A professional guide to court partying at UNC

From staff reports

It's another hot football Saturday in Kenan Stadium. There are just a few seconds left in the third quarter and many of the die-easy Tarheel fans begin to file towards the exits. The score of the game makes no difference.

Many freshmen and others not familiar with Tarheel football Saturdays often wonder why and where everyone is going. After all, the Mike Man still has time for 15 or 20 more "Let's Get Naked" cheers.

What many of the newcomers don't know is that the game is just the opening act for the big event — the Court Party.

Many people believe that there are no night games at Kenan because stadium lights would obstruct the view of the pine trees that border the upper deck. But the real reason that the games are in the daytime is probably because it allows for plenty of time for post-game court parties.

So as flasks start to empty, the crowd begins to stagger towards Little Fraternity Court on Cameron Avenue.

Chapel Hill Mayor James Wallace has compared Little Fraternity Court to a pile of trash. But if he has ever attended a court party he would realize that the



Little Fraternity Court in full swing during a typical court party . .

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three fraternities that border the court have to work hard to keep it as neat and clean as a pile of garbage.

This is because after every home game, the court overflows with

thousands of partiers who could not care less what the final score of the game was. Mayor Wallace would be appalled at the amount and types of garbage thousands of students and alumni can leave behind after an afternoon of celebrating another Tarheel victory or trying to forget another defeat.

The court starts off clean enough. (It is even rumored to

have grass growing on it in summer months.) But as the band begins to play on the Kappa Alpha front porch, the first of the revelers

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Amnesty International

Local organization campaigns against human rights abuses

By ALECIA HOLLAND Staff Writer

Amnesty International, a worldwide movement that calls for an end to abuses of human rights, has its own branch in Chapel Hill.

Amnesty International Group No. 84, the local arm of the international organization, is working for the releases of all prisoners of conscience and for an end to torture and executions. Group No. 84 is also participating in an international campaign on human rights violations in Iran, according to Tom Rudin, the local publicity coordinator.

"Our group writes letters and organizes programs because we believe that individuals can make the difference in the human rights situation worldwide," Rudin said. "We have several things underway

— the campaign focusing attention on human rights abuses in Iran, another campaign on torture and executions in Cambodia, and one concerning the death penalty in the United States."

Rudin said that Amnesty Inter-

national in general, and the local group in particular, focuses on trying to stop human rights abuses against people who are imprisoned and threatened with torture and execution because of their religious beliefs, political beliefs, race or sex. The purpose of the international group is to exert pressure on the governments which are infliciting such abuses, he said.

The campaign on human rights abuses in the Islamic Republic of Iran concerns the lack of universally acknowledged standards of justice, such as the right to a fair and prompt trial before imprisonment and the right to a defense attorney, according to a recently published report by Amnesty International.

"We want public officials to know that we know what is going on in their country — and no government wants to be exposed worldwide and embarrassed. That is why we do research very meticulously and then publish the results," said Rudin. The Chapel Hill group writes letters to governments, government officials and newspapers worldwide.

Amnesty International Group

No. 84 has been in existence since 1979, and is one of the largest of the 320 Amnesty International groups in the United States, Rudin said. The group works to raise the local social consciousness, as well as working for human rights observance and for defending particular persons, through petitions and public meetings.

The local group meets the first Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Newman Center, 218 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill. For more information, contact Group Coordinator Kelly Rudin, or write Box 104, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

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Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA 980 Airport Road 942-5156 on a variety of subjects, including leasing an apartment, traffic regulations, buying a car and lawful use of alcohol. One pamphlet, called "Dick and Jane in Trouble with Alcohol," explains how to avoid trouble with the law when drinking, and proper procedures to follow if you don't.

Is there anything your lawyers cannot help you with?

Unfortunately, they cannot help you sue the University, said Bernholz. This was one of the conditions upon which the University allowed the program to be created. Nor can they help you sue another University student.

When SLS was created in 1975, it was one of the first such services, said Bernholz. The principal rationale for its creation was that North Carolina had lowered the

age of legal adulthood to 18, she said. Suddenly, students were able to sign legal contracts, such as leases, and suffer the consequences. Plus, she said, the University greatly expanded its enrollment about that time without building new dormitories, so students fanned out over Chapel Hill and Carrboro looking for places to live.

Bernholz emphasized that their services are very accessible to the students. "I've got a desk full of work," she said, sweeping her hand over the pile of papers on it. "Yet, if someone were to walk in, I'd see him immediately."

So if you find yourself in a bind, or better yet, before you find yourself in a bind, drop by or call your lawyers at Student Legal Services.