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Senior charged with embezzlement

By Bonnie Rochman
Assistant University Editor

University Police charged the Yackety Yack's business manager Thursday with embezzling more than \$75,000 from the campus yearbook over a period of more than a year.

Tracy Lamont Keene, 21, of 101-13 Melville Loop Road, was charged with 21 counts of embezzlement after an investigation by police detectives and

University Internal Audit employees. He was charged with embezzling \$75,896.65.

Keene was suspended from the yearbook staff about two weeks ago when the investigation began. He served as the Yack's business manager in 1990 and part of 1991.

Doris Wilson, Chapel Hill District Court clerk, said Keene attended a bond hearing Thursday, in which his secured bond was set at \$5,000. "The last I

heard, a family member was going to the magistrate's office to pay that."

Keene's probable cause hearing has been set for Dec. 13, Wilson said. At that hearing, a judge will decide if the case should be heard in Superior Court.

Keene, chairman of the UNC Media Board, did not return an answering machine message Thursday.

University Police Lt. Marcus Perry said Keene used the money to write checks to relatives but said he could not

provide any details of the transactions.

The Associated Press reported that a checklist showed that checks Keene may have written had been designated for a variety of yearbook supplies such as photography processing, typesetting, a camera lens and subscription cards.

Keene, a senior, has been charged with a Class H felony, which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

"It means it's real serious," Perry said. "Nothing of this magnitude has

happened (on campus) before that I'm aware of."

The courts will decide whether Keene must pay back the money if he is convicted, Perry said.

Yack Editor Shea Tisdale said the 1992 yearbook production and staff would not be affected by the embezzlement of funds.

"None of the money is really out of

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Tracy Keene

Cops caught taking break in lounge

Dean says mystery of Howell Hall ends

By Matthew Easley
Special Assignments Editor

University Police Chief Arnold Trujillo rebuked three on-duty campus security officers Thursday for taking an unauthorized late-night break in a Howell Hall lounge that has a full kitchen and satellite television.

Trujillo said he also was investigating whether other security guards had used the lounge without permission earlier this week.

Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said school administrators had been trying for months to discover who was using the second-floor faculty and graduate student lounge after hours.

"It's been irritating as the devil," Cole said. "We didn't know who had been changing the TV (channel). We come in in the morning and turn the TV on. Sometimes it would have a couple in bed making out at 7:30."

Two Daily Tar Heel reporters discovered the officers playing cards and watching television at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday. The officers had their coats off, and an empty popcorn bag and soft drink bottles lay nearby. An ashtray held several cigarette butts.

The school's faculty voted to make Howell a no-smoking area during the last academic year.

The security guards locked the lounge and left after the students approached them. One retrieved something from a kitchen adjoining the lounge.

"We were just taking a short break," said security guard Fred Moore. "We've only been here a little while."

Trujillo said Moore and security guards Tonya Cash and George Williams told him they had decided to take a 10-minute break after securing the building's doors. "They were just trying to get out of the cold for a few minutes."

They did not have permission to be in the lounge, Trujillo said. "Our policy is that they should take a break at the police station if they want to take a break."

All three have worked for University Police since July. "They are new employees," Trujillo said. "They're still learning."

Trujillo said he had counseled the security guards and would not discipline them further.

Judy Meade, the journalism school's business manager, said she called Trujillo earlier this week after a housekeeper reported seeing three police officers leaving Howell's second floor at about 4 a.m. Monday.

Trujillo said a different team of security guards was on duty Monday and that he hadn't had a chance to talk with the team's supervisor.

Meade said the housekeeper reported seeing security guards in the building on several other occasions.

"We just had the lock changed last week, so we knew it had to be somebody with a passkey," Meade said. "That boiled down to housekeeping or police."

"It has been happening off and on for quite a while," she said. "First we thought students were using the video equipment, and then we thought it might be professors."

Howell has three televisions connected to a satellite dish, including one in Cole's office, all controlled from the lounge.

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Steeple climber

Jeffrey Miller secures a safety rope around the bell tower of University United Methodist Church. Miller, a steeple jack or

highman from Frederick, Maryland, has been working in all weather for Skyline Engineers of Maryland for about two years.

Discord at the top doesn't prevent Campus Y from carrying out goals

Editor's note: This is the second article of a two-part series.

By Mara Lee
Staff Writer

Some see it as a steel framework, helping them reach to the sky — others see it as a maze that keeps them back: the structure of the Campus Y.

Committee co-chairmen and co-chairwomen said the structure helped them do their jobs well, but members of the Campus Y's Executive Committee had more reservations.

The more than 500 members of the group belong to 27 committees, and co-chairmen and co-chairwomen head each one. A coordinator represents a group of about five committees, and they, the co-presidents, director and associate director serve on the Executive Committee.

Sarah Davis, co-chairwoman of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said: "We do have a large amount of independence, but at the same time, we're very much a part of the Y. There are so many safeguards and so many references, support structures, though (it) can be tedious at times, it's far and away a positive aspect of the Y."

Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said: "The co-chairs are usually not even aware of the problem. The committees are the heart and soul of the



Campus Y, and their work goes on.

Felts Lewis, a coordinator last year, described his year on the Executive Committee. "We did have a few personality conflicts," Lewis said. "Not myself personally, but some of my colleagues at the time felt the co-presidents were not receiving input from the Executive Committee members like they should."

Associate Director Pamela Cheek said, "Questioning the structure, that's to be expected."

Shilpi Somaya and Richie Harrill, the last co-presidents, made structural change part of their platform. They concluded that co-leadership of committees and the presidency was inefficient but suggested only the presidency become a single office.

The staff steps in to solve committee conflicts, Hatcher-Wilson said.

"We put co-chairs together that sometimes have never seen each other before," she said. "It's up to us to make the best of that situation."

Annika Goff, co-chairwoman of the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach

Project, said, "At the beginning of the year, we had a few problems with group dynamics, working separately, and she helped us work through that."

Staff vs. students?

One of the conflicts on past Executive Committees has been between staff and students. The director and associate director have full votes.

Somaya and Harrill wrote: "Unfortunately, our relationship with Zenobia and Pam, more often than not, was a stumbling block throughout the year, rather than the cooperative force we expected and hoped it would be." Hatcher-Wilson and Cheek misused their authority, Somaya and Harrill wrote.

The co-presidents used in their report the example of SEAC National, a SEAC subcommittee, being told to leave the Campus Y and go out on its own, an action which was taken unilaterally by Hatcher-Wilson in March 1990 and which was related to the Executive Committee after the fact.

"Admittedly, our problem was not one-way, and there were things we, as students, did that worsened the situation," they wrote.

"This is not a small problem, a temporary problem, or an individual prob-

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Student Stores still to run ads

Officials await recommendation

By Shea Riggsbee
Staff Writer

Student Stores will continue to advertise its merchandise in an alumni magazine insert unless given other instructions by University officials, Student Stores Director John Jones said.

Carl Fox, Orange-Chatham District attorney, said Monday that he thought the campus store was violating the Umstead Act by advertising in Carolina Collectibles, an insert in Carolina Alumni Review.

The Umstead Act limits the sale of Student Stores merchandise to students, staff and their families and people on campus for reasons other than purchasing items from Student Stores. The act is designed to prevent state agencies

from competing with private businesses.

Five and one-half pages of the 14-page insert feature Student Stores merchandise. The magazine is sent to about 100,350 homes.

Susan Ehringhaus, chief University legal counsel, said she was reviewing the issue and would advise the chancellor as to what action to take.

Chuck Helpingstine, owner of Johnny T-shirt, said Student Stores might be hurting his business because alumni could select items from a Johnny T-shirt catalogue if they were not receiving Carolina Collectibles.

"It's a form of competition that's not supposed to be there by law," he said. "I don't think Student Stores ... should

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Few 'alternatives' left as The Club closes for good

By Julie Flick
Staff Writer

One of the Triangle's only alternative dance clubs will close its doors permanently next week, and the owner of the popular Chapel Hill night spot said Thursday that he had no plans to open a similar business in town.

The Club, located above Four Corners Restaurant on West Franklin Street, will close Thursday because its original three-year lease will expire in January.

"The whole situation's unfortunate," said Al Collier, the owner of the two-year-old dance club. "The Club was the only place you could go to be yourself and have a good time."

Collier said he was never officially notified about why his lease was not approved and added that he planned to move out of town for "personal reasons."

In September, Collier said his lease

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Big-time N.C. government comes of age in year of political scandal, tragedy

Editor's note: This article is the last of a four-part series highlighting the dramatic events of 1991.

By Anna Griffin
Staff Writer

Like it or not, North Carolina has hit the big time.

The major state news events of 1991 reflect a growing trend in the Tar Heel state toward big-time politics. Scandals, partisan tensions and government complacency have propelled North Carolina into the arena of national notoriety.

"North Carolina consistently over the years has reflected trends the nation goes through," said N.C. Republican Party chairman Jack Hawke. "As much as we like to think we control our own destinies, national trends ... have always played a big part in N.C. life."

As the jurisdiction of the federal government shrinks, the N.C. General Assembly has won greater control over economic and social policies.

"More and more government policy and creative policy is taking place at a state level," said N.C. Democratic spokesman Mike Evans. "That means more problems can be traced back to

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Raleigh rather than Washington."

Although the problems confronting North Carolina in 1991 varied in nature, most major state issues during the past year had their roots in government, experts said.

An extensive budget battle and a short-lived libel case have set the stage for a highly charged 1992 campaign season.

The 1988 lieutenant governor's race returned to a Cumberland County courtroom in October when former challenger Tony Rand charged Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner with libel.

Gardner, the Republican front-runner in the 1992 governor's race, was accused of running libelous ads depicting Rand as an accessory to drug trafficking.

Bombarded with negative publicity, Gardner apologized for the advertisements and ended the libel suit after

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Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overtaxed. — Oliver Wendell Holmes