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DOMESTIC CRIMES BEFUDDLE POLICE

Police diversify treatment options as reports increase

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Since 2003, the numbers of reported incidents of domestic violence in the area have been increasing, and police aren't sure why.

The Chapel Hill Police Department saw a 6.8 percent increase in the number of domestic-disturbance calls in 2005.

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According to a report released Thursday, 562 domestic-disturbance calls were made this year, up from 526 in 2004. Sabrina Garcia, the department's sexual assault and domestic violence specialist, said she could not pinpoint why the numbers are on the rise.

"We're probably having better reporting ... or more people are seeking interventions," she said, adding that the increase could be a response to help from families or local agencies.

While there were more reports

this year, Garcia said, "The numbers don't even match what is out there."

"So many victims are silent."

The breakdown

About 34 percent of the calls in 2005 involved actual assaults, and arrests were made in 146 incidents, the report states.

Women were the victims in the majority of domestic violence cases — 471 out of 562. Men constituted about 16 percent of total cases.

One key difference in the 2005 data came as a result of new ways to report domestic incidents.

In late 2004, assault by strangulation became a new way to classify domestic instances. Twenty such cases were reported in 2005.

"Strangulation has always been occurring and has always been a common action of batterers," Garcia said.

Another relatively new charge is assault in the presence of a minor, passed in late 2003. There were

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Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County

201 E. Rosemary St., 929-3872
24-hour crisis line: 1-866-929-7122

The center aims to end family violence in the community. Services include a help line and counseling.

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center

825-A Estes Drive, 968-4647
24-hour crisis line: 1-866-WE-LISTEN
online: www.occcc.org

The center provides services for victims of sexual violence including crisis intervention services, legal and medical information, support groups and counseling.

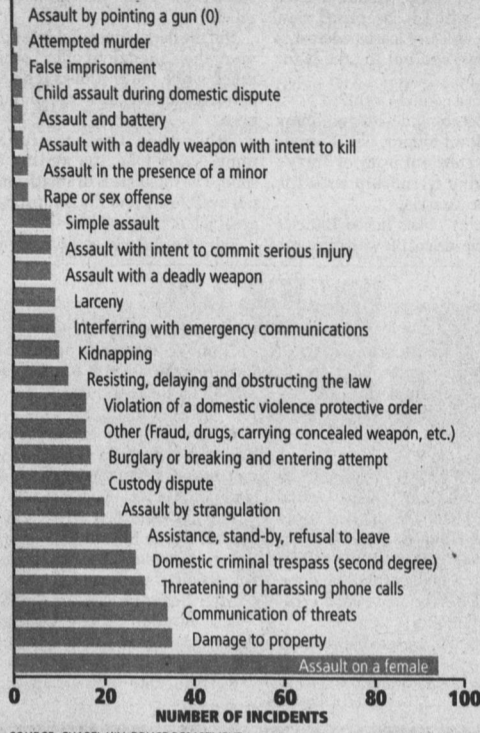
Chapel Hill Police Department crisis unit

828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 968-2806

Crisis counselors respond to emergencies, such as sexual assault and family violence. The counselors provide follow-up services. The police department has domestic violence, sexual assault response and Latino victim outreach programs.

Domestic violence

In 2005 the Chapel Hill Police Department responded to 562 domestic disturbance calls, of which 146 incidents resulted in arrests. About 34 percent of all calls involved assault. A total of 188 of all incidents were repeat offenses. There were 526 domestic disturbance calls in 2004.



SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT DTH/FEILDING CAGE

The Y elects newest leaders

Co-presidents look to jumpstart term

BY KATHRYN ROWLAND
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One of the campus's oldest and largest student organizations elected new leadership Friday.



Kheang Lim wants to better publicize the Y.

Kheang Lim and Mona Soni were elected co-presidents of the Campus Y, the University's largest service organization, and they will take their positions after Spring Break.

"I'm really excited about bringing both of our ideas together, staying on track with what we've been doing but also bringing some improvements," Lim said. "I think both of our experiences in the Y will be really helpful."



Mona Soni said she wants to teach more.

Lim, who ran unopposed, is Campus Y technology director, and Soni, who beat out Anne Phillips, is committee director and the former co-chairwoman of Helping Paws.

The election was open to all Campus Y members and also boosted Katie Macpherson to minister of information and Jane

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What is the Campus Y?

The Campus Y is a coalition of service groups and is the largest student organization on campus.

Who works there?

The Y has 17 program committees and an executive committee. There are about 1,500 students working with a Y committee on-campus.

What programs exist?

Some of the well-known programs are Big Buddy, Nourish International and Students for the Advancement of Race Relations.

Is it part of the YMCA?

The Campus Y has its roots as the YMCA, which began at UNC in 1859. In 1935, a group of women organized a chapter of the YWCA. The two groups merged into the Campus Y in 1963.

SOURCE: CAMPUS-Y.UNC.EDU

Ticket policy under review

Groups mobilize to lessen fines

BY DEBORAH NEFFA
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Though the campaign on jaywalking shows no signs of slowing, wayward campus walkers might be able to avoid paying a \$135 fine soon.

By the end of the first week of the jaywalking citation initiative, enough students had raised concerns about it that members of Student Legal Services and the UNC School of Law were tapped to find a less expensive solution.

First-year law student Trevor Cangelosi and Dorothy Bernholz, director of Student Legal Services, are trying to develop a jaywalking school program through which the fine would be reduced to less than \$55 — if the jaywalker attends four hours of pedestrian class.

Cangelosi said some of the material covered would include information on pedestrian-involved accidents and what the law requires of pedestrians. He said both paying a large fine and not going to court are bad choices.

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Don't walk

3 tickets on South Road near the Student Recreation Center on Monday

7 on South Columbia Street near near Frat Court on Tuesday

4 on Manning Drive on Wednesday

Other places being targeted:

- Pittsboro Road near the Tate Turner Kuralt Building
- Raleigh Street near the ATMs

THE AIR UP THERE



DTH/RICKY LEUNG

Freshman Jonathan McSwain leaps for a slam dunk at Friday's contest sponsored by the Carolina Athletic Association in Rams Head Recreation Center. Three bested the eight-person field to move on

to compete during halftime of the UNC-Virginia men's basketball game March 1. McSwain was defeated by freshman Cesar Fuentes-Mendoza, who dunked over a friend. Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

FAFSA DEADLINE NEARS

Universities amp up awareness, application help

BY CAITLIN LEGACKI
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Filling out financial aid paperwork can be like wading through mud. On Saturday the College Foundation of North Carolina cleared the way for thousands of families wanting to capitalize on available federal funds.

CFNC held its annual FAFSA Day at 42 locations statewide, helping an estimated 2,600 families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Hosted in the Durham area by N.C. Central University for the fourth year in a row, FAFSA Day was meant to help families, especially those whose children are

high school seniors, navigate what can be a complicated process.

"Completing the FAFSA is not exactly easy the first time," said Sharon Oliver, director of scholarships and student aid at N.C. Central. "We're trying to simplify the process and encourage families to apply early because a lot of state funds are tied to how early you file."

Oliver estimated that more than 100 families attended the event.

Financial aid counselors from colleges and universities in the area volunteered to help the families who attended FAFSA Day.

"I think it's very good to help the community and give the stu-

Get your FAFSA in

Apply online: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Deadline: March 15, priority before March 1

Info is available from the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid: studentaid.unc.edu/studentaid/

dents and parents some education on what financial aid is all about," said Cedric Barksdale, a financial aid counselor at N.C. State University.

"We completely fill out the form with them. Once we fill it out, they

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Law might pull plug on public access TV

BY MAGGIE KISELICK
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The benefits of public access stations might be too remote for some to notice, but the stations might soon be off the air permanently.

Most town cable service providers allocate space for public access channels, which broadcast municipal government meetings and serve educational purposes.

But pending federal legislation could allow telephone companies to avoid funding local public access stations, reducing the barriers companies face in entering the cable market.

"Their claim is that they're not

a monopoly anymore, and they shouldn't have to provide these kinds of services," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt of cable providers.

"But there's a point at which private corporate interests should be obligated to return to the community for using our resources."

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating the matter and allowed people to submit concerns until Feb. 13.

The Chapel Hill Town Council sent a letter in support of local franchises, and 137 comments

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GETTING CLUBBED Downtown nightclubs see string of late-night violence

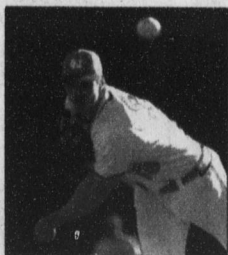
NOT COMMON SENSE Foundation releases report on morning-after pill

READIN' AND WRITIN' N.C. is one of eight states awarded grant to eye literacy

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GAP IN ACHIEVEMENT

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education re-tackles the minority achievement gap, its annual priority, at its annual planning retreat.



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TURNING UP THE HEAT

Led by solid all-around hitting and its pitching standouts, the Tar Heels cruise to a sweep of the Seton Hall Pirates over the weekend.

today in history

FEB. 20, 1972 ...

A proposal is introduced to the student legislature that would allow dorms and Greek houses funds to purchase items such as televisions.

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