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Chapel Hill drug problem falls in cracks

Town officials praise the community-centered effort to battle the drug problem.

BY RACHEL SWAIN
STAFF WRITER

Although the Chapel Hill Police Department may have won a major battle against illegal drugs Tuesday, the war is far from over.

Police unexpectedly discovered 220.8 grams of crack cocaine worth an estimated street value of \$88,000 during a routine traffic stop. Darryl Eugene Williamson, 31, and Anthony Nigel Feaster, 23, both of Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park in Carrboro, were arrested and charged with trafficking of

cocaine by possession and trafficking of cocaine by transport.

The two men made their first court appearance Wednesday, said Orange County Clerk of District Court Michelle Dunevant. Their next court appearance is Feb. 17 in Chapel Hill, she said.

Police hope the bust, the largest amount of drugs confiscated in town history, puts a dent in the local drug market. "We do have a problem with narcotics in Chapel Hill,"



Council member RICHARD FRANCK commended drug-enforcement efforts in Chapel Hill.

Lt. Marvin Clark said. "We would hope (the bust) would definitely slow the traffic of crack cocaine down."

Clark said crack cocaine was the most prevalent drug in Chapel Hill. "Since its introduction in the area six to eight years ago, crack cocaine has been the drug of choice," he said.

The police department is doing anything it legally can to get drugs off the street, Clark said. "We're trying all programs — nationally recognized programs, our own modified programs, and anything we can come up with."

Community policing is one of the more recognized programs the police use. It is a nationwide concept where officers and community members know each other on a first name basis, Clark said.

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MARVIN CLARK

Chapel Hill Police Lieutenant

community and works together with community members to solve problems," he said. "The citizen will know who to turn to, know the officer that's coming to the scene and know who to voice concerns to."

"The program has been effective in combatting all types of problems in neighborhoods, whether it be drugs or fights between neighbors," Clark said.

Congress: job not just allotting fees

Representatives said it was important that all students vote Feb. 11.

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress controls about \$250,000 of student money, and with student government elections around the corner, students must soon decide just who they want holding the purse strings.

But some Student Congress representatives have expressed concern with voter apathy and attributed it to students not knowing what Student Congress does.

Rep. James Hoffman, Dist. 15, chairman of the Student Congress Ethics Committee, said student government had not done an adequate job of educating students.

"Students don't know the way it works, so they don't know what powers it has or how it can affect them," he said.

Hoffman said Student Congress' actions did have an impact on students and should matter to them.

"Look at the amount of student money Congress controls — what can or cannot be done with that money is up to Congress."

One of Student Congress' main responsibilities is allocating student fees to campus groups.

"Who isn't concerned with money?" said Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4, a graduate student.

Kennedy said he thought most students were part of some campus group, so they had a vested interest in the actions of Student Congress and who represented them.

"Where that student activity fee money goes should matter to students," he said. "It's a substantial amount of money per student."

Speaker Jamie Kilbourne, Dist. 1, said the annual budget broke down to \$16 per undergraduate student and \$12 per graduate student.

Rep. Jason Jolley, Dist. 16, chairman of the Student Congress Finance Committee, said he got involved with

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Students lobby to bring voices to policy-makers

BY ERICA BESHEARS
SENIOR WRITER

Erica Adelsheimer got a sneak preview Monday night of the education budget President Bill Clinton revealed Tuesday.

Adelsheimer, legislative director of the United States Student Association, and representatives from other education groups met with officials from the Education Department.

She called the meeting a symbol of respect the amount of the USSA — and by extension, the student population — gets in Washington.

"USSA has a really, really great level of access," Adelsheimer said. "That's come from USSA's 50-year history."

At the state and national levels, students struggle to keep their voices heard over partisan bickering and government day-to-day operations.

"We really have to be the watchdogs; we really have to be vigilant," said John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments.

Dervin, who lobbied the N.C. General Assembly last summer to oppose budget cuts, said students could play a more important role in the legislative process than university administrators or faculty.

"Students are able to say more publicly than other people are," Dervin said. "We don't have a lot to lose."

Mark Bibbs, a Board of Governors member who held Dervin's position in ASG from 1990-93, said students provided unique perspective to lawmakers.

"Most times, the only advice legislators get is from university administra-

tors," Bibbs said. "Students are the motivating factors for the universities."

When Bibbs lobbied the General Assembly as ASG president, he gained an ex officio, nonvoting position on the BOG to give students more voice in UNC-system governance.

Government bureaucracy can be so daunting that students get lost in the process, Adelsheimer said.

"If we weren't here, (the student voice) would be gone. It's an egocentric thing to say, but

Dervin, Adelsheimer and Bibbs all emphasized organization and planning. Bibbs named acting professionally and showing legislators respect as keys to student lobbying.

"You cannot be seen as hostile," he said. "You cannot be seen as very militant. (Today's activists) need to understand that legislators are adults. They talk a certain language."

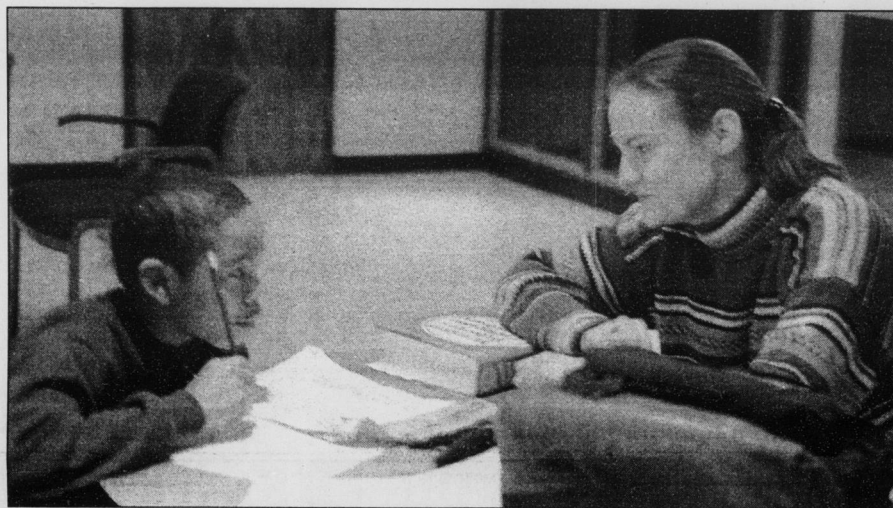
Adelsheimer said USSA developed long-term relationships with committee heads and remained nonpartisan to deal with hostile lawmakers.

Dervin said he was working to make ASG's lobbying more organized and effective. He plans to start visiting the General Assembly on a regular basis starting next week.

In recent years, students have waited until legislators threaten large cuts to jump into the process at the eleventh hour, Dervin said. Now he wants to influence policy two or three years in advance, although he's graduating in May. "What I've tried to do is set the highest standard possible," he said.

ASG plans to push heavily to give its president a vote on the BOG.

STUDY BUDDIES



Junior Megan Davis (right) and Timmie Craig escape the cold weather to do a little homework Wednesday. Megan and Timmie became buddies through the Campus Y.

Cigarette sparks \$18,000 in damages

A Carrboro woman's cigarette caused structural damage in her apartment.

BY ROB NELSON
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Careless handling of a cigarette led to a small fire Wednesday at Camelot Apartments located at 130 S. Estes Drive.

One woman was in the apartment during the blaze, but no injuries were reported, said Captain Larry Johnson of the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

The fire department responded to a call from neighbors reporting a fire at apartment G-8 at 11:05 p.m.

According to reports from the department, neighbors had extinguished the fire with a garden hose by the time fire fighters arrived at the scene.

Johnson said that the blaze, though contained within the living room of the unit, caused structural damage, which lessened the stability of the building.

He said structural damage was when a building was in danger of being destroyed or when the integrity of the building was affected.

Johnson said the female resident of the unit was sleeping on the front couch

when she was awakened by the fire. She then ran out of the house and yelled for neighbors to call the fire department.

The fire began when the cigarette ignited a chair and various paper materials, Johnson said.

According to reports, damage was estimated at \$10,000 to the structure and \$8,000 to the contents of the apartment.

The Chapel Hill Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit, the Red Cross and Duke Power Company also responded to the fire.

Johnson said he was glad the fire was put under control so quickly. "It is always one of our goals to catch fires in their smaller stages."

Talk to, not about, us

The Daily Tar Heel, as this University community's newspaper, is trying to represent all of its readership.

Sometimes this job is hard to do, especially when we don't hear from readers like you. But now is your opportunity to remedy this situation.

The DTH will be holding its second focus group of the year. The meeting, to be held 7 p.m. Wednesday in South Gallery of the Student Union, will allow readers the opportunity to let us know exactly what we should — or should not — be doing.

Not only that, but participants can get a free dinner, courtesy of the DTH.

If you're interested in taking part in this very important program, please contact Staff Development Coordinator Susan Hazeldean at 962-0245.

Because there are a limited number of places, be sure to call as soon as possible. The absolute latest time to sign up will be 5 p.m. Wednesday.

If you miss out on this focus group, don't despair. We're planning two similar sessions before the semester ends: one in March and one in April.

The DTH's most important mission is to best inform this community. If we don't know what you want to know, we won't be able to report on it for you. So talk to us.

— The Editors

Brewhaha

BY LAUREN AGRELLA
STAFF WRITER

Something's brewing in the Department of History.

A new book by Dr. Judith Bennett focuses on the reasons why women, once dominant in the beer industry, have set aside their vats. The professor of medieval history studies at UNC has devoted the last nine years to this question.

"I hate talking about kings and battles and things," said Bennett, who focuses much of her research on female figures and lifestyles.

Her most recent book, "Ale, Beer and Brewsters in England," published last year, examines why brewing changed from being dominated by females in the 1300s to being almost completely male-centered 300 years later.

Bennett's genre of choice is a bit unusu-

al in the world of history-related writing, she said. In fact, Bennett said hers was the only book on women's role in beer-brewing in the Middle Ages.

Dr. Barbara Harris, chairman of the Department of Women's Studies, teaches several history courses on women with Bennett. She said the impact of Bennett's book should not be underestimated.

"It's a very important book," she said. "It's going to get a huge amount of attention in the scholarly world."

Dr. Richard Soloway, chair of UNC's history department, said Bennett was an important leader in her area of research.

"What she does — as well as anyone — is deal with women in a very solid socioeconomic context," he said.

Her work has particularly relevance since it examines conditions that existed 700 years ago, but have ramifications on present times. "I want to understand women's work

today, so I go to the past to figure out the present," she said.

The idea for her latest book came from a student years ago. When studying patterns in women's work wages, the student noticed that medieval women were paid only two-thirds what men were. The student's observations prompted Bennett to research why patriarchy has endured for hundreds of years.

Bennett said her book was rooted in the reality that women's wages have always been lower and attempts to explain why their statuses haven't changed much. "Even with huge economic changes like capitalism and industrialization, women's work relative to men's hasn't changed much," she said.

While most of Bennett's current work has a strong feminist element, it didn't start out that way. "As an undergraduate, I thought



JUDITH BENNETT looked at the woman's role in beer brewing.

the feminist movement was unnecessary and strident," she said.

Bennett said medieval beer-brewing, since it had to be regulated and taxed in the Middle Ages, was an "unusually well-documented industry," which made historical resources accessible.

Bennett worked at two dozen archives in the British Isles to compile her book, drawing from existing records that were originally kept on sheepskin or goatskin.

Soloway agreed that Bennett's research hadn't been easy. "(She's a) meticulous researcher who works with very different sources," he said.

Bennett, who is on sabbatical this semester in Washington, just finished the first-ever biography of a medieval woman. She said her books don't claim to have any answers, though. "Feminist research generates the questions, not the answers at all."

I'm a tidy man. I keep my socks in the socks drawer and my stash in my stash box.

George Harrison