

Without reservations, flying difficult

By **CINDY PARKER**
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Students planning to fly home for Christmas holidays may have to change their plans if they haven't yet made reservations, local travel agents said recently.

Flights from Raleigh-Durham Airport to Florida and New York are almost completely booked for late December, said Charlotte VanNoppen of Continental Travel Agency. More UNC students fly to Florida and New York than to any other locations, she said. The availability of flights to other cities varies according to the city and to the traveler's schedule.

And no flights remain open for Thanksgiving travel, VanNoppen said.

Mary Lou Parker of Circle Travel, Inc., said almost no discount flights were still available for Christmas. "Most of these flights were booked up a month or so ago," she said last week.

"Only about 10 to 15 percent of our holiday business comes from UNC students," Parker said. "This is probably due to the great number of in-state students." Most of Circle Travel's business comes from University instructors and administrators and from medical officials at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

Both agents agreed that the most popular time for air travel is between Dec. 20 and Jan. 4. But the single most heavily traveled day of this year will be Nov. 27, Parker said. "This is when people

are returning from their Thanksgiving holidays."

Parker and VanNoppen advise travelers to make holiday reservations far in advance of their desired departure date. Some start as early as January planning for the following Christmas, VanNoppen said.

The price for a one-way ticket to New York City from RDU can range from \$59 to \$204, depending on time of departure and length of stay. And a one-way ticket to Orlando, Fla., can range from \$93 to \$164.

The tremendous variation in air fares is because of the 1978 Deregulation Act. It has allowed airlines to choose which cities to serve, which routes to set and what prices to charge.

Passengers have benefited from deregulation because fares have not risen as sharply, said RDU director John C. Brantley III. Passenger traffic at RDU has increased steadily during the past few years, and holiday travelers are expected to push the 1983 count to a record 1.1 million passengers.

Meanwhile, one UNC student who planned her holiday well in advance isn't worrying about crowded airlines. Dana Work, a senior geography major from Naperville, Ill., made reservations to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago in early October. Her flight is on Dec. 22.

"The reservations have to be made early, and you definitely have to check around to find the best price," she said.

Thieves hit fraternity and sorority houses

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A series of unsolved burglaries has plagued several UNC fraternities and sororities recently.

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity have all suffered thefts during the past month.

The ATO house was hit about two weeks ago, according to vice president Scott Schrimsher. Taken was a set of stereo speakers valued at \$700. The Chapel Hill Police Department has been on the case, Schrimsher said, but nothing has turned up yet.

Some jewelry was stolen from the ZTA house on Nov. 16, and a stereo and the fraternity composite were taken from the PKA house earlier in the month, according to spokespeople from both houses.

"It's just a pain to wake up each morning and worry if something's been stolen or not," said John Tulloss, PKA vice president.

According to Alvin Allen, crime prevention officer with the Chapel Hill police, fraternities and sororities were more susceptible to break-ins during certain periods. "On weekends, during breaks, over Thanksgiving and Christmas, they're more vulnerable," he said. "When students are in town and people are

in and out they're not any more of a target than a regular residence."

The objects most commonly taken have been money, jewelry and electronic equipment such as stereos and televisions, Allen said. "They're items that are usually easily resold and (burglars) can move them out real quick. Two or three people can move a lot of stuff out in 15 to 20 minutes," he said.

Fraternity and sorority break-ins have the same chance of being solved as any other crime, Allen said, adding that it takes a lot of investigation. Sometimes officers get lucky and catch people in the act, he said, but more often than not, a patrol officer is sent to make a preliminary investigation. If the officer feels it would be productive for a detective or other investigative officer to check for fingerprints, then necessary steps are taken, he said.

Very often cases are solved through experience with previous break-ins because there are common suspects or informants, Allen said.

There's no way to prevent a break-in, he said, but several precautionary measures can be taken. Besides locking individual rooms, he advised reporting suspicious people who loiter in the area.

"When you leave for a break such as Thanksgiving and especially Christmas, valuables should be taken with you," Allen said. "It won't prevent a break-in, but it might prevent the loss."

More than 100 demonstrate in Pit about nuclear war

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About 115 UNC students formed a human chain Monday at noon to express concern over the risk of global thermonuclear war. The chain stretched for three-fourths of the way around the Pit.

Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament, a committee of the UNC Campus Y, organized the demonstration. Following the protest, the Campus Y Executive Committee held a nuclear-war discussion in the upstairs lounge of the Y Building. Both events were scheduled as a follow-up to ABC-TV's airing of *The Day After*, a movie depicting a nuclear attack on Kansas.

During the demonstration, students linked arms at the top of the steps of the Pit and clapped in unison. Speakers

warned that no species higher than the cockroach was assured survival in the event of nuclear war. Toward the end of the demonstration, the crowd chanted, "No Nukes."

STAND organized the event as a follow-up to the Die-In held in the Pit at the start of October. "After the Die-In we wanted something (else) creative," said STAND member Joseph Pillow, a junior from Fayetteville. "It's an idea that's been used in Europe that hasn't been used here."

In response to the STAND-organized demonstration, Alison Lund, a member of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, said immediate nuclear disarmament was not the solution to the arms race.

"If people still have the desire inside them, then they will create new nuclear

weapons," she said. "It's people that we need to heal."

Most students at the demonstration and the discussion said they decided to attend before seeing *The Day After*. "I would have come one way or another, but it had a strong effect," said Mimi Herman, a junior from Chapel Hill.

The discussion lasted about an hour and a half, with half the participants staying for the entire time. The conversation started with *The Day After* and broadened to such subjects as the dependability of mutual deterrence as a strategy for the avoidance of nuclear war and the possible value of overthrowing the U.S. government.

"(The participants) weren't radical types," said Campus Y Associate Director George Gamble. "They weren't very ideological."

SPEAK EASY



Gwen Hailey



William Sexton



Rhonda Cooke

A proposal to eventually install cable television in the common rooms of dormitories has been discussed. Do you think students should have access to cable TV in their dorms, and why or why not?

Gwen Hailey, senior, political science, Greensboro: "I think they should. It's a relatively cheap form of entertainment. Cable television is a good supplement for the entertainment on campus."

William Sexton, sophomore, undecided major, Fayetteville: "I think they should. I do think it would be a valuable resource. If it is not technically feasible or would harm the dorms to install it, then I don't think it would be a good idea."

Rhonda Cooke, freshman, journalism major, Shelby: "Yes, I've never really thought about it, but it's a good idea. There would definitely be more programs to see and a wider variety of channels."

Mark Hebert, graduate student in philosophy, Sunny Vale, Calif.: "Sure, I don't see any problem with it, if there is some equitable way of distributing it. The question is how are you going to be fair to those who pay for it, if those not paying for it are watching? You would have to adjudicate who watches cable TV in the dorms and who doesn't, but the University should not bear the brunt of the problem."

Gustave Szurley, parent of graduate student at UNC, Edison, N.J.: "We have it at home, and I think there are a lot of good things on cable television. I'm not familiar with the local TV, but I'm sure it would be educational. The cost, however, might be a factor."

Carl James, Universal Printing employee, Chapel Hill: "Yes, they should for many reasons. It should be installed for the informational value, and it provides a form of recreation other than what is normally on TV. Students would have a wider variety of entertainment to choose."

Interviews conducted by Heidi Owen. Photos by Lori Heeman.



Mark Hebert



Gustave Szurley



Carl James

University employee found dead in Kenan lab

A University employee was found dead in the 7th floor study lounge of Kenan Laboratories early Sunday morning, according to the campus police.

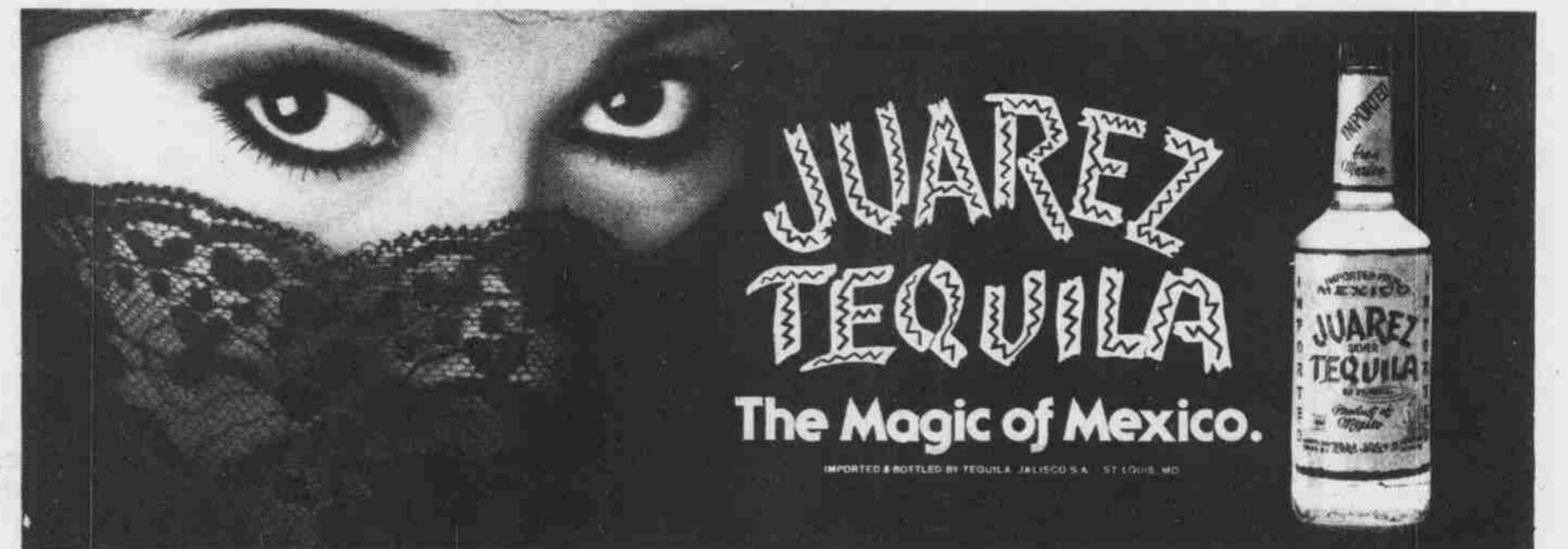
Joan S. Pederson, a postdoctoral fellow at the Cancer Research Center,

was discovered dead at about 4:30 a.m. said Robert E. Sherman, director of security services for the Campus Police.

According to the initial investigation, he said, Pederson appeared to have committed suicide. The actual cause of death

has not yet been determined, according to the medical examiner at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

Sherman said the circumstances were under investigation by the Campus and Chapel Hill police departments.



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