

Chapel Hill Police Roundup

• On May 23 a complainant stated that his moped had been stolen from the porch area of 106 Fraternity Court. He stated that the vehicle had lockable steering and that it was locked at the time of the larceny.

• A woman at Pinegate Apartments reported that she had heard a scream from the apartment above her on May 24. Police discovered that the scream was coming from a horror film being viewed by the resident of that apartment.

• Police responded to an audible alarm coming from Grimball and Stokes Jewelry the same evening. They arrived to find that a plant and its planter had been thrown against the window in attempt to break it. The glass was intact and no entry was gained.

• Down the street at the bus station a man who was reportedly attempting suicide was investigated. The subject was found to be very intoxicated and asked to be taken to jail. He was taken to the Chapel Hill Police Department as a public inebriate. He was passing through town.

• On Channing Drive a large king snake was found on a small limb about 20 feet above the ground eating a bird. It was pos-

ing no hazard and left the tree shortly after without incident.

• A wallet was stolen May 25 from Granville East containing cash, bank cards and personal items valued at \$80. The complainant said that she was away for only two minutes when the incident occurred.

• An employee of the Beverage Outlet reported someone leaving with one of the store's garbage cans. It was later discovered that another employee had rented it to the person.

• An ambulance was requested at the Hargraves ball field in response to an unconscious child. Police determined upon arrival that the child was fine. He had been playing with friends and was lying on the ground trying to catch his breath.

• Someone broke into a vehicle at 861 Airport Road and took property belonging to the complainant. The car was then apparently set on fire. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

• On May 26 police responded to a reported explosion on Willow Drive. They were unable to locate any evidence.

— compiled by Gray Kelly

Stores

that specializes in UNC clothing, said it all comes down to an interpretation of the law.

"The best thing that supports our case is the law itself," Helpingstine said. "But the law has been reinterpreted by the state Attorney General's Office and the media. If people would just read the law, I'd rest my case right there."

Helpingstine cited one particular passage in the Umstead Act that he said clearly supports the claims of local businessmen.

It reads: "It is the intent of this subdivision that campus stores be established and operated for the purpose of assuring the availability of merchandise described in this article, for sale to persons enumerated herein, and not for the purpose of competing with stores operating in the community surrounding the campuses of the

University of North Carolina."

Orange County District Attorney Carl R. Fox, in negotiations with the state Attorney General's Office (which represents the University), brought about a stop in the sale of many of the items in question.

Greeting cards, posters and fancy chocolates will not be sold after the present inventory runs out, along with coffee cups and stuffed animals that do not have UNC logos on them.

The stores also canceled the sale of film developing services and special promotion products such as televisions, stereos, appliances and cookware.

The state statute affecting student stores in the UNC system restricts them to selling "educational materials and supplies, gift items and miscellaneous personal-use articles" only to University employees and their

families, students and their families, and other visitors who did not come to campus primarily to make a purchase at the Student Stores.

Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress, said the students' concerns go beyond the legal technicalities of the case.

Davis said that, besides the loss of financial aid, students' concerns extend to the loss of jobs (at Student Stores) and the potential loss of a student's ability to buy supplies and computers at reasonable prices.

Helpingstine said the merchants aren't trying to take anything from UNC that isn't theirs in the first place.

"The University says that it's giving \$500,000 to scholarships, and that's not true," Helpingstine said. "The downtown merchants are giving \$500,000 (in business lost to Student Stores) to scholarships."

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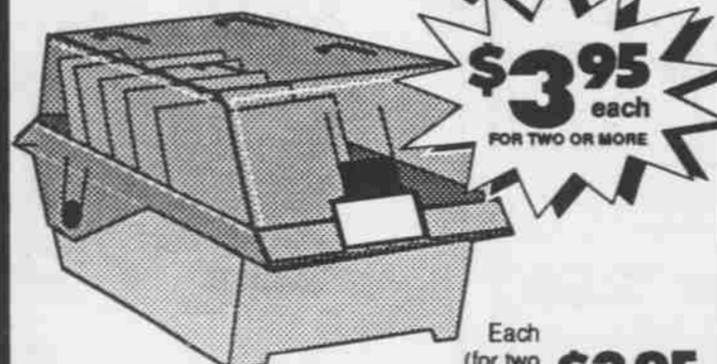
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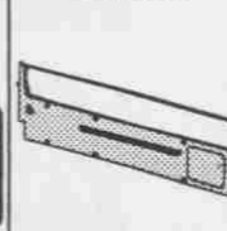
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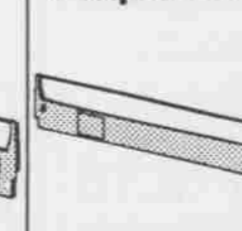
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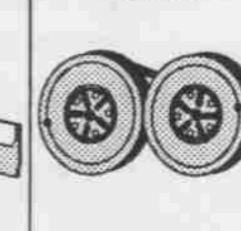
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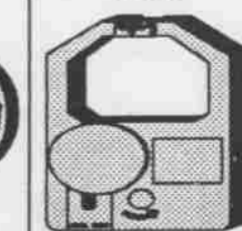
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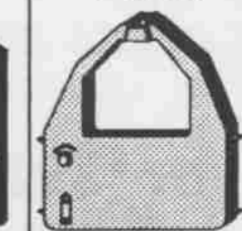
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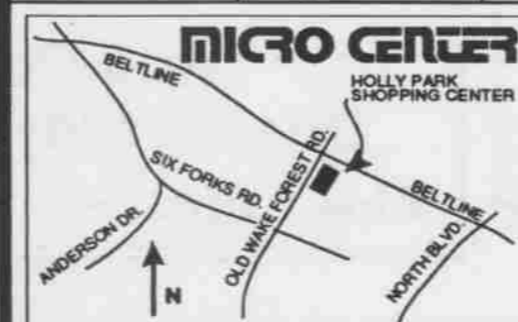
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