

Police to open University Mall office

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Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Police Department will open a new office at University Mall this week in an attempt to broaden its contact with the community.

The new office, which will be located next to Allied Services and opposite the arcade, will serve as a satellite police station.

Rick Ennis, a Chapel Hill police officer, said the new branch would make the police department operate more efficiently.

"The public can get to the mall during the day and speak to the officer," Ennis said. "It is a place where (the officers) can sit down and continue their investigation without leaving that area of the town."

Sam Grist, manager of University

Mall, said he hoped the new office would attract more customers to the mall, especially at night.

"It is to our benefit that we have the presence of the police officers," Grist said. "That kind of exposure is always good."

But Ennis said the police department would not provide added security for the mall because it already had its own effective security force.

"We are not really there to provide more security," Ennis said.

The 652-square-foot office will be manned by one officer, Ennis said.

"We are starting off with one officer down there, and we will see what develops," he said.

"If it goes over really well, then the public receives it really well, then you might see more officers down there," Ennis added.

Grist said he had contacted the police department because he had a vacant office.

Ennis said that Grist and North Hills Inc., managers of the mall, agreed to lease the office to the town of Chapel Hill for \$1 per year for one year.

The lease will be re-evaluated at the end of its term, he added.

Grist said the new office would be convenient for the police officers on duty.

"It is someplace where (the police officers) could go without necessarily going back to the police department," Grist said.

Ennis said the new office would provide information to the public on such topics as hand-gun control, signs of child abuse, crime prevention and domestic violence.

The satellite station will be similar to a library on community resources in which information on various topics will be showcased, Ennis added.

The office also will sponsor some public safety programs, covering topics such as bicycle safety, he said.

"We would really like to reach a lot of people," Ennis said. "We would like to have people come by and talk to us about anything on their mind, and we will try to answer their questions."

"Come on in," he added. "This will give the public the opportunity to go shopping and come by and talk to the police all at once."

Debate

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opposing the war in Vietnam, although he acknowledged he should have done a better job in answering campaign questions about his draft history.

He said that Abraham Lincoln, too, had once opposed a war and vowed that he could send Americans into battle if necessary to protect the nation's interests.

He pointed out that Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt had done so without having served in uniform.

Bush worked to fend off Perot's and Clinton's constant criticism of his economic stewardship. He said many Americans were better off than they were four years ago, despite the recession. He said lower interest rates were good news for those who recently refinanced their homes. He said the elderly were better off because Republicans had brought inflation under control.

"Is the guy who is out of work better off? Of course he's not," said Bush. "But he's not going to be better off if we grow the government."

The debate at Michigan State University ranged over numerous issues,

School may distribute condoms

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The Chapel Hill High School student government, concerned with the alarming increase in teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, has introduced a bill that would allow students to vote on whether to distribute condoms in school.

"The student government has not actually formulated an opinion yet, but they are considering and discussing with other students the issue of condom distribution," said Robert Winston, school student counselor.

"The reason for the concern, as I understand it, is the concern for the total health and well-being of all individuals," Winston added.

"The students are concerned with those who don't take the advice of

abstinence," he said. "Those who make the decision to be sexually active should take precautions to prevent future problems."

Winston said because student government had not formulated a policy on the issue, reactions from the faculty and parents were premature.

"I would think the faculty would be concerned with any teenage pregnancies," he said. "Teenagers first need to take education sensibly and in the future make the decision concerning pregnancy."

Students' concerns about prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and responsible health speaks well about students' social concerns, he added.

Teenagers are becoming physically mature and sexually mature because of better nutrition but are not becoming mentally mature as quickly, he said.

Winston said he did not believe condom distribution advocated promiscuity.

"Let me put it this way: If you distributed a Kleenex box, does this mean you are encouraging people to catch a cold?" he said.

High school students were studying the proposal, said Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools. The proposal also was being reviewed by a health committee, but has not reached the higher administrative offices.

There were no schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area that distributed condoms, Hoke said.

Officials of Athens Drive High School and Enloe High School in Raleigh said they did not have condom distribution, although some students had suggested the possibility at Enloe.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

11 a.m. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will sell Halloween-grams in the Pit until 2 p.m.

4 p.m. University Career Services will have a sales/marketing career panel (industrial, technical, consumer, pharmaceutical) in 210 Hanes.

University Career Services will help freshmen, sophomores and juniors develop tailored career plans in 306 Hanes.

5 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet at the flagpole between Wilson Library and South Building.

The cold location is Carmichael Ballroom.

5:30 p.m. Feminist Alliance will hold a potluck dinner to discuss feminism at the University for students, faculty and staff in 206 Union.

Dean of Students Office will hold a training session for all Parents Weekend volunteers in 208 Union.

Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Project will meet to discuss Hunger Banquet plans and paint the cube in the Campus Y lounge.

6 p.m. SEAC Voter Education will make its final endorsement list of candidates for the Green Team in the Campus Y.

University Career Services will sponsor a presentation by Burroughs Wellcome in the Club Room, Carolina Inn.

6:30 p.m. Leadership Development will have an information session on the Womentoring Program for first-year women in the Union Film Auditorium.

Information: 966-4041.

7 p.m. UNC Model United Nations will welcome Curtis Jones to speak on the Middle East in T-1 New Carroll. Information: Hanes 914-5106.

Housing Department will sponsor a discussion including the Bush/Quayle Campaign in Hinton James' first-floor lounge.

CHSPA: teneremos alguien de B-GLAD para hablar sobre homophobia en este campus en 209 Union.


University Career Services will sponsor a presentation by First Boston in the Carolina Inn.

Peer Tutor Program will offer free tutoring for the following: Econ 10; Bio 11; Chem 11; Stat 11, 23; Math 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 30, 31; Fren 1-4; Span 1-4; Germ 1-4; Russ 1-4; and Poli 41 in Dey until 9 p.m.

CAA will sponsor Cross-Cultural Night with Lloyd Wilson in the Union Cabaret.

7:30 p.m. Operation Smile is holding an interest meeting in the Campus Y lounge.

UNC Young Democrats will meet to work on the "Vote for a Change" float and to welcome attorney general candidate Mike Easley in 206 Union.



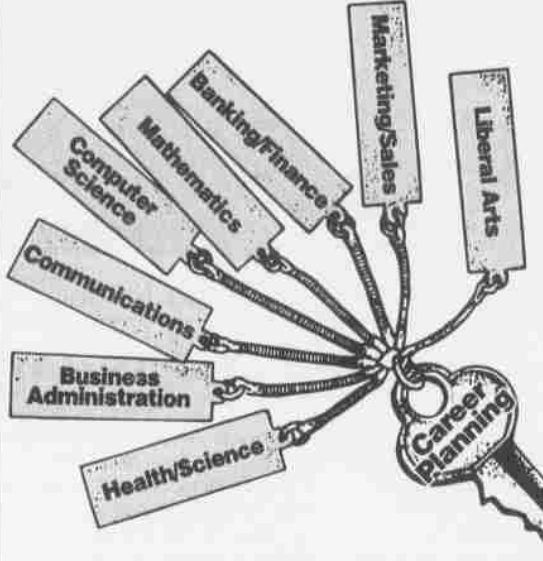
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