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FSU Game: Get Tickets In Advance

Students wishing to attend UNC's football game against Florida State will have to get tickets before the game.

By SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

The Carolina Athletic Association will require that students have tickets to gain entrance to UNC's football game against Florida State University this season after students rushed the gates in 1997 in a mad dash for seats.

CAA officials said the change to ticket distribution, a first for a UNC football game, would prevent the chaos that ensued two years ago.

Students can usually get into home football games by swiping their UNC One Cards at the gates, but now they will have to wait in line prior to game day to receive a ticket.

"Last time FSU played us at home, there was a huge mob outside the gates to Kenan Stadium," CAA President Tee Pruitt said.

"And since we had more students than seats, everything was chaotic."

At that FSU game, several thousand students rushed the area just outside Gate 5 of Kenan Stadium by 3:30 p.m.

When the turnstiles opened, students pushed their way into the stadium gates, receiving cuts and bruises.

There were not enough seats for everyone who made it into the stadium.

Pruitt said the CAA, the Department of Athletics and the Department of Public Safety all decided to find a different way to effectively and safely distribute tickets this year.

"Anything we can do to keep students and all visitors to campus safer during our football games is important," said Director of Public Safety Derek Poarch.

He said a meeting was planned next week with the athletic department and the CAA to finalize all plans for ticket distribution and safety at the game.

"We chose to implement the wristband method from basketball because it has proven to be a safe and effective manner to distribute tickets," Pruitt said.

Students will wait in line to receive a wristband with a number Sept. 15 and Sept. 16. On Sept. 17, the CAA will draw one of the numbers at random and then students will line up Sept. 18 to receive tickets.

However, Pruitt said students would be allowed to bring five ONE Cards with them instead of just one, so they could get six total tickets instead of two, which was the case with basketball tickets.

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Drug Bust Nabs 10; Police Seek 13 More

Chapel Hill police launched the third major drug bust in less than a year with hopes of nabbing 23 crack dealers.

By JACOB MCCONNICO
City Editor

In the third major drug bust in less than a year, Chapel Hill police rounded up 10 suspects Thursday and will continue to hunt for 13 others on charges all stemming from the sale of crack cocaine.

The bust, which includes 115 different charges ranging from conspiracy to sell crack cocaine to the sale of cocaine, is part of a three-month undercover operation.

As of 7:25 p.m. Thursday, Lt. Marvin Clark, an investigator for Chapel Hill

police, said officers had located less than half of the wanted individuals.

"We got 10 in hand," he said. "We need 13 more. This is part of an ongoing investigation."

According to police reports, undercover officers from other police departments across the state have been actively purchasing cocaine from dealers in various areas of Chapel Hill since June.

Similar to an undercover operation in September that yielded 27 arrest warrants on 66 charges and an April bust that resulted in the issuing of 32 warrants, police have been concentrating efforts in the Pine Knolls neighborhood, public housing areas and the Northside section of town.

In addition, a police press release stated that the department was working with the district attorney's office to ensure that offenders have stipulations

"Of course it's rewarding; it's my job ... this is just a drop in the bucket. There is still a lot to be done."

Lt. MARVIN CLARK
Chapel Hill Police Department Investigator

put on their pre-trial release that prevents them from returning to neighborhoods where they were observed selling crack. Officers attempted to have this restriction put on last September's arrests, but the ban was modified by District Court Judge Charles Anderson.

April's busts carried the same stipulation, but District Judge Alonzo Coleman made no such modifications.

Patrol officers, investigators and

members of the Special Emergency Response Team began looking for suspects late Wednesday evening. After a couple of hours, police had five of the 23 suspects in custody, reports state.

Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday afternoon, officers made an additional five busts, bringing the total number of arrests to 10.

Among those arrested Wednesday night were Jerry Mauriat Baldwin, 23, of 409 Broad St. in Carrboro; Frederick Grey French, 38, of 2501 Merrick St. in Durham; Jamaal Andrew Alston, 22, of 210-A Mitchell Lane; Richard Leroy Foushee, 30, of Q-1 Tarheel Apartments in Carrboro; and Ronald Robert Morgan, 17, of J-3 Oakwood Ave. in Carrboro. They face 36 felony charges.

All five were being held at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough. French and Morgan were being held in

lieu of a \$45,000 secured bond; Alston and Baldwin were being held in lieu of a \$35,000 secured bond; and Foushee was being held in lieu of a \$27,500 secured bond.

The five men are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough today.

Shaun DeCarlo Crolsland, 27, of the streets of Chapel Hill; Keisha Shanique Durham, 21, of D-7 Trinity Court; Cynthia Clark, 40, of the streets of Chapel Hill; James Earl Craig, age unknown, of 110 W. Longview St.; and Calvin Dwight Edwards, 45, of 116 Alston Drive were all arrested Thursday evening on a total of 20 charges.

Clark said shortly before 7:30 p.m. Thursday that officers were concluding the day's operations, but efforts would

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Setting Up For the Future

Two UNC juniors are working with the local school system to increase the computer skills of underprivileged children.

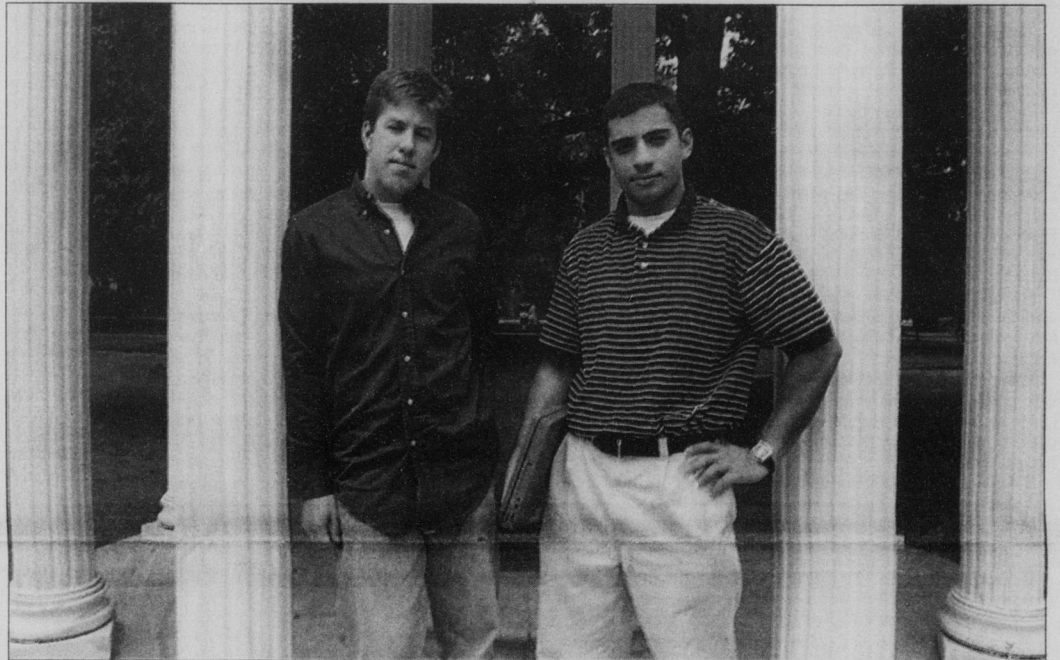
By COLLEEN JENKINS
Staff Writer

Juniors Alex Little and Alex Mehfar have spent many late nights in their Winston Residence Hall room talking about a dream.

The dream doesn't focus on their individual futures, and it's not lost in the obscurity of ideas that never transpire. Instead, it is one that will soon become a reality.

The roommates, who have been friends since their freshman year, are the founders of Students Engaged in Technology for the Future. It is a mentoring program designed to provide technological skills to underprivileged children.

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Juniors Alex Little (left) and Alex Mehfar (right) are in the planning stages for Students Engaged in Technology for the Future. The duo will teach computer skills to underprivileged middle-school students.

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Block Bash Boasts Rugby Roots

The Brent Road blowout Saturday is the focus of residents' anticipation as well as some apprehension.

By MATTHEW B. DEES
State & National Editor

Anyone familiar with the rough and tumble game of rugby might not be surprised that arguably one of the biggest block parties in the state was initiated a decade ago by a group of no-holds-barred scrummers.

What started as a raucous bash at some rugby houses on the corner of

Brent Road near the N.C. State University campus soon spread down half the street, drawing revelers from across the state to kick off fall semester.

But 449 citations for alcohol violations last year, coupled with the shooting death of an N.C. State student less than a block away from Brent Road last November, has raised concerns about having such a large party in a neighborhood that mixes college students, young families and retirees.

"It's good fun," said Brian Comisky, an N.C. State senior who played host before moving last year. "Everybody blows it out of proportion. It's just students letting off a little steam. I don't see why everyone gets so upset about it."

On the other hand, some families would rather their children not be exposed to the rowdy festivities.

"I have a 2-year-old who lives across the street from me," said Benson Kirkman, a Raleigh city councilman who has lived on Brent Road for years.

"There are preschool children, elementary school children and grandparents. There's no reason why it should be imposed on folks like that."

Kirkman played a large role in encouraging an increased police presence at the party this Saturday.

One younger Brent Road resident said the unusual mix of neighbors caused as many problems as the size of the party itself.

"The biggest misconception is that there are only college students in this neighborhood," said Gia Keown, a three-year Brent Road resident from Northern Ireland. "It just kind of ends up being party central."

Though Kirkman said the older residents had been the most vocal about their opposition to the party, some younger residents harbored reservations about the bash as well.

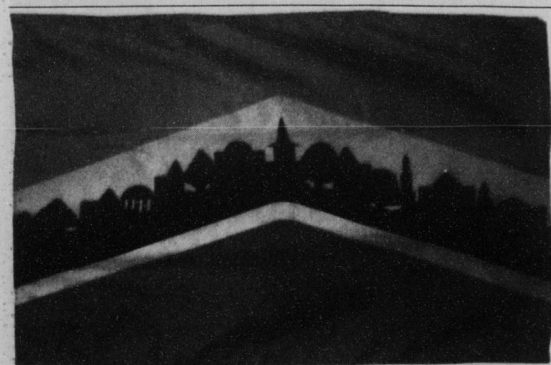
"It's fun when you're 19 or 20," said Page Hogdin, a recent graduate from N.C. State who lived on Brent Road for three years.

"Then it kind of gets old. There's

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Capture the Flag

Many Chapel Hill residents don't know that the town has an official flag. It has been around since 1991 and was selected from nine different designs.



The flag features University landmarks such as the Old Well and the Morehead Planetarium. Officials say the green hill represents the beauty of the town, while the sky is Carolina blue. See story 6.

SOURCE: NANCY PRESTON

DTH/MEGAN SHANKS

Cops in 'Full Force' for Party

By MATTHEW B. DEES
State & National Editor

Law enforcement officials in Raleigh will be patrolling en masse on Saturday to prevent a repeat of the 449 citations for alcohol violations and other infractions written last fall at an annual bash on Brent Road.

The annual event that drew an estimated 5,000 party-goers last year has raised concerns among N.C. State University officials, police and local residents.

This year, officials say, a stepped-up police presence will have a sobering effect on the raucous romp.

"The Raleigh Police Department and (Alcohol Law Enforcement) agents will be out in full force," said Sgt. John Barnwell of the N.C. State University

Public Safety Department.

"The main thing is to protect the privacy and the property of residents not involved with the party."

ALE agents will bring in nearly twice the manpower as last year, in addition to Raleigh and N.C. State police officers, said Randy Knight, deputy director for operation for ALE.

Officers will patrol the houses and area alcohol vendors and set up traffic stops to curb drunken driving.

Knight said ALE agents would focus on curbing the sale and consumption of alcohol by minors.

A Raleigh city ordinance prohibits alcoholic beverage consumption on public property, which includes streets and sidewalks.

Knight said that would not stop an agent with probable cause from pursu-

ing someone he suspected of drinking underage onto private property.

But he said the sheer enormity of the party made that somewhat unlikely.

"It's a pretty big party, so it's all you can do to protect the public and keep it under control," Knight said.

City councilman and Brent Road resident Benson Kirkman began the push to keep the party under wraps.

He encouraged the increased police presence and fostered dialogues with his college-age neighbors.

Kirkman said many of the problems result from nonstudents crashing the party. Their lack of accountability to the area, he said, creates a breeding ground for disruptive behavior.

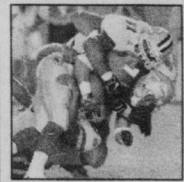
"It's just too big," Kirkman said. "It's

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INSIDE Friday

Syphilis-Prone South
Studies show an increase in syphilis along the I-40/I-85 corridor due to an increase in drug use and prostitution. The number of reported cases has doubled in the last year. See Page 5.

Coles to Miss Opener
Florida State wide receiver Laveranues Coles will miss the team's Aug. 28 game



against Louisiana Tech. Coach Bobby Bowden suspended the speedy senior for academic reasons. See Page 11.

Come and Get It

Interested in working for the DTH? Come snag an application in our office in Suite 104 of the Student Union. For students interested in having the DTH feed them in exchange for their opinions on the paper, pick up an application in the office to sit on our Student Feedback Board.

Student leaders of campus organizations, faculty and staff members need to contact the DTH at 962-0245 to get details about our Association of Student Leaders and the Faculty Feedback Board. We love our community :)

Today's Weather



Chance of Rain;
High 80s.
Weekend: Mostly sunny;
Mid 80s.

Drunkenness is nothing but voluntary madness.

Seneca