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Campus

Monday, April 20

■ A woman reported that someone had entered her dorm room during the holiday weekend, according to police reports.

The woman, who lives in Parker Residence Hall, said she had left the room secure at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. On her return at 7:30 a.m. Monday, she said, she discovered that two chairs had been moved around. She said she also found a used condom lying on the middle of the floor, according to police reports.

Police discovered no signs of forced entry. The woman's room is being re-keyed.

Sunday, April 19

■ Housekeeping staff reported that vandals had damaged a wall in the basement of Dey Hall.

Police were informed at 4:30 p.m. that someone had spray painted a phrase on the basement wall. The words were "Sugarplum Toilet Mouth."

Saturday, April 18

■ Police responded to a fire alarm at Morrison Residence Hall at 5:37 p.m.

Officers located the fire alarm that was first tripped by smoke coming through a lounge window on the third floor. They found no fire in the lounge, but noticed that the smoke was coming from the roof of the first-floor entranceway below.

Officers went into the second-floor lounge and doused the fire from a window. It was determined that the fire was started by a lit cigarette, which fell on the leaves that lay on top of the roof of the entranceway. Housekeeping staff members were instructed to clear away the leaves.

City

Tuesday, April 21

■ Carolina Inn employee Robert Leon Farr of 103-J Grant St. was arrested at 3:10 a.m. and charged with littering, according to police reports.

Farr was arrested at Sykes Street when officers observed him throwing a 1/2 oz. Natural Light beer can on the shoulder of the 600 block of Sykes Street, police reports stated.

Farr later was charged with the larceny of a 24-pack of Natural Light beer, which he had taken from the Fast Fare located at 321 W. Rosemary St., according to reports.

A Fast Fare employee had reported the larceny at 12:56 a.m., reports stated.

Monday, April 20

■ Performance Chevrolet, located on the U.S. 15-501 Bypass, reported that a 1990 Porsche convertible belonging to a Carrboro man was broken into sometime between 4 p.m. April 18 and 7:30 a.m. April 20, according to police reports.

An unknown suspect entered the vehicle and removed two speakers from the two front doors and one large speaker from the rear of the car. The value of the speakers is unknown, according to reports.

Approximately \$2,000 worth of damage was done to the radio, interior, console and trunk lock of the vehicle. The vehicle was parked behind the body shop, reports stated.

■ Adrian Jermaine Parker of 2927 Wedgedale Ave., Durham, was arrested on West Franklin Street at 10:33 p.m. Parker was stopped at a traffic light when officers observed that his vehicle matched the description of car reported in an earlier incident, police reports stated.

A Chapel Hill resident had reported at 10:33 p.m. that two unidentified black males had pointed guns at his vehicle while he was driving on Church Street, according to reports.

Another suspect called police requesting assistance after he was scared by a person with a gun while driving on Mitchell Lane, police reports stated.

Officers discovered guns beneath both front seats of the vehicle Parker was operating, police reports stated.

■ Chapel Hill Police officers responded to a larceny complaint by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority at 11:03 a.m., according to reports.

A Sears model air compressor was taken from the facility, but the complainant could not advise officers when it was taken. The suspect gained entry through an unlocked door at the business, according to police reports.

The estimated value of the air compressor was \$438.89. The compressor hose had \$15 in damage done, reports state.

Officers said there were no suspects.

■ A Bynum resident reported that at 11 a.m. someone removed \$350 in cash from her purse while she ate at K&W Cafeteria at University Mall, according to police reports.

The woman reported the money was taken when she left the booth for a few minutes to return her tray, police reports state.

■ An employee of Potted Plant, located in Eastgate Shopping Center, reported that between 7 p.m. April 18 and 10 a.m. April 20 someone removed two large hibiscus plants from the front of the store, police reports stated.

■ An employee of Dubey's Pet World at University Mall reported that someone removed a combination television and VCR from the store between 2:30 and 5:15 p.m., according to police reports.

Possessing weapons will violate code

By J. Michael Bradley
Staff Writer

In response to a growing number of weapons-related incidents on campus, University officials have changed the Code of Student Conduct to ban the possession of concealed weapons.

Jeffrey Cannon, assistant dean of students, said recent local and campus incidents, such as the firing of a weapon at a Morrison Residence Hall function last November, influenced the change.

The Morrison incident was an "ex-

ample of the prevalence of weapons in the local community," Cannon said.

An unidentified person fired a gun into the Morrison lobby ceiling after a dance Nov. 17 in the first-floor recreation room. No arrests were made in the incident.

Cannon said University officials wanted "to provide a safe environment to discourage people from having weapons."

The change, which will go into effect Aug. 19, also will give University officials the power to prosecute anyone

found with a weapon. Cannon said.

The penalty for code offenders will be up to the Honor Court, Cannon said. Penalties could range from censure to expulsion, he added.

Cannon said the change brought the code into compliance with state law, which prohibits weapons on institutional grounds.

The new regulation prohibits such weapons as guns, rifles, knives, bombs and brass knuckles, Cannon said.

University Police Lt. Marcus Perry said that the number of arrests for weap-

ons violations had not increased this year but that the number of reported incidents might have. University Police only documents actual arrests, Perry said.

"We have to go by what's actually found," Perry said. "As for the reports probably there's an increase."

Three people have been arrested for weapons violations at the University since August, he said.

Perry said he thought the change to the code was "totally appropriate."

Interim Police Chief Carolyn Elfland

said she thought the change was important for the University and for the safety of its students.

"What it really does is give the police another avenue to pursue those kind of violations," she said.

"Instead of waiting for someone to come to trial, you can go to Honor Court instead."

Elfland said she thought violence in general was on the rise.

"I do think it's a growing problem in society, and it probably is here, too," she said.

Housing reports rise in returnees to residence halls

By Shannon Crownover
Staff Writer

The number of returning students who applied for on-campus housing increased by almost 12 percent this year, housing officials said.

Larry Hicks, associate housing director, said 3,081 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors signed up for on-campus housing next year, an increase from last year's 2,769 applicants.

"We didn't expect to see our numbers increase that dramatically," Hicks said. "It's a very hopeful sign in a trying economy."

Several factors caused the increase in housing applicants, Hicks said. Department officials proposed no rate increases for rooms next year, which may have encouraged students to stay on campus, he said.

The housing department also was continuing to expand services in residence halls, Hicks said. Network computer labs enhance South Campus by offering access to various software programs and University library catalogs, he said.

Officials also want to make electronic mail services available in each student's room, he said. Electronic mail allows students to send messages by computer to other people equipped with the service.

"We want residence halls to be not only a place to sleep but also a place for learning and studying," Hicks said. "We want it to become an environment that offers all kinds of services."

The new room assignment process also may have contributed to the increase in applicants, Hicks said. Hous-

ing officials began reorganizing the entire department in December 1990 and decided to change the complicated room assignment process, he said.

Four new options allowed students to remain in their present room, request a new roommate, move to another room within their current area or move to a different region.

Hicks said 78 percent of students who requested to move to a different area were granted one of their three choices.

Housing Director Wayne Kuncl said the new process probably would be continued next year. "The new process is more flexible and makes it easy for (students) to return to campus," he said.

Nick Franzese, Housing Advisory Board chairman, said this year's assignment process had fewer problems than the former process.

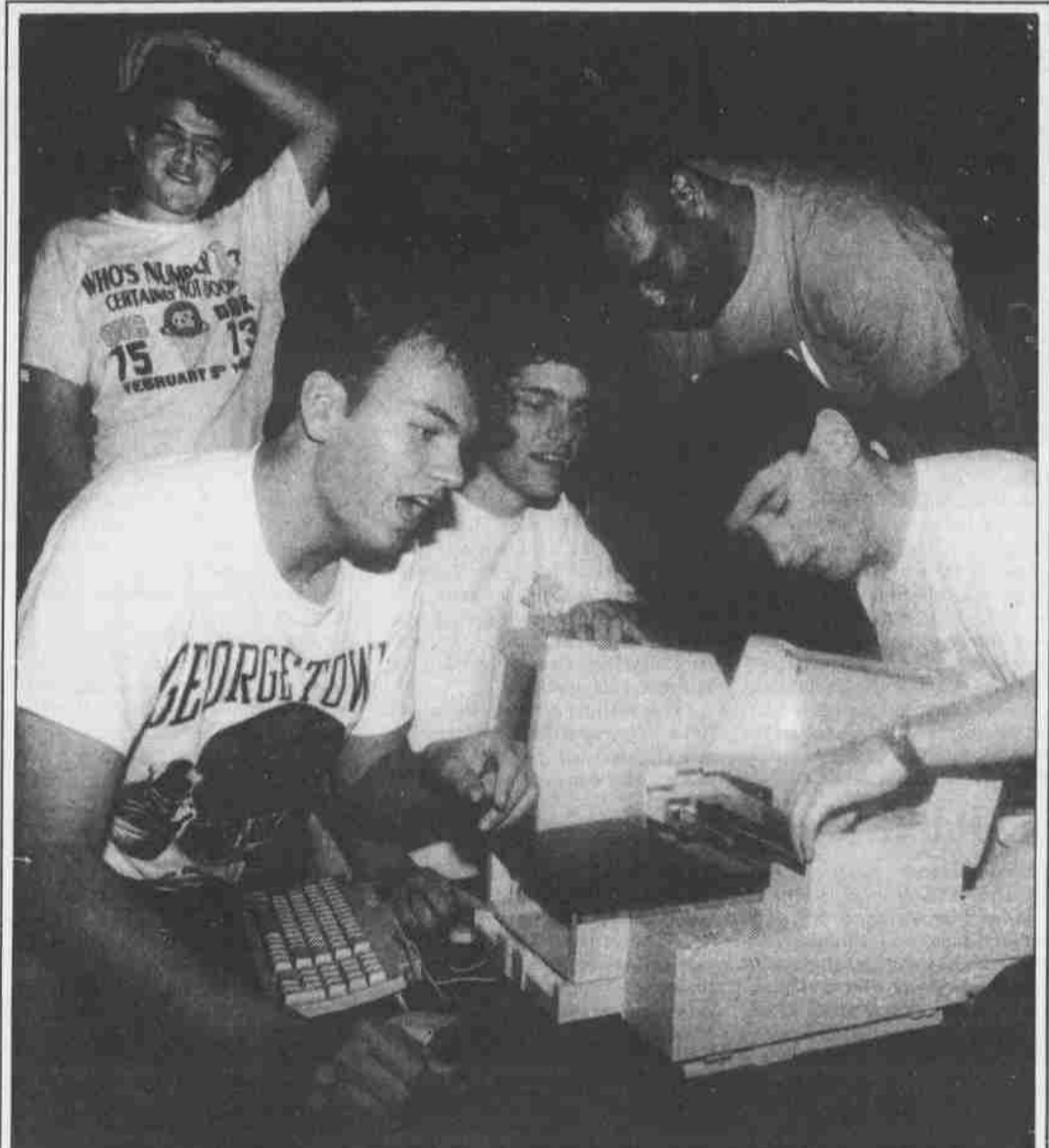
"This assignment process was the smoothest I've ever seen, and I've been through four of them," Franzese said.

Kuncl said students who wanted to participate in the racial diversity program or the wellness program also applied for these programs through the new assignment process.

He said 44 students will participate in the North Campus racial diversity program, which reserved 135 spaces in nine dormitories for black students who wished to live on North Campus.

The wellness program would consist mainly of incoming freshmen and transfer students, although the number of participants is not known, Kuncl said.

This program, which will be established on the second floor of Ehringhaus Residence Hall, will base its living environment on health and wellness.



Computer confusion

How many guys does it take to put together a computer? Freshman John Fear of New Bern, right, helps Alex Biegert, a freshman from Hickory, set up his new computer as Alex Buerger, Scott Lewis and Jerness Gethers watch the madness.

Volunteers sought for campaign against drugs, crime

By Amber Nimocks
City Editor

The leadership committee of the Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Program said Tuesday that efforts to recruit leaders for other program committees were under way but that no chairmen had been found.

Program leaders said they had contacted members of the community they considered prospective heads for the committees, which were created at the recommendation of the Task Force on Reducing Violent Crime and Illegal Drug Use to address different aspects of the community's battle against crime and drugs.

Assistant Chapel Hill Town Manager Sonna Loewenthal said program leaders had just started to search for people to lead and participate in the committees.

No one has applied to chair the committees, Loewenthal said.

"One thing this community doesn't understand is how easy it is to be in-

volved," she said. "Everyone is always talking about the powerful elite. By joining the committees, they could become part of the powerful elite."

The Chapel Hill Town Council was prompted to create the task force in January 1991 after two drug-related murders occurred in the area. The task force recommended forming the committees in October 1991.

Members of the leadership committees on Tuesday adopted a new name for the group of committees and their efforts — the Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Program.

Elsie Pickett, a program leader, said she thought the pace of the program's development was adequate considering the scope of its mission.

"(Drug-use and crime) was a larger problem than we had anticipated," she said. "It was very involved. There aren't any easy answers out there."

Pickett, who was the task force representative for the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said she thought the committee's efforts were concentrated

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on Chapel Hill, Carrboro and southern Orange County because of the area's higher, more transient population.

Pickett, who is in charge of the law enforcement and support services committee, said her quest for a chairman

was hampered by ongoing crime.

She said she had tried recently to reach Orange County Sheriff Linda Pendergrass to discuss his possible participation on the committee. Pickett said she had not been able to contact the sheriff because he had been busy investigating a murder.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has been looking into the April 12 stabbing death of Jehue Edwards, 72, of Jo Mack Road in southern Orange County. Two men have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death. Authorities have said that robbery was the motive for the murder and that Edwards was selling marijuana out of his home.

The homicide was the third in southern Orange County since the task force was established.

Loewenthal said that the drug abuse and crime program focused on Chapel Hill but that its effects would be felt outside of the town.

"We're talking about a community, and the community extends beyond

political boundaries," she said.

Loewenthal said it was too early to tell if the program would be successful.

At the Tuesday afternoon meeting, leadership committee members also discussed criteria for a volunteer coordinator to lead the program.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said the program needed a volunteer coordinator with motivational skills.

"We need somebody who will have the enthusiasm it will take to bring other people along," he said. "One of their key roles will be to push other people along."

Other criteria the coordinator should meet include good communication skills, experience in volunteer work and a knowledge of the workings of local government, committee members decided.

The coordinator will oversee the activities of the program. People interested in applying for the full-time, volunteer position should contact Loewenthal at 967-2743.

Former UNC chief lands job at growing California university

By Kathleen Keener
Staff Writer

Arnold Trujillo, former University Police chief, started work last Wednesday as public safety director at California State University at San Marcos.

Patricia Farris, business and personnel supervisor for CSU-SM, said Trujillo was selected in a nationwide search that began in December.

Trujillo, who resigned from the UNC department Feb. 18, applied for the CSU-SM position in December, Farris said.

Trujillo left University Police without giving an explanation. Administrators refuse to say why he suddenly vacated the position.

He was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Trujillo supervised a staff of 50 employees at UNC. Right now, he is the only member of the CSU-SM public safety department, Farris said.

Farris said she did not think the transition from an established department to a new one would be difficult for

Trujillo.

"It will be difficult to build a staff and lay the groundwork for public safety, but he obviously was picked because he has the capability and the background," Farris said.

CSU-SM, the newest school in the California university system, has 1,500 students and is admitting only juniors and seniors for next year. The university plans to admit freshman and sophomores by 1995. It is expected to be one of the largest schools in the California system with an estimated 40,000 students in the next 15 years.

Farris was responsible for hiring Trujillo. Before she made a final decision, she visited UNC's department and the department of public safety at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where Trujillo worked before coming to UNC.

Trujillo is responsible for hiring a staff, which eventually will be about as large as UNC's staff, Farris said.

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Tuchi will not fulfill position as Chamber chairman; members say he will be missed

By Tiffany Ashhurst
Staff Writer

Ben Tuchi, who is vacating his position as the University's chief financial officer, will be missed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, chamber members said Tuesday.

Recently named chamber chairman, Tuchi will be unable to serve in that capacity because he accepted the position of senior vice chancellor for business and finance at the University of Pittsburgh.

Tuchi is now UNC vice chancellor for business and finance.

"I will miss both the town and the University in equal parts," Tuchi said. "The town has a close-knit nature, and there are a lot of active people involved in the town."

"I expected a great deal when I came to the University and was not disappointed by the outcome," he said.

Tuchi said his decision to leave the University might seem sudden because he did not discuss taking the Pittsburgh position until January.

Tuchi was appointed as the University of Pittsburgh's senior vice chancellor for business and finance last week. Tuchi will leave his position at UNC on June 1.



Ben Tuchi

Working on the chamber's board of directors appealed to Tuchi because the group — a coalition of public and private business interests — relates to his University duties, he said.

"I will help in the process of finding a new chairman since I am the cause of the problem," Tuchi said.

Joe Hakan, acting chairman of the

chamber, said Tuchi's decision to leave seemed sudden to him.

"(Tuchi) is an unusual person and will be missed because he is a candid person with good guiding principles," Hakan said. "Many people double-talk and use cliches, but he has the ability to get to the bottom line."

Joel Harper, president of the chamber, also said he would miss Tuchi.

Tuchi was chosen to serve as chairman because he had helped maintain a good relationship between the University and the town, Harper said.

"(Tuchi) is an astute and smart individual, and I'm sick in my stomach because I hate to see him leave," Harper said.

There will be enough time to choose another chairman because Tuchi was scheduled to begin his term as chairman in October, Harper said.

Hakan said he did not know the process for finding a replacement because the chamber had never been faced with the situation before.

Hakan said he thought Tuchi would do a good job at Pittsburgh.

"Our loss is Pittsburgh's gain," Hakan said. "I hope he comes back to visit because he's a great guy who has a great sense of humor, and I enjoyed being with him."