Student arrested on DWI, property damages charges

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A UNC Asheville student, arrested on charges of drunken driving and underage drinking, allegedly struck a wall and two cars in the Founders parking lot on Feb. 11, campus police said.

"He was so inebriated he didn't remember," said UNCA campus police investigations sergeant Betty Jo Bayne.

The incident occurred shortly after 11 p.m.

"In a year and a half, this is the first one," said Steve Lewis, chief of police, referring to Ryan Beierlein's DWI charge and resulting property damage. "We mostly see marijuana and some underage drinking, not this."

The two parked cars Beierlein allegedly struck were both student-owned.

Sophomore student Robert Rives said his 2001 Subaru Forester suffered extensive damage from the accident.

"The drunk driver pulled into the parking lot and after hitting a brick wall, hit my car first, and from what I hear he may have hit it one or two more times," Rives said. "I have a couple of busted taillights and the hatch door is broken-the lock is smashed in so I can't get in the back."



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Robert Rives' Subaru Forester was hit in an alleged drunk driving incident in the Founders Hall parking lot.

Originally upset about the incident, Rives said he now looks on the positive side of the situation and the reality that nobody was seriously hurt.

"I was a little bit angry," Rives said.
"But the story just sounded so ridiculous I couldn't help but laugh a little."

Beierlein also allegedly hit another car,

according to campus police. History student, Patrick Brown said his 1999 Pontiac Bonneville was the other car hit in the in-SEE **DWI** PAGE 7

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ation profession is no different, and we just want students to know how much pride we take in our history and in our work."

Friday will include numerous events and is open to all students at no charge.

"The day kicks off with a Health Parity seminar in HFC 205, where Sharon K. West will be talking about health disparities among cultures in the Asheville community," Moffitt said. "The bike shop will be represented, door prizes will be given, and we will ask students to complete a 2-minute questionnaire and receive a free hot-cold mug provided by Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education."

Representatives from REI, an outdoor apparel company, will attend the event along with the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association, which will provide banners, photographs, history and other information regarding the founding of campus recreation.

This educational information will be spotlighted in the Lobby as students enter the facility, she said.

Aubri Brodfuhrer, a psychology major, said this event will create more participation at the HFC from the student body.

"More events like this would bring more people out to the gym. Maybe they could add a rock climing competition," said sophomore Karis Roberts.

"I don't use the gym on campus very often, however, I think it's great that the HFC hosts these types of events to get students involved and active," Brodfuhrer said. "I have only heard of other health fairs held at the HFC, so I think they could have more events like

this to get students up and moving."

Brodfuhrer, like many students, is excited to try new things at the event.

"This sounds like a great event to learn some interesting things while having active fun with peers," Brodfuhrer said. "I'm excited for all the games and especially for the kayak roll session because I've been interested in trying it for a long time."

Moffitt hopes that "REC-ognizing Your History" will be successful and continue to happen annually.

"We hope to make this an annual event that improves each year," Moffitt said. "We won't know until we see the result of our efforts. We hope people will come check it out and learn more about the African-American men and women who founded a profession that now serves 5.5 million students nationwide."

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Friday 8 p.m. - midnight

Human Fooseball
Inflatable Twister
Bungee Cord Relay
Group Fitness Classes
Kayak Water Polo
Health Parity Seminar
Kayak Roll Session
Wii Sports
Racquetball
Door Prizes
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