

WEATHER

TODAY: Rain; high mid-50s
FRIDAY: Partly sunny; high 50-55

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ON CAMPUS

The Arab American Association will hold a general meeting at 8 p.m. in 210 Union.

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Registrar cancels 2,100 class schedules

By Steve Politi
University Editor

Registration may have ended almost two months ago, but the phone lines to Caroline are still buzzing.

About 2,100 students had their registrations canceled during Winter Break, said University Registrar David Lanier. Most of these students have rebuilt their schedules by calling Caroline or sitting in on classes.

"The leading cause is parents not realizing the severity of not getting (tuition and fees payments) in on time," Lanier said.

The registrar's office canceled a student's registration if tuition and fees payments were not received by Dec. 13, Lanier said.

The number of canceled registrations increased 700 from last December, he said.

John Weaver, a sophomore from Charlotte, said his registration was canceled because his tuition check arrived late at the cashier's office.

The University should put a hold on registrations rather than cancel them, Weaver suggested.

"I had no way of knowing until I received a letter saying my registration

was dropped," he said.

Lanier said the registrar's office sent letters to parents last year when Caroline was first implemented, warning them that students' registrations would be canceled if the tuition and fees payment deadline was not met.

But sending the notifications cost about \$7,000, and the department did not send letters this year, he explained.

"We didn't want to keep doing that unless we had to," Lanier said. "We spent a lot of money to send a notice to parents."

Lanier estimated that about four out of five students who had their classes

dropped had no trouble adding them back to their schedules.

"Some of the students that have been here for a while get into a panic about a canceled schedule because they envision 6,000 students lining up for drop/add in Woollen Gym," he said. "Most students have already arranged their schedules like they like it."

Derek Kahn, a freshman from Atlanta, said he managed to pick up all of the classes that were dropped from his schedule, but the experience still was "very flustering."

But Weaver said he had trouble getting the classes he lost and ended up

picking up classes he didn't need or want.

"I registered for 12 hours, some of them I really didn't want to take and some of them I really didn't need to take," he said.

Lanier said employees in the registrar's office and the cashier's office would meet this month to discuss ways of preventing canceled registrations in the future.

The department is considering several ways to make the payment deadline more clear to parents, he said.

Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, suggested sending parents a bill earlier

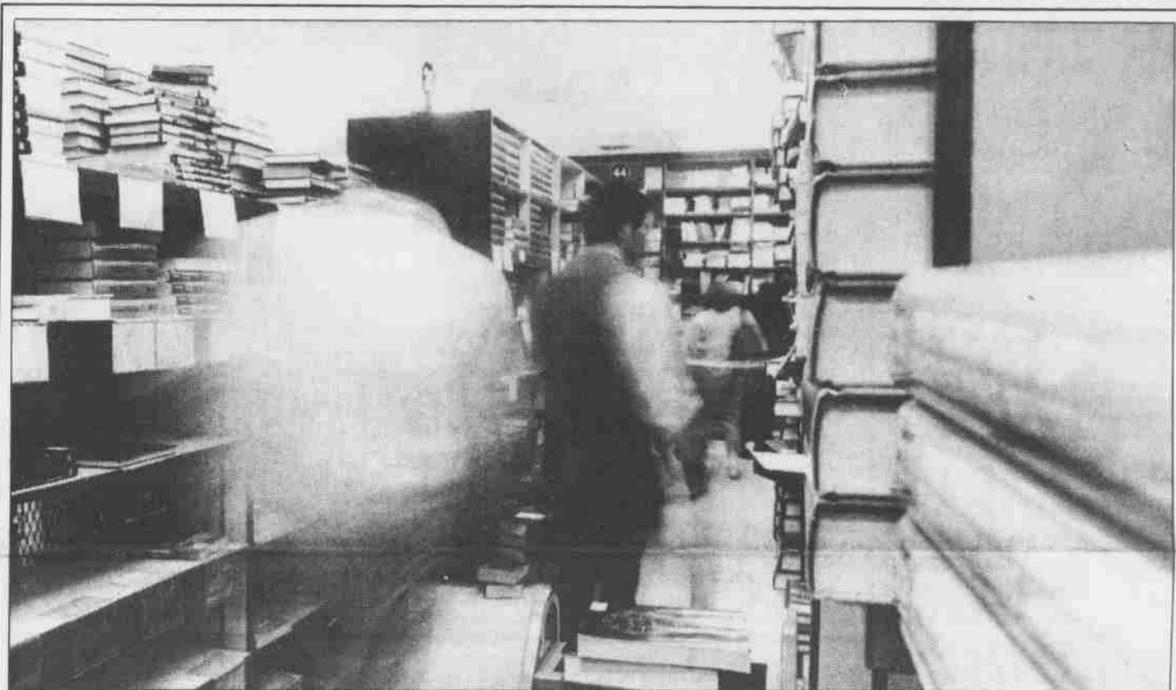
in the year that would cover most of the expenses for the next semester, Lanier said.

The bills are now sent in early December.

Schroeder said a supplemental bill then could be sent to cover the rest of the expenses.

"We want to make sure we're not making enemies out of a process that is here to make things easier for people," he said.

"Caroline is a good system that will get better as time goes on," he said. "We're looking for the best way to let Caroline work to its fullest capacity."



Speedy book buyers

People hustled through Student Stores Wednesday in the attempt to find necessary textbooks after attending the first day of spring semester classes. Lines were long, but

most of the weighted-down students had the chance to talk to friends who had returned to the University after the three-week Winter Break.

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Police pursue dorm burglary perpetrator

By Heather Harrell
Staff Writer

Local police are investigating the Dec. 12 burglaries of several rooms in Granville Towers and Carmichael Residence Hall.

Three rooms on the fourth floor of Carmichael dormitory and four rooms of Granville Towers South and West were burglarized between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.

The Chapel Hill Police Department has issued warrants for the arrest of a man in connection with the burglaries at Granville Towers, said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police planner.

Cousins said the department expects to have an arrest within two weeks. The department has issued warrants for three counts of first degree burglary, she said.

Maj. Robert Porreca of University Police said department officials believed

the incidents were related.

"I believe we are looking for one suspect," he said.

Due to the two departments' jurisdictions, Chapel Hill police are investigating burglaries of the four Granville Towers rooms and University Police are investigating incidents of burglary in Carmichael.

The investigators are following several leads but he could not disclose any details, he said.

The thefts occurred in unlocked rooms where students fell asleep without locking their doors or left rooms unlocked for roommates.

None of the rooms showed any signs of forced entry, but that is not uncommon, Porreca said. Most burglaries occur because of unlocked rooms or because the thieves have illegal copies of

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Investigation into embezzlement charges finds no sign of recipients' collaboration

By Bonnie Rochman
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An investigation of a University senior charged with embezzling more than \$75,000 from the campus yearbook has uncovered no evidence that the money's recipients knew they had received stolen funds.

Tracy Lamont Keene, 21, of 101-13 Melville Loop Road, was charged Dec. 4 with 21 counts of embezzlement after an investigation by University Police detectives and University Internal Audit employees.

Clay Williams, University Police lieutenant detective, said Keene embezzled \$75,896.65 from the Yackety Yack by writing multiple checks to his mother, Gladys Bullock, of 4 Ranch Court, Newark, Del., and his aunt,

Aretha White, of 317 Pineview Drive, Apartment 4-A, Kernersville.

Keene has said the two knew nothing of the scam, Williams said. "They thought it was money he was getting paid for work at the University with the Yackety Yack," he said.

Keene was able to embezzle the funds by posing his relatives as Delmar publishing representatives, Williams said. Delmar publishes the yearbook.

"He had filled out paperwork and altered some so that the Student Activities Fund Office believed (Keene's relatives) were actual consultants to Delmar because of Tracy's documentation," Williams said.

"He sent the checks to them, and they'd send him money as he needed it," he said. "Just about every bit of the money is spent already."

Williams said he could not comment on how the money was spent.

Bullock said she was surprised and upset when news of the embezzlement surfaced in Chapel Hill. "I thought he was getting paid for a job he had with Delmar publishing."

Bullock said she and her sister posted bail for Keene, who is not in jail.

SAFO Director Howard Brubaker said Keene presented falsified information to SAFO officials when requesting payment.

"He presented documentation that the (yearbook) editor had approved expenditures and in addition presented evidence that Delmar had approved two individuals as authorized to receive payment as representatives of Delmar," Brubaker said.

SAFO officials are not at fault for

authorizing payment on Keene's checks because they followed standard procedure, he said.

"As far as SAFO being exonerated, we're just not in the business of determining fraudulent documents," Brubaker said. "We went on what we thought was valid documentation — that the evidence was fraudulent is not our fault."

Brubaker said he could not tell whether Keene had forged Kelly Sherrill's signature on the checks. Sherrill was the yearbook editor when the alleged embezzlement took place.

"I can't tell whether he forged them or whether Kelly signed them," he said. "And I don't think Lieutenant Williams has been able to, either."

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Student Stores to comply with DA's decision on ads

By John Broadfoot
Staff Writer

UNC Student Stores will comply with the decision of the local district attorney and stop advertising in a University alumni magazine insert.

Susan Ehringhaus, University legal counsel, said UNC officials have decided that Student Stores would no longer place ads in the Carolina Collectibles insert of the Carolina Alumni Review.

Carl Fox, Orange-Chatham District Attorney, said last month he thought Student Stores was in violation of the Umstead Act by advertising in the insert.

The Umstead Act is intended to protect private businesses from competing with the state for sales. The act

limits the sale of Student Stores merchandise to students, staff and their families and people who are on campus for reasons other than purchasing items from Student Stores.

Local merchants complained that advertising in the insert, which is mailed with the magazine to 100,350 homes yearly, was competing with them for business.

Ehringhaus said she had been in contact with Fox to ensure that the store would be working in compliance with the law.

"The goal all along has been to try and work consistently within the law," she said.

A different advertising plan will be utilized in the future, but the specifics

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Red Cross declares emergency as blood supplies dwindle

Officials encourage healthy individuals to donate at drives

By Maile Carpenter
Staff Writer

A severe decline in blood donations during the holidays has caused American Red Cross officials in North Carolina to declare an emergency situation because of low blood supplies, a regional spokeswoman for the agency said Wednesday.

"We're really worried about this," said Elise Highland, assistant director of the American Red Cross Carolinas Region.

Highland said Carolinas Region blood collectors were pursuing O negative and A negative blood donors.

The region's supplies of O positive, B positive, and AB negative blood types also are critically low, she said.

Highland said that Carolinas Region blood collectors normally expect sup-

plies to fall during the holidays. She said she also attributed this year's dangerously low blood supplies to a recent flu epidemic in North Carolina.

American Red Cross Carolinas Region, headquartered in Charlotte, collects and supplies blood for 121 hospitals in 84 counties, serving 5 states including North Carolina.

Ellen Crabtree, assistant director of Blood Services at Durham's Hitchings Center, said blood supplies at the collection center were still dropping.

Only 40 pints of blood were collected at Hitchings Center last week, Crabtree said. The center ideally should collect 150 pints each week, she said.

Trish Tisdale, a representative at UNC Hospitals, said blood supplies at the hospital also were unusually low.

UNC Hospitals has a standing order for blood from the American Red Cross,

but local agency officials have notified the hospital that it would be unable to meet the standing order until more blood was donated, Tisdale said.

Highland said this year's blood shortage was more severe than last year's.

"We were on the verge of war last year (at this time), so blood donations were higher than usual," she said.

Anne Prevatte, Blood Services Director for the Orange County American Red Cross, said because the flu and cold season was in full swing, donors must be in good health.

"It's a matter of being totally symptom-free that day (of the blood drive)," Prevatte said. "You're deferred if you have any lingering symptoms."

Donors also must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds, she said.

Prevatte also said Desert Storm veterans and anyone else who has visited

Blood Donation Sites

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| Friday, Jan. 10 | Binkley Baptist Church (on US 15-501 Bypass) | 11:00 am to 3:00 pm |
| Saturday, Jan. 11 | Amity United Methodist Church (Estes Drive) | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm |
| Monday, Jan. 13 | Lincoln Center Merritt Mill Road | 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm |
| Thursday, Jan. 16 | UNC Hospitals (By appl. call 96-BLOOD) | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm |
| Monday, Jan. 20 | Omni Europa Hotel | 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm |
| Monday, Jan. 27 | Great Hall University Campus | 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Jan. 28, Wednesday, Jan. 29 | Great Hall University Campus | 11:00 am to 4:30 pm |

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the Persian Gulf region since Aug. 1, 1990 was not eligible to give blood. Because a parasite that causes the disease leishmaniasis possibly exists in the bloodstream of those who visited the Gulf and veterans, they are being de-

ferred until Jan. 1, 1993.

Donors can give blood at the Hitchings Center, a permanent donation site located at 4737 University Drive in Durham. The Hitchings Center is open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Duke University Medical Center also operates a blood collection center Mondays 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to permanent collection sites, the Red Cross is sponsoring several blood drives in Chapel Hill and on the University Campus throughout January.

Crabtree said that although low supplies of all blood types currently exist, she hoped that donations would increase in January.

"There is a 100 percent guarantee that the donor will feel good about giving blood," Crabtree said.

Everything starts as somebody's daydream. — Larry Niven