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Hooker To Control Rams Club 2 Assailants Charged In Attack on Athletes

■ A new agreement requires the Educational Foundation to formally report to Athletic Director John Swofford.

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The Educational Foundation, also known as the Rams Club, has finalized an agreement transferring control of the private organization's \$58.4 million in assets to Chancellor Michael Hooker, foundation director Moyer Smith said Thursday. "We submitted the document to the chancellor's office, and they've accepted," Smith said.

The fine tuning of the Rams Club's bylaws stemmed from the May visit of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation committee, which raised questions regarding control of the private organization's assets and stipulated that the University gain control of the Rams Club's finances for reaccreditation.

Hooker said he was "delighted to have

a system that establishes control of expenditures."

"I am now ultimately responsible," Hooker said. "It is me on the griddle, and if there are any inappropriate expenditures, I will be the one they fire."

Hooker will have the final say in all expenditures by the Rams Club, and the foundation's director will report directly to University athletic director John Swofford.

The chancellor will also receive a copy of the foundation's yearly budget and audit.

Swofford said: "It is excellent we have a formal agreement that serves to clarify the relationship between the University and the Educational Foundation. However, I think there is a misperception that this will be a tremendous change.

Ultimately, the University and the chan-



Chancellor **MICHAEL HOOKER** took action to comply with SACS recommendations.

cellor have always had complete control of athletic funding."

Swofford, Smith and Hooker all said they agreed that the document should bring the University into compliance with the SACS recommendations.

The committee will be re-evaluating UNC's compliance with its recommendations in October.

"There is no way that the Rams Club should stand in the way of the University's reaccreditation," Smith said.

Darryl Gless, who headed up the self-study report which highlighted areas needing improvement, said the agreement was modeled after one North Carolina State University drew up last year which satisfied the SACS review committee.

"The document tightened up the legal language," Gless said. "It's my conviction that it will meet the SACS guidelines completely and close a possible loophole for the future."

Hooker said the head of the SACS review team, former University of Virginia President Robert O'Neil, said it sounded as though the agreement would "work out fine."

Gless added that he had received a "glowing" report on the way the Educational Foundation handled the situation.

"This agreement was more geared for the future," he said. "The Educational Foundation is well controlled by good people, but in the future we might not be as lucky."

The 12,000 member, privately-run booster club, which raises funds for the University's athletic department, previously allowed its finances to be controlled by its Board of Directors, which caused concern among the visiting SACS committee members.

Though it was not defined in their bylaws, Smith said the Rams Club "has always received the University's approval before taking any action."

"The control has always been there," Smith said. "Now it is clarified on paper."

Half of the foundation's \$6.5 million budget for 1994-95 was spent on scholarships for athletes.

The Rams Club has financed past projects, such as the \$33.8 million Smith Center and the recent renovation of Kenan Stadium.

BY WENDY GOODMAN
CITY EDITOR

Two men were arrested and charged at Orange County Jail Thursday with the Aug. 15 assault on two UNC track team members which occurred on Church Street near Lindsay Street, according to police reports.

Chapel Hill police arrested William Lamont Crisp, 24, and John Kemver Donyell May, 18, both of Farmville, North Carolina. The men were detained when they were taken to the jail for an unrelated offense. Police are also in the process of apprehending another man suspected in the assault.

"We are real glad to have gotten these guys," Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said. "Apparently they have been going around doing random things and that is really scary."

The third suspect's name will be released after he has been charged, Pendergraph said.

The two men were charged with assaulting UNC junior Chris Bennett and sophomore John Cline, both members of the UNC varsity track team.

Crisp was charged with one count of assault with intent to harm, one count of common law robbery and one count of possession of stolen goods. May was also charged with the reports stated.

The two students had been getting something to eat and were walking back to their apartment when the attack occurred.

The beating occurred during a robbery attempt. The assailants used their hands, fists and feet, and bit the UNC students, injuring both of them. The men stole Cline's credit card and then got into a 1995 burgundy Hyundai which had been reported stolen in Connecticut.

The two assailants were placed under \$3,000 bond at Orange County Jail, and their first court appearance is expected today, Pendergraph said. The assailants may also have other charges brought against them.

BCC Fund-Raising Effort \$5 M Short 2 Years Later

■ Almost a year after NationsBank pledged \$1 million, more big donations have yet to come in.

BY JAMES LEWIS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

More than two years after the UNC Board of Trustees approved plans for a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, funding for construction of the \$7 million building is still only a quarter of the way to the goal according to figures from the development office.

Marjorie Crowell, director of special campaigns, said \$1.8 million of the needed \$7 million has been raised since the controversial structure was initially approved in July 1993.

"We've had big gifts and lots of smaller gifts from the grassroots level," she said. Billy Armfield, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said funding for the project was a major goal for the board members.

Some members of the University community have said that the name of the center might be contributing to the low level of donations for the project, but Armfield said the public's image of the center's function was behind the slow start.

"I think certainly 'black cultural center' is somewhat antiquated in today's nomenclature," he said. "But at this juncture I don't think we could blame that on our success rate to date."

Once more people understood that the center was a place for the study of African-American culture the fund-raising campaign would be more successful, Armfield said.

"We started off with a misconception about the student center that it was more of a social center than an educational center," he said.

Of the \$1.8 million raised so far, almost \$1 million has already been spent on archi-

tectural planning for the center.

Last September, UNC alumnus Hugh McColl, chairman and chief executive officer for Charlotte-based NationsBank Corp., the fourth largest bank in the nation, announced a gift of \$500,000 toward the cost of the building. He promised another \$500,000 donation if other state banks matched NationsBank's gift.

Crowell said the development office had been successful in securing contributions from some other banks to meet NationsBank's contribution. "We're not all the way to the \$500,000 mark, but we've got the (requests) out there. One bank has responded positively, there are some who have declined, and others are still in the process of considering."

The \$1.8 million figure for total funds raised includes the total \$1 million Nationsbank pledged in 1994. Crowell declined to give the other banks' names or the amount each bank has given to the fund. Supporters of the center have quietly expressed hope that Charlotte-based First Union National Bank, the nation's ninth largest bank, would match NationsBank's donation, but First Union has yet to publicly announce a gift to the BCC.

Many of the students and faculty members who pushed for the center's approval two years ago now declined to comment on the flagging fund-raising effort, saying they were "out of the loop" or didn't have the latest figures.

Crowell said the Development Office was still formulating a plan to approach other banks in the state about making contributions.

Crowell also said the office of development was launching a regional-based campaign to increase funds at the grassroots level. The first regional campaign in Atlanta, which is run by volunteers, has netted over \$59,000 in cash and pledges, she said.

Crowell said other regional campaigns are planned for the Triangle area, the Triad, Charlotte and Washington, D.C.

MAKING A MARK

The first in a series of weekly features spotlighting local figures who are making an impact on the community

BY GREG KALISS
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a Grassroots Mayor

Carboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird performs volunteer work at the Carboro Community Center.

Eleanor Kinnaird has been in politics since 1963, and has served as the mayor of Carboro for the last eight years, but don't condemn her just yet. As bad a reputation as politicians have earned in recent times, Kinnaird seems to be as genuine a public servant as one could find.

The last decade has been a busy one for her town. With RTP-related development creeping into the town, and with controversial issues of gun control and domestic partners stealing the spotlight in local politics, the town has seen a flurry of big-time issues.

Yet Kinnaird has remained relatively unfruffled. Staying true to a theory of individual-focused government, she prepares to leave office with a clear picture of what she has done, what she plans to do and where the community is going.

Kinnaird started her political career in 1963 by working for the League of Women Voters, then became involved in Democratic precinct work and with various citizens' advisory committees, and finally became mayor of Carboro when elected during a time of debate about watershed conservation.

Her ideas of government have seemingly helped her remain a real article in a profession notorious for duplicity. "It's about helping individual constituents when they need help from their government," she said. "And certainly the second most important thing is to have a vision and a goal for your community."

Kinnaird stressed the difference between big-time politics and local-level government. "We're very close to people," she said. "I do things for individuals all the time."

"You're also not talking about budget or power on the level of the state and federal government, so nobody's giving me money for my campaign and hoping I'll vote

a certain way."

She did point out, though, that pressure like that wasn't completely dissociated from even her level of government. "One time a developer approached me with money and I said, 'No way,'" she said. "I wouldn't do that."

Indeed, her politics is far-removed from the bigwig wheeling-and-dealing that goes on behind the scenes in Washington. Kinnaird has tried to stay focused on the "little man" in the political scene, including students.

"We're real concerned with students, and have been for 20 years," she said. She said her efforts to get Cat's Cradle relocated to Carboro (which she considers one of her biggest accomplishments) and her support of businesses like Spring Garden, Armadillo Grill and Sticks and Stones showed her support of the student community, as did the town's work with bussing.

"We have the highest bus ridership in the state," she said. "And that's because we have really provided extensive bus coverage for our students. We have really

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Club 9+9, Hector's: Booming Success

BY DEAN HAIR
ARTS/DIVERSIONS EDITOR

A new club and a returning restaurant have converged at 201 E. Franklin St., bringing great food and a new atmosphere to downtown Chapel Hill. Club 9+9, a dance club for those 18 and older, and Hector's, a locally-owned eatery, recently opened to the return of thousands of students.

George and Valerie Iatridis, owners of Club 9+9, began renovations this summer on the former Nick's Arcade site, which is located beneath Caffe Trio.

Valerie Iatridis said that the club's opening, which was last weekend, went well. "We had a good crowd. The dance floor was packed with people who came straight in and went to the dance floor," Iatridis said. "We had about 200 people in the club on opening night (Friday)."

The club was filled to the walls with customers Friday night, though most students still had not returned to town, she said.

Iatridis expects the number of customers to grow as students become more settled. "We might be expanding hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays, because the demand is there," Iatridis said.



Eli Nicholas demonstrates his cooking skills at Hector's Thursday. Hector's and Club 9+9 both opened for business over the summer.

According to Iatridis, Club 9+9 has the best club scene in Chapel Hill for the students. "We have a great dance floor, the best sound and light in Chapel Hill, and we have a great disc jockey with a huge collec-

tion of music," she said. "We play less top-forty music and more European, techno and urban-style music."

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BMW Smashed, Smith OK In 15-501 Fender Bender

BY TODD GRAFF
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

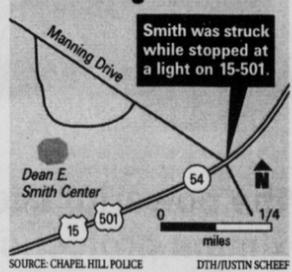
UNC basketball coach Dean Smith exited his car unscathed after a four-axle dump truck struck his car from behind around 10 a.m. Thursday.

Smith was stopped at a red light on U.S. 15-501, preparing to take a left onto Manning Drive, when the truck, driven by Richard Clifford Cherry, 19, of Hillsborough, rammed the back of Smith's 1994 BMW. Smith's car slid 38 feet after impact.

Cherry was found at fault but no charges were filed, said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman.

There was approximately \$8,000 damage to Smith's car and about \$200 damage

Coch's Car Crunched In Morning Collision



Smith was struck while stopped at a light on 15-501.

to the truck, according to police reports. Cherry said he slammed on his brakes, but had no chance of stopping in time.

"I put my brakes on as I was coming down the hill, but when I saw that I couldn't stop, I simply went into the lane with the least amount of cars," Cherry said.

Smith is in his 34th year as basketball coach.

Let's Get the (DTH) Semester Underway

We know you're trying to decide what to do with all your free time as the fall semester begins. And you need look no further.

The Daily Tar Heel is looking for staff members - writers, graphic designers, photographers and copy editors.

If you enjoy the paper and are interested in joining the staff, applications are available in our office at Union Suite 104.

We will have an information table in the Pit every day from noon to 2 p.m. If you have any questions you also can call us at 962-0245 or stop by the office, look around and talk to us.

We will hold two general interest meetings next Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Union, in a room to be announced later.

We're looking forward to putting out a paper that satisfies your needs, and we plan to conduct a reader survey and hold focus groups to see how we can create the paper you want to read every morning.

- The Editors

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; upper 80s.
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; low 90s.
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; low 90s.

Humor is just another defense against the universe.

Mel Brooks