

# 'Boarders and 'Bladers Roll to Different Beat

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You can see them flying down stairway rails and taking off into the lower stratosphere from the elevated steps across campus. Daredevil in-line skaters and skateboarders seem to be everywhere.

And while it may seem to some people that skating is only a way to bruise and humiliate innocent passers-by, it means much more to the people with the wheels.

While he wouldn't claim that skating was a lifestyle, Patrick Rakestraw, a Chapel Hill High School student, said he did feel his skateboarding set him apart from others. "There's a big difference between being a skateboarder and being a regular person," he said.

The UNC campus is considered one of the best locations in the state for both in-line skating and skateboarding. The skaters who frequent campus seem to be out to prove both the virtue of their sport and their personal skill within it.

In-line skaters, in particular, seem to feel that they are on the cutting edge of the sports world. "We're starting it all," said Elias Sorokin, another CHHS student.

From sole grinds to back sides, Sorokin said the tricks in-line skaters perform on the UNC campus are soon to be as common as slam dunks and home runs.

He also said the most prominent in-line skating magazine, "Daily Bread," was emerging as a well-respected sports publication. There are even nationwide competitions and events for in-line skaters.



Rollerbladers Dan Coop, Wheaton Leffler, Dru Bryant and Jack Flynn enjoy a brief moment of weightlessness as they jump over the edge into the Pit. Skateboarders and rollerbladers also use ramps and stair handrails as jumping props.

Sorokin said he and a fellow Chapel Hill skater, Jack Flynn, competed in the National In-Line Skate Series in Los Angeles last year. Though they both finished respectfully, he said they were eager to improve their skills before the next national competition.

He said they practiced with four other close friends every weekend in the Pit, on the rails by Playmakers Theater or at the Old Well. He said these campus locations presented only one difficulty — they are

also prime skateboarding locations.

Wheaton Leffler, an in-line skater, said competition between the two groups has decreased recently, but tension still remains. "We aren't trying to be like skateboarders, but we don't want to be enemies," he said. He also said local skateboarders have remained hostile toward the new sport.

Pat McKinley, also a CHHS student, said that he tried in-line skating and didn't find it as challenging as skateboarding. "I tried a ramp the first time I had skates on,"

he said. "It's just not as hard."

Clinton Perry, a Morehead City resident, said he traveled to Chapel Hill to skate on campus. He has performed well enough in national competitions to be sponsored by Action Surf Shop in Morehead City and Ollie Armor in California.

Perry said he also works as a freelance photographer, specializing in both video and action photography of skateboard stunts. He said he is devoted to the sport. "It's a way that I can express my feelings."

# Chapel Hill Restaurants Pull 3-Way Switcheroo

Multi-restaurant owner opens new eatery and moves New Orleans Cookery.

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Chapel Hill residents will now have the opportunity to enjoy entertainment and the taste of eclectic new dishes with the opening of a new restaurant and the move of a Franklin Street favorite.

New Orleans Cookery moved Sept. 3 to 220 W. Rosemary St. in Chapel Hill, the former home of Margarette's Cracovia. Steve Dominick, owner of the Cookery, also opened Pesce, a Mediterranean fresh seafood grill, on Sept. 4.

The Cookery's expansion plan was intended to create a classic New Orleans setting for restaurant patrons to enjoy. Dominick said he wanted to create this atmosphere while continuing to provide patrons with familiar cuisine.

"We wanted everyone to feel comfortable," Dominick said. "This is not a stuffy, but a fun-type place."

The new home of New Orleans Cookery has several new features, including new dishes and live entertainment.

Customers can enjoy French Creole dishes such as rice and beans and gumbo.

Another new feature, which Dominick said will become a big hit, includes live jazz music on Sundays during the 'brunch hour,' between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The restaurant's '401 Room,' which was named after their old location at 401 W. Franklin St., includes hand-painted panels that give the restaurant a more homey feel.

Limited space at the Franklin Street location motivated the move to an area where Dominick could meet the demands of his customers.

"We were turning away too many people who wanted to hold large parties and other functions at our restaurant," said Dan Hussmann, director of operations at New Orleans Cookery.

Hussmann said the restaurant can now hold big parties for groups of up to 50 people, such as sororities and fraternities, because of its expansion.

The new restaurant, Pesce, is smaller, with an atmosphere similar to a New York cafe. Pesce's menu includes a milder set of seafood dishes than the Cookery, with a wide range of prices so nobody is limited.

However, New Orleans Cookery will serve as his premier restaurant, where he will spend most of his time and energy, Dominick said.

Dominick said the managers will continue to make additions to their restaurants in the following weeks in order to give their customers the best of everything.

# Board Hopes Mentor Program Will Help Provide Better Education For Minorities

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This year, minority students in Chapel Hill-Carboro elementary schools have the chance to form a lasting friendship that will benefit them until they graduate from high school.

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program, which is in its first full year, began in response to a national study done by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Achievement of Minority Children in Schools.

"The mentor-advocate program was implemented because that was one of the effective ways African-American children excel across the country," said Tina Hester, liaison from the task force.

The candidates for the 1995 Chapel Hill-Carboro School Board outlined a need to prepare children for the workplace of the

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Head Volunteer for Task Force

future. Pam Bailey, head of the volunteer partnership for the committee, said she thought the mentor program was a perfect way to meet this goal.

"The role model that mentors provide is a lasting one," Bailey said.

The program pairs children with an adult who guides them through their entire school career or until the mentor feels the child no longer needs the extra guidance.

The task force is divided into subcom-

mittees which determine the child's need by studying aspects of the child's home life, such as their location, their parents' education and their socioeconomic status.

Based on this information, the task force researches effective techniques to raise achievement of black children. The program gives children individual attention from an adult, which is often difficult for them to find, Bailey said.

"The ideal mentor is one who has the maturity to stick with it," Bailey said.

The selection of the mentors is done through a rigorous process. Mentors make a two-year, two-hour-a-week commitment with the children involved in the program.

"These mentors are not tutors, but they assist in setting up tutors if needed," Bailey said.

"They are there to meet the children's needs."

## WILLIAMS

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On Sept. 8 Williams and his new wife, Shimada, took Williams' 7-year-old son from Orange County and moved to Chicago.

Williams' ex-wife, Ashley Williams, who had court-ordered joint custody of their son, Austin, filed motions last week for an emergency change of custody after Williams failed to deliver the child for a scheduled visitation.

Orange County District Judge Lowry Betts denied the motion, and Ashley Williams appealed the ruling. A new hearing for the motion is scheduled for Oct. 9 in Hillsborough.

Ashley Williams said Monday she was worried about her son's well-being. "I don't think that Jim Williams cares about anybody but himself," she said. "Austin is confused and unsettled."

She said her son was given only 45 minutes notice that he was going to be moving to Chicago and had no time to say goodbye to his teachers, his friends or her.

She also said Austin was being shuffled from school to school since he had moved to Chicago.

"He's been in two different schools since he's been in Chicago," she said. "That's three schools in one week."

## DEATHS

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The sheriff's department will continue to talk to family members and people who worked with him at Village Landscape Construction in Chapel Hill, he said.

The murder-suicide occurred roughly three hours after McLeod harassed Noel on the bus she was driving for Chapel Hill Transit. Noel, who drove for the transit system for over seven years, radioed help to her bus dispatcher shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday. Chapel Hill police responded to the call, and an officer boarded Noel's bus on Columbia Street and escorted McLeod off without a struggle, Pendergrass said.

Although McLeod allegedly sat near Noel on the bus without bothering her, Pendergrass said he thought there was more to the incident than what was in the police

report. "There were bound to be words said there," Pendergrass said.

However, Noel did not file a report against McLeod. "We can't find anything in the records where she filed (in the past) anything against him," he said.

McLeod, who has a record of assaulting women, shot Noel twice in the head outside her family's home at 8510 Union Grove Church Rd. After killing Noel, McLeod walked to his car and fatally shot himself in the head with a .22 caliber revolver. Family members heard the first shot and ran to the front yard, where they saw McLeod standing over Noel with the gun. McLeod shot Noel again before turning the gun on himself.

Pendergrass said the Orange County Sheriff's Department arrived on the scene at about 8:15 p.m. and did not leave until 11 p.m. that night.

## Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

3 p.m. LESBIAN EMPOWERMENT GROUP will meet in Nash Hall. For more information call 962-2175.

4 p.m. DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP will meet in the Health Education Room on the second floor of the Student Health Service Building.

7 p.m. SPECIAL POPULATIONS OF CAMPUS Y will meet in the basement of the Campus Y.

8 p.m. YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet in Union 208.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SELECTED HILARITY will have a sneak preview at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 in the Union Cabaret. Admission is free.

SARR is meeting in the basement of the Campus Y on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

HELLENIC ASSOCIATION is announcing the beginning of Greek dance classes.

Classes will be held Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. in Studio A in Woollen Gym.



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<sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar, Variable Annuities/Life 4/12/95. 3. Of the 2,358 variable annuity funds tracked by Morningstar, the average fund had annual expenses of 0.78% plus an insurance expense of 1.24%. Source: Morningstar, Inc. for periods ending July 31, 1995. 4. Standard & Poor's Insurance Rating Analysis, 1995.

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