

POLICE LOG

■ Several cases of breaking and entering and larceny of sound systems from Hondas were discovered Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Police believe the incidents are related, said Jane Cousins, the department's spokeswoman.

All of the stereos were taken from the dashboard, according to reports, and Cousins said entry to each of the vehicles was obtained by prying doors open, rather than breaking windows, a method of entry Cousins said is frequently used on Hondas.

The sound equipment was from a variety of manufacturers, including Panasonic, Pioneer and Kenwood, and had a total estimated value of \$2,200, reports stated.

The vehicles were manufactured between 1990 and 2000.

Reports state that the vehicles were located on Homestead Road, Legacy Terrace, Westminster Drive and North Heritage Circle when they were struck.

The first damage was discovered at 10:27 a.m. and the last time one of the cars was known to be secure was at 4 a.m. Monday, reports state.

Cousins said it is common for a group or individual to strike several targets in one night, but this incident has not been linked to any others.

■ A restricted victim was robbed at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

According to Cousins, the victim went to his car in a parking lot on Ashley Forest Road and while at his car, heard a car pull up behind him and a voice demanding money.

Cousins said the victim turned around and saw a gun pointed at him from the car's rear window.

She said he then threw what cash he had in his wallet into the car's open window. The car, possibly a black Honda, then left.

■ A tan 1992 Ford Explorer was engulfed in flames at 10:46 p.m. Monday in the lower parking lot of Ehringhaus Residence Hall, according to University police reports.

The Orange County Fire Department arrived and put out the fire, but the car sustained major damages and was deemed unable to be driven, reports state.

The car's owner, who escaped without injury, was trying to start the vehicle when it backfired. The car then caught fire, reports state.

■ Property damage valued at \$1,000 was reported at 8:07 p.m. Monday at the Paul Green Theatre and Country Club Road, according to University police reports.

An underground water main busted, causing significant damage to the street. Parking control and Orange Water and Sewer Authority was on the scene, and the street was being closed at the time of report.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The Chapel Hill-Orange County Visitor's Bureau is hosting a daylong training session and familiarization trip highlighting Chapel Hill's meeting facilities from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today.

Approximately 25 professional meeting planners are expected to attend the tour that will stop at various locations around meeting spots around town.

■ A blood drive, sponsored by UNC American Red Cross Club, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Zeta Phi Beta sorority Inc., will be held today and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

■ UNC's Habitat for Humanity will hold its fall date auction from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the Pit.

Campus celebrities such as Student Body President Seth Dearmin, Homecoming King Matt Mullane and Homecoming Queen Lauren Rennick will go to the highest bidder.

The proceeds of the event go toward the organization's worktrip to Honduras planned for spring break 2006.

■ The Campus Y will host a hunger banquet at 6 p.m. in the Pit. For \$1, students will receive dinner either as an upper-, middle-, or lower-class citizen of the world. Proceeds will go toward the

support of Nourish International's summer project, which will provide sustainable food resources for malnourished communities.

■ Students United for a Responsible Global Environment will host the Biking for Sustainability Gathering at 6:30 p.m. today at Aladdin's at 153 E. Franklin St.

■ A public health and environment panel will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in Gardner 104.

Join experts from UNC's School of Public Health as they discuss the greatest public health issues of modern time, the successes and failures of policy attempts to address these problems and how you can help.

■ John Stossel, co-host of ABC News "20/20" program, will hold a lecture, "Freedom and Its Enemies," at 7 p.m. today at Memorial Hall. The event is free and open to the public. A book signing and reception will follow.

■ Ebony Readers Onyx Theater will present "Black Expectations," a performance that explores themes of race on a college campus, at 8 p.m. today in the Union Auditorium. Tickets are available in the Pit.

To make a calendar submission, visit www.dailytarheel.com for a list of submission policies. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

Fund aims to spur diverse interchange

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In response to claims that the campus's ethnic groups do not interact, administrators created a new fund to provide support for University interaction.

The Diversity Incentive Fund, announced earlier this month, will award up to \$2,500 to students, faculty and staff for informing the campus on diversity or providing the opportunity for different groups to interact together, said Cookie Newsom, director of diversity education and research.

The fund was created in response to the chancellor's task force on diversity assessment in the spring, which said funding was needed to promote cross-group interaction and education.

Newsom said the assessment concluded that despite an adequate presence of diversity on campus, there are not enough activities encouraging groups to interact. "We have different political groups, different sexual orientations, but these groups tend to stick to themselves."

Applications for funds already have been received in the first week of the award's existence, said Archie Ervin, associate provost for multicultural and diversity affairs.

He said he has received proposals for departmental interactive racial

diversity seminars and some proposals from student organizations.

Newsom said uses for the award might include travel costs for guest speakers and seed money to help people think about hosting events.

The award is funded by the Office of the Provost. Newsom speculated that funds are available to award the maximum amount about five times per semester.

Ervin said the award is a great source of needed encouragement.

"In order to benefit from diversity, we have to do more than have diverse groups on campus," Ervin said.

He said proposals will be judged according to a number of criteria, including the emphasis of the program on interactive education.

Any member of the faculty, staff or student body at UNC is eligible to apply for the award.

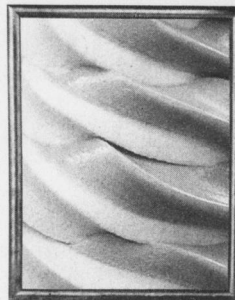
"We think by providing support, members of staff and faculty will be able to do more," Ervin said.

Applications are available at www.unc.edu/diversity/diversityincentive/index.html and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

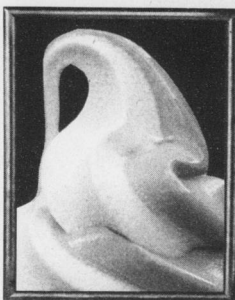
Newsom said the fund likely will be available for a number of years as a part of an ongoing process to encourage diversity.

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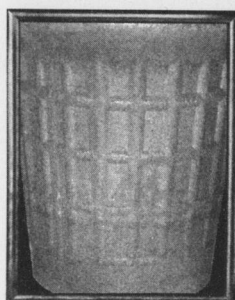
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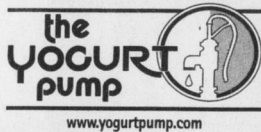
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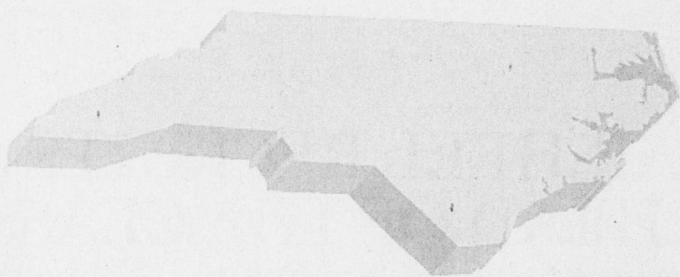
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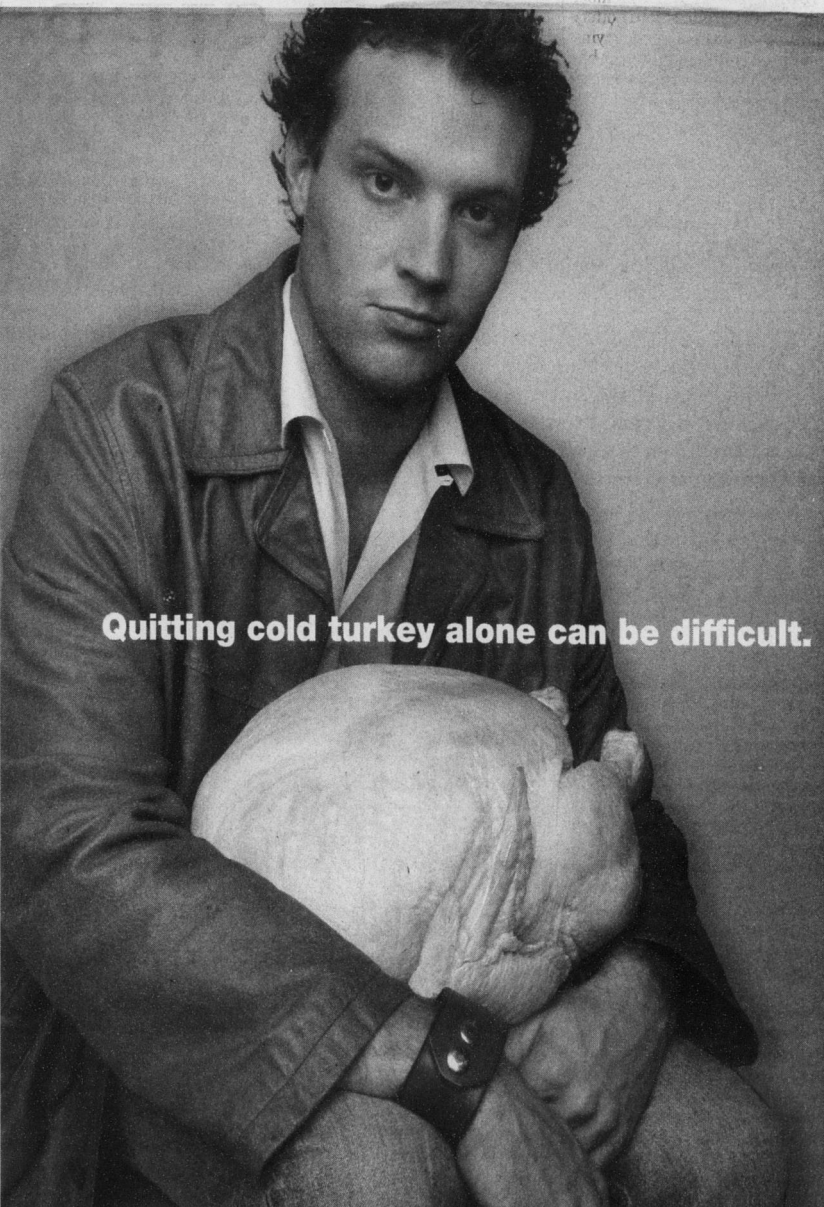
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