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Campus security report released

Liquor law arrests increased in 2006

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The University's annual security report was released Monday by the Department of Public Safety, showing an increase in some campus assaults and liquor law arrests.

The report details criminal activities committed on campus and in residence halls in 2006. It also includes statistics from previ-

ous years for comparison.

The report shows an almost 21 percent increase in the number of liquor law arrests on campus from 2005 to 2006.

It also indicates a 220 percent increase in the number of aggravated assaults on campus, up from five in 2005 to 16 in 2006.

DPS spokesman Randy Young said most of the assault reports resulted from an incident in March

2006, when a UNC alumnus drove through the Pit, striking nine people with a sport utility vehicle.

But Young said the numbers in the report are not representative of the number of crimes within the DPS jurisdiction, as it includes Granville Towers, fraternity housing and University properties in Chapel Hill as "on-campus" locations.

Those locations are in the jurisdiction of several law enforcement organizations.

"For instance, the report lists 11 forcible sex offenses," Young

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said. "Only two of those were reported to DPS." Many types of crime reported on campus in 2005 were reported less frequently in 2006. The number of burglaries filed from breaking and entering decreased from 41 to 29, and motor vehicle thefts on campus decreased from four to two.

Larceny remains the most prev-

alent crime reported to DPS.

"We target larceny by having better partnership with the University community," Young said. "It's a crime of opportunity."

The report also touts successes in improving pedestrian safety.

The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Unit issued 23 citations to student and staff pedestrians. The unit cited more than 187 campus drivers for speeding.

The report also gives tips about

By the numbers ...

Aggravated assault: Increased by 11 from 2005 (this includes all reported assaults on the March 2006 Pit incident).

Campus liquor law arrests: Increased by almost 21 percent from 2005.

Burglary: Incidents decreased by 12.

Drug-related arrests: Decreased by 8.

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A row of cars, parked near the Colonial Village at Highland Hills apartment building in Carrboro, which burned down early Sunday, had headlights, hoods and front bumpers melted by the heat of the fire.

STUDENTS STABLE AFTER DEADLY FIRE

2 from UNC treated for leg injuries

BY ANDREW DUNN
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The two women injured in a fire that consumed a Colonial Village at Highland Hills apartment building are UNC students, and both are listed in fair condition, UNC Hospitals officials said Monday afternoon.

A woman, age 55, was killed in the blaze, Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department Chief Travis Crabtree confirmed. Her name is not being released until the family is notified and an autopsy performed.

Kristin Elizabeth Pietrowicz, a special undergraduate in the School of Education, and Suzanne Robbins Thorne, a second-year Master of Business Administration student, were taken to UNC Hospitals after jumping from a second-floor balcony to escape the flames.

One broke her leg in the fall, and the other suffered a broken leg and spinal injuries.

Twenty residents also were displaced. They are now residing in previously vacant apartments on the premises.

The local Red Cross chapter is accepting cash donations, and the apartment complex is accepting clothes, food and essential items.

The Highland Hills apartment complex does not have sprinklers.

According to Carrboro fire code, buildings that are used as multifamily residences must have those fire prevention devices.

But because the Highland Hills buildings were built before amendments to the code were added, they did not have to comply.

State laws for University properties are similar to Carrboro's fire code. Sprinklers are required with new construction.

About 15 of the University's 33 traditional residence halls — including the Hinton James, Craige and Ehringhaus buildings — do not have sprinkler systems.

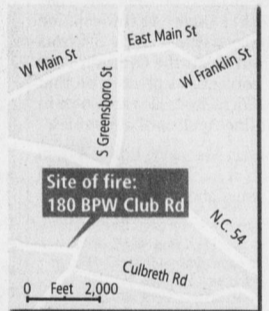
All Greek houses and apartment complexes within Chapel Hill town limits had to be retrofitted with sprinklers by 2001.

The Chapel Hill Town Council sought out and gained from the N.C. General Assembly the authority to require those measures after a 1996 fraternity house fire killed five UNC students.

"I'm glad they are required," said senior Krista Pool, who lives at Chapel Ridge Apartments. "We definitely thought about it."

But the laws don't apply to houses or University buildings.

Senior Lauren Beasley, who lives in a house off campus, said the incident made her aware that she has no fire emergency plan.



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"I probably should develop one of those," she said.

Beasley also said apartment complexes should make more of an effort to put sprinklers into old buildings.

"I think everyone should have the same standard, especially when it comes to safety."

But junior Phil Wein, who lives in Horton Residence Hall, said fire precautions have gone too far on campus.

"I've heard so many fire alarms that were fake," he said. "I take my time."

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Leaders begin tuition talks

Discuss 2008-09 campus priorities

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UNC's tuition and fee advisory task force members got this year's tuition talks off to as much of a start as they could at their first meeting Monday.

Without tuition increase caps in place or details of what will be considered part of the University's operating budget, the task force could only preliminarily discuss next year's tuition costs.

"We're going to need to start our discussion without knowing," said Provost Bernadette Gray-Little, who serves as co-chairwoman of

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The increase process

1. The tuition and fee advisory task force determines the priorities and model for increasing tuition.
2. The task force votes to recommend tuition increases to Chancellor James Moeser.
3. Recommended increases go before the Board of Trustees' audit and finance committee meeting, then the full board.
4. Trustees will either support the recommendations or determine their own.
5. Those recommendations will go to the UNC-system Board of Governors for final approval.
6. Increases are implemented in the 2008-09 academic year.

Shooting investigation ongoing

BY TED STRONG
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The management of a Chapel Hill club is hoping it can remain open after a man wounded six people with a handgun early Monday before melting into the crowd and escaping.

"We're not going to tolerate this kind of behavior, and establishments that encourage or permit it are not welcome," Mayor Kevin Foy said. "I don't know whether they did or not, but we'll find out."

The management of Visions Night Club, located at 136 E. Rosemary St., moved quickly to distance itself from the violence, saying it was an aberration from an otherwise clean record. Town response will depend on an ongoing police investigation, Foy said.

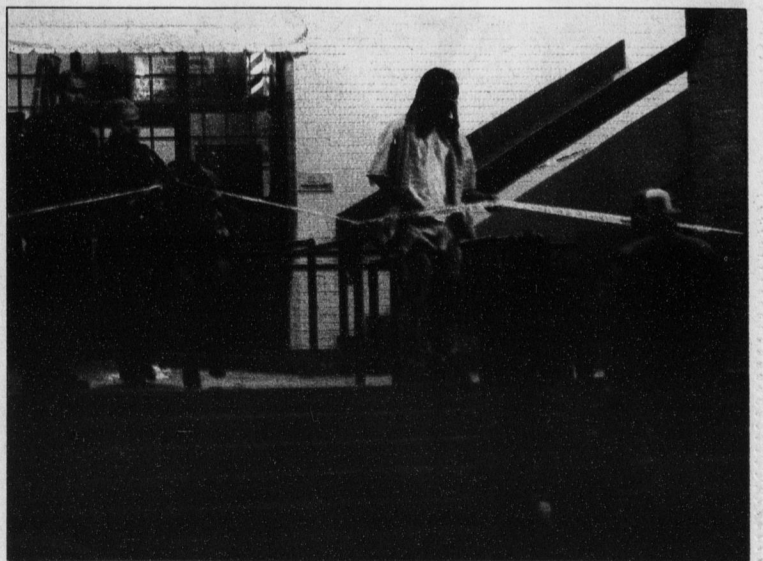
"When there's a shooting, it sends up a real strong alarm," he said.

Russell Doulla, who was on the scene and who manages sister establishment the White Bar, said the shooting was sparked when club security tried to expel two fighting men.

"As we were moving the guys outside, one of them apparently pulled a gun," he said. "It just went off like that."

Police haven't identified a definite suspect, and Chapel Hill police Capt. Bob Overton said

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Police escort a woman under the caution tape at Visions Night Club early Monday. No suspects have been named in the shooting, which occurred at the club about 1:10 a.m.

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Sir Mark Malloch Brown, a member of British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Cabinet, delivers the Frank Porter Graham lecture Monday night.

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DEVELOPMENT PULLED

A proposed shopping center for Jones Ferry Road that would have included a Harris Teeter is scrapped after a dispute over an entryway.



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SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy declares Sustainability Month, as several environmentally friendly developments and initiatives come to the forefront.

this day in history

OCT. 2, 1996 ...

UNC law professor Barry Nakell is suspended with pay after being arrested for stealing a Triangle Dining Guide valued at \$30. He had taught a class on criminal procedures.

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