

**POLICE ROUNDUP**

**Student ALE Complainant Arrested for Buying Beer**

The UNC student who filed a citizen's complaint against an Alcohol Law Enforcement officer for harassment in late August was charged with buying beer with fake identification on Sunday at 10:07 a.m., police reports stated.

Police cited Xavier Chakravarti with delay and obstruction of justice. He was also charged with obtaining beer by means of a false identification and attempting to obtain alcohol, according to police reports. Chakravarti said this weekend's charges stemmed from an earlier incident.

He was released on \$500 unsecured bond, reports stated. Chakravarti is scheduled to appear in District Court in Hillsborough Oct. 13.

Chakravarti said he had a meeting with ALE district supervisor John Simmons concerning his citizen's complaint. Chakravarti said the meeting went well, but Simmons made no decision to take action against the officer involved in the incident that spurred Chakravarti's complaint.

"We described our scenario, and he came to the preliminary conclusion that there was no probable cause," he said. "But Simmons is still going to do an internal investigation."

**University**

Saturday, Sept. 16

■ An Ehringhaus Residence Hall resident contacted University Police shortly after midnight to report damage to his car, which was parked in lower Ehringhaus lot, according to police reports.

Reports state that the Chevrolet Lumina was parked in the lot at 10:15 p.m. Friday. A beer bottle had apparently been thrown through the rear window, shattering the glass and scratching the right rear door, reports stated. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500, according to police reports.

■ A resident of Alexander Residence Hall reported his Sega CDX videogame system stolen from his room around 12:30 a.m., police reports state. The resident left his room unlocked and came back later to find the door open and his game system gone, according to reports.

■ Charles Keyes, 36, of 205 Vanbranch Road, Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged with trespassing when an officer on bike patrol discovered him sleeping in Alumni Gardens early Saturday morning, police reports state.

Keyes was cited for second degree trespassing and assigned an Oct. 13 trial date in Hillsborough, according to reports.

■ A waste management employee who had emptied the trash dumpsters in front of Morrison Residence Hall at 9:45 a.m. reported that someone threw a bottle from a dorm window above and hit the trash truck, according to police reports. Pieces of broken glass landed inside the truck, hitting, but not injuring the driver, reports state. No damage to the truck was reported.

■ A police officer cited Jason Brent Cooper, 21, of Staley for public consumption after observing him drinking a mixed drink in the rear seat of a car in the Morehead Planetarium parking lot around midnight, police reports state. Cooper was assigned an Oct. 13 trial date in Hillsborough, according to reports.

Friday, Sept. 15

■ Anthony Badgett, 32, of Apex was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and second degree trespassing, according to police reports.

An officer on bike patrol observed Badgett sitting on the ground in the Alumni Gardens, according to police reports.

Reports state that as the officer approached, Badgett attempted to hide a glass tube behind him.

After identifying the suspect, the officer learned from a dispatcher that there was an outstanding warrant on Badgett, according to reports.

Badgett has a scheduled Oct. 13 trial date in Hillsborough, according to police reports.

**City**

Saturday, Sept. 16

■ Police responded to a vandalism call from the Tar Heel Motel on 1312 N. Fordham Blvd. at 3:01 p.m., reports stated. Holes had been punched in one of the interior walls of the motel resulting in \$165 damage, reports stated.

■ Someone concealed merchandise in a bag as they were leaving the Rite Aid on 109 E. Franklin St., reports stated. According to reports, the subject took a bottle of hair color and a bottle of hairspray.

Friday, Sept. 15

■ Barbara Coleman, 31, of 1575 Airport Rd., was arrested at 1 p.m., police reports stated. According to reports, she was arrested at 120 E. Franklin St. on armed robbery charges. Police had two warrants which connected Coleman to two armed robberies at Domino's Pizza and the Movies at Timberlyne, police reports stated. Coleman's first appearance in court will be today, reports stated.

■ Police cited the Carolina Brewery with overcrowding charges at 8:10 p.m., police reports stated. Police observed the bar and projected an excess of 106 people on the first floor, according to reports. This is in violation of the state fire code which allows only 80.8 people to be on the first floor, police reports stated.

**Friends of Accused Rapist Express Disbelief**

BY ROBYN TOMLIN HACKLEY  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Thoughtful, caring and dedicated are the words that friends and family members use when speaking of the former Chapel Hill High School cross-country star who, according to local media reports, was charged with assault, kidnap and rape last Wednesday.

N.C. State University sophomore Donald Clarke-Pearson, 19, of 105 Porter Place, was placed under electronic house arrest at a Friday hearing, local newspapers reported. There will be a probable cause hearing on the case on Oct. 20.

Clarke-Pearson, a 1994 CHHS gradu-

ate, has been charged with first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping, three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of second-degree kidnapping, that occurred at 7 p.m. last Wednesday, according to local media reports. He was arrested at around 10 p.m. after coming out of Duke Forest's Whitfield Road exit, The (Duke) Chronicle reported.

According to local media reports, police detectives said two Duke University Medical Center employees and another man were assaulted by an armed man wearing fake beard and a wig. The two men were bound with duct tape while the woman was raped by the gunman, local papers reported. Close to three hours later,

Clarke-Pearson was apprehended by police as he exited the forest, The Chronicle reported.

Friends and family members have come out in force to proclaim the innocence of the son of two prominent physicians, Kathleen and Daniel Clarke-Pearson. Kathleen Clarke-Pearson, a pediatrician, has released a statement



Former CHHS student DONALD CLARKE-PEARSON has been charged with assaulting three, raping one.

to the local media protesting her son's arrest. "The arrest of our son Don does not make sense. We know that it is a case of mistaken identity that is making Don the fourth victim in this awful incident."

She said her son had told her that he was going walking in Duke Forest and that he would be back around 10 p.m.

"It doesn't make sense for somebody to commit a crime and hang around at the scene for more than two and one-half hours," she said.

Brian McNamara, who co-captained CHHS's cross-country team with Clarke-Pearson in 1994, said he found it absolutely inconceivable that Clarke-Pearson could commit this crime. "He's never been

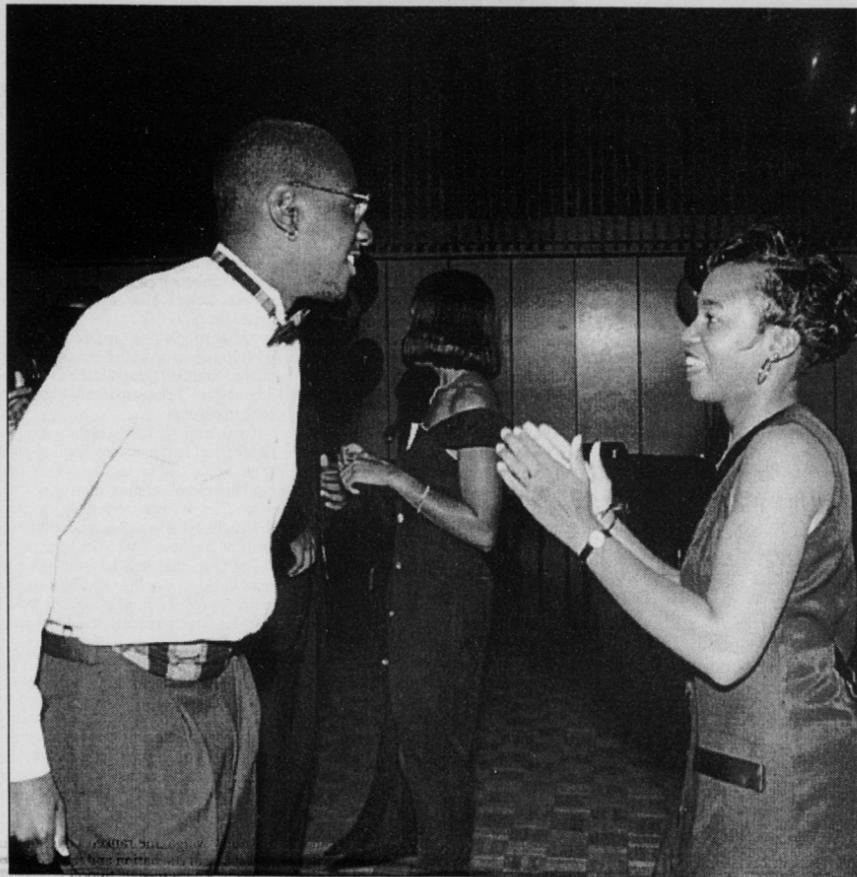
the least bit violent, he didn't even like to wrestle around."

Other high school friends describe their classmate as quiet and introspective.

"His most salient characteristic is that he is a thoughtful person and that he is the most courteous, non-violent person I know. I've never even seen him get angry," said Sam Stern, who said he had been friends with Clarke-Pearson since the ninth grade.

Peter Kurtz, a UNC sophomore who also ran cross-country with Clarke-Pearson, echoed Stern's character assessment. "He doesn't do anything without thinking," he said. "He likes to hike and walk in the woods; it's really not that strange for him to be out (in Duke Forest)."

**Coronation Jam**



A couple of students dance the night away at the Black Student Movement coronation ball Saturday night in the Great Hall. Pam Alston, a senior from Rocky Mount, was crowned Miss BSM.

**Candidates Split on Campaigning Limits**

BY MATT MESMER  
STAFF WRITER

More than half of the candidates who filed for municipal elections in Chapel Hill and Carrboro this fall have agreed to the proposed curb in large campaign contributions.

The Orange/Chatham Sierra Club and the Orange County Greens formally announced an initiative Friday which would limit individual campaign contributions to no more than \$100. Participation is voluntary by candidates for Chapel Hill Town Council, Chapel Hill mayor, Carrboro Board of Aldermen and Carrboro mayor.

"Even among those candidates who chose not to participate, most agreed with our goals, but disagreed with one or more of the particulars," said Greg Gangi, Sierra Club spokesman.

Of the 19 candidates, 10 agreed to participate in the project. Most of the opposition came from incumbents running for reelection. Six of the nine non-participants were either current or past office holders. "I find that disappointing," said Greg Gangi, Sierra Club spokesman.

A provision is included in the initiative that would limit total spending for a town council candidate to \$4,000. The same provision limits spending for a Chapel Hill mayoral candidate to \$7,000.

Since historic data on campaign spending for Carrboro was not available to the two sponsoring organizations, Carrboro candidates were asked to propose their own spending limits, Gangi said.

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"We live in a town where it's difficult to reach people," said Pat Evans, Town Council member. "Mailing and printing costs are very expensive."

Evans said that such a spending and contribution limit plan should not be implemented on a local level because large contributions were more of a problem on the state level.

Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Kevin Foy pledged to limit both his individual contributions and campaign spending. "I think that what the initiative was aimed at was to make sure that the influence of money didn't alter an election," he said.

If the project is not successful in achieving its desired goal, it will at least spark conversation on the issue, Foy said.

Gangi said sparking interest in the issue of controlling campaign spending was what the two groups hoped to do when they made the proposal to the candidates.

"We thought that a good way to begin to focus on the Triangle and on the state would be to start in Chapel Hill and Carrboro," Gangi said.

The Sierra Club and the Greens, prominent environmental lobbying groups, are entering new territory by proposing the campaign finance initiative. "Environmental laws are being completely rewritten by people who contribute large amounts of money to campaigns," Gangi said. Both organizations are registered with the state as election lobbying groups.

**Student Leaders Criticize Assembly for Proposed Hike**

■ At a Friday meeting, students question the signal the proposed hike sends to the legislature and ponder future action.

BY BRONWEN CLARK  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student leaders called for the legislature to be held accountable for tuition hikes and questioned the efficiency of delegating that responsibility to the Board of Trustees at a Friday forum on the issue.

At the forum, sponsored by the Campus Y and designed to assess student opinion on the proposed \$400 increase, the debate shifted away from the issue of accessibility and began to focus more on accountability.

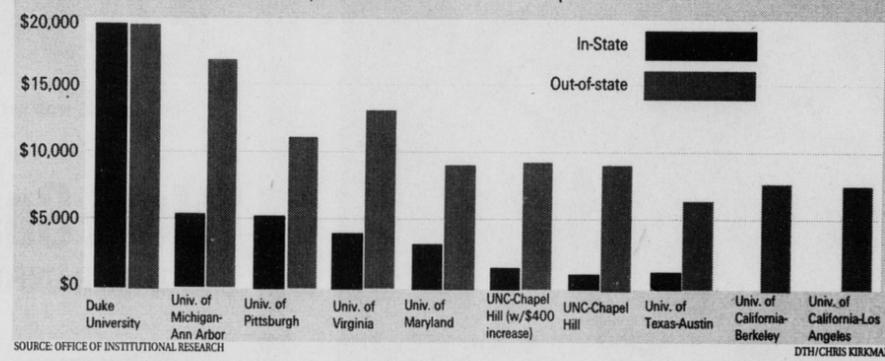
Junior Joanne Werdel, co-chairwoman of Project Literacy, said she thought the legislature had shirked its duties to UNC.

"The General Assembly dumped this on the University and told us to fight it out ourselves," Werdel said. "They got elected without our vote; they could care less."

Like many undergraduate students who rely on their parents to pay for tuition expenses, Campus Y Freshman Representative Kristy Huffman said she initially had no problem with the increase. However, she said now she could not endorse the signal such a hike would send. "At first I was in favor of it," Huffman said. "But

**Comparing the Competition**

In-state and out-of-state tuition comparisons between UNC and its peer institutions.



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now what bugs me so much is not the tuition hike, it's the message it sends to the legislature. It seems like we're taking a reactive instead of a proactive approach."

Aaron Nelson, one of the student representatives who addressed the BOT on Sept. 7, said the situation left students without recourse. "Returning to the legislature is problematic because the legislature doesn't like to fund us," Nelson said. "They raise tuition and then they cut us. The flip side is there is no way to vote out a BOT member that I know of."

Werdel said students needed to be prepared to make the legislature responsible.

"You're damned if you do and damned if you don't," she said. "I think you just have to stand on your principles and make the legislature take responsibility and show them that what they are doing is not right."

Kim Miller, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said she thought it would be better if the BOT studied the proposal more thoroughly, like the Board of Trustees at N.C. State University. "I feel that there is not yet enough information for the Board of Trustees to vote on the issue," Miller said. "I think we're jumping the gun if we vote sooner."

But Student Body President Calvin

Cunningham said he thought that the board would likely take action on the proposal at its Friday meeting. "In all probability the board is going to do this on Friday, whether we scream or not," Cunningham said.

With a vote pending on Friday, leaders tried to formulate plans for future protests. Thoughts of a rally were dismissed in favor of discussion. "I have spoken with the chairman; there is a willingness to sit down and talk to everyone with concerns," Cunningham said. He added that he hoped to hold roundtable discussions with all the trustees who would be in town Thursday for their committee meetings.

**Early Morning Road Race Commemorates POWs and MIAs**

BY LILLIE CRATON  
STAFF WRITER

At 6:45 a.m. on Friday, while most students were sleeping, a group of Air Force ROTC cadets looked on as junior Tanisha Albert raised the American flag over Chase Hall.

The flag-raising ceremony marked the beginning of this year's Missing Man Relay, a race sponsored by the Arnold Air Society and the Air Force ROTC to draw attention to the issue of POWs and MIAs.

"This is our way of recognizing the veterans that couldn't be here with us," Albert said.

There was a symbolic "missing man" in the relay squad; the empty space in the ranks of the runners represented those veterans who are still unaccounted for, said Cadet David Small, the Arnold Air Society commander.

The Arnold Air Society is a national service organization made

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David Small leads the UNC Air Force ROTC in a run Friday morning in memory of American POWs and MIAs. One spot was left open in the ranks to represent all missing the soldiers.

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**Lifestyle Cost Biggest Issue For Carrboro**

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen

BY JENNIFER ZAHREN  
STAFF WRITER

A Carrboro Board of Aldermen candidate kicked off his campaign Friday by saying that the greatest issue facing the town was providing an affordable lifestyle for those who had done so much to enhance the quality and diversity of life.

"Carrboro's heritage is that of a working class economy," said candidate Alex Zaffron. "I want to represent the needs of the working people of the community. I'm just an hourly worker at FGI."

Zaffron said the Board of Aldermen must make a concerted effort to provide affordable housing by forcefully diversifying the tax base and paying special attention to zoning ordinances.

"There has been a 300 percent housing inflation since 1994," Zaffron said. "If clothing and food costs had gone up like this, it would have been a catastrophe."

Zaffron said the tax base could be effectively expanded by aggressively recruiting small businesses to the Carrboro area. He also said an increase in commerce would "make the town a much more vibrant place to be."

"We have so many people living in Carrboro, but they're going to Chapel Hill to spend their money," he said.

While Zaffron said he did want the area's night life to expand, he said that it should not be an extension of what can already be found in Chapel Hill.

"Franklin Street is just a place where you can go and drink lots of beer. I want to bring in more places like the Cat's Cradle," he said. "We want to have a different focus, a different twist. There needs to be a diversity and vibrancy to what the town provides."

Zaffron said he believed that by offering more affordable housing and an enriched night life, the town would be meeting the needs of its working class community and the estimated 6,000 University students who live in Carrboro.

As the chairman of the Transportation Advisory Board, Zaffron said he was wary of raising bus fares in order to compensate for quickly diminishing federal funds.

"Our mass transit system is the best in North Carolina," he said. "The town will have to find a creative solution, maybe an increase in vehicle taxes."