

Student files assault charges against store employee

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A UNC medical student filed an arrest warrant early Saturday morning after an altercation with a convenience store employee who had refused to sell him beer.

The student tried to buy beer from Top of the Hill around 2 a.m., according to store officials. Under North Carolina law, beer cannot be sold after 2 a.m.

Mark DeYoung, 21, of Greensboro, was in town for the INXS concert and said he witnessed part of the incident.

"The guy (employee Todd Craig) was being a real jerk," DeYoung said.

DeYoung tried to buy beer at the store at about 1:40 a.m., he said, when about 50 people were waiting to get inside.

He said Craig told him: "You either have to wait until the line dies down or wait until two."

"Everybody was waiting patiently in line," DeYoung said. "Nobody was provoking this guy (Craig) at all. This guy (Craig) was provoking everybody. He pushed me twice."

DeYoung said he left and came back at 1:50 a.m., by which time Craig had locked the door. He said he saw Craig push the student.

"The guy (Craig) takes him and

throws him onto the ground," DeYoung said. "He kept on going after him, and a couple of his friends tried to break it up. I didn't see him (the student) swing at the other guy at all."

Store manager Denry Lawrence said he did not witness the incident himself, but said there were witnesses in the store who saw the student punch the employee first.

"A student came here thinking to purchase some beer after two o'clock," Lawrence said. "Actually, it was at two o'clock."

Lawrence said the store's policy is not to sell any beer at 2 a.m., because customers who purchase alcohol are

supposed to be out of the store by 2 a.m.

"He (the student) started mouthing off, and he (Craig) asked him to leave," Lawrence said. "He said his watch showed it was two o'clock."

Craig led the student outside, Lawrence said.

The student left the store, but then returned and punched Craig in the chest, Lawrence said. Craig chased the student and retaliated by punching him back.

"I know for a fact that my employee did not punch him first," Lawrence said. "And I'm sure he (the student) was intoxicated."

"We're just going to let it go and go to court and find out that our employee is innocent," Lawrence said.

Chapel Hill Public Safety Officer Nancy Cellner then came to the scene, said Capt. Ralph Pendergraph. At 1:59 a.m. Cellner had filed a report of a dispute between a customer and the management at Top of the Hill. At 3:05 a.m., Pendergraph said, an arrest warrant had been served on Todd Eric Craig, who was charged with assault.

"He was arrested following a fight he had with a customer at Top of the Hill," Pendergraph said.

The student posted \$500 bond on

Craig, and a Chapel Hill District Court date was set for Sept. 29, he said.

Bobby Vogler, another UNC medical student, said he got to the scene and saw the student just after he had been pushed to the ground.

"He was all bloodied up," Vogler said. "He was standing there talking to the police, and they told him to go file charges."

Vogler said he went to the hospital emergency room with the student, who received 16 stitches for abrasions on his face. Vogler said a plastic surgeon saw the student and that they were at the hospital for about four hours.

Students vie for limited hardship permits

By SAMANTHA NEWMAN
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More than 540 students applied for 172 hardship parking permit spaces this semester, according to student government officials.

The hardship parking system was set up for those who did not receive parking permits through regular applications. Those wishing to get a hardship parking space apply through the executive branch of Student Government. The decisions are posted in Suite C.

Emily Thompson, a senior from Rockingham, is in charge of determining who receives hardship permits.

"The most-awarded spaces are for job and academic reasons," Thompson said. "Commuter distances are also important. But lots of people said they needed their cars just to go home on the weekends, and that's

not good enough."

Other rejected applicants were those who commute only two or three days a week. "If we gave spaces to those people, the lot wouldn't be fully utilized," Thompson said.

Incomplete applications were also rejected. "Some people would come by my office and say, 'Here's what I meant to say on my application,'" Thompson said. "Well that's just not going to cut it for me."

On Sept. 7, Thompson posted a list of recipients. Only about two-thirds of those who received permits picked up their cards.

"We partly attribute that to time constraints," Thompson said. "But we give them two days to pick them up. Maybe some of them didn't realize (that the names were posted) and maybe some of them found alternate means."

The leftover permits will be given to some of those who were rejected originally, she said.

Thompson, who was appointed by Student Body President Kevin Martin, said the job is a difficult one.

"Almost everybody has a good excuse, so it's hard to sift through it all," she said. "But I asked for the headache. I wanted to help out those who needed it."

Thompson had been on the traffic committee for two years prior to becoming chairwoman.

For those who didn't receive a hardship permit, there are other parking alternatives.

"I suggest waiting out in front of the traffic office," Thompson said. The office, across from Morrison Residence Hall, opened at 7:30 a.m. this morning.

Students started lining up Mon-

day afternoon for leftover permits.

"It's worth it," said Kelly Foltz, a junior from Winston-Salem. "Otherwise, I'll be parking on McCauley Street and hiking up."

Foltz started waiting at about 3:30 p.m. Monday. Others on the list of 83 had been there since noon.

"It was the same thing as last year," said Chris Bowman, a junior from Asheville. "I'm sure that the line will thin out, but those who spend the time deserve a space."

Bowman decided there should be a list to "lay the ground rules" for those who were waiting. He said he was determined to keep things in line.

"After about 7 p.m., we're going to start paying close attention to who's here and who's not," he said. "After all, there are only a few spaces left."

Program to build relations between students, faculty

By LACY CHURCHILL
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A new program will help UNC students enhance their learning and develop better relations with faculty members, Residence Hall Association officials said Monday.

Cameron Tew, Carmichael Residence Hall president, said RHA and the Department of University Housing have teamed up to start a year-long Faculty Fellows Program, which offers students the opportunity to recruit a faculty member to sponsor their residence hall in one of two programs.

"There have been complaints over the past few years about UNC being only a research university with no communication between faculty and students," Tew said. "Our program will bridge the communication gap and build relationships between the two groups."

A structured program will be offered for those professors who would like guaranteed participation from students at a set-time period outside of the classroom.

Topics of discussion could include anything that affects the lives of students and professors, whether academic or not, Tew said.

There will also be an unstructured program which will not have a designated meeting time or place. This will allow students and faculty to meet under less formal circumstances, such as at dinner. RHA President Jimmy Randolph said.

Both options will probably feature weekly or bi-weekly meetings, Tew said.

The program, which is still in the planning stage, will probably be underway by October, Tew said. An orientation banquet for the program will be held on Sept. 25.

"So far the response has been very positive from both students and faculty members," Randolph said.

L.D. Newman, assistant housing director, said University Housing began considering the program a year and a half ago. Several meetings were held over the summer between staff, residence hall government representatives and the housing department to work out details of the program, Newman said.

Randolph said a questionnaire to gauge student opinion about the program was distributed to freshmen during orientation.

Response varied after evaluating the questionnaire, but in some residence hall areas there was up to a 70 percent positive response, Randolph said.

Newman said that as of Sunday, 15 faculty members had committed to the program. She said several faculty members had been recruited by administrators, but many students are recruiting professors on their own.

"Since nine of the ten residence halls are involved in the program, it would be ideal if we could get at least 20 if not 30 faculty members to participate," she said.

Newman also said they have allowed the program to have an open framework so students and faculty can decide what they wish to discuss.

Parents' Weekend changes seasons

By JAMES BENTON
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The fourth annual Carolina Parents' Weekend will take place Sept. 23 to 25 — the first time it has been held in the fall since the program began three years ago.

Planners of the event said cooperation between students, staff and administration will help make this year's and future events more successful than in past years.

Events scheduled for the weekend include campus tours, lectures by UNC faculty, a pre-game barbecue hosted by Chancellor Paul Hardin and the UNC vs. Louisville football game.

The weekend is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, the University Parents' Council and the Office of University Development.

Since its inception at UNC in 1986, Parents' Weekend had been held

during the spring semester. Last semester, the event coincided with three all-campus parties — Burnout, Springfest and Carolina Beach Blast. But Parents' Weekend has been moved from the spring to the fall for a number of reasons, according to event planners.

Assistant Dean of Students Mary Bowman said Parents' Weekend was scheduled by mistake last spring for the same weekend as the parties. The event was rescheduled for the fall semester so visiting parents could take advantage of a larger number of events like football games, exhibits and other activities, she said.

"(The move) makes more sense, since there are more activities," Bowman said. The event is better suited for the fall than in the spring, because students would not be locked into the routine of classes and other activities, she said.

Don Collins of the Office of University Development said the event was moved to the fall because "it provides an opportunity to see students in different situations. It's the best thing for students and parents alike."

Collins said the event was scheduled early in the semester because it would allow a greater number of parents to take advantage and participate in the event itself, in addition to giving students and parents alike an early break from new routines.

Collins said the event is scheduled early in the semester so more parents would be able to attend the Louisville football game. If the event was scheduled later in the fall semester, it would conflict with ACC games, and tickets would be more difficult to obtain, he said.

Collins said the program has received a "very enthusiastic" recep-

tion by parents in the past. "It gives the parents an opportunity to see what they're paying for first-hand," he said.

Bowman said the reaction to the program among parents is generally a positive one. "A lot of parents who came for the weekend this spring are coming back," she said. More than 700 parents are expected to take part in the event, and registrations are still coming in, she said.

The growth and success of Parents' Weekend could increase with more student input and interaction between UNC's administration, students and staff, Bowman said. A committee of students representing campus organizations has been set up and works with the Division of Student Affairs to plan for the event.

Committee member and student Tom Krebs said the event allows parents to see different aspects of UNC.

"It's focused around the football game, which involves the athletic aspects of the University," he said. But in addition to athletics, the program includes student organizations and students in general, he said.

Krebs said the UNC administration will be included in the program as well and academics are covered through faculty lectures and meetings between parents and advisers. "Parents will get a feel for academic life at Carolina," he said.

Krebs said the program's move to the fall was "a big step in its growth" and the cooperation between administration, faculty and staff is something that will continue to make Parents' Weekend a success.

Bowman said she hoped to get more involvement from students and a wider range of student organizations to make the program a more successful one. Some changes in the program were made as a result of student suggestions, such as a pre-game pep rally and tours of athletic facilities, libraries and buildings that have been recently built, she said.

Bowman said parent participation is only one aspect of the program, because the activities allow them to do things at their leisure.

"We're just trying to give some options," she said. "Whether or not they take advantage of the programming, they should enjoy their weekend at Carolina."

Businesses

parking problem.

He said the municipal parking lot across the street from University Square used to have plenty of vacant spaces, but now it is full because of the University.

Mary Clayton, UNC's director of parking, said the town shares the responsibility of providing downtown parking.

"Some of the problem may stem from students, but if they are eating or doing their laundry on Franklin Street, whose parking responsibility are they?" Clayton said.

Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor, said she believes the University is working hard to find a solution to a difficult problem.

Bob Godding, director of transportation for the town of Chapel Hill, said he has no way of determining the percentage of municipal parking filled by students and University personnel.

Godding is more optimistic about the parking dilemma. "There is always a parking problem the first two weeks after the University has gone back into full operation," he

said.

The University and the town are working together to alleviate the problem by promoting park-and-ride lots and public transportation, he said.

Mayor Jonathan Howes said the proposed Rosemary Square project, which would provide an additional 300 spaces, is one of the town's attempts to solve the problem.

But the University and the town must work together to provide a complete solution, he said.

Student Stores

Fisher said increased competition from the Student Stores has further damaged downtown business and he believes the store's expansion is a violation of the Umstead Act.

The Umstead Act says "it is unlawful for any unit, department or agency of the state government . . . to engage directly or indirectly in the sale of goods, wares or merchandise in competition with citizens of the state."

But this law does not apply to "the greater University of North Carolina with regard to . . . the sale of articles produced incident to the operation of instructional departments, articles incident to educational research, articles of merchandise incident to classroom work, meals, books, or

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articles of merchandise not exceeding 25 cents."

The law states these sales should be exclusively for students, University employees and official University visitors.

Kuralt said the Umstead Act was designed to allow Student Stores the right to sell educational articles to students, but he believes the law has been bent out of shape.

Fisher and other merchants also believe Student Stores have expanded beyond these boundaries.

Bob Julian, owner of Logos Bookstore, said his poster sales have dropped 50 percent since 1985, when Student Stores expanded its poster selection.

He also said he has quit selling backpacks because so many stores, including Student Stores, now sell them.

Fisher cited an example of a computer store that went out of business five years ago because Student Stores was able to sell computers cheaper than it could.

Ewell said Student Stores has become the town's largest competitor and he believes enforcement of the Umstead Act is desperately needed.

Ehringhaus said she does not think the University has violated the law because the law allows Student Stores to operate.

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