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Play ball?

The Chapel Hill Town Council discourages the building of ball fields near the Mason Tract. *Page 2*



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Warning signs

As part of Rape Awareness Week, officials discussed Rohypnol, the "date rape drug." *Page 5*

Today's Weather
Partly cloudy, chance of rain; mid 70s.
Thursday: sunny; low 70s.

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Student charged in year's 1st reported rape

■ A hearing will be held today to decide if there is enough evidence for a trial.

BY MARVA HINTON
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UNC Police arrested a University freshman Monday and charged him with second-degree forcible rape, marking the first report of rape at UNC in 1996.

Jason Ryan Newsom, 18, of 129 Ehringhaus Residence Hall, was placed under \$20,000 secured bond and held in the Orange County Jail on Monday.

He posted bail and was released later

on the same day.

Newsom, who was unavailable for comment Tuesday, is scheduled to appear in court in Hillsborough today.

A charge of second-degree forcible rape is a felony in North Carolina, although it is less severe than first-degree rape.

Louis Bilionis, a professor in the UNC Law School, said first-degree rape involved special circumstances.

"First-degree rape involves either the rape of a minor, rape involving severe bodily injury, the use of a weapon or an attack by more than one assailant," Bilionis said.

Newsom could face academic sanctions from the University.

Under the University's Disciplinary Emergency Policy he could be summarily suspended for his arrest.

According to the policy, when a student is arrested, a committee composed of University officials may decide to withdraw the matter from the Student Court System and handle it themselves.

The committee would then consider the effect of a guilty verdict on the University community. If the committee determines that a guilty verdict would disrupt the academic process or pose a danger to members of the University community or University property, it will summarily suspend the student from the University indefinitely.

Otherwise, the committee will return

jurisdiction of the case to the Student Judicial System immediately.

Under the Student Code of Conduct students convicted of knowingly committing a sexual invasion under the may be suspended indefinitely for a period of not less than two semesters.

Following indefinite suspension the student would have to file a formal petition to the court then having original jurisdiction over the offense involved for reinstatement.

While Dean of Students Fred Schroeder would not comment on Newsom's case, he said the policy was used to protect the University.

"It is only out of concern for the University community," Schroeder said. "It

is not permanent. It temporarily removes the student from the University community."

As a freshman Newsom had started to participate in University activities, including the UNC football team.

Steve Kirschner, director of media relations for revenue sports, said Newsom participated on the football team as a nonrecruited walk-on, but he left the team in September for personal reasons.

"Jason Newsom briefly walked onto the football team in the fall," UNC coach Mack Brown said.

"He's since decided not to participate in football, therefore we won't comment on a student who's not a member of our football team."

Critics: Daly lawsuits pleas for publicity

■ Daly has not acted on the 4 lawsuits he has filed this year; 2 have expired.

BY JEFF YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

In the course of his campaign for state auditor, Republican Jack Daly has attracted attention not by shaking hands and kissing babies, but by involving himself in four lawsuits, including one filed against the town of Chapel Hill last week.

Daly, a UNC law student who is not taking classes this semester, claims the

lawsuits are not directly related to his campaign. However, since Daly has let two suits expire, others say they are only pleas for publicity.

Daly, executive director for the conservative N.C. Fund for Individual Rights, said each of the lawsuits was related to protecting individual rights.

"I am trying to effect change consistent with my platform," Daly said.

Doug Ferguson, a UNC alumnus and attorney for Jenner and Block in Chicago, opposed one of Daly's lawsuits in March. He said he thought Daly used the lawsuits for better name recognition.

"The state auditor position is not very recognized by voters in North Carolina," he said. "Almost any way to get your name in print could help with recognition in the voting booth."

Ferguson was active in recruiting UNC law students to sign on as co-defendants in a lawsuit filed by Daly against the UNC system on March 11. That suit challenged racial- and gender-based scholarships awarded within the UNC system. That suit was not followed up.

"We were not too surprised that lawsuit was not carried out, but we were worried enough to organize in case he followed through," Ferguson said. "In the end it wasn't necessary because the defendants were never served."

According to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, lawsuits filed in federal court must be served within 120 days of the initial filing. Unless a motion is presented to extend the 120-day deadline, the court



UNC law school alumnus DOUG FERGUSON said he thought Daly's suits were used solely for name recognition.

Campus creates climate for many local, national causes

■ Recent decades have given rise to distinct flavors of student involvement

BY LAUREN AGRELLA
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In the last 30 years, University students have become involved in the world around them in a visible way. Their actions have been significant enough to put UNC on Mother Jones magazine's Top 20 Activist Campuses list in the September/October 1996 issue.

What is it that makes UNC students so vocal?

"There's just enough happening that you've got to do things," said Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, director of the Campus Y.

The Campus Y, in existence since 1860, has come to serve as headquarters for student activism and home to countless groups committed to social action.

"Students have a unique opportunity to give themselves permission to be involved and to be knowledgeable about themselves and the community," said Pam Cheek, associate director of the Campus Y.

Each of the last three or four decades has had its own flavor in terms of student activist involvement.

The '60s and '70s were a turbulent time, Hatcher-Wilson said.

Students were concerned with the United States' involvement in Vietnam, and anti-government protests were prevalent. Letter-writing campaigns, trips to

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Washington, D.C., and pro-localization movements were common.

"Students felt empowered to see themselves as agents of change," Hatcher-Wilson said.

Robert Kirkpatrick, professor of English, has taught at UNC since 1967. He said he felt nothing had moved University students like Vietnam.

"Students were more active, more vocal on campus than ever since," he said. "Students in the '60s had a sense of common culture; Vietnam was something in which we were all interested."

Campus activists also looked at conflicts at home.

"Students throughout the country were questioning many things, specifically of race and equality," Hatcher-Wilson said.

Integration and civil rights issues were the focus of much of the activism on campus. The initiation of forced integration in 1969 only marked the beginning of more student action.

"One imperative (throughout the University's history) has been the elimination of racism," Hatcher-Wilson said.

Though race-related activism continued, the '80s — often referred to as the "me generation" — saw a definite shift in student involvement.

"The trend that I saw was more personal satisfaction, self-seeking, behaviors," Hatcher-Wilson said.

Top 20 activist campuses

Mother Jones magazine cited UNC as one of the top activist schools. These schools have "pioneered social action" and consistently generate students who are committed to public affairs.

Brown University
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at Santa Cruz
University of Colorado at Boulder
Columbia University
Hendrix College
Humboldt State University
Manchester College
Marquette University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Oregon at Eugene
Stanford University
SUNY/CUNY
Swarthmore College
University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Tufts University
Warren Wilson College
Whitman College
University of Wisconsin at Madison
Yale University

SOURCE: MOTHER JONES, SEPT./OCT. 1996

Kirkpatrick said he believed that recent activism had been fairly ununified.

"People act out of interest in the particular group they can identify with ... which can be catastrophic," he said.

Women's rights and environmental concerns became major platforms for student groups in the '80s. Literacy, nuclear disarmament, death penalty issues and apartheid in South Africa also attracted attention on campus.

Students' interests led to the formation of numerous campus committees to allow continued devotion to those causes. Recent activism, however, has been on a smaller scale.

The '90s brought another distinct era of student activism, which included the creation of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and escalation of the housekeepers movement.

There has been a shift from national issues toward more community-oriented concerns. The Persian Gulf War was one of the only national-scale matters which

students felt inspired to address.

"Issues are becoming more localized," Hatcher-Wilson said. "Now, we're seeing a shift back toward responsible activism."

McKenzie Steen, a sophomore from Mars Hill and a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, said students often get excited about an issue and then don't do anything about it.

"If you're going to get active about something, get active," she said. "Make something change."

Despite the plethora of opportunities, UNC students are generally focused on their visions. "Students see their activism as a type that can make real institutional change," Cheek said.

Hatcher-Wilson stressed the importance of paying attention to events of the past so that students avoid making those same mistakes.

"You just have to do something," she said. "Anybody could do it, but you have to do it."

Literacy focus of grassroots organization

■ SCALE's vision has spun off chapters at other campuses nationwide.

BY HILARY FRANKLIN
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Reading this sentence may be simple for some, but for others, literacy is a constant battle.

One grassroots group at UNC that has gained national status has worked to solve the problem since 1989.

The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education was cited by Mother Jones magazine as one of the organizations at UNC contributing to the campus' reputation for student activism.

SCALE was formed by alumni Lisa Madry and Clay Thorp, who decided that a national program was needed to raise literacy awareness.

"I saw myself as someone who had a vision for a national organization that could help college students around the nation to also help others in the same way," said Thorp, who remains on SCALE's Board of Advisors. "I figured if I wasn't going to do it, no one else was, and when you have that feeling you have to go with it."

In the fall of 1989, Madry and Thorp obtained their first of many grants, began

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Scholarships awarded equally between sexes

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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Despite the fact that women have been attending UNC for only half of the institution's 203 years, they are already attaining a number of scholarships proportionate to those of men.

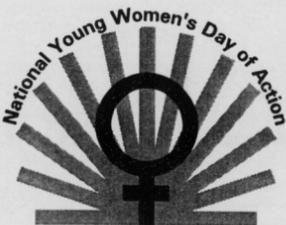
Many UNC staff members said UNC's male-to-female ratio of 2-to-3 is responsible for women receiving about 1,000 more University-sponsored scholarships than men.

According to a 1994-95 Institutional Research report, women received 3,010 awards during the 1994-95 school year, while men received 1,997 awards.

Nerissa Rivera, a research associate for Institutional Research, said the high number of women within the University was responsible for the large difference between the number of scholarships awarded to men and women.

Rivera said the demographics of the student body would naturally lead to more women receiving scholarships, and the number of scholarships allocated was proportional to the ratio of men to women.

"The number of actual dollars is greater for scholarships received by women,"



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Rivera said. "But I think you'll find that it's pretty comparable."

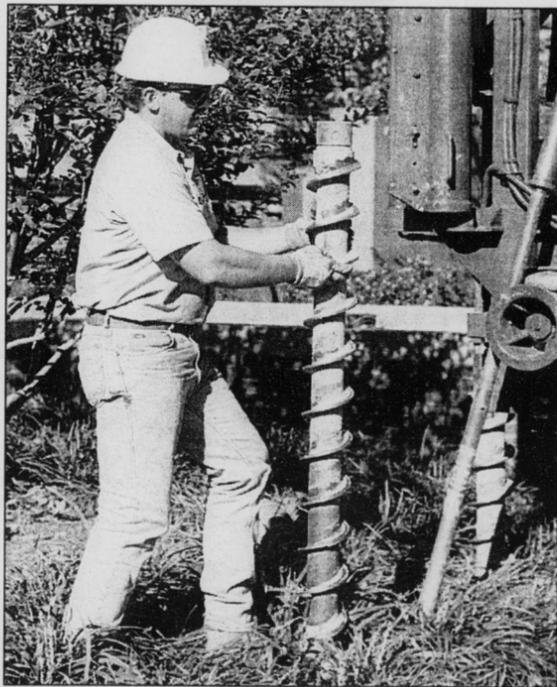
For the 1994-95 school year, men received \$5,234,799 in scholarships, but women got top dollar with \$7,301,908.

The dollar amounts match up almost proportionately with the ratio of men and women. Men, who comprise about 41 percent of the student population, won about 41 percent of the money, which included all scholarships and athletic scholarships.

Tim Sanford, director of Institutional Research, also said the high number of scholarships awarded to women may be

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DIGGING FOR DIRT



Workers began preliminary soil testing this week for the future expansion of Lenoir Dining Hall. The tests are to measure changes in the soil.

Police rule freshman's fall from Ehringhaus a suicide

■ Police found a suicide note in Matthew Burnore's third-story room.

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

University Police ruled the death of a freshman who fell Monday from Ehringhaus Residence Hall a suicide Tuesday afternoon.

Matthew Paul Burnore, 18, of 324 Ehringhaus died after falling from the second floor of his residence hall just before 9 a.m.

University Police Chief Donald Gold said investigators found a suicide note in Burnore's room. Police interviews with eyewitnesses also supported the investigators' conclusion of suicide.

Freshman Ted Dangson, Burnore's Ehringhaus suitemate, said he was surprised by his friend's suicide.

"We were all pretty tight," Dangson said, referring to the suite. "There were no problems we were aware of."

Though freshman received their midterm reports on Sunday, Dangson said grades did not have anything to do with Burnore's suicide.

"He was a really great guy," Dangson

said. "He was easy-going and he never got mad at anybody."

Though initial reports stated Burnore fell from the third floor, Gold said information from witnesses suggested he actually fell from the second floor.

The State Medical Examiner's Office ruled the cause of death as a blunt force trauma to the head resulting from the fall. Officials said they found no evidence to suggest the use of alcohol or drugs was involved in the death.

"Matthew Burnore's death is a tragedy for his family and friends and the University extends its deepest condolences to all who are affected by it," said Dean of Students Fred Schroeder.

Schroeder said Nathan Burnore, Matthew Burnore's brother and a UNC junior, notified his parents, who were out of the country. Schroeder spoke to the parents shortly afterwards, and said they were on their way back to the country.

Funeral arrangements for Burnore had not been made as of Tuesday afternoon. Burnore's death was the second student suicide this month. Graduate student Ellen Carrigan was found dead Oct. 14.

Counselors from Student Health Service and University Counseling Center are providing assistance to students and employees from Ehringhaus.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public-relations writers.

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