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Two students robbed at gunpoint

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Two Carmichael Residence Hall residents were the victims of an armed robbery at 1:37 a.m. Tuesday in a Stadium Drive parking lot, UNC police said Wednesday.

The suspect held the two students at gunpoint and stole items valued at \$160.

The suspect is described as a 6-foot, 200-pound black male, 22 to 25 years old, with a heavy build, black hair and a fair to light complexion. He was wearing a white jersey, white Bermuda shorts, white high-top tennis shoes and was on foot.

One of the students said she and her friend parked her car in front of Teague Residence Hall. They got out of the car and were talking when the suspect approached them unnoticed.

The suspect said something to the students, but they said they thought

he was asking directions.

When the suspect pulled a gun, one of the students said she thought it was a joke. "I even laughed at him," she said. "I had never seen a gun before; I did not think it was real."

The suspect asked for the students' purses and then told them to look down and walk away. The victims went to Carmichael and reported the crime.

Jerry Edwards, a sophomore Carmichael resident, saw the students after the incident.

"I was in the hall when these two girls were screaming," Edwards said. "I thought they were joking. They ran up to me, and they started telling me that they were robbed. I realized they were serious."

Edwards signaled another resident of Carmichael to call the police. The police were dispatched at 1:38 a.m. Police questioned the two students

and obtained composite pictures of the suspect. Information from each student was used to develop two slightly different pictures.

Sgt. Rodney Carter, criminal investigator for University Police, said variations between the two pictures are due to the individual images each victim saw during the robbery. "One girl concentrated on the gun, while the other one on the (suspect's) face."

But Carter said the composites are very similar. "There is no doubt in my mind that both ladies saw the same guy."

Concerns about the safety of the residents in and around Carmichael prompted Area Director Anne Pressnell to increase security measures, Assistant Area Director Holly Hill said Wednesday.

When the robber took one of the students' purses, he also took her

keys. Room keys also open an outside door, so all doors in Carmichael were locked at 8 p.m. Entrance is monitored, allowing residents to move through one front door only. Students entering the residence hall must show identification, and visitors to the dorm must be accompanied by residents.

Sgt. Ned Comar of campus police suggested that students can take measures to keep similar events from occurring.

"We want people to know this is a microcosm," Comar said. "We have people from all over the world here. Something can happen. I don't want people to be paranoid, but you do have to use common sense and preventive measures."

Carmichael residents said Wednesday that they are also concerned

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Police composite sketches of the suspect

District race changed to separate ballot

By DANIEL CONOVER
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Supporters of Republican congressional challenger Tom Fetzter had things their way Tuesday when the Orange County Board of Elections approved their request to place the 4th District congressional race on a separate ballot.

The board split along partisan lines in voting 2-1 in favor of the motion, but Fetzter press spokesman Bob Harris said the change was not designed to help Fetzter in his attempt to unseat incumbent Rep. David Price.

Chairwoman Barbara Faust and Raymond Montgomery Sr., both Republicans, voted for the proposal, while Democrat Peg Parker voted against it.

An identical proposal previously passed in Wake County by the same margin.

Fetzter campaign chairman Tom Farr introduced the proposal to the board. Campaign attorney John Wallace represented Price.

Harris said the change was pro-

posed to give the election greater prominence.

"I don't think it helps one side or another," Harris said. "I think it helps the voter."

But Wallace said, "Fetzter's campaign didn't want a prominent position on the ballot; they wanted to deprive David Price of straight party votes in Orange County."

The board's vote means a total of seven ballots will be used in this fall's election, Wallace said. A separate ballot will be prepared for the Fetzter-Price election.

The Orange County supervisor of elections told the board the additional ballot will cost taxpayers about \$1,500, Wallace said.

Wallace said the Fetzter campaign was not interested in ballot prominence.

"The hypocrisy of the Fetzter campaign can be demonstrated by their failure to seek a rearrangement of the Randolph County ballot," he said.

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Man assaults student on campus

By KIMBERLY EDENS
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A UNC student was assaulted outside Manning Hall on Saturday, but rumors that several rapes recently occurred on campus are false, police and University officials said Wednesday.

The student was assaulted at about 6 p.m. Saturday by a man who followed her after she left the Undergraduate Library.

He grabbed the woman outside of Manning Hall but fled after she bit him on the arm.

Police had no suspects Wednesday evening. The woman described her assailant as a black man about 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet tall and

approximately 30 years old.

Area hospitals have been alerted in case the man seeks treatment for the bite.

Although this assault has been confirmed by campus police, officials said rumors that they are trying to cover up three rapes that have occurred within the last week are false.

Campus police received 24 phone calls Tuesday night from students asking about the supposed rapes, Sgt. Rodney Carter said Wednesday. Police are giving students all of the available information, he said.

"It makes no sense not to warn people," Carter said. "I'm not

letting the students run into any danger. To me, that's defeating the purpose of security."

Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, said he investigated the situation after learning of the rumors, but could not substantiate them. He consulted with officials from campus police, Chapel Hill police and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

"All of those agencies would know about any instance of that nature," he said. "I think what we've got is an example of a rumor spread that has slight semblance in fact."

Schroeder said the student who was assaulted said one of the

investigating officers had told her that other similar assaults had happened recently.

"There appears to be a miscommunication here somewhere," he said.

Carter, who was one of the investigating officers, said the misunderstanding could have occurred when he told the victim about sexual assaults that happened this summer in the Undergraduate Library. He said he was referring to incidents where female students were studying in the library and a man masturbated in their hair.

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Finance committee chairwoman elected

By HELEN JONES
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Gretchen Knight, a junior from Chapel Hill, was elected Student Congress's finance committee chairwoman at Wednesday night's first fall congress meeting.

Knight (Dist. 20), a political science and RTVMP major, was the sole nominee for the position. Eleven Student Congress members voted for her, and two abstained.

She will serve until the April 1989 election, after the budget hearing

process is completed for the 1989-90 school year.

"I'm very pleased and very honored to be chosen for this very important post," Knight said after the meeting. "It's going to be a lot of work, but I know I'm up to the task."

Knight was elected to Student Congress last spring, and she served on the finance committee during the budget hearing process. She was also speaker of the 1988 Summer Congress.

"I feel like I got some good

experience on how to run a meeting and how to get things done," Knight said.

She was elected acting finance committee chairwoman last week by committee members to fill the position left vacant by Bobby Ferris, who had to resign his post when he moved out of Carmichael Residence Hall (Dist. 14) this fall.

Knight's responsibilities as head of the finance committee include ensuring that campus groups submit their budgets on time and that the process

is orderly and fair, she said.

All groups that seek funding from the Student Congress must first submit a budget to the finance committee and go through a hearing before committee members, Knight said. Then groups go before the full congress for the final budget hearings.

"For every hour that the full Congress sits, the finance committee has met for three," she said. "You can easily see how much work goes

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Running bared

Female students lined their porch Wednesday night to catch a glimpse of Lewis dorm residents participating in their traditional

annual streak. Clad only in athletic footwear and strategic headgear, the streakers toured North Campus dorms at 11 p.m.

DTH/David Minton

High dropout rates a serious problem, local report says

By HELLE NIELSEN
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Failure to deal with serious school dropout problems may leave millions of youth in the "scrap heap" and cause the United States to lose its position as a world leader, a report released Wednesday said.

"America's shame, America's hope" was written by R.C. Smith and Carol Lincoln of MDC Inc., a Chapel Hill-based economic research firm. The report said state governments get an "F" and the federal government should bring home a report card saying "absent" on its efforts to deal with school dropouts.

"We are confronted with the fact that society is not only reluctant to face, but, by its rejection, is responsible for perpetuating the problem," Kenneth Clark, a professor emeritus of psychology and an adviser on the report, said in the foreword. "At-risk youth are consciously or unconsciously perceived and treated as if they were expendable."

The report was presented Wednesday at a press conference by the National Youth Employment Coalition in Washington, D.C. It includes a survey of state efforts to prevent and remedy dropout problems.

Nearly one million youth drop out of school each year, the report said.

Most of these are "economically, culturally, racially and ethnically disadvantaged" youth.

The U.S. Department of Education said there were 682,000 teenage dropouts in 1985-86, the last year for which the department has figures.

In North Carolina, 22,000 youth leave school without a diploma each year, about 23 to 25 percent of each high school class, said Anne Bryan of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

As the U.S. economy moves into the post-industrial era, jobs require an increasingly higher level of education, the report said. Youths without a high school diploma will have problems finding stable jobs with adequate pay.

High dropout rates also present considerable socioeconomic problems, the report said. By the turn of the century, the United States will have a labor shortage for jobs requiring higher levels of education.

"The inescapable conclusion is that the youths who are at risk in school today and tomorrow will have to help fill those jobs if our economy is to continue to grow," the report said. "Can they do it? If we had to answer that question as matters stand today

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You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows. — Bob Dylan