

# Campus, city police to investigate NCCU, A&T brawl

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Fans involved in a brawl that erupted during a college basketball game Thursday may be under investigation by campus and Greensboro city police.

Fighting broke out during the game between N.C. A&T State University and N.C. Central University. Chaos escalated to a point where the game was suspended with more than eight minutes left to play.

The tension began when a foul was called and shoving initiated between A&T's No. 44 Jimmy Humphries and Central's No. 41 Derrick Leak, according to an A&T official.

Both teams reacted to the shoving, and a person not in uniform jumped onto the court from Central's bench.

This action sparked the brawl involving fans and players from both teams, the official said.

Within 15 minutes after the shoving began, the entire gymnasium was cleared of all players and fans.

A&T campus and Greensboro city police are reviewing a video tape of the game and will take action as appropriate, according to the official.

No offense reports have been filed with the Criminal Investigation Department of Greensboro city police, however, according to Lt. Jim Hightower.

"I don't know who has the tape and who's doing what with it. Last week we got no offense reports."

Two officers were injured outside

the gym, Hightower said. B.P. Rogan sustained cuts to his head from a thrown bottle and J.M. Rahenkamp was hit by a rock. Both officers were treated and released Thursday night from Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Additionally, a Greensboro police car received \$50 worth of damage.

Approximately 12 people were brought in for treatment of injuries incurred during the game, said Kathryn Scott, Cone public affairs official.

A&T campus police have a detective investigating spectator involvement, Officer Gil Christ said.

"No charges have been made yet," he said.

Investigation of Central fans is being conducted by Roland Buchanan, vice

chancellor for student affairs at NCCU. "Buchanan is investigating the involvement of NCCU students other than basketball players and is reviewing videotapes of the game," said David Witherspoon, press officer at NCCU.

Both schools are enforcing NCAA regulations governing the conduct of athletes during games. These regulations call for warnings for all players involved. The warnings constitute immediate probation, and if players receive a second charge, a one-game suspension will follow. A third charge calls for season suspension.

Seven players from A&T are on probation, and six from NCCU have received warnings as well.

In a press statement, A&T Chancel-

lor Edward Fort said he would enter immediate discussions with his colleague, Chancellor Tyronea Richmond of NCCU, about whether to continue athletic competition with NCCU.

The suspended game will not be completed because of an agreement between both coaches and will be deemed "no contest."

Although Central is one of A&T's more spirited rivalries, such an incident as Thursday's brawl has never happened in the 30 years A&T coach Don Corbett has been on staff, A&T officials said.

A&T has taken precautions to prevent a repeat of Thursday's incident. Sections of bleachers have been moved to remove fans from the playing court

area. The team seats have been secured to prevent them from being thrown should such an uprising occur again.

Both schools have issued statements expressing regret over the incident.

"Fans must not become involved on the basketball court or playing field," said Orby Moss, A&T athletic director. "When they do, they put athletic events in jeopardy. Fighting between the teams can be stopped by officials and coaches if fans do not become involved. Once they do, it then becomes a police problem."

Investigation into injuries and arrests will continue, Fort said. "Persons determined to have violated university or NCAA regulations will be disciplined accordingly."

## Barry to seek help in Florida

By JENNIFER BLACKWELL  
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Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry has left the city to seek treatment, leaving behind confusion and concern surrounding his recent arrest on charges of drug use.

Barry was arrested shortly after 8 p.m. last Thursday at the Vista International Hotel in Washington as part of a FBI sting operation, said Bobbie Wallace, press liaison for the FBI in Washington. Barry was charged Friday with misdemeanor cocaine possession by U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens.

If convicted, Barry faces a maximum sentence of one year in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

Barry has temporarily turned over his mayoral duties to City Administrator Carol Thompson, said Lurma Rackley, the mayor's press secretary. These duties include everything except signing legislation, she said. Thompson normally handles these affairs during the mayor's absence and will continue to do so until Barry's return.

"Resignation is not an option at this time," Rackley said. Barry is concentrating on his physical and mental state and the process of "restoring himself to full health," she said. Barry flew to the Hanley-Hazeldon Treatment Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., Monday morning.

Kay Hickson, director of communications for the mayor's office, added that Barry's decision of whether to run for re-election would be announced

when his advisers think it is appropriate.

Charlene Jarvis, a member of the D.C. Council and a mayoral candidate, said she did not recommend that Barry resign since Washington was in the middle of an election year. "It would be very disrupting to the ongoing stability of the government," especially since David Clarke, the chairman of the Council and the man who would take over the mayor's office, is also a candidate for mayor.

She said she thought it was unlikely that Barry would run for re-election.

His arrest will provide an impetus for an expanded drug program, she said.

H.R. Crawford, a D.C. Council member, also saw no need for a resignation. He said Barry had done what he should have done by humbling himself in public, trying to cope with his problem and leaving a "capable and competent lady in charge." Barry's staff also includes a well-rounded group of professionals, he said.

"Everything's going to be just fine," Barry has had personal problems, but he has helped the city, Crawford added. "There is a renaissance in this city like never before." He said he hoped the people would not forget the good Barry has done, because he "is one hell of a man."

He said he was confident that whoever was elected in the mayoral race in September would be highly qualified.

One-third of the members on the



Mayor Marion Barry

council are candidates for the position, in addition to other important Washington figures such as former chief of police Maurice Turner.

Crawford said he did not think Barry's arrest would have any impact on the anti-drug program in the city.

Wallace said the agency would continue doing its job in cracking down on drugs in the District. She added that if Barry's case came to trial, agents involved with his arrest would testify.

Barry is scheduled to appear for a plea hearing Feb. 5. Wallace said no one knows how the mayor will plead.

Thomas Hedrick, president of Partnership for a Drug-free America, said Barry's arrest would serve as a reminder of how serious the drug problem is in the United States.

"Drugs are not a function of just underprivileged individuals. It reaches to every area of American society... no one is safe."

He added that Barry's arrest would send mixed messages to children in the District since Barry played a prominent role in Washington's war on drugs. The District should "triple and quadruple their efforts in prevention," he said.

## Experts say Soviet military action was necessary step

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The military intervention in Azerbaijan by Soviet troops last week was inevitable and sent a clear message to other Soviet republics should they choose to start violent movements to gain independence, experts on Soviet politics said Monday.

The Soviet military occupation of Baku, Azerbaijan's capital, began Saturday after a week-long conflict between Islamic Azerbaijanis and Christian Armenians. The violence broke out after a rally at which Azerbaijanis were called on to avenge the death of an Azerbaijani who was attacked when he tried to evict an Armenian family from its apartment in Baku to make room for homeless Azerbaijani refugees.

The Soviet Interior Ministry reported 51 civilians and six soldiers dead and 287 civilians and 36 soldiers wounded during last Saturday's action. A general strike was planned

for Monday by Azerbaijani militants who also have vowed to fight Moscow with massive civil disobedience.

The conflict between Azerbaijanis and Armenians has flared for the last two years as the two peoples vied for control of the Nagorno-Karabakh region, a predominantly Armenian enclave completely enclosed in Azerbaijani territory.

"It's difficult to predict the consequences of this move," said Joel Schwartz, a UNC professor and an expert on Soviet politics. "It will not hurt the reforms (in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe) if it's restricted to that area."

Schwartz said Gorbachev had to react as he did for political reasons. One reason, he said, was the danger other Soviet republics would bring for the entire Soviet bloc should they enter the conflict or start similar independence movements. The second reason was the need for Gorbachev to restore some degree of authority in the Soviet Union at a moment when there was a

growing perception in the country of government weakness and unpunishable defiance of authority.

"The conflict in Azerbaijan is not only motivated by religious or ethnic interests but also by social class differences," Schwartz said. In spite of their minority status, Armenians control a great deal of economic activities in Azerbaijan and they are considered, in general, more educated than Azerbaijanis, Schwartz said.

According to a U.S. government source, the use of force in Azerbaijan would not have any effect on the perestroika and glasnost policies established by Gorbachev almost five years ago. "Gorbachev will pick up the pace of his reform instead of stopping it," the source said.

Jim Philip of the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., said the military intervention would have a negative impact on Gorbachev's policies of openness in that the action might strengthen military forces in the Soviet Union.

## UNC sci-fi fans create literary work

By MARA LEE  
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"Warp factor four, captain." Many students think of Star Trek books when they think of science fiction writing, but "Forbidden Lines," a new science fiction and fantasy anthology published by UNC students, may change that.

The Science Fiction Writer's Group (SFWG), an auxiliary group of Chimeria, the science fiction club, began in the fall of 1988. About a dozen people joined, and Paul Thompson, a UNC alumnus and employee — as well as a published author — helped organize their efforts.

The group formed because the par-

ticipants felt there was a void in the science fiction writing area. "It doesn't seem like most of the conventional writers' groups are interested in science fiction," said Joanne Wyrick, president of Chimeria and member of the writer's group.

Wyrick, a senior history major from Greensboro, said despite the fact that the authors of "Forbidden Lines" bypassed ordinary publishing channels, the book is not an underground publication.

"Forbidden Lines," named for an astronomy term, is a paperback book with science fiction and fantasy-related poems, stories and essays. The writers are mostly UNC students, but the works of professional writers — including Frederik Pohl and Joe Bob Briggs — also are represented.

SFWG chose the book format because it had a more professional appearance, according to Anthony Enns, an SFWG member.

"It was originally going to be a magazine, but then we got so many submissions and the stories were so long, we wanted the extra space to fit it all," said Enns, a sophomore English major from Raleigh.

The SFWG members, despite varied styles and subjects, share a long-standing interest in science fiction and writing.

The group meets every other week, but the members also reviewed submissions at home. The members tried to read all the submissions, and the choices were made by majority vote.

This aspect of the book was one of the most difficult, members agreed. "The hardest thing, aside from the typing, which was a pain, was making the decision," said Angeli Primlani, a senior English major from Rocky Mount. "Some outside submissions were very, very good, and some were very, very not."

Part of the reason judging submis-

sions was so difficult was that there was no exact definition of what constituted science fiction or fantasy. Wyrick broadly defined it as "something that discusses ordinary people in extraordinary events."

Members agreed that seeing their work in print was satisfying. The most rewarding aspect, Primlani said, was "actually walking into the Hardback a couple of days ago and staring at it." Many writing professors and magazines are biased against science fiction, Primlani said. "(There's) pretty much of an antipathy toward science fiction writing — in general, a very hard sell ... Science fiction is pretty underrated as a literary form."

One of the fantasy contributions, "Requiem for a Vampire," by Wyrick, is in verse. "I think all of us have thought at one time or another that it would be really cool to live forever," she said. "A vampire can, at a price. Is it worth it? I think it's different from most vampire literature in one way — the vampire is the woman."

In contrast, Enns' "Black as Sin" is more traditional in form and theme. Enns described his story, which focuses on a battle in a futuristic society, as "sort of an ignorant view of the whole thing. I see the characters as very one dimensional. There's this whole heroic image — the heroes are anti-heroes."

Primlani's story, "Queen of the Nothings," occurs in a setting far removed from the stereotypical space ships of science fiction or magical kingdoms of fantasy. "The town in there is very thinly disguised Rocky Mount. It's sort of a tribute to the person I used to be and the people I used to hang out with and to a place that isn't really home anymore but still has a place in my life," she said.

The SFWG is accepting submissions for a sequel to "Forbidden Lines" which will be published next January.

## Drugs

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Several of Harrell's hallmates refused any comment. "Everyone's really confused," one resident said. "There are a lot of rumors flying around."

Harrell may also face student judicial action. The police report of Harrell's arrest was sent to the dean of students' office Thursday and has been referred

to the student attorney general for investigation, said Jeffrey Cannon, associate dean of students.

Cannon said student code sanctions for drug possession differed depending on whether it is a first offense and on the nature of the drug. Possession of cocaine could merit suspension, he said.

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