

# Two UNC Students Assaulted Over Weekend

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Over the weekend of graduation, police responded to two different incidents of assault, each involving University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students.

The two incidents occurred early Saturday morning within an hour of each other on North Street, according to Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"There were two separate incidences, both on North Street, within an hour of each other," Cousins said. "We are unsure as to why they occurred."

According to Cousins, the first incident occurred early Saturday morning as a group of four people walked along North Street and passed a group of approximately 20 people. The large group began yelling at those who passed and then assaulted them with their fists and threw beer bottles. Po-

lice were called to the scene at 1:14 a.m. One member of the group, William Speri, a UNC student, was transported to student health and treated for a head injury.

The second incident took place only an hour after the first at 2:33 a.m. Saturday in front of 105 North St.

Cousins said this incident was similar to the first in that a small group of people passed a larger group and were then assaulted. Six people walked by a group of approximately 20 people before being confronted.

The larger group began taunting the other group and as the six walked to their car, the larger group followed.

Cousins said Gaven Langley, a member of the smaller group was accosted after getting into his car. The car window nearest to him was kicked out and he was apparently struck in the face by a fist. Brian Cantwell Duffy, a UNC graduat-

ing senior, attempted to help his friend and was also assaulted, Cousins said.

Duffy was hit in the back of the head with an object and then fell to the ground where he was kicked in the head several times. Duffy was transported to UNC Hospitals and was treated for severe head injuries.

According to Cousins, the description of the police department had was of a "white male, about 6'2", thin, very short hair which is described as 'stubble', and from his late teens to early twenties."

Mayor Ken Brown and Town Manager Cal Horton opened the Town Council meeting on Monday night by expressing their concern over the violence that took place.

"I want to express my own shock and outrage for the brutal beating of one of our own UNC graduates over the weekend, apparently by a group of skinheads," Brown said.

Horton, like Cousins, said the two assaults left one of the men, Duffy, hospitalized with severe injuries but that Duffy's condition was improving. Duffy graduated with highest honors and was awarded a scholarship to Vanderbilt for the fall.

Horton also said the town would work to bring the group who committed the crime to justice. "We will do everything in our power to track down the people who committed these crimes and bring them to court, where they belong," he said.

Horton said the town had the resources and time available to commit to the effort and intended to do that.

Cousins said the police were investigating the matter further, but that at this point in time they had no leads other than the description.

"We would appreciate any help," she said. "Any information from anybody who may have been in the area or have seen anything should contact us."

# N.C. Legislature May Gain Power to Appoint Trustees

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"I think it will further politicize our Board of Trustees."

CALVIN CUNNINGHAM  
Student Body President

The North Carolina House of Representatives passed legislation March 10 which would enable the General Assembly to appoint members to the boards of trustees at each of the UNC system schools. The bill still needs Senate approval to become law.

Currently, each school's Board of Trustees is comprised of 13 members. Eight of these members are appointed by the Board of Governors, four by the governor and each school's student body president fills the last seat. The proposal would add four members to each university's board of trustees, all of them appointed by the General Assembly.

legislation sought to increase the diversity of the boards.

"We were approached by alumni groups at the respective branches of the university system who felt not enough diversity was on the board," Grady said. "With only two appointing authorities, there needs to be diversity."

"The governor appoints people who contribute to his campaign and the Board of Governors comes largely from the same background."

"I think it will further politicize our Board of Trustees," said Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, an ex officio trustee. "But we'll be willing to work with whatever the legislature's wishes are."

C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC system, said he did not believe the bill was necessary, but that he had no problem with the proposal if the General Assembly appointed qualified trustees.

"The General Assembly appoints all members of the Board of Governors," Spangler said. "As such, the General Assembly already has a say-so over the affairs of the UNC system and our sixteen campuses. It won't increase the General Assembly's influence by appointing three more members because they already have a substantial amount of influence."

However, N.C. Rep. Robert Grady, R-Onslow, a supporter of the proposal, said he did not believe such legislation was intended to increase the General Assembly's influence over the boards of trustees. Instead, he said he thought the

Vice chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees William Armfield said he agreed with Spangler.

He said he did not believe the proposal would have a negative impact on the UNC Board of Trustees if it became law, but that he did not see a need for it.

"I haven't seen anything about the need to increase the board of trustees at campuses," he said. "If it's just to give the legislature more influence on the campuses, it's fine with me."

However, N.C. Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, and chairman-elect of the General Alumni Association at UNC said he did not favor increasing the General Assembly's interference in university affairs.

"The General Assembly already elects the Board of Governors. I don't think it would be a good idea for us to interfere further," he said. "It is just another opportunity for us to become involved in the day-to-day activities of the university."

# Expanded Caroline Services Underway for Spring

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Beginning next spring, students registering for classes may be able to avoid busy signals — and long distance telephone charges — because of a new 1-800-CAROLINE telephone registration system currently under contract review.

The proposed system, which would also double the number of available lines to 128 and allow students to receive grade reports over the telephone, would be funded by a 50-cent student fee increase and by paid advertising in the first 60 seconds of the toll-free call. The existing Caroline system would remain operational for those not wishing to use the new service.

"I think a 50-cent student fee increase for the 1-800 service is a tremendous bar-

gain that will particularly help entering students and students living far away," said Student Body President Calvin Cunningham. "This fee will cover the whole package — it will cover the start-up fee and the cost of maintenance, and there's room in this amount for cost increases," he said.

The 50-cent student fee increase was approved by the SBP in May, and will go into effect with the fall fees.

Associate Registrar Thomas Black said Tuesday that the grade report feature would be especially helpful to students, and that careful measures would be taken to ensure security for student records and registration. "We've done a test of the process, which required the same security that we use here on campus," Black said. "We're not compromising any security issues. As

far as security for the students, I don't see that as being a problem," he said.

A 60-second commercial advertisement would be played at the beginning of each call to the new system, and would help defray the cost of its operation and maintenance. "This is the key issue that we put to the students," Black said.

"It's a 'too-good-to-be-true' kind of thing, except that you have this commercial element. We asked the students if they had a problem with this, and the ones who we talked to said 'no.'"

"Our home system is still going to be in operation, and we will allow and set up for people who might be offended by the presence of advertising," Black said.

Dr. Charles Dowburd, director of telephone registration networks for Voice FX, the Pennsylvania-based company that

would operate the system, said Tuesday that the University will have the final say in who will advertise through the system and who will approve the advertising scripts before they are put on the system.

"It should be the University's call on who the advertisers will be," Dowburd said. "We are going to be acting as an agent of the University, and so we will act solely to benefit the University and its students."

He added that the advertising would most likely be from high-profile companies, such as auto manufacturers.

If the contract is approved this summer, students may begin to access the system to receive grade reports as early as November, Black said. He said students would probably not be able to register for classes through the system until the Spring 1996 semester.

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contributions to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," Spangler said. "Your last four years have been special years. This day represents an achievement as well as a beginning, the best years lie ahead."

"I trust you will continue to be a part of this university, the university depends on your support."

After taking a picture of the 2,643 graduating seniors for his scrapbook, Mike Crisp,

president of the senior class, spoke of the spirit of Carolina and extended thanks to parents for giving his class the opportunity to attend UNC.

"To parents, today I say thank you for sending us to UNC. Thank you for not sending us to some second-rate school down the road," he said. "There's so much that is good about this place. Chapel Hill has become a part of us."

The rain, which had been threatening all morning, held off long enough for Johnetta Cole to deliver her keynote address and for the presentation of honorary

degrees to get underway. Midway through that ceremony, Chancellor Hardin received word from Professor Ron Hyatt, the faculty marshal, that thunderstorms were in the area.

While the rain itself was no surprise, Provost Richard McCormick said he had never seen anything like the intensity of Sunday morning's storm.

"The lore here is that it hasn't rained on commencement in 32 years," he said.

With the presentation of honorary degrees complete, it began to pour. Hardin was forced to move the presentation of

doctoral degrees into Kenan Field House, while other graduates received their degrees in an abbreviated ceremony.

"By a wave of his hand he (Hardin) conferred all the degrees without the ceremonial actions," McCormick said.

Hardin said he was disappointed that the ceremony had to be cut short due to the storm. "I've had one time before in 27 years, but we moved the ceremony inside before the rain started," he said. "It was disappointing, especially for the students who only do it once. But I didn't hear much grumbling."

"I think one thing folks will remember is that it rained on them," Crisp said. "The speakers were excited, but it is the rain that people will remember."

Hardin said despite the fact that this was his last commencement as chancellor, he did not feel a sense of sadness.

"(Commencement) was a lot of fun really," he said. "I don't have much sense of sadness because I am not leaving Chapel Hill. I am going to serve on the faculty of the law school. I love commencements. I love seeing young people celebrate their achievements."

Crisp, who will attend law school at UNC next year, said he had mixed feelings as he completed his undergraduate career.

"I feel so tired. It's still catching up with me," he said. "It feels really good yet melancholy at the same time. It has been the best year of my life and I'm sorry to see it end. But at the same time, it's great."

Despite the weather, McCormick said he thought the ceremony went well. "I think it was great. I think the spirit was good. There was a kind of camaraderie, a 'we were there' type of thing. But I'm not wishing for rain next year."

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late themselves on their achievements but encouraged them to use their education to help those less fortunate than themselves.

"As you graduate today, and dream about your futures, I trust those dreams are about more than a closet full of fine clothes and a garage with a fancy car — or two," she said.

"I hope you also dream of the sheer joy of spending Saturday afternoons at a community center tutoring little girls and boys. Or helping out in a homeless shelter. Or bringing comfort to women in a rape crisis

center."

Cole said she believed that, although the graduates faced a world filled with strife, from Northern Ireland to Rwanda to the United States itself, there was no reason for them to abandon hope.

"And yet ours is a world that is not only filled with change, but with the most precious of all human emotions: hope," she said.

Cole said she believed it was hope which made possible the incredible events of the last 30 years, from the collapse of the Soviet Union and the fall of communism to the end of legal racial segregation.

"The lesson from all of this is clear. That

it may be slow at times, rapid at others, but change really is a constant."

University officials said Cole's message was exactly what they had sought in a commencement speaker.

"I thought that she was just excellent," said Provost Richard L. McCormick. "I thought she spoke wonderfully, eloquently and with passion. If I were a graduate, I think I would have felt that she was speaking to me more so than other graduation speakers."

Chancellor Paul Hardin, presiding over his last commencement at UNC, said. "She has a way with words. I think she was extremely well-received."

Cole offered graduates five pieces of advice. She first encouraged graduates to become passionate about whatever they choose to do in the future and to work to be their best.

"Whatever it is that you really care

about — go for it," she said. "If it is your passion to be a musician, or a chemist, or a philosopher, or a poet, do so."

She also encouraged them, as Hardin had earlier, to continue to be students.

"Please don't ever grow up. I want to ask you, in the spirit of Chancellor Hardin's words, to be a student for the rest of your life," she said. "A full life, a rich life, a complete life really does require life-long learning. It also requires some of those attributes that are so closely associated with you as young folk: inquisitiveness, enthusiasm and idealism."

As her third piece of advice, Cole encouraged students to learn to care not only for themselves, but for others as well.

"Please don't end up being able to take care of yourself — I mean, only yourself," she said. "There is nothing wrong with wanting nice things. I know I do. But my young sisters and brothers, I beg you to

keep things in their proper place. Never become accustomed to a lifestyle you would have to sell your soul to maintain."

She asked graduates to respect and admire not only those who looked and acted like them, but also those of different ethnicities, races and genders.

"Our nation will never reach its full potential until we learn to draw on the range of voices, perspectives, talents and realities of all of our people," she said. "After all, one flower never makes a spring."

Lastly, Cole encouraged graduates leaving Chapel Hill to head straight for a beach in search of starfish, a suggestion which met with the approval of much of the crowd.

However, Cole used the beach and the starfish as a metaphor, encouraging graduates to continue to help those in need, no matter how daunting the odds.

Mike Crisp, president of the senior class, said he was pleased with Cole's speech.


"Johnetta Cole lived up to her reputation as a sterling character and exciting speaker," he said.

Scott Haenni, a graduate from South Carolina, said he thought Cole had delivered an excellent address. "I thought the speaker was excellent. I've been to a few graduations and she was the best by far," he said. "All that controversy was a crock."

Cole is a well-known and respected scholar. In 1987, she became the first African-American woman to head Spelman and in her tenure has increased the prestige and quality of the college.

She began her academic career at Fisk University, entering at the age of 15 through an early admissions program. She completed her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and went on to receive both her master's and doctoral degrees from Northwestern University. She has received honorary degrees from 31 colleges and universities.

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