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## Downtown business break-ins stump police

By Amber Nimocks  
City Editor

Several Chapel Hill merchants have discovered during the past week that glass has been broken and money taken from their downtown businesses as a string of larcenies and vandalism has left Chapel Hill police stumped.

Barr-ee Station, Mink's Sports Cards, Carolina Pride, an office at suite 103 NCNB Plaza, Universal Printing & Publishing Co., and Papagayo Mexican Restaurant were entered illegally late Sunday night or early Monday morn-

ing, according to police reports.

Reports state that windows in the businesses were smashed, and the cash registers were damaged. Not all of the businesses reported money missing.

The weekend break-ins follow several similar incidents last week.

TGIF Outlets, Great Cuts, Last Tangle hair salon, the Ram Theatres 1-2-3, Breadmen's Restaurant and two office buildings were among the downtown businesses vandalized and entered illegally during the past week.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Tuesday that she thought the break-

ins were committed by the same person or group. There were no suspects in the cases, she said, adding that police were considering a wide variety of suspects.

"It is the kind of thing where kids could be under consideration," Cousins said. "At this point, we don't want to rule anything out."

Foot patrols are assigned downtown, she said. The number of officers patrolling downtown depends on the time and day of the week.

"It varies," she said. "It could be as many as five at one time."

Paschall McNeill, a manager at

Papagayo in NCNB Plaza, said Tuesday that no money was taken from the restaurant.

McNeill said he thought the police were doing what they could to prevent crime.

"A lot of the problem here is with the parking deck that is under construction," he said. "(Police) used to be able to cruise by and check out these alleys, and now they can't."

Papagayo's management has considered installing a new alarm system, McNeill said.

"At this point I'm not sure what you

can do short of putting a security guard in the building or a motion detection device," he said. "We are so far back off the main strip."

Karl Pace, a Universal Printing employee, said Tuesday that there was not much to be done about the break-ins.

"There's nothing we can do to keep them from coming through the windows," Pace said.

No money was taken from the printing company, and Pace said there was little damage to the cash register.

Pace said he thought the police usually patrolled the plaza frequently.

"I know people have walked out of here and left the door open, and the police have called the manager and told him about it," he said. "Maybe they cut back on patrols (Monday night). The accountant was the first one who noticed (the broken window), and that was at seven in the morning."

Cousins said there was not much advice she could give merchants about how to guard against the crimes.

"One thing some stores do is leave the cash registers open so that people can see that there is no money in them," she said.

## Colleagues mourn deaths of honored science professors

By Bonnie Rochman  
Assistant University Editor  
and Steve Politi  
University Editor

Two University professors recognized nationally for scientific research and locally for their concerns for students died recently.

John Koepp, a 47-year-old associate professor of biology, died Sunday of complications from pneumonia after a lengthy illness.

Philip Bassford, a 44-year-old professor of microbiology at the School of Medicine, died during Winter Break.

Koepp joined the University faculty in 1975. His research in the areas of insect physiology and biochemistry attracted international attention.

During his 16 years in the biology department, Koepp helped develop a group for undergraduate honors research. Lawrence Gilbert, department chairman, said Koepp was instrumental in the program's success.

"He was the organizer and director of the undergraduate research program in the department of biology, which is one of the most successful and imaginative in the United States," Gilbert said.

Paul Koepp said his brother had been very dedicated to the University. "His whole life was UNC," Paul Koepp said. "He loved it very dearly."

Gilbert said Koepp was nominated this year for the Tanner Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. "He gave everything for the students and was a great undergraduate teacher."

Koepp is survived by his mother, Lillian Koepp of Cedar Grove, Wis.; brother Paul and sister-in-law Anne

Koepp of Cross Plains, Wis.; and nephews Jim and Sam Koepp of Cross Plains.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. Burial will be in Wisconsin.

Donations can be made to the Undergraduate Research Program, Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Campus Box 3280, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-3280.

Bassford, a native of Washington, D.C., won several awards for outstanding scholastic achievement and several grants for his research.

"He was very interested at what he did," said David Klapper, professor of microbiology. "He was very good at what he did. He was considered to be an outstanding adviser to his students."

"His students are taking it very hard. Senior students will have to finish with a new adviser, and starting students will have to start again."

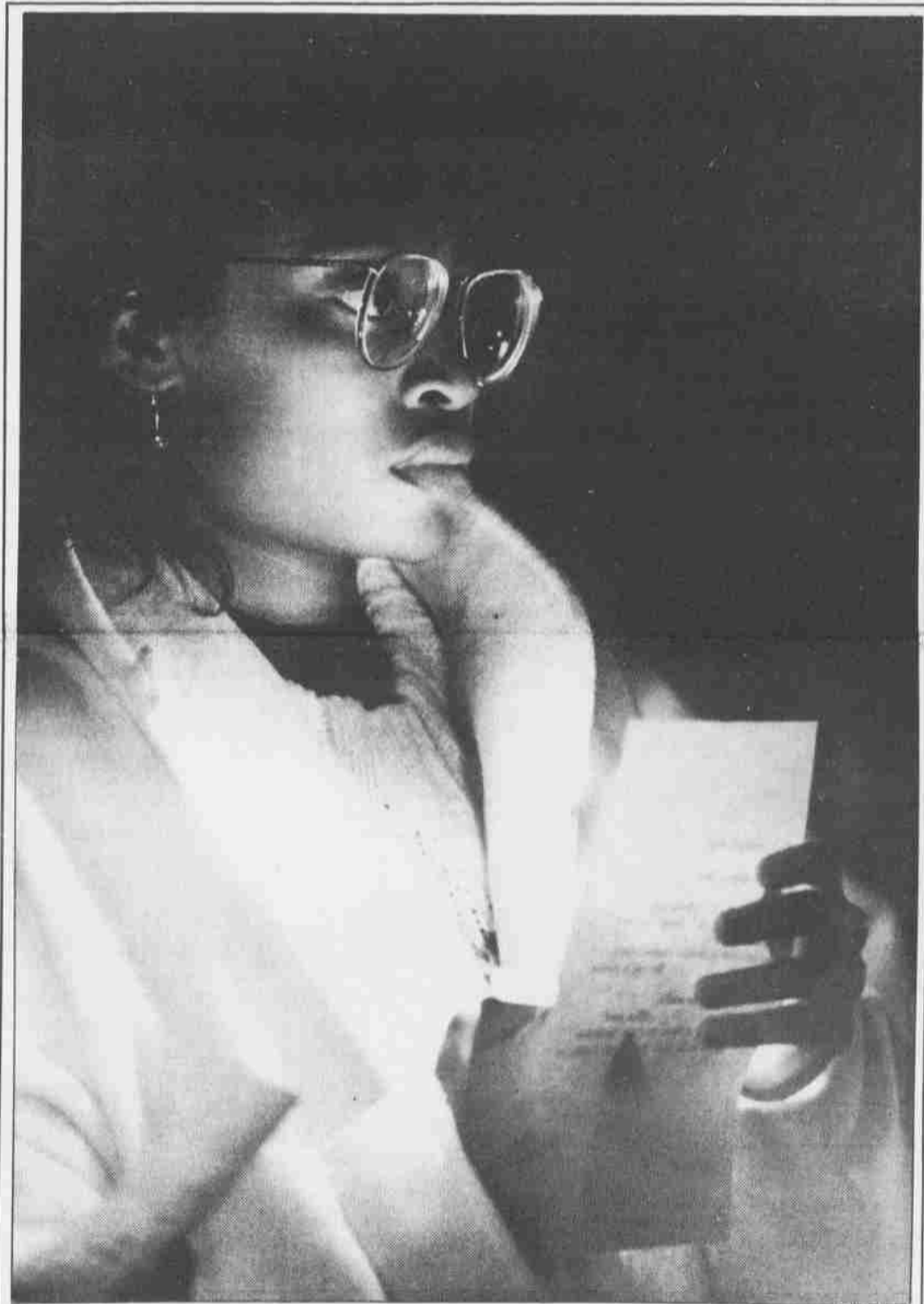
Bassford was an international authority on molecular mechanisms of procarvotic protein secretion.

He came to UNC in 1979 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1984 and professor in 1989.

Klapper said Bassford's death was both surprising and not surprising.

"He was in intensive care for six or seven weeks, ... but up until that day he was perfectly healthy," Klapper said.

Charlotte Mansfield, microbiology department administrative assistant, said Klapper died of an unusual ailment that caused several infections. Doctors tried to save him by performing seven different surgeries, Mansfield said.



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### Lighting the memory

Senior Deaundra Adams joined about 50 other community members in an Alpha Kappa Alpha-sponsored candlelight vigil honoring Martin Luther King Tuesday night. Vigil participants sang songs with the Black Student Movement Gospel Choir.

## Council hears plan to relax restrictions on downtown parking

By Jennifer Brett  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill residents expressed support Tuesday night for a proposed plan that would relax requirements for downtown business parking.

Chapel Hill Town Council members voted unanimously to refer to the town manager and town attorney the proposed development of a transportation management plan for downtown.

Scott Bradley, a planning consultant, said the plan was a necessary step he supported wholeheartedly.

"I think (the plan) will go a long way towards creating more coherency along Franklin Street as we go towards Carrboro," Bradley said. "There's a lot of square footage and business opportunities that could be beneficial without parking down there. The removal of private parking would get rid of a lot of problems."

The plan would encourage downtown development and alternative transportation use by eliminating the town's requirement that downtown businesses provide private parking, according to a memo from Town Manager Cal Horton.

Because of the high land costs, extensive land use, heavy pedestrian traf-

fic and readily available transit service, the downtown area should be given more flexibility in meeting minimum parking requirements, the memo states.

Mickey Ewell, who owns Spanky's and 411 West on Franklin Street, said the management plan was the second step toward encouragement of downtown development. The first step was the decision to construct the Rosemary Street parking deck, he said.

"We as Americans have a love affair with our automobiles, and it's going to be hard to discourage people from not getting into their cars driving downtown," Ewell said.

But Ted Blostein, former director of a New Jersey Board of Adjustments, questioned the plan's feasibility.

"Personally, I don't quite understand what a transportation management plan is, and I don't know how you would enforce that," Blostein said. "I can't follow how the developers are going to set this thing up and how you're going to enforce it to the fellow who he's going to submit to. Candidly, it boggles my mind."

Downtown parking problems must be contained, Blostein said.

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## Last call for all candidates: Get in touch with us

If you're running for a campus office, the words "free press" probably mean a lot to you.

Candidates campaigning for the following student-elected positions must contact The Daily Tar Heel by 5 p.m. Wednesday to set up an appointment for an interview and photo session: DTH editor, senior class president and vice president, Residence Hall Association president and Carolina Athletic Association president.

These candidates should stop by The Daily Tar Heel office in the Student Union or call 962-0245 and ask for someone on the University Desk.

This is your last chance. The Daily Tar Heel wants to get an early jump on election coverage and needs your help!

Students running for positions other than the ones listed above—be patient. Your chance in the spotlight will come later.

## Public Enemy rap video raises Arizonans' ire

Editor's note: This is the second article in a three-part series.

By Layton Croft and Alisa DeMao  
Senior Writers

In "The Rejected Statement," George Bernard Shaw wrote, "Assassination is the extreme form of censorship."

On January 6, 1992, cable channel MTV first aired Public Enemy's music video "When I Get To Arizona," a track off the rap group's latest album, *Apocalypse '91: The Empire Strikes Black*. The video portrays black members of the Public Enemy posse publicly shooting, covertly poisoning and violently sabotaging parodies of white Arizona politicians who oppose a state holiday honoring late civil rights activist Martin Luther King. Those assassinated within the video include a politician based on presidential hopeful David Duke who, at the beginning of the video, spouts white supremacist and overtly racist slurs.

Arizona is the only state that doesn't offer a paid holiday to state employees on the federally recognized King holiday, which was observed Monday. Instead, the state observed an unpaid civil rights day Sunday.

Former Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham overturned the newly established King holiday in 1987, saying it had been proclaimed illegally, and established the civil rights day instead. However, many Arizona cities and school districts have observed the holiday.

Referendums designed to re-establish the holiday were defeated in the 1989 and 1990 statewide elections. Questions have been raised concerning the most recent defeat because some of the referendums on the ballot confused voters.

Public Enemy rapper Chuck D defends the "Arizona" video as artistic expression, the sole intent of which is to encourage "dialogue" among the public and elected politicians. Appearing live on MTV's "Rockline" and ABC's "Nightline" Monday evening, Chuck D fielded questions about the video's paradoxical denouncement of King's doctrine and practices of civil disobedience.

"I think non-violence in a violent society can be used as a statement but



not as a principle," Chuck D explained.

Arizona residents are denouncing the video as bigoted and misinformed. During a march Monday in Phoenix, Gov. Fife Symington said the video had no real significance and was merely propaganda, said Steve Clawson, an anchor for the Phoenix radio station KTAR.

Doug Cole, Symington's spokesman, said the governor believed that the video made a racist statement about the people of Arizona.

"He finds the video repugnant and feels it represents everything that is contrary to what Martin Luther King stood for and what his legacy stands for," Cole said. "The message of the video is violence and revenge. (The governor) feels the message is racist because it taints every Arizonan as a racist—because you know not everybody in Arizona is a racist."

Listeners of KTAR's talk shows also have expressed concern and disappointment, Clawson said.

"The switchboard lit up with calls when we did the talk shows," he said. "A lot of folks feel that (the video) was really done unfairly because Chuck D

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If you want the present to be different from the past, study the past. — Baruch Spinoza