

# Chapel Hill works toward crime prevention

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"We have found that the public is dissatisfied with just catching criminals," said Gerald Warren, director of Security Services on the University campus. "The public wants crime prevention. This means trying to contact potential victims and minimizing risks through education."

Crime prevention is the goal of both police and citizens. To assist local police departments, the federal government provides grants (about \$850 million last year) to underwrite surveys, helicopters and even computers.

The Chapel Hill Police Department has secured a \$12,600 grant from Washington and expects the funds to arrive by the first of July. The money will be used to conduct extensive

"premises surveys."

Lt. Arthur Summey of the Chapel Hill Police Department will be involved in conducting the study, concentrating on businesses and residential areas. Residents will be informed about the most effective types of locks. Businessmen will be instructed on locks, burglar alarms and store lighting. Street lights will be checked and improved if shown to be inadequate.

A similar program in Los Angeles County helped decrease crime in one area by 38 per cent. Summey hopes the effect will be the same here.

"By 'moving' the crime or discouraging the crime," Summey said, "it forces the criminal to move to an area he may not be familiar with, and it increases his chances of getting caught."

Residents are also urged to take advantage of "Operation

Identification." The Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments have engraving tools that they lend so that property owners can mark their televisions and appliances with their driver's license numbers.

After returning the engraving tools, residents can fill out two copies of a pamphlet with names and serial numbers of their property. One copy of the list is filed at police headquarters, the other is kept at the resident's home.

"Operation Identification" will aid property owners in recovering stolen goods. Dormitory residents and temporary apartment dwellers as well as permanent residents can list their stereos, televisions and other valuables.

Some larger cities have taken more extensive steps to fight high burglary rates. Seattle and Oakland recommend dead bolt locks for doors and special locks for windows (52 per cent of

all burglaries in Chapel Hill last year were conducted after a lock was forced).

North Carolina fire codes, however, prohibit locks that need keys to open from the inside.

Oakland has a city ordinance which prohibits hollow-core doors (which are prevalent in many Chapel Hill apartment complexes) in all new construction. Old buildings were given one year to comply with the new law.

Oakland constructors are denied building permits until they comply with ordinances requiring certain specifications in construction.

Summey believes Chapel Hill needs such an ordinance, "but until we get one or see that we're going to get one, we'll have to depend on the people to do it themselves."

Property owners should make sure they have adequate insurance. Students in apartments particularly need to investigate this recommendation. Some insurance companies will not pay under parents' policies if the student is not living in a dormitory.

Prospective policy holders are also urged to shop around before signing on the dotted line. Yearly costs for comparable (but not identical) \$6,000 property owners' policies range from \$28 to \$44 in Chapel Hill.

"It is frustrating, day in and day out, to keep reading these theft reports," Warren said.

Don't be frustrated. Protect your home and steal the burglar's thunder.

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## Students ask repeal of pass-fail change

by William March  
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Attempts are being made in two branches of Student Government to have the faculty rescind its action limiting to four the number of hours of pass-fail courses a student can take in one semester.

At today's meeting of the Faculty Council agenda committee, Student Body President Richard Epps and President-elect Ford Runge will argue for a reconsideration of the matter at the next council meeting on March 23.

Tuesday night, the Campus Governing

Council (CGC) considered and was expected to pass a resolution asking for a repeal of the controversial second point of the faculty's eight-point regulation on the pass-fail option.

Runge said that he and Epps would be engaged all this week in meetings with faculty members in an attempt to find support for the SG position on the pass-fail rules.

The faculty action which is being protested took place at a Faculty Council meeting on Friday, Feb. 16.

The faculty's eight-point proposal extended the sign-up period for the pass-fail option to four weeks instead of

two. It limited to one course the amount of pass-fail work a student may claim for credit in a new major, if he changes his major.

The proposal specified that student taking in excess of 15 hours may take all credits over 12 hours on a pass-fail basis.

It specified that a maximum of 24 hours of pass-fail courses could be applied for credit at graduation.

Objections to the four hour pass-fail limit center on the fact that some students have planned on using their allowable pass-fail hours mostly in one year, and are now prevented from using them at all.

In a letter Tuesday to Epps and Runge, Faculty Chairman George V. Taylor invited the two to appear at the agenda committee meeting to present the reasons why they think the rule should be changed.

"We will present no specific proposal at that time," Runge said Tuesday afternoon, "but we are currently working on a presentation of our reasons. We may eventually have to find a faculty member to present our proposals in a meeting of the council."

There was some speculation among SG officials that a compromise position might be sought, which would simply exempt present sophomores or juniors from the ruling, or raise the specified number of hours to eight.

## Pedestrians win crosswalk battle

by William March  
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Big yellow signs and flashing lights to frustrate drivers and protect foot traffic will soon decorate the pedestrian crosswalk across South Columbia Street at the School of Public Health.

According to Allen Waters, director of the University Office of Operations and Engineering, the paraphernalia will be installed in about six weeks. There will be an overhead sign bearing alternating flashing lights and the message, "YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS."

Cars, armored with steel, will have to stop to allow the relatively defenseless walkers to cross unscathed.

The sign is a result of a letter writing campaign by students and faculty in the School of Public Health. With the completion of the Health Sciences Library, the reading room in the School of Public Health was closed, forcing students to cross the busy highway often in heavy traffic.

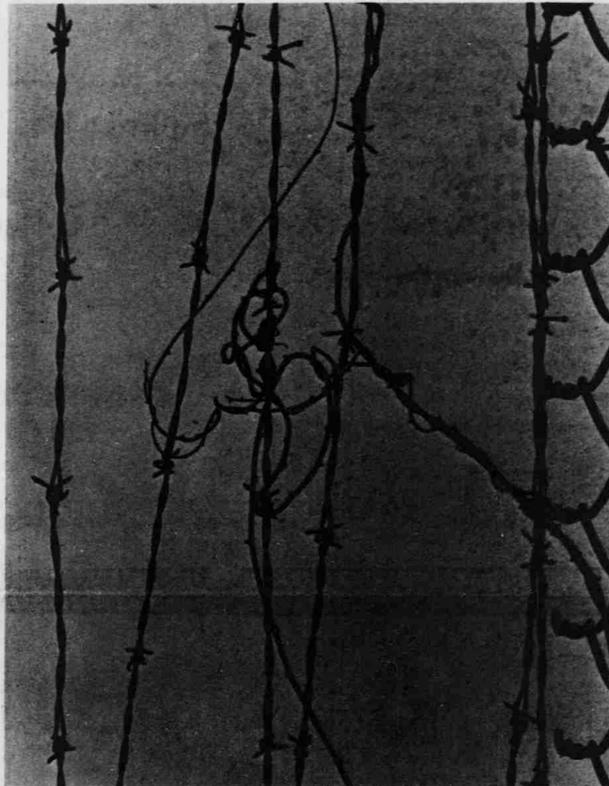
A letter to Gov. James Holshouser drew a response from Bruce A. Lentz, secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, on Feb. 23.

"Our Traffic Engineering Department has been working with the UNC Operations and Engineering Office in an effort to come up with suitable traffic controls for the crosswalk," the letter said. "Also, in the very near future, the State Highway Commission is to let a contract for upgrading traffic signals on state-maintained roads in Chapel Hill. A new, coordinated system should platoon traffic along Columbia Street, leaving gaps for the pedestrians."

Waters said the University has been negotiating with the Highway Department for several months on ways to improve the crosswalk. "A pedestrian-controlled stoplight was turned down," he said, "because it would have caused too many traffic problems. A tunnel or overpass would have been prohibitively expensive."

Waters said his office has received specifications on the new equipment from the Highway Department, and is ordering suitable materials.

"Once this has been done," he said, "the pedestrians will have the responsibility of trying to minimize the disruption of the flow of traffic."



Threads of steel

Brittle wire twists and glides into softly rounded geometric designs like delicate silken threads tangled in a game of touch. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

## Runge to begin his term

by William March  
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Student Body President-elect Ford Runge will be inaugurated at 3:30 p.m. today in room 202-4 of the Carolina Union.

Present at the ceremony will be Richard Epps, stepping down as president after a term elongated by squabbles over the legality of the presidential election.

Runge, a junior American studies major from Middleton, Wis., is working for his certificate of honors in Urban and Regional Planning. He is an N.C. Fellow, and has worked with Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., as a liaison between Gaylord's staff and Ralph Nader's Public Interest Research Group (PIRG).

Runge's main concern, and the basis of his campaign, is consumerism. His campaign promises center on action against downtown merchants in Chapel Hill.

He said during the campaign that the money and power of student government should enable it to gather and disperse information on consumer issues connected with Chapel Hill.

The inauguration is open to attendance by the interested public.

## Nixon 'defies Congress'--Ervin

by David Klinger  
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Sam J. Ervin Jr., North Carolina's senior member of the U.S. Senate, Tuesday outlined his opposition to President Nixon's impoundment of appropriations for Congressionally authorized social welfare programs.

Speaking at a luncheon of the UNC Faculty Club at the Carolina Inn, Ervin also came out strongly against amnesty for draft resisters.

"I don't believe in forgiving people for evasion of the draft anymore than I believe in forgiving people of robbery," he said. "People owe it to their country to pay taxes and to serve in the armed forces."

The main point of Ervin's talk was his repeated attack on President Nixon's controversial impoundment of funds for programs authorized by Congress. Ervin commented, "I think that he made a mistake of impounding funds which had been appropriated by

Congress and then signed into law by the President himself prior to the end of this fiscal year."

The main duty of the President, according to Ervin's interpretation, is to insure faithful execution of the laws enacted by Congress. He suggested that officials in the White House read two references--the Constitution and Dale Carnegie's "How To Win Friends and Influence People"--in order to better understand the mutual relationship between legislative and executive power.

"When the President impounds funds, he denies Congress of any power to override his action," Ervin said. "There is not a syllable in the Constitution which gives the President the power to disapprove of the acts of Congress by anything except the veto," he added.

Ervin's recent actions have brought him into headlong confrontation with the executive department. Students of Capitol Hill politics have predicted that Ervin is "the senator to keep your eye on" during future power struggles between the executive and legislative branches

of government.

As a means by which Congress may reassert its traditional power in the field of federal appropriations to government programs, Ervin and more than 50 senators have introduced legislation to curb the President's impoundment power.

Ervin called the political technique of impoundment a violation of the Constitution and of the idea that government officers as well as citizens must obey laws.

He said that the Senate Government Operations Committee will meet in about 10 days to consider such legislation. Ervin hopes that passage will occur by the end of the month.

"If we are going to transmit to our children the kind of republic which the Constitution establishes and if we are going to continue the Congress as a viable institution, then the President must stay on his side of the Constitutional fence and let us stay on our side," Ervin concluded.

## 'The Orient' topic for '74 symposium

"The Orient" was chosen as the topic of the 1974 Carolina Symposium at a meeting last night of the interim symposium committee.

Other topics under consideration were "Human Liberation," "The Search for Religion in America" and "Communications and Media."

The interim committee is now looking for a chairman for next year's symposium. Interested students may pick up applications and sign up for interviews at the Information Desk in the Student Union.

After the chairman has been chosen, probably by March 23, planning meetings will begin. These meetings will be open to anyone who would like to work.

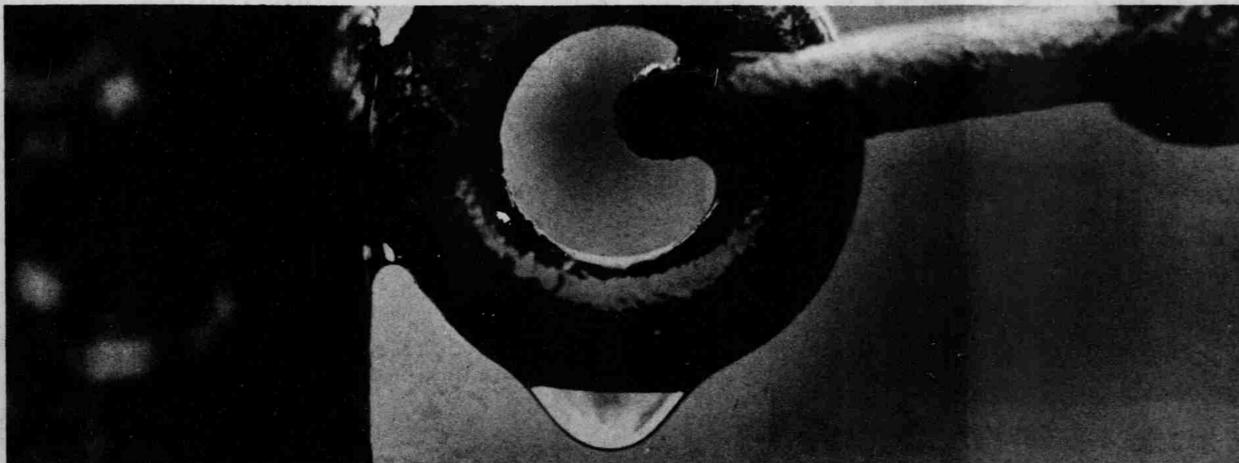
Kim Richardson, the '72 symposium's

financial chairman, noted that next year's committee will not be restricted to the formats of past symposiums. "The 1972 symposium is not an example of what all symposiums should be," he said.

Last year's symposium, "Mind of the South, Soul of the South," was the most expensive to date, running two weeks instead of the usual one week.

Noting that an accurate estimate of the total cost of the 1972 symposium is impossible, Richardson said that the largest source of income came from student funds, totaling about \$9,000. The administration and academic departments gave approximately \$4,000 each, while about \$3,000 was donated by foundations and private contributors.

**Weather**  
TODAY: High in the 60's, with 60 per cent chance of rain through tonight.



The whole world is a mirror, reflecting the coming glories of spring as the rain settles softly and easily on Thomas Wolfe's "Southern Part of Heaven." Take a walk

along rain-glistening brick walks, look at shimmering chains, and imagine what miracles this life-giving rain is working with the earth. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)