern of ours for the remainder of the semester," Jordan said. "As a student organization, to work with the housing department as well as the Department of Public Safety is wonderful. What's our priority is theirs, and that makes this job a lot easier."

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