



Bicycles are a prime target for theft around the UNC campus. Police say that faulty locks and unlocked, unattended bikes are the cause of most rip offs.

Police urge registration, cable locks

Bike theft increasing in Chapel Hill

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Bicycle thefts in the UNC area are on the rise, say Chapel Hill and University police officials.

Ninety-six bicycles were reported stolen in the city during the first eight months of this year — an 11.6 percent increase over last year, said Master Officer Greg Jarvies of the Chapel Hill Police Department. Last year 86 bicycles were reported stolen during the same period.

In July, 18 bicycles were reported stolen compared to 12 for July 1982. And in August, 26 bicycles were reported stolen compared to 16 in August 1982.

University police Officer Ned Comar said 55 bicycles were reported stolen to University police between July 1, 1982, and June 30, 1983. And since July 1 of this year, an additional 18 bicycles

reportedly have been stolen from students. "It's an inordinate amount," Comar said. "I thought things were going better than they are."

Both Jarvies and Comar agreed that the thefts are because of faulty locks or bicycles that are left unlocked and unattended.

Jarvies said that most people use chain locks that can be broken easily. He recommended using a cable lock which is more difficult to break.

"Any delay is enough to convince them to move on," Jarvies said.

Comar also recommended that those who use combination locks and chains, such as gym locks, switch to cable locks. Comar said that cable locks are more difficult to break than chain locks, which can be broken no matter how thick they are.

Both Comar and Jarvies recommend-

ed that riders register their bicycles to speed up their identification in case they are stolen.

Students can register their bicycles at any of the four area fire stations or police departments by bringing their driver's license or any other identification with a number that can be stamped onto the bike.

Students also can register their bikes on campus at the Traffic Office.

Comar said that bicycle registration has increased on campus. He said that he registered 400 bicycles between Aug. 23 and Aug. 30, about the same number he registered during all of 1982.

"And I haven't even dented the number of bicycles on campus that need to be registered," he said.

But Comar said he will not be able to continue the daily registration unless he gets some help from students or a campus organization.

P.E. dept. limits use of gym clothes

By KATE COOPER
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The days when any UNC student could check out gym clothing for exercise or to sport the latest fashion are a thing of the past.

Beginning this semester, students not registered for physical education activities classes cannot check out gym clothing.

Students can check out a basket, lock, towel and equipment with a valid student ID. But if they want clothing to sweat in, their own will have to do.

Faculty and staff members can get the same privileges as those who are not enrolled in an activity class by purchasing a privilege card for \$18 per semester or \$50 a year.

The change in policy was a result of a combination of factors, according to an August memo issued by physical education department Chairman John Billing.

"The primary reason was we couldn't dress our classes and that is our first responsibility," he said.

Outfitting students in gym clothes has

become more difficult because replacements for lost, stolen and worn-out clothing are more expensive, Billing said. And the traditional blue clothing for female students was abandoned this year, forcing the physical education department to provide gray clothing to females — and leaving little for non-physical education students, he said.

Requests for clothing also have increased, but budget allocations for clothing have not, Billing added.

Billing said that for the past two years an average of \$80,000 has been spent yearly on clothing and towels. It costs about \$77,000 last year to launder the clothes, he said.

Several students said they were unhappy with the restrictions placed on the gym clothing.

The switch is "a real inconvenience for people who spend a lot of time on campus and want to work out for a couple of hours," said Rebel Cole, a business administration graduate student. "I think it's a curtailment of services and I don't understand why."

Cole said that he thought theft was no reason for the change. "They ought to be checking it to make sure you're turning in everything you're supposed to... that's their problem not ours."

Gayane Morse, a junior RTVMP major, has checked out clothing in the past to work out in the weight room.

"We are not allowed to use the Nautilus room... now we have to provide our own stuff," she said. "It's a pain to carry my clothes around, and laundry will probably cost more — about \$2 a week."

Morse also said that basket room employees were to blame for clothing losses. "They don't keep track of the stuff — they ought to be more responsible," she said.

"I think they (the department) should make some other arrangement because students pay for so much stuff around here."

Billing said the switch had prompted varied reaction from students.

"We've had a number of questions about it," he said. "Most people read it and say they don't like it, but can understand it."

Talking Coke machines come to U-Mall

By JODI SMITH
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"Please make your selection," says a robot-like voice.

A man in baggy pants drops his quarter and reels three steps backward. He scans the red-and-white machine before him suspiciously and carefully pushes the "Diet Coke" panel. The can drops, the machine says, "Thank you and come again," and the man runs fearfully for the exit — still thirsty.

Most people probably have yet to witness this spectacular event, for it is a by-product of a new era — the Era of the Talking Coke Machine.

For the past two years, the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. has been experimenting with a new form of public relations — vending machines that "talk" to their customers. Granted, they have a limited vocabulary, mostly limited to "Please deposit more money" and "Thank you for trying Coke."

Currently, there are no plans to bring the machines to UNC, and there are none on other area campuses yet. Several UNC students have reported meeting machines in Kerr Drug at University Mall, Wilmington, Myrtle Beach and Tennessee. The Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Co. also has a friendly Coke machine waiting and eager to meet new people.

The machines operate with a computer chip that is triggered through the coin changer. The machines can be programmed to say anything, even Christmas greetings, said Ed Goff, cold

drink manager at the Durham Coca-Cola distributorship.

"The machines are really a new form of advertising," he said. "We place them side-by-side with our competition. They have done a good job for us so far. Sales have picked up, and people seem to like it. They have fun with it."

The "talkies" are more expensive to build, with cost-running about \$2,000. Goff said the Durham company has purchased 10 talking vending machines so far.

Another more recent innovation on the part of Coca-Cola is the "video vendor" — a Coke machine that features video games like "Catch-a-Coke," which sports a monkey, and "Spell-Coke," where letters spin and are stopped to spell Coke.

There is only one video vendor in North Carolina, in a game room in Granville County. And the University of Texas at Austin is the testing ground for four new Coke machines that make change for dollar bills.

Are these super-vendors just an unnecessary expense? Cathy Moffitt, a senior UNC zoology major from Hollywood, Fla., doesn't think so.

"I think it will work out really well," she said. "In a society where emphasis is placed on the 'new and improved,' it will give an old standby like Coke some sense of novelty."

Talking Coke machines? What's next? Don't be surprised when you put your quarter in for *The Wall Street Journal* and you hear "Good morning. Buy stock now. There's no better time than the present...."

300 to be picked for exchange

By JIM ZOOK
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It's been a grueling 24-hour bus ride. You're sore, tired and somebody has stolen your toothbrush. When the bus finally arrives at the University of Toronto, you grab your stuff, run down the aisle and jump off the bus... and no Canadians! What do you do? (By the way, the bus has left.)

That is just one of several interesting questions being asked of applicants to the Toronto Exchange program.

Wednesday is the final day to submit applications for the annual program. Coordinators for the Toronto Exchange expect about 300 applications for this year's program.

This is the 26th year for Toronto Exchange, which will send 36 UNC students to the University of Toronto for one week and will bring about the same number of University of Toronto students to the UNC campus.

The Canadian delegation will be here at the end of October, and the UNC group will go to Toronto in January.

Those 36 UNC students will have plenty of work ahead of them, though, as they have the task of raising \$5,000 to cover the day-to-day expenses for the Canadians when they are in Chapel Hill. Each student is expected to personally contribute \$50 to cover the bus trip to and from Toronto.

Last year's program didn't go as well as was expected. Because of dire financial straits, the Canadians were unable to come to Chapel Hill last year, but UNC's group did go to Toronto.

Prospects for the Canadians to come here this year are looking much better, said Clicker Hamilton, one of three student coordinators for this year's exchange.

"Last year, their problem was that they had too few people, which raised the costs per person," she said. "But this year they have a few sponsors, and as far as we know they are doing all right."

In sifting through the applications, Hamilton said that the coordinators will be looking for a "very diverse group — we don't want a clique, so to speak."

Last year's exchange was beneficial in helping her realize the differences between the United States and Canada in areas such as money and form of government, she said.

Coordinators hope to announce the list of those accepted into this year's exchange by Friday. Applications are available at the information desk in the Carolina Union.

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