

Gun drawn in dispute with bouncer at Sandy's Subs

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At about 11:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 4, a Burlington resident pulled a gun on a bouncer from Sandy's Subs and Italian Grill following a dispute about paying to re-enter the bar.

Sandy's head cook Jose Flores, who was standing by the door at the time of the incident, called 911 twice. Alamance County Central Communications verified the calls. The first was dropped, but during the second, there was a commotion and the dispatcher sent police.

According to Elon University senior Lee Dickinson, who was present at the scene, five men were involved in the



Elon police interrogated the suspect Friday morning in the cruiser outside Sandy's Subs. SAMANTHA KING | Photographer



Charles Whiteley received charges of assault for pointing a gun and concealed handgun permit violation. PHOTO SUBMITTED

incident. The men were at Sandy's from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. then left the bar for about an hour.

The men then returned and expected to enter without paying the \$3 fee. An argument arose and the bouncer asked the men to leave. According to police records, the bouncer was David Vanhook, of Graham, N.C. The dispute moved to the parking lot near the building.

"A white man in a blue shirt pulled a gun, cocked it and put it in the bouncer's face," Dickinson said. "The bouncer responded by holding his ground."

Police records indicate the man's name is Charles Whiteley, 22, of 909 Dunleigh Drive, Burlington, and is charged with two counts of assault by pointing a gun and one count of concealed handgun permit violation. The report also said he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the time of the dispute, though it does not specify which.

Dickinson said the bouncer told the suspect, "You don't want to do this for three dollars."

Flores then called 911 to report the incident and the police arrived 10 minutes later.

Flores said Whiteley fled the property after the event occurred.

Dickinson said there were Burlington residents at the bar who gave the suspect's name, address and phone number to the police.

"They didn't seem to like (the suspect)," Dickinson said.

Police records show Whiteley was found at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Burlington by Alamance County Sheriff Deputy Scott Gaither and Sergeant Farris. He was then taken back to Sandy's where he was questioned, Elon Master Police Officer MPO Mike Brewer said.

Elon police records indicate that Whiteley was arrested and taken to the Alamance County Jail in Graham, where he was posted for a secured \$300 bond. Alamance County Detention Center, though, said they have record of Whiteley being held at the facility.

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, said the university chose not to send an e-mail to the student body because Whiteley was detained so quickly.

"If he hadn't been arrested, we would have notified students," Jackson said. "I don't think there was a need to warn students not to go to Sandy's. The gun was directed at the bouncer, not students."

The Elon Police, Campus Safety and Police and Sandy's refused any further comment on the incident. Other witnesses who spoke to the police also refused to comment.

Managing editor Anna Johnson also contributed to the reporting.

New restaurant part of strategic plan, designed to enhance community relations at Elon

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Russell presented the university with a proposal for a new restaurant in the Brown and Co. space, which would require little renovation and had a prime main street location.

Whittington said the product Russell has established through his other restaurants is "top-rate," and he hopes The Town Table will be the first of many new businesses in the Town of Elon.

"I think if there's anybody who could be successful at this, I think he could be," Whittington said.

According to Whittington, the entire university community has been involved in the process of bringing more retail development to the town. The Board of Trustees approved it in the strategic plan, and Whittington said the Student Government Association was in favor of the idea when the university discussed it with the organization last summer.

Whittington said the students were surveyed a couple of years ago and the university gave their feedback to local entrepreneurs. He said the university generally surveys students every two to three years.

"This is something everybody wants, because you don't want to go to the same places," Whittington

said. "You want to go out and have a community, your own version of Franklin Street."

While some students may be excited about the new restaurant, others are sorry to see Brown and Co. go. A Facebook group called "I want my killer cookie!" currently has 278 members.

"I think the closing of Brown and Co. was handled fairly poorly," said freshman Dan Koch, creator of the killer cookie Facebook group. "I was shocked that the university never sent out an e-mail to let the student body know that Brown and Co. wasn't coming back."

Senior Jeff Thurm had a similar reaction.

"I just think it's ridiculous to close Brown and Co. in the middle of the year," Thurm said. "I obviously don't know how business was doing but I know my friends and I went on a weekly, almost religious, basis. Brown and Co. was an Elon college staple and they just brought it back and are now changing it again."

According to Jeff Gazda, resident district manager for ARAMARK, business was doing well at Brown and Co.

"Actually, the restaurant continued to show improved performance after the renovation last year," he said.

The change will not affect ARAMARK, the service provider for Brown and Co.

"There will be no



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significant impact, as this is only one of many locations in which we serve you, the student community," Gazda said.

According to Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services, there was no reason why students were not told about the closing before it happened. She said once the decision was made to lease the space to Russell,

plans immediately moved forward.

"There was nothing that was discussed or talked about," Somers said in reference to telling the students.

Somers also said students missing Brown and Co.'s popular killer cookie and artichoke dip can soon find those items at 1889 Grill Room in the Colonnades.

NEWS BRIEFS

SUB set to reveal spring show

The Student Union Board will reveal this year's spring show performer on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. Free drinks and snacks will be provided for attendants.

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To win free tickets to the show, students can visit <http://www.scvng.com/SPRINGSHOW> to participate in a mobile scavenger hunt.

This year's show will be held April 9 in the Alumni Gym.

Pi Kappa Phi to host empathy dinner

Today in Loy Center L, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity will host a PUSH American Empathy Dinner. The event, which costs \$5 to attend, is intended to raise awareness and money for those with disabilities. Attendants will be randomly assigned a disability when they arrive at the event to simulate the challenges faced by people with actual disabilities.

In 1977, members of the fraternity founded PUSH America, a non-profit organization that remains their primary service learning project. Besides the Empathy Dinner, PUSH America sponsors other events including Build America and the Wheel Chair 5K.

According to its Web site, PUSH America is an organization committed to "building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today."

Campus bake sales to benefit Haitian relief efforts

On Friday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the International Relations Club will sponsor the "Have a Heart" cupcake sale in the Moseley Center.

All cupcakes will be sold for fifty cents.

Zeta Phi Beta will also be sponsoring a week-long bake sale, from Feb. 8 to Feb. 12 in Moseley. The table will include facts highlighting Black History Month.

All proceeds from both sales will go to the Haitian relief efforts.

Spring Organization Fair

On Friday, the Spring Organization Fair will be held in McKinnon Hall from 4 - 6 p.m.

Participants can learn more about Elon's various campus organizations. Representatives from each organization will be available to answer any questions and recruit new members. Elon offers more than 140 student organizations, as well as academic honoraries, social fraternities and sororities, and club and intramural sports.

Softball team addresses domestic violence

The Elon Softball team will be holding a "Knockout Domestic Violence" fundraiser to benefit the Burlington Family Abuse Service Center from Feb. 8 to Feb. 12.

Students can donate meal plans or meal dollars to the cause. Money and clothes for children and women at the center will also be accepted.

According to the team's site, the Family Abuse Center is dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence through emergency relief support as well as promotion of healthy lifestyles and relationships.