News

Department expands number of substations

Tuesday opening second in two weeks

BY EREN TATARAGASI STAFF WRITE

In an effort to keep an eye on crime and reach out to the community, the Chapel Hill Police Department is opening a fourth substation today at University Square.

The opening of the University Square substation, at 133 W. Franklin St., comes two weeks after the opening of a substation in Southern Village. Mayor Kevin Foy officially will

open the new space at 11:30 a.m. Police spokeswoman Jane

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Cousins said it wasn't an increase in crime but a concern about crime that motivated the opening of the new substations.

Cousins also said they no longer can fit any more officers at their primary location at 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The department had a smaller substation in the Bank of America building for several years, but she said the new location gives them more space and accessibility.

"The substations are good for several reasons," she said. "They get us out there, make us more accessible and provide us with the extra space that we need."

Cousins said that because the department has had a presence at University Mall, at 201 S. Estes Drive, for the past 13 years, the idea of substations is nothing new to them.

The substation that opened in Southern Village two weeks ago was a six-month process. Cousins said it took a while because there were construction needs. The University Square substa-

tion has taken only a few months. Grubb & Ellis/Thomas Linderman

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JANE COUSINS, SPOKESWOMAN

Graham Inc., which donated the space, took care of the few necessary renovations.

We've had a long-standing relationship with the town of Chapel Hill and the police department and we knew they had a need for a new location," said Walter Holt, director of property services and property manager of University Square.

"We had the means and the opportunity to provide them with more space," he said.

The new substation will be located in what was once a photo shop. It will in the part of the building that faces Granville Towers.

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Speakers capture religious diversity

Alumnus opens speaker series

BY KATHRYN BALES

The UNC Jewish studies program will kick off its fall speaker series today in celebration of the 350th anniversary of Jews' arrival to America.

This year's cycle of seven speech-es will begin today with a lecture by UNC alumnus Eli N. Evans, who will address "Southern Jewish Insights into the Religious Ethos

in the South Today." Many of the lectures are cosponsored by UNC Press and N.C. Hillel and are paid for by a grant in Evans' honor from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, said Jonathan Hess, director of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies and pro-fessor of Germanic languages.

The speeches are free to the pub-lic and will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center Auditorium, with the exception of the Oct. 6 speech to be held in Carroll Hall.

"It's a very diverse field," he said. "What we try to do with the lectures is give a variety of different angles."

Hess said the speakers were selected by a faculty committee consisting of academics and public individuals.

"The goal is really to bring in a variety of speakers for Jewish stud-ies," he said. "We try to be diverse in the types of people that are brought i= "

Hess said that particular cours-es may require students to attend certain speeches, but the main purpose of the series is to inform and educate.

There is an added emphasis on the Middle East and contemporary Israel that makes this year's series different than previous ones, Hess said.

"I think there's a lot of interest in diversity here at the University," he said. "It interfaces with all sorts of things that are going on on campus. Different lectures will appeal to different people."

Naomi Ragen, , the second lecturer in the series, will speak Sept. 22, on "We Write the Books We Want to Read: The Compelling Jewish Narrative." Ragen is an Americanborn playwright and novelist who has lived in Jerusalem since 1971.

Hess said he looks forward to the fall series and hopes many will attend.

"We conceived these as lectures that are really there for the general public," he said. "I invite everyone to come out."

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