

TODAY: 30% chance of p.m. thunderstorms; high upper 80s
FRIDAY: 30% chance of showers; high mid-80s

on campus

• Tar Heel Recycling Program will meet at 5 p.m. at Columbia Street Bakery and Coffeehouse to discuss programs.

SINGIN' THE BLUES

Omni previews two blues festivals coming to the Triangle this month



JUDICIAL POLITICKING

Senators delay judicial confirmation hearings in anticipation of a Clinton victory



NAMED: Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig as chairman of baseball's executive council. The council will oversee the operations of Major League Baseball until a new commissioner is chosen to replace Fay Vincent, who resigned Monday.
SIGNED: Cleveland Cavaliers center Brad Dougherty to a multi-year contract.

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Safety remains top concern

Mill Creek security increased; some residents still unsatisfied

By Suzanne Wuelfing
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Some residents of Mill Creek Condominiums said Wednesday that they were not satisfied with increased security efforts after four break-ins and attempted assaults that occurred there during the summer.

Dawn Owen, a resident of the complex, said the steps Magnolia Properties, which manages some Mill Creek Condominiums, had taken to increase security had eased her previous concerns.

"It seems like they're trying," she said. "I feel like they're doing all they can do, but some people aren't satisfied."

"It was terrifying to me to find out that kind of crime was at Mill Creek," said Catherine Stelplug, the manager of Magnolia Properties. "It's always been so safe, people were feeling a little relaxed."

Magnolia Properties, which manages more than half of the local privately owned condominiums, took several steps to improve security after this summer's crimes, including:

- requesting increased police drive-through at Mill Creek,
- fixing faulty outdoor lighting,
- distributing a list of safety tips urging residents to use their deadbolt, and
- installing locks on some attic doors.

The management also held three safety meetings, attended by about 40 tenants, during which police urged residents to use their deadbolts, lock their windows, call police if they see someone suspicious and walk with others at night.

This fall, Magnolia Properties plans to start a community watch and a buddy system at the condominiums, Stelplug said. She said the buddy system would provide a way for residents of each building to look out for one another.

"We want people to feel like an old-time community where they take care of each other," she said. "We want residents to feel that it's not a sappy thing to look out for your neighbor."

Stelplug said she proposed extra outdoor lighting, barriers and other safety measures suggested by tenants at the Mill Creek owners' board.

The owners' board is made up of private owners of individual condominiums. Magnolia Properties cannot take action on such projects without the board's approval, Stelplug said.

Several residents said they wished Magnolia Properties would do more. Every resident interviewed said more outdoor lighting was necessary to make Mill Creek safe.

Owen said the parking lots needed more lighting. "The trip from the car to the apartment building is scary," she said. "There are lots of bushes around the parking lot and buildings where people can hide."

Audrie Adams, another Mill Creek resident, said people often had to walk a long way from their cars to their buildings because of the lack of parking spaces.

"They need more lighting because the parking is ridiculous," she said. "I don't feel safe at night at all."

Laura Clark, who lives in Building B at the complex, said she would like to see more outdoor lighting and possibly

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Police continue investigations into 2 recent campus assaults

By Teesha Holladay
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After a week of investigation, University Police still have not identified suspects in last week's two assault cases, which caused a severe tightening of campus security.

Lt. Angela Carmon, UNC police investigator, Tuesday said that no new leads had been discovered in either case. The two assaults, which occurred Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, both took place on pathways by Kenan Stadium.

"We're basically still trying to go over the two areas thoroughly," Carmon said. "We've been questioning people who may have been in the area, specifically the workers on the construction sites."

Carmon said no new incidents had been reported.

The first assault occurred Aug. 31 on the wooded path between Kenan Stadium and Ramshead parking lot. The suspect attacked a female UNC student who was walking from Dey Hall to Hinton James Residence Hall. Police have no specific information on the assailant.

The second attack took place Sept. 1 on the pathway behind Morrison Residence Hall. Police have described the suspect in the incident as a black man, approximately 20 years old and six feet tall. He was wearing dark shorts and a white T-shirt at the time of the crime, police reports stated.

A police composite sketch of the suspect has been posted in all campus residence halls.

Carmon said the investigation would continue. "This will keep going on until an arrest has been made or until we've

exhausted all possible leads."

The two assaults marked the second and third incidents of violent crime on campus in the last two weeks.

The rape of a Granville Towers resident in her dorm room was the first in the string of assaults. Hildred Manuel Lyles, 22, of 811 Sunset St., Reidsville, was arrested Aug. 30, two days after he broke out of a High Point jail. He was charged with rape, breaking and entering, larceny and sexual offense.

Melvyn Rinfret, Granville Towers general manager, said the incident had led to increased security measures at the housing complex.

"We have uniformed patrolmen more readily available for student need and have instituted a lock-up policy," he said. "Right now, we're locking the doors at four in the afternoon and opening them at 8 a.m."

Rinfret said tougher lockup at Granville would be in place during holidays and in accordance with major campus events such as football weekends and basketball games.

"We've notified residents of this security measure and have told them that the building will be locked for these types of events," he said. "All residents have been told to carry their keys at all times."

John Moody, student body president, said his plan to heighten student safety by adding additional lighting around campus should be enacted in the next few months.

"I've been in contact with the Physical Plant over the summer about the lighting proposal," he said. "It is one of my highest priorities for this fall."

"It's going well and should be completed by mid-fall."

Committee OKs return of money to Phoenix fund

By Marty Minchin
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After the resignation of committee chairman Charlton Allen Wednesday night, members of the Student Congress Finance Committee voted to recommend several bills to the full congress at its next meeting.

Allen, who retains his seat on Student Congress, told committee members he was resigning from the post because he did not have enough time to give to the job.

Rep. Kevin Hunter, Dist. 14, presided over the meeting in Allen's place.

The Phoenix

Finance committee members voted favorably on a bill that would restore \$2,130.29 to the Phoenix to replace money taken from the magazine's budget this summer.

In July, student government officials transferred money from the Phoenix budget to make a payment on the Scapegoat computer system, which the Phoenix, the Black Ink and other student groups use. The system is owned by Student Congress, and the congress is responsible for financing it, said Jennifer Lloyd, Student Congress speaker.

"It simply was our mistake," she said. "If we don't (refund the money to the Phoenix) it would be a terrible embarrassment and lack of responsibility from this body."

Finance committee members also voted to add an amendment to the bill, creating a board of directors to oversee the management, maintenance and finance of the Scapegoat system.

"(The board) would be like a student government organization—like a branch of government," Hunter said. "It would be legal because we'd be making it an institute of government."

Rape Action Project

Rep. Wendy Sarat, Dist. 13, brought a bill before the committee requesting that the budget for the UNC Rape Action Project be reinstated.

The RAP budget was rejected last year because members of the group were not present at the congress budget hearings.

During the debate over the bill, Rep. Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, argued against giving the RAP money for an office telephone because he thought a phone was unnecessary. "I'm not entirely convinced the group is in need of a telephone," he said.

But Lloyd said she had received at least six calls in her office from students trying to contact members of the RAP.

"I think it's highly inappropriate for us to expect a woman who has been raped or assaulted to call someone's dorm room," she said. "In something as sensitive as rape, a telephone may be the most important

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UNC libraries hurt by budget concerns, mounting inflation

By Chris Lindsey
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A stagnant budget along with increasing inflation and a decreasing dollar value have begun to cripple the UNC library system's ability to purchase materials at its previous volume.

"The most significant problem is the lack of an increasing budget coupled with serious inflation and devaluing of the dollar," said Larry Alford, associate university librarian for administrative services.

According to Alford, the main problem with library funding isn't state budget cuts but rather the lack of increased state funding to meet the increased prices of materials.

Rising inflation and devaluation of the dollar in foreign markets have pushed up the prices of books and academic periodicals. Colleges and universities are finding it difficult to raise the extra funds needed to cover these rising costs.

Provost Richard McCormick said some of the rising costs could be attributed to profit-minded publishers. "Part of the rising cost could be blamed on sheer opportunism by publishers," he said.

In the 1984-85 school year, UNC academic affairs libraries bought 81,489 books. Last year, library officials purchased 45,695 books, almost a 50 per-

cent decline.

The 1990-91 purchases were aided by a \$500,000 grant from Walter Davis, for whom the Davis Library is named, Alford said. Davis' grant allowed library officials to purchase about 10,000 extra books.

During the past year, University librarians have been forced to cut 18,000 serial subscriptions, Alford said. "Cuts are done on costs and relative value for classroom teaching and research value," he said, adding that library officials work with faculty members in determining what research materials to cut.

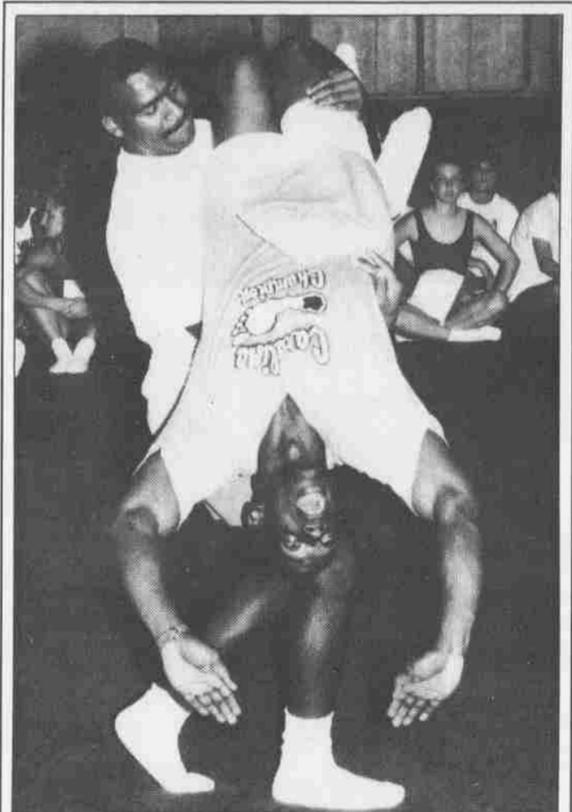
In addition to affecting the number of books that can be bought each year, the lack of money affects the operating hours of the libraries.

The reference desk at Davis Library is open 13 hours less per week than last year, while the reference desk at the Undergraduate Library operates 4-5 hours less per week.

In 1985-86, the Association of Research Libraries ranked UNC's library system 15th in the nation out of 107 in terms of size. In 1990-91, the University's ranking slid to 22nd. In terms of the number of books purchased, the UNC system's ranking fell from 10th down to 48th last year.

"Chapel Hill is lucky to have a re-

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Hopeful handspring

Keith Gaines (left), the JV cheerleading coach, spots Marc Taylor, a junior from Greensboro, as he does a back handspring at try-outs Wednesday in Fetzer Gym.

State levies \$43,000 fine against UNC power plant

By Dana Pope
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A group of residents living near the University's power plant will discuss tonight the implications of emissions standards violations levied this week by the N.C. Division of Environmental Management.

The violations apparently occurred at the plant during the last three months of 1991.

State officials assessed the University nearly \$43,000 in civil penalties for

the violations at the University-owned power plant, but a University official said Wednesday that he would not be surprised if more penalties were assessed against the University for violations in the first two quarters of 1992.

"There are circumstances that could result in violations and civil penalty assessments," said James Mergner, associate director of utilities for the Physical Plant, which operates the Cameron Avenue power plant.

Power Plant Neighbors, made up of residents living near the plant, will discuss the violations at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. today, said Pierre Morell, a spokes-

man for the group.

Morell said PPN had asked for strict monitoring of the plant earlier this year. "We were promised several months ago that (monitoring) would be implemented immediately, but it wasn't," he said.

Morell added that very little had been done about noise and pollution at the plant.

"(The University's) concerned," he said. "Nobody wishes us to be unhappy, but the thing is such a mess." Morell said it was impossible that University officials did not know about the violations. "Of course they knew," he said. "How could they not know?"

While University officials would like to help solve the problems at the plant, enough money would not be available, Morell said.

"Good will isn't enough," he said. "Lots of money is needed."

The University was fined \$42,992.54, which included \$3,192 in investigating costs for the violations.

Neighbors of the plant have complained in the past about noise and air pollution caused by the plant.

A notice of violation was issued to the University in early April that cited

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All the really good ideas I ever had came to me while I was milking a cow. — Grant Wood