

# Volunteers Give Back to Community

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For their résumés, for personal gratification or simply to have something to do — people volunteer their time to local organizations for various reasons.

Volunteer Orange, an umbrella organization of the Triangle United Way, provides an outlet to publicize local volunteering opportunities with such nonprofit organizations as Orange Correctional Center and the Chapel Hill Teen Center.

"Chapel Hill is a very involved community," Volunteer Orange Director Louise Anderson said.

Anderson said Volunteer Orange places approximately 500 to 600 volunteers annually. The organization builds a database of local agencies that need volunteers.

"We advertise for specific volunteers outlets through Cablevision and posters and flyers we put up," Anderson said.

Some organizations are completely comprised of volunteers, such as Orange County Habitat for Humanity, said Robert Krause office and program coordinator.

"Volunteers are the backbone and heart of our organization," he said. "From the Board of Directors right down to the construction workers, we only have three paid employees."

He said that a certain core group of volunteers have been active for approximately five years or more. "They are a group that continues to give," he said.

Jen Barr, programs director of the Chapel Hill Women's Center, said the project was necessary for the center's existence. "We wouldn't be here without volunteers," Barr said.

Anderson said volunteers often refer friends and families, but most of the volunteer load comes from University students. "Volunteering is a good opportunity for them to decide what they'll be doing in the future," she said.

To help agencies in working with the volunteers, the organization holds a training session two to four times a year in order to teach skills in managing volunteers.

"We want them to get the best use of volunteer programs," Anderson said.

Points of Light, another United Way Organization, estimated the value of volunteer hours at approximately \$12 an hour. Anderson said at this estimate, volunteers give millions of dollars to the community each year. Although people volunteer for many reasons, all of them are drawn together by similar feelings of well-being, Anderson said. "This experience enriches people's lives so much," she said.

# Village Advocate Buyout Leaves Chapel Hill Kids Jobless

■ A Raleigh newspaper bought the publication to expand its operations.

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The recent buyout of The Village Advocate by the Raleigh News and Observer left more than 250 area elementary and middle school students without jobs.

The N&O bought The Village Advocate on June 14 to add to its holdings in

Chapel Hill. It already operates The Chapel Hill News.

With the new acquisition, the N&O found it had two enterprises with different delivery routes within the Chapel Hill-Carboro area.

Dick Henderson, a public relations representative for the N&O, said the Raleigh paper could not keep both routes viable.

"The decision not to re-hire the children was purely from a business standpoint," Henderson said. "It just wasn't economically sound to keep both routes going."

Unfortunately this left many elementary and middle-school children without

jobs for the summer.

Chapel Hill News Publisher Ted Vaden said his company had to go with what was best for the subscribers.

"It was the most difficult decision we had to make; nobody likes to end employment," Vaden said. "But we had to choose what would best serve the needs of our readers."

Henderson said the N&O had bought the magazine to help the community, rather than to help out troubled owners.

"As far as I know they were in no financial trouble," said Dick Henderson, a public relations representative for the N&O.

"We felt that it would complement the Chapel Hill News and help the community."

The Village Advocate was originally delivered on Wednesday afternoons, a perfect time for younger children to deliver the papers on a small route.

Since the buyout the paper has been coming out daily and is delivered early in the morning along with the N&O to a wider area. This new system made it more difficult for the children to deliver the papers.

These larger routes and the heavier loads the children had to carry also contributed

to the decision not to re-hire the kids.

"Before the kids only had to deliver 20-25 papers, with the new routes their load sometimes doubled and we were worried they couldn't handle it," Vaden said. "The length of the routes also required cars, and our people were already equipped to deal with that."

School officials said the Village Advocate's paper routes were a big source of income for local school children.

"It's clear that this will make a substantial impact," said Kim Hoke, assistant to the superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carboro school system.

## Turning Down the Heat



Jet skiers cool themselves down on Jordan Lake last weekend. Many boaters and pleasure seekers find their way to Jordan Lake to cool off and to relax during the hot summer weekends.



## ARTS BRIEFS

What's happening in entertainment around the Triangle

Learn It

■ The North Carolina Botanical Garden will sponsor a "Ferns for Fun" class taught by Garden Assistant Director Charlotte Jones-Roe on July 9 in front of the Paul Green Cabin at 9:30 a.m.

Audition for It

■ The Raleigh Little Theatre will hold auditions for its season opener "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Fo-

rum" on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the theatre's main stage. Call 821-4579 for more information.

See It

■ Colleen Black-Semelka will exhibit her stoneware sculptures starting July 1 in the Carolina Union Gallery. Admission is free and gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 966-3834 for more information.

■ An international dance film and video festival will be held as part of the American Dance Festival's series "Dancing for the Camera" on Saturday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Duke University. Call 681-ARTS for more information.

■ Local comedian Charlie Karnes will crush 1000 cans on his forehead for the "Crush Out Cancer" fund-raiser in the parking lot of the Revco drugstore in Carr Mill Mall in Carboro at noon on July 4.

Attend It

■ Chapel Hill resident and N.C. State University Professor Michael Schwabewill

present two of his graduate students, Jackie Johnson and Marino Bruce, during the PATHCHOICE program July 6 at 10 a.m. at the Hargraves Center in Chapel Hill. Call 932-2965 for more information.

■ The Chapel Hill Preservation Society will hold a Fourth of July celebration on the lawn of the Horace Williams House at 610 East Rosemary St. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Village Band and magician Avery Henderson will perform. Free ice cream donated by Ben & Jerry's will be served. For more information call 942-7818.

■ The Stevens Nature Center on Kildaire Farm Road in Cary will hold a Sunset Canoe Float on Wednesday, July 10 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 387-5980 for more information.

Hear It

■ Pianist Will Tuttle will perform "Piano Passion: A Music Adventure with Will Tuttle" on Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at the Unity Center of Peace Church. Call 968-1854 for more information.

# DA Dismisses Cases of Suspects In April Greek Freak Shooting

■ The assistant district attorney said there was not enough evidence to convict.

STAFF REPORT

The cases against two suspects in an April on-campus shooting were dismissed in Chapel Hill district court Friday due to lack of evidence.

The two suspects, Zell Everette Harris, Jr. of Apex and Anthony Lamont McEachin of Raleigh, were charged with the April 13 shooting that occurred after the Greek Freak party and step show in the Great Hall and Carmichael Auditorium.

The two were passengers in a red 1995 Honda from which three shots were fired, two of which hit Shon Chambers of Durham in the legs as he was crossing South Road in front of Fetzter Gym.

The driver of the car, Plimpton Lee Robinson, also of Raleigh, was also charged in the shooting. His case is still pending.

Robinson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and Harris and McEachin were charged with aiding and abetting the assault. None of the three men were UNC students. The men were arrested the night of the shooting after being pulled over for speeding.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Woodall said the evidence in the case suggested Robinson was the one who fired the shots from the car, but that there was not enough evidence to convict Harris and McEachin of any crime if the case went to trial.

"One of the witnesses said they thought it was the driver that fired the shots," Woodall said. "That's simply not enough to make (Harris and McEachin) aiders and abettors or accessories."

But Harris and McEachin might not be through with court dates yet. Woodall said the two men could be important witnesses if Robinson's case does get to trial.

"(Robinson's trial) will be on the motions and arraignments calendar and then, if it goes to the point where it has to be tried, (Harris and McEachin) will likely be subpoenaed to testify in the case."

The incident was one in a series of violent crimes that took place in the vicinity of the Student Union during the spring semester either while a party was going on in the Great Hall or after one had ended. On March 23, a fight broke out following a sorority event in the Great Hall. A week later, a Duke University student said he was surrounded by a group of men while waiting to get inside a Great Hall party and a man was attacked at the same intersection where the shooting occurred.

### Arts & Entertainment Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 5

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SATURDAY, JULY 6

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