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Police curb drunken driving with random check-points

By Kristen Marshall
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Despite statewide declines in alcohol-related traffic violations and deaths, students still drive while impaired and run the risk of paying a crippling monetary and personal price.

"There are five levels of DWIs in North Carolina when it comes to sentencing based on all of the circumstances involved," said Brandon Hunnicutt, UNC Asheville patrol officer. "The more aggravated the circumstances, the larger the penalty. Including all of your fines and fees, that can range anywhere from \$1,100 to a little over \$5,000."

The levels for the DWI, or Driving While Impaired, range from a level one, the most serious, resulting in jail time, to a level five, the least serious. This is determined by a judge based on the driver's record and behavior, according to Hunnicutt.

In 2001, police arrested 83,716 drivers for DWIs in North Carolina, according to the Annual Summary Report by the State Bureau of Investigation. In 2004, the number dropped to 56,635 DWI arrests, and then again to 54,354 in 2005, thanks, in large part, to preventative measures implemented by the Governor's Highway Safety Program, such as the DWI check-points near campus on Sept. 7, according to Hunnicutt and a Center for Disease Control study.

"There were two simultaneous checkpoints that night," Hunnicutt said. "One on Broadway, at Campus Drive and Zillicoa Street, in front of the Grove Apartments, and the other on Edgewood Road at Barnard Avenue, just past Mountain Trace."

The Asheville Police Department, who sponsored the checkpoints, chose the locations because studies show the areas are high-traffic, according to Hunnicutt.

About 10 drivers were arrested and sentenced that night, according to a rough estimate by Campus Police.

Besides the initial cost, determined by the issued level of DWI arrest, there are other factors, mainly insurance, that can affect the convicted person, according to Steve Lewis, chief of campus

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Sustainability

Opened in February, New Hall features UNC Asheville's first geothermal pump, which circulates room-temperature water 500 feet underground to heat and cool the building.

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SGA pushes for campuses across the state to do less harm to the environment and our pockets.

By Caity Pelliccia
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A resolution introduced to the Association of Student Governments last weekend calls students' attention to environmental issues at each campus and larger global concerns.

"This bill is a manifestation of the vision and desire of young people to have a healthy planet and their recognition that colleges and universities have a tremendous impact on the environment," said Dee Eggers, assistant professor of environment studies. "We consume a lot of resources and there are a lot of people involved. The students are calling on the decision-makers of the universities to be responsible stewards of the environment."

The 16 UNC campuses making up the system currently dominate 53 percent of the state's energy

budget, according to Jonathan Barnes, junior environmental studies student and executive of sustainability affairs for the Student Government Association. Governor Michael Easley called upon these institutions to lower their energy usage by 20 percent by 2008.

"Green' buildings save money.

JONATHAN BARNES
SGA Executive of Sustainability Affairs

Barnes said the ASG meeting in Wilmington produced somewhat discouraging results, but was overall a successful weekend.

"We found that there is quite a large learning curve we must overcome for most North Carolina

students to understand the issues presented in the resolution," Barnes said. "Though we feel good about the provisions in the resolution, the apathy that some students have for the issues it presents speaks to a much larger issue that we must address."

UNC Asheville became involved when the school's faculty senate passed a sustainability resolution in 2003 for the school, which pushed environmental consciousness both on the faculty and in the classroom, according to Eggers.

It also encouraged the idea of "green" buildings, according to Barnes.

"The traditional approach is to think about how we can maximize the square footage of this building and make it as cheap as possible," Barnes said. "Since the majority of the costs of a building through-

out its lifetime, like 85 percent, are energy operational maintenance costs, 'green building' says

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why not spend a little more in the beginning on energy-efficient aspects that would pay off 10 to 20 times more than the original investment?"

New Hall, a "green" building, contains a geothermal pump which heats and cools the building and a rooftop park setting to reduce rainwater runoff, according to information provided by the

university. "I think many of the UNC campuses could benefit from having 'green' buildings because of the environmental benefits which they produce," said Ellen Cooper, sophomore student.

The idea of moving "green" space to the roof of New Hall sparked some student's interests. Many students said they worry "green" space is preferred over building spaces for learning.

"I think if buildings need to be built, they kind of have to be built," said Andrew Johnson, freshman student. "But, I think they should be strategically located on the campus where they can suit both parties."

Some students say the beautiful landscaping of the campus is what attracted them to the university in

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Friends and family gathered together for a ceremony a year after the assassination of Ashley and Phillip McRowan. Several attendees, including eldest son Kenneth McRowan, spoke about the tragedy.

Royal student remembered for generosity, intelligence, kindness

Ceremony and oak tree recognize Ashley McRowan after assassination in Thailand

By Courtney Metz
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A year after the unsolved assassination of Ashley and Phillip McRowan, family and friends, who say their thoughts no longer rest on solving the crime, commemorate the couple with a ceremony and an oak tree on the Mini-Quad Friday.

"The tree that is being planted here today symbolizes growth, life and forward progress," said Kenneth McRowan, son of the McRowans, during the ceremony. "The tree symbolizes the life with which they lived."

The ceremony allowed people to come together for a moment to recognize the McRowans, who were unexpectedly murdered in Thailand in January. Ashley McRowan was a student working

to earn a degree in international studies at UNC Asheville and a self-proclaimed member of the

"It's important for us to move on as a family and take care of the children."

LUKE SIHARATH
Phillip McRowan's brother

Sisattanakhanahut royal family of Laos.

"Mostly, it was about Ashley as an individual," said Mike Stuart, UNC Asheville biology professor. "She was one of the most dynamic, charismatic, caring individuals I have ever known."

Phillip also claimed royal lineage, and changed his name to

Anouvong Sethathirath IV. Both Ashley and Phillip McRowan were known for their humanitarian efforts in Thailand and their efforts to advance education in the area. They worked with various schools to donate computers to Thai schools, sponsored volunteers to teach English in Thailand and donated thousands of dollars of their own money to the cause.

"They were trying to better the lives of the people in that part of the country to help get them a better education," said Luke Siharath. Phillip McRowan's brother.

Chancellor Anne Ponder opened the ceremony by welcoming all who attended and emphasizing the symbolism of the oak tree.

"We gather today to do something different, and that is to gath-

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