

Today: Partly sunny,
Highs in the 60s
Tuesday: partly cloudy,
Mid 60s or low 70s

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Don't forget to vote Tuesday

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Student protester threatened

By JAMES BURROUGHS
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UNC student and Chapel Hill Coalition for Freedom to Dissent (CFD) member Anne Duehring said Friday someone broke into her apartment Thursday and left a note threatening her with violence if she continued to speak out on the CFD's behalf.

A stereo receiver, which was stolen Thursday, was left at her door Saturday night — along with more threats, she said.

Chapel Hill Police are investigating the incident.

Duehring said she assumed the attacks were related to her CFD activities but didn't understand why she was the target.

"I'm not even at the center of this group," she said. "I'm not a leader in this group. I feel like they're trying to intimidate me and stop me before I start."

Duehring said she returned home on Thursday around 3 p.m. and discovered her phone cord had been pulled out of the wall. She then noticed that the stereo receiver was

missing and checked the rest of the apartment for possible thefts, she said.

In the bedroom, she discovered a butcher knife stuck through a negligee into the mattress of the bed. Later that night, Duehring said, she found a note in the freezer that read, "Anne, this time your bed, next time your face, big mouth."

Duehring said Sunday she discovered the receiver at her back door Saturday night. The receiver was wrapped in editions of the Oct. 28 Daily Tar Heel, which included an article about the CFD.

A message on the newspaper read, "You can't keep us out," and a note placed on top of the receiver read, "It's not over yet — keep quiet, bitch."

This is the second time within two weeks a CFD member has received threats. On Oct. 20, someone broke into the house of Joel Segal, a UNC law student and CFD activist, and left death threats related to his activities on behalf of Indian activist Eddie Hatcher.

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Folding flyers

Naomi Watanabe and her daughter Mio make origami birds during a paper folding seminar at the Japanese Cultural Festival Sunday

in the Union. The festival, sponsored by the UNC Japan Club, featured food, workshops and other cultural activities.

DTH/Brian Foley

Town report shows reduction in crime level

By LARRY STONE
Staff Writer

Crime statistics from the Town of Chapel Hill's first quarter report indicate the overall crime situation in the town has improved slightly from the same period last year.

The number of major crimes in the town were down 5 percent in the first quarter of this year compared to the same quarter in 1987.

Leading this improvement was a 25 percent decrease in the number of burglaries and rapes reported. Auto

thefts, however, increased 27 percent, according to the report.

Between July and September of this year, 634 major crimes were reported. More than half of those were robberies and larcenies.

Chapel Hill police planner Jane

Cousins said if the robbery and larceny figure from the first quarter is projected over an entire year, the figure represents only a 2 percent increase over last year's 2,028 such crimes.

"Last year's figure was quite large,"

Cousins said. "We hoped this was just a bad year, so we did not estimate the number of robberies to grow this year."

Only 1,337 robberies and larcenies occurred in 1986. The 1987 figure represented a 52 percent increase

from 1986. "We are concerned about the number of property crimes," she said. "We realized many of these residential burglaries were happening week-

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DTH/Brian Foley

Valeria Lovelace, director of research for "Sesame Street," spoke at Friday's teleconference

Research plays vital role in show's success, director says

By LYNN AINSWORTH
Staff Writer

"Sesame Street," one of television's most popular children's programs, begins its 20th season this year and continues to grow in popularity due in part to careful planning and research, the show's research director told about 50 people in Peabody Hall Friday.

Valeria Lovelace spoke about the success of the program and the development process that lies behind each episode. The seminar was also viewed by students at N.C. State

University, N.C. A&T University, and UNC-Charlotte through a two-way teleconference.

"Sesame Street" is evolving, it's changing," Lovelace said. "It is a 20-year-old experiment."

Educational trends in school curricula play an important role in research for the television program, Lovelace said. Research staff members visit schools to see what is expected of children when they enter kindergarten classes and speak with pre-schoolers to get a better understanding of the show's audience.

"They (the children) share whatever is on their mind," Lovelace said.

Research department officials modify scripts and production based on the response they receive from sample audiences of about 30 children, Lovelace said in an interview. "That's a very small sample, but it's better than some formative research, which sometimes doesn't involve any children at all."

Researchers review scripts for their educational content and look for

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Depression rate high among medical students, study says

By CRYSTAL BERNSTEIN
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An abnormally high percentage of medical school students suffer from depression, according to a study published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

And a higher-than-average rate of suicide exists among female medical students, the study's researchers said.

The four-year study of 121 students at Rush Medical College in Chicago showed that second-year medical students have the highest rate of depression.

The depression is the cumulative effect of cramming for first- and second-year exams, said Peter Zeldow, who co-directed the study and is a clinical psychologist and associate

professor of psychiatry at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago.

Second-year students also must prepare for the national board exam, which they must pass to progress to clinical study, said David Clark, an associate professor of psychiatry and psychology at Chicago's Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center and co-director of the study.

Because pre-clinical education involves passive learning and memorization, students don't have an opportunity to develop a relationship with faculty members, which may add to depression, Zeldow said.

Mental health care for depressed students is often unattainable or limited, Zeldow said. Students who

have the opportunity to receive psychiatric care often reject it because of the stigma associated with mental treatment, he said. They worry that having a record of treatment for mental problems will prevent them from getting quality residency and internship positions later, Clark said.

Both agreed that the level of depression could be lowered. "This is a very treatable condition," Zeldow said. The problem could be reduced with proper psychiatric treatment and changes in medical school programs, he said.

"The nature of the medical school curriculum itself doesn't help," Zeldow said. The amount of memori-

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Student Congress committee to hold open budget hearings

By JAMES BURROUGHS
Staff Writer

A new committee designed to advise Student Congress on the funding of student organizations will sponsor three public hearings during the next two weeks to allow students to complain or make suggestions about the budget process, committee members said Friday.

The Committee for Fair Funding was established at the request of Congress Speaker Neil Riemann to handle yearly complaints about the budget process and the appropriation of student fees to organizations. The committee will discuss actual flaws in the process — not certain groups' complaints about not receiving enough funds, Riemann said.

"There's always a problem of more money being requested than is available," he said. "I really don't know of that many problems that are solvable, but I hope that's what these

people will find out."

The committee will have the first of three public hearings today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 220 of the Student Union. The other two meetings will be on Nov. 13 and Nov. 18.

Once the committee holds the public hearings and discusses the process in private, Riemann said committee chairman Shawn Fuller will present a report to him at the beginning of next semester.

The final decisions regarding the committee's recommendations will belong to the congress, which appropriates all funds for student organizations, he said.

Major alterations in the budget process, which occurs in the spring, would require changes in the laws of the congress, he said.

Riemann chose Fuller to be the committee chairman because he has no affiliation with the congress or any campus organization, Fuller said.

The committee will try to determine a more efficient and equitable way to divide the money among different groups but will not examine the philosophy of funding or decide who should be funded, he said.

"We have no power to change anything," Fuller said. "All we're doing is investigating the problems."

Many complaints concern the amount of time it takes for organizations to receive the money after it has been appropriated by the congress, he said. Because the committee has only a month to prepare the report, it will have to concentrate mainly on the process by which the organizations actually receive the money, Fuller said.

The complaints of individual groups and their specific needs are important, but the committee can't act on them in their report, he said.

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There's still time to change the road you're on. — Robert Plant