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Tampa Bay drafted Tar Heel senior Marcus Jones in the first round of the NFL draft. *Page 7*



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Harvey Gantt and Charles Sanders fight to claim a spot in victory lane. *Page 4*

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Partly Sunny, chance of rain; high 80s.
Sunday: Sunny; high 80s.

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CASE CLOSED?

The Daily Tar Heel's lawsuit seeking to open student courts — the third of its kind in the nation — raises nagging questions about federal law and educational records.

BY JAMES LEWIS
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When a superior court judge decides May 6 whether to open UNC's Honor Court, the case will become one of only a handful dealing with opening student disciplinary hearings on America's college campuses.

Today, only student disciplinary hearings in Georgia's university system are routinely open to the public.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., said The Daily Tar Heel's complaint against UNC was only the third case ever heard in the nation dealing with trying to open student disciplinary hearings.

The first was in 1991, when the University of Georgia's student newspaper, The Red & Black, filed a complaint charging that the UGa. student judiciary was violating the state's open meeting laws.

The Red & Black won and two years later, the Georgia Supreme Court upheld a

lower court's ruling that UGa. disciplinary hearings should be open.

The second case was in Louisiana, where the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists sued to open the Louisiana State University at Shreveport's student disciplinary hearings in 1993.

The SPJ lost and the judge in the case cited privacy provisions in the state's laws prohibiting such hearings from being open to the public.

The DTH filed an official complaint last week asking for an injunction that would permanently open all UNC Honor Court proceedings. The case will be tried in Orange County Superior Court.

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Letter Asks Seniors To Stay Sober May 12

1995-96 Senior Class President Thad Woody wrote the letter asking students to not drink before graduation.

BY JOHN SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

Graduation. A time to reflect on years of academic achievement, to stand in front of friends and family and be recognized as one of many who have successfully navigated the educational waters of UNC.

For some, the solemn act of donning the cap and gown is celebration enough, but many seniors prefer a more festive atmosphere, arriving at graduation already inebriated.

In response to that trend, 1995-96 Senior Class President Thad Woody sent out letters to graduating seniors last week, requesting that they "leave the champagne bottles at home" and celebrate commencement sober. The letter points out that "large numbers of students, as well as parents and other guests, have expressed concern over the lack of respect demonstrated by participating graduates and others."

Brent Inscow, the senior class executive chief of staff, said Woody wanted seniors

to respect the occasion's importance to the many seniors who didn't drink. "He sees graduation as something we put a lot into and we should get a lot out of, and you can't do that if there are a bunch of people running around who don't take it seriously."

Woody could not be reached for comment Sunday.

The problem of drinking at graduation has grown bad enough in recent years that faculty and administrators have made their displeasure public. In its final report, a committee that reviewed undergraduate education for the University's 1995 self-study compared the graduation ceremony to a sporting event where "drunken students run wild across the field as if it were, indeed, one more fraternity party."

But Woody's letter has apparently not made much of an impression on some seniors, who say its pleas for an alcohol-free commencement ceremony will probably be ineffectual. "Quite frankly, he can ask, but I don't know how much it's going to affect anything," senior David Tucker said. "I don't think it would influence whether I drink one way or another."

Senior Joseph Canady said, "I didn't plan on drinking anyway, but it had nothing to do with the letter."

Still, Canady said he agreed with Woody's assertion that seniors should stay sober for their graduation.



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Students: Parties Need To Continue

BY GINGER MASSEY
STAFF WRITER

Student leaders said Friday that Great Hall parties should not be cancelled because they are a major social outlet for some minority groups.

The comments were made at a two hour meeting to discuss ways to prevent violence outside parties thrown by black Greek organizations. The meeting was the second of three planned following an April 14 shooting outside Fetzer Gymnasium after the Greek Freak step show. Citing safety concerns, last week University administrators canceled the two remaining late night Great Hall parties of the semester.

About 10 people attended the Friday meeting, including several students, Student Union employees and a representative from the University Police.

Pam Alston, senior member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. sorority, said although the incident was unfortunate, it shouldn't put an end to the Great Hall parties, which were the main source of fundraising for black Greeks, as well as a social outlet.

Jon Curtis, assistant director of student activities at the Union, said the Great Hall parties were a major attraction for African-American students. He said there were few social outlets available to black students at UNC other than these parties.

Alston said bars were frequented by white Greeks, but black Greeks wanted more parties and dancing. Without that option on campus, she said black Greeks looked to other area schools.

Student Body Vice President Lindsay-Rae McIntyre said UNC needed a place for black Greek organizations to hold social events. "It is crazy to see students leave our college community to have fun," she said. No one at UNC should have to look elsewhere for a good time or face the dangers of being on the road late at night, she said.

Dean of Students Fred Schroeder said the decision to end the parties for the rest of the semester was not solely the result of the shooting itself. Instead, he said it came from an escalation that led to the shooting and a "true fear of what would continue."

"This is not the kind of problem that can be solved by additional police or minor adjustments," Schroeder said Sunday.

Don Luse, director of the Union, said, "I also understand that music, dance and socializing is a key importance."

Alston reminded the group that any solution should not impede the financial success of the parties. Social needs are important, but fundraising was especially needed, Alston said. She said the parties generally netted close to \$2,000 profit.

Greg Graves, major of operations with University Police, said "one thing we (police) cannot support is the continuance of large crowd parties because they are unpolicable."

Residents Enjoy Food, Crafts at 24th Annual Apple Chill

BY TODD DARLING
STAFF WRITER

Whether to cool off with a "strawberry splash" drink or to listen to the alternative jams of Mazzy Jive, approximately 25,000 festival-goers crowded Franklin Street on Sunday to attend the 24th annual Apple Chill festival.

The festival offered three stages hosting a variety of entertainment from the Chapel Hill Cloggers to the smooth jazz rhythms of Janice Price and Priceless.

In addition to the entertainment, the festival boasted about 100 craft booths where artisans could display and sell their wares.

Festival-goers shopped for crafts such as handmade necklaces and painted nature scenes. All proceeds made from the sales went directly back to the craft maker, said Apple Chill organizer Carol Walbourne.

"There's a good turnout today," said Sharon Gayle of Unique Batik Clothing. "We were a little worried at first about whether it was going to rain or not."

Gayle said she spent a lot of time making her own brightly colored clothing to sell at the festival.

"The hardest part is finding cool fabrics," Gayle said.

"We've had a few sales so far," said Risa Sappenfield of Greensboro as she displayed her hand-painted figurines.

Nearly 20 booths served to feed hungry festival goers with a wide selection of international and domestic foods ranging from gyros to cotton candy.

The festival also served as an opportunity for activist and political groups to campaign and set up information booths. Groups such as the Orange County Literacy Council, Orange County Partnership for Young Children and the Sierra Club were all on hand to inform festival-goers of their cause.

The Chapel Hill High School Orchestra found the festival a perfect opportunity to hold a fund raiser for their trip to Austria. The group gave performances on the steps of the courthouse while selling homemade baked goods.

"The people keep coming, and that's really encouraging," said Doris Stam, organizer of the orchestra's booth. "We'll probably raise about a hundred dollars today."

Walbourne, organizer of the festival, said she was pleased with the amount of arts and crafts displayed at the fair.

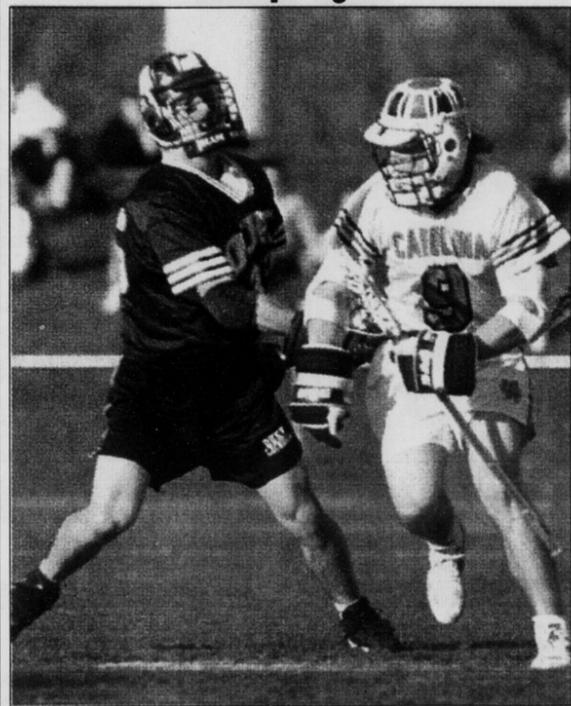
"This year there has been more enter-

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Chapel Hill residents and visitors celebrate the 24th annual Apple Chill Festival on Franklin Street on Sunday afternoon. The many vendors, musical bands and dancers drew a large crowd.

Champs Again



DTH/RYAN MATTHES

UNC's Brendan Carey (9) battles a Duke defender in the ACC men's lacrosse semifinals. The Tar Heels reclaimed the title Sunday. See story, page 12.

Florida School Moves Up Exams After Threat

Exams will be held a week earlier after a newspaper received a bomb threat.

BY CRISTINA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

April 29 looms around the corner for the University of South Florida. A week from today, security forces at the Tampa campus will guard entrances and search buildings and people in response to a bomb threat received at the university's student newspaper last month.

"Access to the university on the 29th will be extremely difficult," said Troy Dumire, budget director of student government at the university. More than 30,000 students and faculty would be required to have identification cards with them at all times, he said. Bags will be checked and buildings searched. Dumire said professionals would do a bomb search on campus on the 29th.

A letter, which was received at The Oracle on March 25, stated that "an administration building" would be blown up on April 29, prompting school officials to reschedule final exams for a week earlier.

The president of the university released a statement last Monday, declaring finals would begin on April 19, instead of on April 26, as originally scheduled.

"It's a big inconvenience on everyone's part," Dumire said. "It adds a lot of stress."

Officials decided to move up the week of finals after careful consideration and

discussion by a task force made up of faculty members and administrators, said Harry Battson, vice president of public affairs at the university.

"Our first priority had to be to protect the safety of the students, faculty and staff," Battson said. "We've asked faculty members to adjust accordingly and to give students every consideration in terms of special needs they might have."

Battson said the first he heard of the bomb threat was when he read a story about the letter in the campus paper. The Oracle's editor, Deborah O'Neil, said the letter writer demanded that the letter be printed in its entirety or the bombing would be carried out. O'Neil said she and an adviser decided not to meet the demand.

"We talked for several hours and we decided we didn't want the newspaper being used for propagandist platform," she said. O'Neil said the type of inflammatory writing contained in the letter would have created unnecessary panic.

The letter, which has been turned over to FBI officials, outlined a three-part plan, Battson said. In addition to bombing an administration building on campus, the letter states that the writers would kill "a white female professor" in a public place. Also, a fake detonator would be placed in a student dining hall to scare students, Battson said. The letter was signed: "The One, the Leader of the War Purgers."

The writer, who claimed to represent a "diverse group of extremist individuals," also demanded the paper issue a public apology to Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, a former professor of Middle Eastern poli-

tics who left the university last year to become leader of Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian terrorist group. The letter claimed Shallah received unfair treatment by the media in stories covering his affiliation with the group.

O'Neil said the letter called April a "historic month," citing the April 19, 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the Waco compound incident. The letter also claimed connection to Palestinian terrorist groups. "It had a lot of strange references," O'Neil said, adding that the letter was well-written.

FBI officials are investigating the threat. "They (FBI) have advised us to take the letter seriously," Battson said. The university has offered a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators, Battson said. "To date, there have been a couple of leads, but nothing substantial."

Although students will be under pressure to do last minute cramming, Dumire said moving final exams up was necessary. "It's what needed to be done to ensure it's a reality, that we're not going to be here."

Dumire said students living in residence halls on campus were concerned they would have to move out early. But officials have arranged for students to move to a secured area on April 29.

Because of O'Neil's decision not to print the letter in the paper, she said people had asked her if she would feel responsible if something happens. "Yeah, I'm worried," she said. "I hope the whole thing is a hoax. I hope nothing happens. But if it does, I don't think I'm responsible."

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.

Franklin P. Jones