

Town police get vacation thanks to a short break

By LISA BRANTLEY
Staff Writer

Local police officials got a break of their own last weekend thanks to an unusually low number of robberies, Chapel Hill Police Officer Gregg Jarvis said yesterday.

"Fall Break isn't as publicized as Spring Break; a lot of people also stayed in town" because the holiday was so short, Jarvis said.

According to Jarvis, police receive a large number of break-in reports after Christmas vacation and Fall Break so they usually encourage residents of dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses to either secure their valuables before leaving town or take their valuables with them.

Chapel Hill police reports over the four-day weekend consisted mainly

of domestic disturbances and emergency medical assistance. The only major robbery reported during the vacation was the theft of approximately \$2,800 in property and \$380 in firearms from the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house at 303 E. Franklin St. early Sunday morning.

The robbery, which was reported by one of two brothers staying in the house during the break, is believed to have occurred between midnight and 5 a.m. Two stereos, a television set, a hunting rifle and a telephone were reported stolen, said Bo Harrison, a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Harrison said that the robbers may have entered through the front door since it showed evidence of possible forced entry.

Jarvis declined to release details.

Smoking program planned

The American Cancer Society is planning a facilitator training workshop for volunteers who would like to conduct the FreshStart Stop Smoking Programs scheduled throughout the year in Orange County. The workshop

will be held Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Orange County Unit Office of the ACS on W. Main Street in Carrboro. For more information, call 942-1953. Registration is limited to 15 participants.

Planning center to open

Planned Parenthood's family planning center will celebrate the opening of its new location at an open house Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. The center

moved last month from Hillsborough to Elliot Road in Kroger Plaza in Chapel Hill.

Program on Third World to be held today

Two speakers will present differing views of the United States' responsibilities in Third World development and how this issue should affect voters' choices in this year's elections today at 4 p.m. in Dreyfus Auditorium at the Research Triangle Institute.

President Reagan, and Quentin Lindsey, executive director of the N.C. Board of Science and Technology in the office of Gov. Jim Hunt, will be the featured speakers.

Rufus Waters, professor of management at Wake Forest University and former chief economist for the Agency for International Development under

The program, sponsored by the Triangle Chapter of the Society for International Development, is titled "Perspectives on Third World development: Policy choices for the next administration."

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Duke Power Co. refund still in question

By SHARON SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

The N.C. Supreme Court ruled last week that the N.C. Utilities Commission incorrectly allowed the inclusion of \$29.7 million in Duke Power Co.'s 1982 electrical power rate increase, but Duke Power may not have to pay a refund to its customers, a Duke Power spokesman said.

"An inappropriate accounting procedure allowed \$29.7 million spent prior to July 1979 to be included (in the rate base) under Construction Work in Progress," said Alex Coffin, spokesman for Duke Power in Charlotte, in a telephone interview.

CWIP is a 1979 law allowing Duke Power to collect interest on money spent for construction in progress, such as construction of a power plant, Coffin said.

"We, because we're regulated, cannot start charging you, a customer, the money we spend on that (construction) until it goes into service," he said.

"(Since) CWIP passed, we still can't collect the actual money, but we can collect the interest on the money."

The utilities commission's error was in allowing Duke Power to collect money for interest on construction costs made before CWIP passed, Coffin said.

The rate impact of the \$29.7 million is about \$6 million, said Bob Bennink, general counsel of the utilities commission in Raleigh. This \$6 million is the amount of money Duke Power could have to refund to its customers.

But, according to Coffin, there may be no refund. Duke Power's inability to collect the money under CWIP does not mean it cannot recover the money, he said.

"We ought to have the right to recover that money spent. That's the way I interpret (the court ruling)," Coffin said. "There may be another accounting procedure applied, but a refund may or may not take

place." Duke Power will soon recommend to the utilities commission how to account for the money, he said.

If the \$6 million is refunded, Bennink said, it probably will be credited to customers' bills based upon the number of kilowatt hours each customer uses.

Duke Power has 1.4 million customers in North and South Carolina, including 24,000 in the Chapel Hill area, Coffin said. The average residential customer uses about 1,000 kilowatt hours and has an electric bill of about \$68 per month, he said.

UNC purchases and distributes electricity from Duke Power, said Utilities Division Director Robert Peake. The university also generates about 15 percent of the campus' total power consumption, he said.

The university purchased 163,377,000 kilowatt hours at a cost of \$6,456,009.93 during the last fiscal year (July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984), Peake said.

Orange County unemployment rate falls to 3.4

By LAURIE DENISE WILLIS
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The unemployment rate for Orange County has declined from 4.3 percent in August 1983 to 3.4 percent in August 1984 according to Floyd Outland, a research analyst for the Raleigh Employment Security Commission.

"To begin, 4.3 percent unemployment is extremely good, but when it drops as low as 3.4 percent, that is practically unheard of," Outland said.

The two largest sectors of the local economy are educational services and health services, said Leonard Vanness,

executive vice president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. Education employs more than 10,000 workers, or about 27 percent of the work force, while health services employ about 5,000 workers — about 13 percent of the local work force.

Vanness said the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area has a very stable economic base.

"We're in a good situation . . . The nice thing about our economy is we've got a high percentage of governmental employment. Our economy is buffered from the business cycle of recession and

boom. During a boom, we don't have a wide fluctuation such as unemployment. We've had a consistently low unemployment rate for a long time," he said.

The future of the local economy looks bright, Vanness said.

"Our economy will remain good for some time to come because of the governmental wages, including federal, state, and local, which make up about 50 percent of the employment base in Chapel Hill . . . that's going to maintain the area as a pretty stable economy,"

he said. Negotiations are being held currently for the proposed Rosemary Square hotel and parking deck to be built in downtown Chapel Hill, Vanness said.

"This hotel and parking deck could be a . . . plus to retail trade in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area," he said.

In addition, more homes and residential areas are being constructed.

"There have been more homes and residential units built in the last 18 months than at any other previous time," he said.

Autumn

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RHA get funds and make an expansion — this is an progression on last year's," Deimler said.

RHA gave \$700 from its social fund, Deimler said, adding he hoped another \$700 would be raised from T-shirt sales.

"The T-shirts are a moneymaker for us because the concert is costing more than we had," he said. "We've only got 250 — we decided to go with a limited number so if people want them, they'd better scurry and find them."

The shirts say "RHA presents Rockin' Autumn II" and sell for \$5 each.

The budget consists of \$150 for publicity, \$900 for the X-Teens, \$300 for the Vanguard, \$500 for the light and

sound systems, \$50 for the stage and \$200 on reserve to rent Memorial Hall in case of rain.

This year's Springfest cost \$5,500, of which \$2,800 was provided by the Campus Governing Council. The rest came from donations by dormitories and residence areas.

"This is funded by RHA and not Student Government because we wanted to fund it ourselves, to generate the money ourselves . . . it's kind of a first," Deimler said.

The concert will follow standard University policy, with bring-your-own alcohol (no glass bottles) permitted.

Blacks

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been better spent on black colleges and strengthening the economy.


One student told Helms that many of the boycotting students would not be in school if Helms' opposition to grants and loans became law.

"I plead guilty to trying to reduce the cost of government," Helms responded. "But you'd be astonished at how many

recipients of student loans are the daughters and sons of affluent people."

Helms said he enjoyed his visit to Livingston. "I was invited to come . . . if I hadn't . . . the media would have said, 'Aw, he's scared to come to Livingston College.' But why didn't they (the students) come in and disagree with me."

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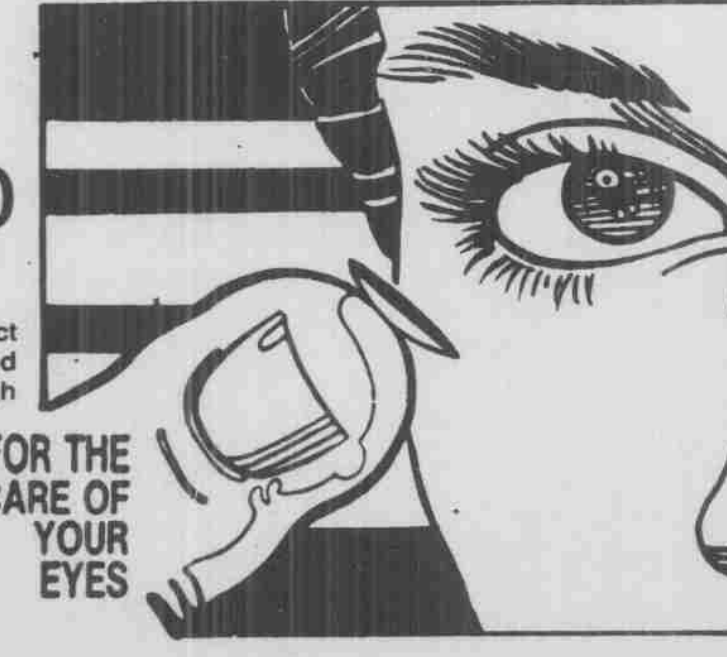
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