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'Racially motivated' act by police raises concern

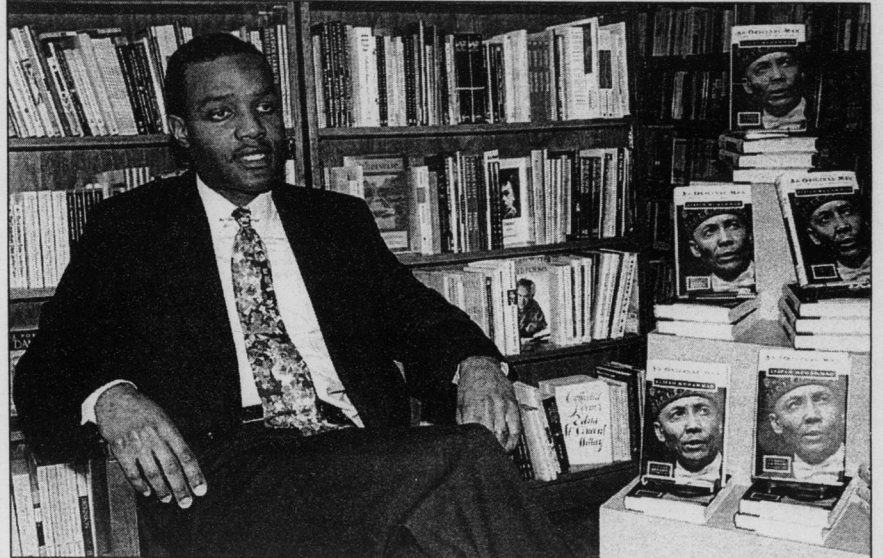
BY **BALKEES JARRAH**
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Carrboro police placed five black males, including one UNC student, under investigative attention Wednesday morning in what some of the men deemed a racially motivated incident. "I'm sure if we were 40-year-old men in three-piece suits, this never would've happened," said Anthony Burrows, a UNC junior from Cary. Carrboro Chief of Police Ben Callahan said an officer responded to a phone call from a resident of the Highland Hills apartment complex who reported a possible car robbery. He said the female caller described one of the individuals and a car she believed was being broken into. "One officer initially responded to the call and was then joined by the other officers on duty, including some officers from Chapel Hill," Callahan said.

He said the individuals were asked to get out of the vehicle and, according to procedure, were placed in separate cars until the police assessed the situation. "It was explained to them what was going on," he said. After the officers determined that no car had been broken into, they gave the four individuals a choice of either speaking to the magistrate at the police station or going home. "The person who had called was mistaken," Callahan said. But Patrick Diazola, a former student at N.C. Central University and one of the men detained Wednesday morning, said he believed race played a role. "I am embarrassed about the whole situation," he said. "It really hurts me. We were all held at gunpoint; I've never had a gun pointed at me before." Diazola said about six or seven police cars surrounded the five men and that they were not given an explanation as to why they were being detained.

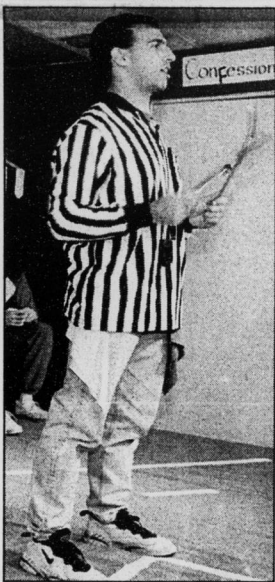
Callahan said only one Carrboro police officer drew his weapon, according to the police report. "The officer drew his weapon until he determined that the individuals in the vehicle were unarmed," he said. Callahan added that it was not uncommon for officers to draw their weapons. Burrows said the caller was careless in her identification. "If she was watching us that closely she would've realized that we weren't doing anything wrong." Burrows said the police failed to read all the individuals involved their rights. But Callahan said the police were not obliged to read individuals their rights. "You don't have to read them their rights unless you're trying to get information from them or asking them questions." Burrows said no procedure could stop this from happening again. "It makes me sad that my identity marks me this way."

ORIGINAL AUTHOR



Claude Andrew Clegg III discusses his new book, "An Original Man: The Life and Times of Elijah Muhammad," in the Bull's Head Bookshop on Wednesday. Clegg is a UNC alumnus.

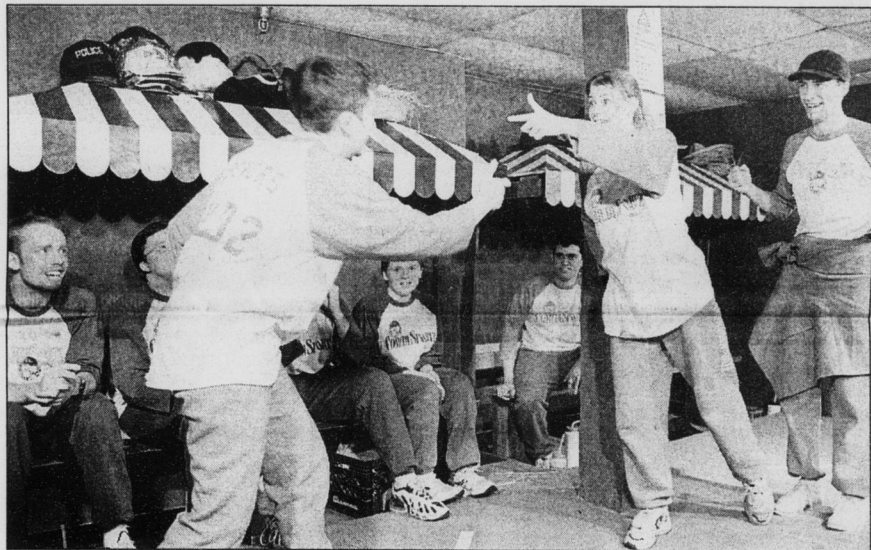
Having a ball game



Before showtime, the referee announces the rules of the game.

BY **BRENNIA PEARSON**
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Every weekend, two "Sportz" teams hurl pitches of a different sort — they pitch jokes. Comedy Sportz, a nationwide improv club, began in Milwaukee in 1984 and made its way into Chapel Hill about three years ago in the Omni Europa Hotel. The club now has a permanent home on Franklin Street and offers three weekend shows. "The nice thing about our show schedules is they provide earlier entertainment than most places," said Ross White, the club's co-manager. "If you take a date and it really sucks, then you have the rest of the night to make other plans. Or if the date is really great, then you still have plenty of time to spend together." The shows feature two teams of players that battle in nine full rounds of improv games with the help of a referee and — due to the nature of improv — the audience. "If the audience doesn't take part, the show is not a success," said co-manager Anthony King, a senior



The Comedy Sportz players play the "Shoulda Said" game Saturday night. Comedy Sportz is an improv comedy club on Franklin Street.

from Durham. Although the players often rely on audience suggestions to create their games, the players don't just run on stage and wing it. **Basic training** It is a rainy Sunday afternoon, and while many peers are napping or catching up on homework, potential players have devoted two hours of their day to learning basic improv skills. The beginner workshops last three weeks to four weeks. To get to this round, interested people must audition.

White said the club tried to hold auditions about every six weeks. "We are looking more for teamwork and creativity than for funny," said White, a senior from Winston-Salem. Those who do well in starting rounds move into advanced workshops for another two or three weeks, when they learn specific Comedy Sportz games. Lee Creighton, who has been a Comedy Sportz player for about a year, assists in the training. He said that even if people did not make it

into advanced training, the beginning workshops were a good source for self-help. "Improv makes the mind sharper," he said. "It makes people more comfortable when getting up in front of others." Ray Walters, who is in his third week of training, said he decided to audition after talking with his suitemate, who is a Comedy Sportz player. "I went to see a few shows, thought it was cool and decided to give it a try," he said. SEE COMEDY SPORTZ, PAGE 9

Bouncer gets booted from door

■ A patron said a bouncer at Groundhog Tavern discriminated against her.

BY **MEREDITH MATHIS**
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A bouncer at Groundhog Tavern located at 149 E. Franklin St. will no longer work at the door, after he displayed discriminatory behavior when letting people in the bar Saturday night. In response to a patron's complaint, Groundhog Tavern Manager Britt Keele said the bouncer would retain employment, but would be placed in another position. Two female UNC students were denied entry at the Groundhog Tavern door because the bouncer said the bar was full. Yet when people left the bar, the bouncer still refused them entrance, said one of the women, who spoke under the condition of anonymity. The woman said she and her friend came to the bar to meet another friend but were denied entry. "The bouncer said the bar was full, and I asked him if I could tell my friend to meet us somewhere else," she said. "He again said 'no'. But when another guy asked to look for a friend, he said to 'go ahead.'" "Eventually more guys came and showed their IDs, and he let them in. There was no reasoning behind it," she said. "He had no right to discriminate against me. Even though it's a small business, it's still public domain." But Chapel Hill attorney Kirk Osborn said a small business had total authority to decide who entered. "You can be selective about who enters a business until it infringes on constitutional rights," Osborn said. "The bouncer could technically have his friend come in and leave her outside. It would still be legal." Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the door manager made a complaint to the police at 12:59 a.m., for persons refusing to leave. Cousins said the police came and asked if the bouncer wanted to press charges for trespassing, but the complaint was dropped. Keele said he was out of town when the incident occurred. "The only thing that I can say is that I apologize to the two girls and action has been taken against the employee," he said. "He will no longer work at the door." Other Chapel Hill bars usually allow patrons entry if they simply present proper identification. Steve Woodham, manager of

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Congress re-elections frustrated candidates

BY **ERIN VERNON**
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Graduate students who were elected to Student Congress seats in Tuesday's re-elections said they were needlessly frustrated and embarrassed because Feb. 11 election results had already revealed the winners. "Everybody that I talked to who was involved was really frustrated," said District 3 winner Jennifer Stoloff, a graduate student in the Department of Sociology who resides in Chapel Hill. In an executive order issued last week, Student Body President Aaron Nelson ordered the Elections Board to administer a re-election for graduate student districts 2 through 9. Poll site computer problems during the Feb. 11 student body elections could

have allowed some graduates to vote in the wrong district. But Jim Seney, who won the graduate seat in Student Congress District 2, said it was obvious who the winners were following the initial elections. "The re-elections were an exercise in futility," said Seney, a graduate student in the School of Social Work from Leeds, Mass. Stoloff, who was declared a winner following the first election, said she expected to win the re-election, too. "I would have felt confident with the first results ... but (the Board) probably did the right thing," she said. Seney said he did not appreciate the required re-election. "I was embarrassed because I had to ask my constituents to vote for me three times," he said. Seney was referring to

Re-elections Student Congress

District 2 Jim Seney	9
District 3 Jennifer Stoloff	8
District 5 Crystal Holland	1
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the two elections plus a special election earlier this year when he was first elected to Student Congress. Stoloff also said it was hard to get students to come out and vote a second

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Officials to ask Legislature for sprinkle of fire safety

■ The Carrboro ordinance would require sprinklers in all new apartments.

BY **SALLIE LACY**
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Carrboro and Chapel Hill share a lot. And if a recent request goes through, the towns could both have a sprinkler ordinance. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to send special sprinkler legislation to the N.C. General Assembly. Alderman Hilliard Caldwell said the board was seeking the state's permission to require that all future apartment complexes be outfitted with sprinkler systems. "We've been looking at this for the

past six months," he said. Carrboro Town Attorney Mike Brough presented the special legislation at the request of Carrboro Fire Chief Rodney Murray. "Right now we have legislation that will allow us to require sprinkler systems in commercial buildings," Murray said. "I'm requesting they include multifamily units." A multifamily unit consists of three or more units, he said. Murray said he also wanted to require buildings that sustain more than 50 percent damage be rebuilt with sprinkler systems. The General Assembly approves towns' requests on a case-by-case basis, Murray said. Shortly after the May 12, 1996, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire that killed five people, Chapel Hill was granted the authority to require

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Good girls go to heaven, and bad girls go everywhere.

Helen Gurley Brown