

Party while you can: Last Blast to feature three bands

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Chapel Hill has already lived through Burnout, Springfest and Carolina Beach Blast, and now UNC students can experience the Last Blast, an end-of-year party sponsored by Olde Campus government.

Organizers expect about 500 to 1,000 students to attend the party in front of Stacy Residence Hall from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, said

Olde Campus Governor Jacques Cavanagh.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA), Student Congress and the governments of Cobb, Stacy and Graham residence halls are also sponsoring the event, Cavanagh said.

The Accelerators will headline the event, Cavanagh said. Kansas's A Picture Made and local band Desperate Remedy will also perform. The bands will kick off at 1 p.m.

The event is free and open to all students, Cavanagh said.

"Anyone can attend," Cavanagh said. "We are not promoting it community-wide; it's just focused towards students."

Organizers planned the party to give North Campus students an event they can call their own, Cavanagh said.

"South Campus had their Beach Blast, which was wonderful," she

said. "HRC (Henderson Residence College) had Springfest, and Olde Campus wanted to have something for their immediate area."

"This is a project we have been wanting to do, so we pulled it together and got it organized. This is the first time in four years North Campus has had any major outdoor event like this."

Staging the event will cost around \$2,500, Cavanagh said.

North Campus residence hall governments donated most of the money for the event, but RHA and Student Government also contributed, Cavanagh said.

Students who plan to drink should bring identification, and police officers will patrol the event.

"We are not promoting alcohol or selling it," Cavanagh said. "It's just like Springfest."

Students can place their empty

cans in recycling bins, she said, and students should not bring glass containers.

Organizers said they hope to stage the event again next year.

"If it goes over well, and the government next year feels it was well planned, well attended and had no major problems, there is a possibility it could continue next year," Cavanagh said. "It could become a tradition."

Committee works for recognition of outstanding seniors

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To help highlight the achievements of seniors, the Senior Recognition Committee waged a letter campaign last week asking campus groups to nominate members for recognition.

"There are a lot of seniors who get recognized," Brown said. "But there are a whole lot more overlooked in their fraternities, sororities and charities."

Committee members sent out letters last week to campus organizations asking them to nominate seniors in their groups, Brown said.

The committee will review the nominations and send personal letters of recognition signed by Senior Class President Anne Davidson to the students, said Janice Cole, committee chairwoman.

"The big problem on the Senior Recognition Committee is finding the names of the seniors who deserve the recognition," Cole said. "We need a lot of input from the class. We can't do our job until we have the names of the seniors who have done outstanding accomplishments."

Besides the letter campaign, the committee sponsors several other activities to recognize outstanding seniors.

"The goal of the senior class is to recognize every senior possible," Brown said. "Senior recog-

niton is one way to do it. It's our obligation."

The committee sends press releases to the student's hometown newspapers through the University News Bureau, said committee member Glenn Gillen.

But sending press releases does not insure that the student will receive recognition, Cole said. "You don't know if it will get printed or not."

Using press releases also is time-consuming and reduces the number of students the committee can recognize, Cole said.

Sending letters would take up less time and would also be more personal, Cole said.

Committee members also cite outstanding seniors in the senior class newsletter, the Tarheel Senior, Davidson said.

The committee also sponsored a program last week that allowed students to send messages along with dessert coupons from Marriott to outstanding seniors, Brown said.

While the committee recognizes the academic and service-oriented accomplishments of seniors, its members do not forget the athletic achievements of seniors, Cole said.

"There are a lot of outstanding athletes on campus, but you only see a few on TV," Cole said. "What do you know about the senior cheerleaders?"

Student absent from court hearing

Charges may be reduced if embezzled money repaid, lawyer says

By HELEN JONES
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John Futrell, a UNC junior who was charged with embezzling \$2,000 from Delta Sigma Phi fraternity in October 1987, did not appear at his Wednesday probable cause hearing in Chapel Hill District Court.

His attorney, Joe Buckner, said Futrell was absent because of a misunderstanding about the date he needed to be present, but Buckner would not comment further on the case.

Futrell has also been charged with obtaining property by false pretenses by writing a check for \$2,600 to a fictitious person on March 2, 1987, according to court records.

At the time of the alleged crimes, Futrell was president of the fraternity.

If he pays back the money that he has been charged with embezzling, Futrell would plead guilty to a series of non-felony charges, Assistant District Attorney William Massengale said Wednesday.

"I hope Futrell will have all the money he owes by next Tuesday," Massengale said.

However, if he does not produce the money in question by Tuesday, Futrell will go before a grand jury on April 25, Massengale said. If he is indicted, he will be tried as a felon in Hillsborough Superior Court during the session beginning May 30, Massengale said.

Obtaining property by false pretenses involves making a false statement or any false representation to obtain goods, Massengale said.

To be charged with embezzlement in North Carolina, a person must be at least 16, be in a position of trust

and use that position to get money, he said.

Massengale said embezzlement and false pretense matters can overlap.

Delta Sigma Phi is claiming that more money was stolen than is alleged in the arrest warrants, he said.

At least part of the alleged embezzlement was a rent payment on the Delta Sigma Phi house that the fraternity's national office says it never received, Massengale said.

Fraternity member Douglas Daniel, a junior from Charlotte, said

Delta Sigma Phi regularly pays rent for its house to the national office.

David Testerman, executive director at Delta Sigma Phi's national headquarters in Indiana, said he could not comment on the case until litigation has ended.

Daniel said he had not heard anything from Futrell, but the fraternity is still doing well in terms of finances and morale.

"I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "It's pretty much out of our hands. We're just letting the court system handle it. Hopefully, we'll get our money back."

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