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Students, legislators seek satellite pollsites at UNC

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Students anxious to exercise their right to vote might soon have an easier time getting to the polls.

N.C. Sen. Eleanor Kinnaid, D-Orange, filed three bills Wednesday intended to benefit the UNC system. One aimed to establish satellite pollsites on UNC campuses, allowing students easier access to voting facilities in state and national elections.

John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments, pushed for the satellite pollsites legislation but said students like former Student Body President Aaron Nelson initiated it.

"Students saw a need for it," Dervin said. "Aaron and I worked on something last summer and we petitioned the Orange County Board of Elections."

A satellite pollsites allows citizens to vote in a different location than their district requires. The legislation would permit officials at any UNC-system campus to petition their counties to allow voting facilities on campus. Currently, this

option is available only to the elderly.

"The only way we can get satellite pollsites is to change the state statute," Dervin said. "With this legislation it will become a legal possibility."

Kinnaid said she sponsored the bill because students needed it.

"Convenience would be the most obvious benefit," she said. "We are trying to give students the same advantage that residents have—that is, a site closer to their residence."

Dervin said campus pollsites would keep South Campus and Granville Towers students from having to vote at pollsites miles away.

Caroline Thomas, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said many factors must first be considered.

"You would have to consider buying new voting tabulators, hire new precinct officials to man each poll, train all of



Association of Student Governments President JOHN DERVIN said students worked hard to get this legislation introduced.

these people, and buy new voting booths," Thomas said. "We would have to address these concerns."

Dervin acknowledged that cost was an issue. But he said these obstacles could be overcome.

"I think there have got to be ways that we can make this work without causing undo burden on the Orange County Board of Elections," Dervin said. "We said we were willing to have student government kick in and help cover the costs."

Student Body President Mo Nathan, who also worked on the legislation, said he thought it had a good chance of passing.

"I think we've got an excellent chance of shepherding this through," Nathan said. "There is nothing political about access to the electoral process."

Several campus organizations worked last fall with voter registration programs. Jeff Plemmons, co-president of Young Democrats, said he thought the proposal would encourage more people to vote.

"A lot of people are in between classes and don't have the time or transportation, especially freshmen, to get to pollsites," he said. "It will definitely be a big help."

SEACing solutions

BY AMANDA GREENE
STAFF WRITER

Inspirational quotations clutter the walls of Andrew Pearson's SEAC office.

"What would life be without the courage to attempt a y-

thing?"

QUESTIONS

artist Vincent Van Gogh.

And what does Pearson know about courage?

As one of the co-chairmen of the Student Environmental Action Coalition this year, members say Pearson has shown his courage and has inspired others in their environmental pursuits.

Lauren Attanas, SEAC co-chairwoman, said Pearson's initiative had moved SEAC in the right direction. "Andy's not afraid to get out there in the public eye and really make the issues known," she said. "He really pulled the leader out of me."



SEAC Co-chairman Andrew Pearson discusses the future of the \$1.2 million Rams Club Road.

Pearson said it was easier said than done. "It seems as if this year has been a big, chaotic haze of

tabling, talking to people, waking up early and staying up late," he said.

But Pearson isn't just a one-issue environmentalist. He believes in strong activism.

"I think one of the biggest problems today is that activists and student groups end up pigeon-holing themselves to one issue," he said.

"By the nature of this complex world, we need to be thinking about many different things in order to get things done."

And considering many diverse issues while being a flexible leader makes Pearson an exceptional role model for SEAC members, said Stephanie Broughton, a former SEAC member.

"Sometimes it's almost like he wants to make things happen, but he doesn't want any glory," said the sophomore from Durham.

Attanas said that while she believed Pearson did not dictate everything in SEAC directly, he still motivated members.

"He doesn't lead by force," she said. "It's a consensus thing."

Pearson discussed his leadership techniques.

"I don't like delegating responsibility," he said. "I think people should do what they

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Guns, drugs discovered in morning traffic stops

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the two incidents were unrelated.

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
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While making traffic stops early Thursday morning, Chapel Hill police got more than they bargained for.

Officers confiscated two automatic weapons and 19 grams of marijuana.

Police charged Gasma Gaius Nedlic, 31, of 908 Williamson Ave. in Burlington and Michelle Ann Parenteau, 22, of 323 W. Trollingler Ave. at Elon College with possession of a weapon of mass destruction, carrying a concealed weapon and aggravated possession of marijuana, according to police reports.

At about 12:14 a.m., police confiscated a fully automatic M-11 submachine gun with a silencer lying in the backseat of the car Parenteau drove. About 19 grams of marijuana stored in a Crown Royal bag in the rear of the vehicle behind the driver's seat were also found, reports state.

Parenteau drove a gray Honda Accord stopped at the light on Estes Drive at Fortham Boulevard. Police saw the car had no inspection sticker.

At the green light, the car drove straight into a Ridgefield Apartments parking lot. Police stopped the car, and both occupants seemed nervous, reports state.

Police detected a strong odor of marijuana and asked who was smoking. The occupants denied having marijuana, but Parenteau got out of the car and allowed police to search the vehicle.

Police also asked Nedlic to step out of the car and asked him where the marijuana was, reports state. Nedlic showed officers a partially smoked marijuana cigarette in his hand.

Police then found a black bag containing the gun, silencer, a partially full box of ammunition and a knife located under the passenger seat, reports state.

In an interview with police after her arrest, Parenteau said she knew Nedlic had a gun but did not know it was in the car. She said she knew marijuana was in the car and that Nedlic was smoking it while they drove down the road, reports state.

Nedlic told police Parenteau knew nothing about the gun. He said it was his friend's gun, but could not give the name of his friend.

In a separate incident, police confiscated a 5KS 7.62 mm assault rifle fully loaded with a banana clip. At 1:38 a.m., officers stopped to check out several people sitting in a 1992 Chevrolet

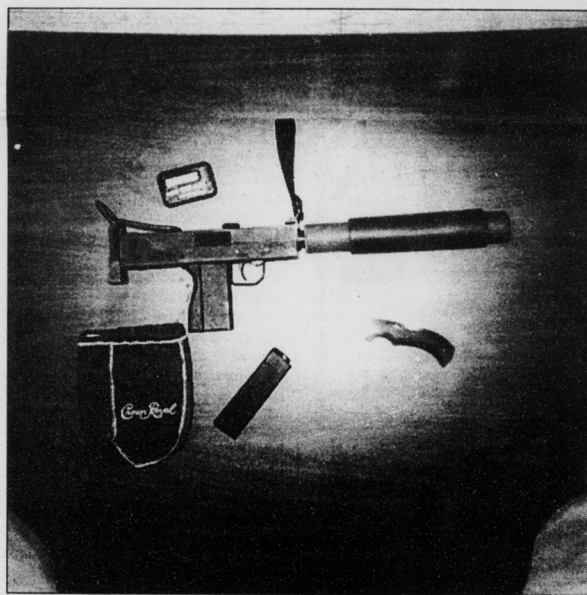


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Chapel Hill police confiscated this fully automatic M-11 machine gun, a silencer and a bag that contained 19 grams of marijuana.

Caviler at Lindsay Street public housing, according to reports.

Douglas Edward Jones, 28, of 6 Hawaii Court in Durham was charged with possession of a weapon of mass destruction and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Chapel Hill Police Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the two incidents

were not related. "These were two separate occurrences," she said. "We have no indication why they were carrying the guns." She said the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms would investigate the incidents.

Nedlic and Parenteau were confined in Orange County Jail at \$10,200 bond. Jones' bond was set at \$15,000.

2 people attacked; assailant not found

STAFF REPORT

Two attempted sexual assaults occurred on campus late Thursday evening, according to officials.

Student Body President Mo Nathan urged students to take extreme caution

as the assailant had not been found as of press time.

The locations of the assaults have not been released.

Names of victims have also been withheld.

Law school students keep positive outlook

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

Despite the shadow cast on the UNC School of Law by recent controversies, some law students say their futures still look bright.

Some law professors and students say events such as the firing of former law school professor Barry Nakell and second-year student Barry Berman smoking pot in class should have little impact on the school's reputation or its future ranking.

Law school Dean Judith Wegner said the events would not affect the school's reputation anymore than controversy at Harvard or Berkley would affect the reputations of those schools.

"Our sense in talking with people outside in the world is that they understand you can have unpredictable and unfortunate things happen anywhere," she said.

"And that's not anything most people attribute to the institution."

Winston Crisp, assistant dean for student affairs in the law school, said these events cannot be used to judge the entire school.

"I don't pretend to argue these events are insignificant, but it's only three or four controversies and that's with a school that has about 700 students a year, so that doesn't make it a trend," he said.

"For the few bad things that happen, there are a whole lot of other things going on here that are good."

John Conley, Kenan professor in the law school, said the number of applications to the school were down, but not necessarily because of the controversies.

"Maybe it has something to do with these episodes and the negative publicity, or the very disruptive construction that's going on, or the fact that we con-

tinued to go down in the (U.S. News and World Report) rankings," he said.

Robert Morse, director of research for America's Best Colleges at U.S. News and World Report, said surveys rating academic reputation counted for 40 percent of the magazine's rankings.

The ratings are determined by four members from each law school and other lawyers and judges, Morse said.

Although UNC's school is ranked 35th overall, its academic reputation is ranked 18th by both academics and professionals in the field of law.

"Whatever troubles we've had, we're still respected by the lawyers out there," Conley said.

Morse said he could not imagine these events having an impact on a school's ranking.

"Other law schools have little incidents that happen every year," he said. "If everybody flunked the bar exam or the school lost its accreditation — you can imagine bigger things."

Greg Parent, student body vice president in the law school, said having the law school on a résumé would still garner respect in the professional world.

"Carolina's reputation is by and far superior to its official ranking," he said. "The perception among professionals is that Carolina is a top-20 school."

Joe Buckner, chief district court judge for Orange and Chatham counties, said the school appropriately handled the unforeseeable events, and they should not affect its ranking.

"They had a streak of bad luck, but I don't think it in any way diminishes the academic integrity of the school," he said.

But Wegner said she did not place much value on the magazine's rankings because of past inaccuracies and a methodology she said is biased in favor of private schools.

Carolina Dining Services changes meal plans, prices

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

While students are eating their meals in Camp Lenoir next semester, they will also be paying lower prices for them.

Carolina Dining Services has decided to decrease prices for meal plans next semester because of low meal usage among diners and the new dining facilities that will be in use.

Biruta Nielson, contract administrator, said the meal plan format had been altered to include less meals and more money for a la carte.

"It is a rare student with a 10 meal plan that will use all 10 meals," Nielson said. "The change in the meal plan format took into account the number of missed meals."

Only one of the meal plans currently available will be increasing in price. The 14 meals per week with \$100, currently

cost \$915, but will cost \$940.

"The reason this meal plan increased is the same reason the prices of the other plans decreased," said food service director Scott Myers. "The cost with the (lower priced) plans we projected was lower than before, but with this meal plan, the cost was slightly higher."

Nielson said three new meal plans will offer the same number of meals but will provide students with more a la carte money.

"What we offer is generally based on what the demand has been the year before," she said.

"It makes a lot of sense," said Sonya Foster, a freshman from Yadkinville who currently has a 100 meal block plan. "Next semester the meals aren't going to be as good a quality as they are now."

Nielson said CDS has decided to remove the 50 block plan as well as 14

meal plans with \$175 a la carte.

"We want to provide students with greater meal plan flexibility," Nielson

said. "We have tried to anticipate the

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Food for thought

Next year, students will find new meal plans and prices for on-campus dining.

Meal plan price changes

Meal	Old price	New price
14 meals with \$100 A La Carte	\$915	\$940
10 meals with \$150 A La Carte	\$860	\$825
5 meals with \$225 A La Carte	\$700	\$635
100 block with \$125 A La Carte	\$700	\$625

New choices

Meal	Price	Meal	Price
14 meals, \$300 A La Carte	\$1,100	14 meals, \$175 A La Carte	\$955
7 meals, \$200 A La Carte	\$685	150 block, \$100 A La Carte	\$800
125 block, \$175 A La Carte	\$725	Carte Blanche Club	

SOURCE: CAROLINA DINING SERVICE

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