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## BC Tough on Clarke-Pearson

■ The Chapel Hill High graduate had academic problems his freshman year.

BY GREG KAHN  
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While Donald Clarke-Pearson, the Chapel Hill High School graduate accused of raping a woman in Duke Forest Sept. 15, remains under house arrest in Chapel Hill, his friends from his first year at Boston College describe a much less well-adjusted man than the wholesome over-achiever his classmates from CHHS remember.

Clarke-Pearson 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 in connection with the incident.

Friends of Clarke-Pearson from CHHS have described him as a quiet, good-natured, well-adjusted student-athlete who was dedicated to his studies and the CHHS cross-country team that he co-captained.

"This is totally uncharacteristic of Don," said Brian McNamara, a friend of Clarke-Pearson's since the sixth grade who shared the co-captain position at CHHS.

Clarke-Pearson's year at BC was not as successful as those spent at CHHS.

After failing to qualify to compete for the BC track team because of a technicality, his academics began to suffer because of "too many distractions. Without the structure of the track team, he lost the discipline he had in high school," McNamara said.

"While Don was upset about the track stuff, he was happy to have the opportunity

for a social life."

Sources from BC, however, talk about a different side of Clarke-Pearson. Joseph Quintanilla, a BC track team member who trained with Clarke-Pearson, described him as an "oddball."

According to Quintanilla, Clarke-Pearson became, "a lot rowdier during the year. He screamed like a wild man at the football games."

Peter Simmons, another member of the BC track team, described Clarke-Pearson as, "very eccentric, and kind of weird."

In Simmons' opinion, Clarke-Pearson's early position as front runner for the "Chery Miller Award", an award given to the "craziest new (track team) member," was the result of a widespread view of Clarke-Pearson as being, "a little different."

In response to questions about changes in Clarke-Pearson's character during his year at Boston College, McNamara said, "he is the same as he was when he left."

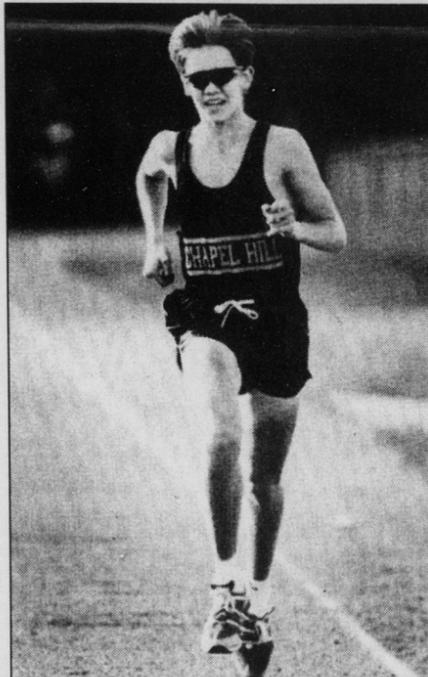
At the end of his freshman year, Clarke-Pearson was not asked to return to BC.

Clarke-Pearson's former roommate refused to talk about Clarke-Pearson. His coach from BC could not be reached by press time.

A motion to provide the defense with some of the tissue samples from the scene of the crime was denied Monday, said Clarke-Pearson's attorney, Kirk Osborn. He said the motion was filed so the defense could exonerate Clarke-Pearson without waiting the three to six months state testing usually takes.

Osborn also discussed the accuracy of the "show-up" identification used to charge his client. "Show-up" identification, which occurs when the accused is taken back to the scene of the crime to be identified by the victim(s), provides the victim with only one possible suspect while the victim is still

In a high school yearbook photograph, Donald Clarke-Pearson dashes for the finish line at a cross-country meet. The 1994 CHHS graduate, who was co-captain of the team, is accused of a Sept. 15 rape and assault in Duke Forest. He is currently at his parents' home after being placed under electronic house arrest by the Orange County District Court.



in a frightened state, Osborn said. He said "show-up" identifications were "slanted towards positive identification," because of the lack of options. Orange-Foxham County District Attorney Carl Fox was unavailable for comment. Prior to his house arrest, Clarke-Pearson

was attending classes through the continuing education center at N.C. State University and working part-time at the Duke Medical Center. He did not have part-time student status at NCSU. No one from the Clarke-Pearson household could be reached at press time.

## Legislature Draws Fire On Women's Issues

BY LAURA GODWIN  
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The Orange County Rape Crisis Center marked the end of their 20th year of service to the community at its annual volunteer appreciation party Tuesday.

N.C. Sen. Fred Hobbs, D-Orange, the guest speaker for the evening, used the night to attack attitudes and actions by the General Assembly regarding the treatment of sexual violence.

Hobbs said recent legislative actions by the General Assembly were counterproductive to the efforts of organizations like the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

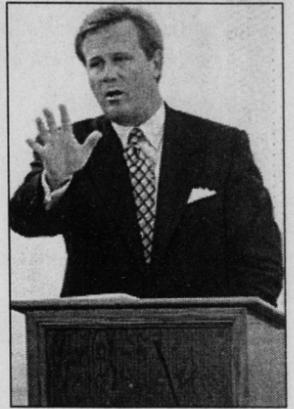
"I wish I could come here tonight and tell you things are wonderful, that the General Assembly made sweeping changes to protect you and to protect the survivors of sexual offenses," he said.

Hobbs said the General Assembly's attitude toward sexual violence was one of a generation past, when sexual violence was dealt with quietly, and victims were viewed as responsible for the violence against them.

"The General Assembly is saying to victims, at all levels, you are responsible for the plight at which you find yourself." Hobbs said legislation such as the recent concealed weapons law showed the regression of the General Assembly in dealing with sexual violence.

"(The concealed weapons law) may not, as you think about it initially, deal with rape or sexual violence, but statistically we know that about 15 or 20 percent of the population will take permits to carry a concealed weapon," he said.

Hobbs said the concealed weapons law could create even more dangerous situations for victims of date rape. "The poten-



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N.C. Sen. FRED HOBBS called for more action against sexual violence.

tial that exists for an individual to be carrying a gun without the knowledge of his partner creates an even more trying circumstance," he said.

Hobbs said although the General Assembly had moved backwards in dealing with sexual violence, not all actions taken were in the wrong direction. Bills have been passed that allow local sheriffs to register sex offenders that move into their community, and a bill was passed that raised the legal age of consent from 13 to 16, Hobbs said.

"We did do some things that I think are See HOBBS, Page 2

## Housekeepers Work With Hooker to Address Pay, Training Grievances

BY STEPHEN LEE  
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Chancellor Michael Hooker and Chief of Staff Elson Floyd have been holding meetings with UNC housekeeping staff over the past month as part of an effort to address the housekeepers' concerns.

"I'm just trying to understand the issues," Hooker said Tuesday.

Hooker said the three main concerns were pay, quality of supervision and job advancement opportunities. In 1991, 35 housekeepers sued the University, alleging low pay and poor treatment by supervisors, among other grievances.

"With respect to pay there is not much we can do except maybe lobby the legislature," Hooker said.

Hooker said programs were being designed to provide better training of supervisors. Programs that would provide job advancement were also being planned, he said. "We are working to improve programs that give skills and enable them to be qualified for other jobs," he said.

Marsha Tinnen, a member of the UNC Housekeepers' Association who has attended the meetings, said she was optimistic that the housekeepers' situation would improve.

"(Hooker) said we would see changes within the next six months," she said. "I feel that he really wants to work on the issue."

Housekeeper Barbara Prear said she thought the meetings had been going well. Issues such as higher wages, better working conditions and training have been dis-

ussed, she said.

Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor of human resources, said the University had not solved all the problems.

"We're not at that point yet," she said. "The chancellor is continuing to meet with groups from the housekeeping department. They want to listen and hear their concerns."

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facilities and management, said the groups that had been meeting with Hooker and Floyd included the housekeeper's movement, supervisors and members of the Employee's Forum.

The housekeepers' lawsuit was originally dismissed, then appealed by the housekeepers. The University tried to dismiss the case several times on appeal, but failed. Attorney Alan McSurely, who represents the housekeepers, said the case would be heard this winter at the Office of Administrative Hearings. "We are presently preparing for that right now," McSurely said.

While University housekeeper pay rates are established by the state, a recent study of housekeeper pay rates in the area concluded that UNC was paying housekeepers at or slightly above the average rate.

McSurely said he thought it was unfair of the University to pay the prevailing market rate to housekeepers.

"It is particularly repugnant that the University is the driving force in the outlandish cost of living," he said. "If these are the kinds of values at UNC, my alma mater, that you pay people the prevailing market rate, then I find it repugnant and immoral."

## MR. ROGERS: TELEVISION CAN HELP CHILDREN LEARN

The famed children's show host came to the Research Triangle Park Tuesday to pitch a different approach to child care and children's issues



DTH/THANASSIS CAMRANIS  
Fred Rogers, famous for his 30 years of welcoming children to his neighborhood, is helped out of his chair after giving a speech at UNC-TV Tuesday. Rogers tore ligaments in his right leg three weeks ago.

BY JAIME KOWEY  
STAFF WRITER

Mr. Rogers came to our neighborhood Tuesday, and in the same calm way that he speaks to children on his show, he spoke to adults in the child care profession at a special luncheon.

Fred Rogers, of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," was at the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television in the Research Triangle Park discussing a new, innovative child-care outreach project.

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from NationsBank, UNC-TV will offer the project to caregivers across the state.

Pam McDonald, UNC-TV pre-school coordinator for the Mr. Rogers' project, will travel around the state providing training sessions for child-care professionals.

Participants of the program will receive the Mr. Rogers' Plan and Play Book which contains activities and topics reinforcing and extending the programs' lessons.

The Child Care Partnership introduces parents and child-care providers to a new way of thinking about the television show.

The new program focuses on the abilities of children to deal with their feelings and experiences, to be kinder and less hostile toward one another, to be more curious about the world, and to be more imaginative in their play.

"We need to give (children) a whole variety of ways of expressing who they are," Rogers said. "The greatest gift we can give anybody is the gift of our greatest self."

Rogers commented on his feeling toward today's television. "I think we have taken an amazingly wonderful medium and turned it into a grocery store, something that is just meant to sell," Rogers said. "We still have the chance to enrich the world, and I have done, and am doing, what I can."

Nancy Carlson, HeadStart Director for the Kannapolis City Schools, was one of the many child-care providers invited to the luncheon. She emphasized the great impact that Rogers has had on children and the importance of parents watching the program with their children.

"I know that children are captivated by (Rogers)

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## Get in Line Now, Basketball Season Is Almost Here

### Basketball Ticket Distribution

September 20	Blue and White Moscow AAU
October 14	Richmond Georgia Dartmouth
October 28	N.C. State Clemson
November 4	Duke Wake Forest
December 2	Maryland Georgia Tech
January 20	Virginia VMI
February 3 (seniors)	Florida State
February 4 (all others)	

DTH/KIMSHALA WILSON

BY J.C. JOHNSON II  
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With the UNC football team rampaging opponents with a record almost identical to that of the Carolina Panthers, students are left with one thing to look forward to — basketball season.

Tickets for the 1995-96 regular-season men's basketball games will be available through the Carolina Athletic Association starting Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Exhibition ticket distribution started Sept. 20.

Students can get tickets from the will-call window on the north side of the Smith Center on listed distribution dates. Students must present their UNC ONE Cards to get tickets. Students who want two tickets must present another student ID. Groups of students will be able to get up to

six seats together as long as they have three people in line with six IDs.

Lower level seating will be distributed randomly, followed by upper level seating. The remaining tickets will be distributed on the following Monday.

"Camping out will be the same as in years past," said CAA President Anthony Reid. "Students will be able to camp out in the Dean Dome when the weather gets cold."

The CAA will use the line/roll call system. Students will line up in the F West parking lot 24 hours before distribution. Numbers will be given out, and students must stay in numerical order.

"The 24-hour time limit (on when students can place themselves in line) was established for student safety," Reid said. In the past, students would stampede to the doors of the Smith Center because of a

five-hour time limit.

After numbers are handed out, the CAA might conduct line checks. "If we have a line check and you're not there, you're withdrawn and you lose your place in line," said CAA vice president Brian Whitley.

The campout process is difficult for non-traditional students, such as ones who are married and/or have children, he said.

Non-traditional students have not been factored into the distribution plan, he said. "We have taken them into consideration," Whitley said. "But nothing (has been done) that is really fair. A lot of tickets go wasted. I'd rather have the students get the tickets than have them go to public use."

CAA officials plan for ticket distribution updates to be available on-line by October.

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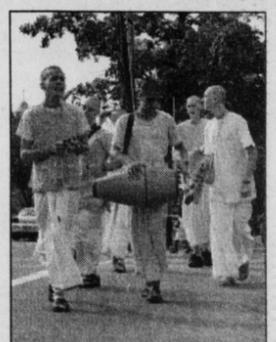
Getting to Know Them: More profiles of Chapel Hill Town Council candidates and the issues they intend to focus on in the November election.  
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## ELECTIONS

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## Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny, high upper 70s.  
WEDNESDAY: Sunny, high 80s.



Unappreciated History: The Krishnas continue to bring their unique combination of religion, music and character to Chapel Hill.  
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O Lord, help me to be pure, but not yet.  
St. Augustine