

## Local officers participate in charity race

Area law enforcement workers raised money for the N.C. Special Olympics.

BY KATHERINE BROWN  
CITY EDITOR

Early Wednesday morning, law enforcement officials from all over Orange County headed to Carrboro Community Park.

But it wasn't to stop a burglary in progress, help accident victims or even to stop a speeding motorist.

Instead, they were gathered for the Orange County leg of the 1997 Law Enforcement Torch Run for the North Carolina Special Olympics.

The Torch Run is an 18-day road relay covering more than 2,000 miles throughout the state.

Beginning in Asheville on May 13, more than 2,500 law enforcement officers from nearly 200 departments across the state participated in the charity race to Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheater in Raleigh.

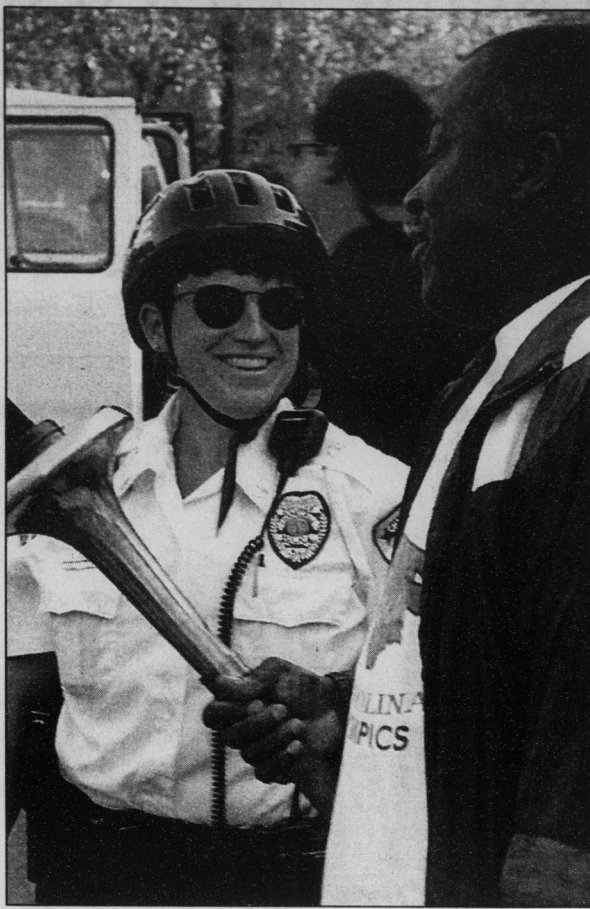
Doris Day-Crutchfield of the Orange Correctional Center said she didn't mind volunteering for a good cause like this one.

"When they said Special Olympics, that was it for me," she said. "I'm doing this for the kids, and to see if I can still run."

The torch will reach the amphitheater May 30 for the opening ceremony of the North Carolina Special Olympics.

Over fifty representatives from the Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Mebane police departments, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Division of Prisons, the Highway Patrol and the UNC University and Hospital Police participated in the Orange County leg.

"I'm glad they invited us to partici-



Officer Robin Clark prepares torch carrier Arbin Sanders to start the 1997 Law Enforcement Torch Run for the N.C. Special Olympics.

ated," said the Division of Prisons' James Killough. "I enjoy running and this is a worthwhile cause."

The group began the 7-mile trip together, but after the first half-mile, each department was responsible for a leg of the run.

Officers who wished to run or bike all the way to the final destination, the Outback Steakhouse in Durham, were welcomed to do so.

The run is also a fund raising event

for the Summer Games, which will be held at Walnut Creek from May 30 through June 1.

Organizers expect to raise \$600,000 from the event.

Interested persons can make a pledge to an officer, buy a t-shirt or baseball cap for \$13 each or contact local law enforcement agencies for more information.

All proceeds go to the North Carolina Special Olympics.

## Aldermen delay Kent Woodlands decision, request time for studying new information

BY MICHAEL KANAREK  
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen held public hearings at its Tuesday meeting to continue discussion of the Kent Woodlands subdivision and to discuss the town manager's recommended budget.

The aldermen wanted to clear up the confusion about the ability of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to clear areas for construction without the board's permission.

"I find it unusual that clearing would be taking place before we issued a conditional use permit," Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said.

Town Attorney Michael Brough said there was no specific permit for exactly this type of construction.

Brough said utility construction was exempted from needing a permit if the site was in a public right of way, but that this wasn't in a public right of way.

"It looks like a permit ought to have

been granted."

Mayor Mike Nelson said he wanted a chance to review information from OWASA as well as documents and video recordings he had received that day from the Chapel Hill Town Council's conditional use permit hearings for their part of the subdivision.

However, Alderman Hilliard Caldwell questioned the need to delay a decision about a Carrboro development for consideration of information about Chapel Hill.

But Nelson said the material related to a possible misrepresentation of information by town staff.



Carrboro Mayor MIKE NELSON said he wanted time to review information from the Chapel Hill Town Council hearings.

The aldermen later voted to continue the public hearing on a later date.

Most of the time given to the second public hearing was taken by representatives whose agencies had submitted requests for funding, but were not considered by the Human Services Commission.

Carrboro resident Steve Wallace asked the Board of Aldermen to end funding for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program used in schools.

"We have a program that's gone out of control," he said.

But Alderman Hank Anderson asked, "If you took DARE away, then what are we going to have?"

Eileen Helton, who is with the Carrboro ArtsCenter, also requested funding. She said the ArtsCenter would be concentrating on collaborative efforts with groups in the area, working with the Ackland Art Museum to get involved with the University, as well as creating internships for University students.

## Residents plea for Estates appeal

Some citizens argue that increased traffic could endanger area children.

BY COURTNEY WEILL  
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At Tuesday's Town Council meeting, Chapel Hill residents petitioned the council to appeal a ruling by an Orange County Superior Court judge that overturned the council's rejection of the Estates proposal.

"(This appeal is an) important fight that has serious ramifications for our town," said James Manning, a Timberlyne neighborhood resident.

The Estates proposal includes plans to build a 34-acre apartment complex in

north Chapel Hill just south of Westminister Drive. But the council rejected the plan Feb. 24.

The Estates developer appealed the decision, and Judge Clarence Carter later ruled that the town was unjustified in rejecting the proposal.

Chapel Hill resident Phillip Goodman called on the council Tuesday night to "investigate the validity of a single person's viewpoint."



Chapel Hill Mayor ROSEMARY WALDRORF requested a closed session to discuss the desire for a possible appeal.

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Timberlyne neighborhood resident

"It needs to be brought to the attention of further legal opinion," said Goodman.

Opposition to the Estates development stems from concerns that the increased traffic the complex would generate would jeopardize neighborhood children.

That safety issue — along with the fear of declining property values — prompted many area residents to petition the council to keep up its fight against the Estates' developers.

This case also threatens the validity of the decisions made by the town government.

If one decision is easily overturned without a fight, residents fear other decisions in the future might also be overturned.

Victor Friedmann, president of the Alliance for Neighborhoods, said if the council's ruling was faulty according to the courts, then the citizens need to know why the ruling was deemed faulty in order to repair the problems for future cases.

Friedmann said these faults would only become apparent if the council appealed the decision and reworked its case.

Following the citizens' petitions, Mayor Rosemary Waldorf suggested a closed session be held after the meeting to further discuss the issue.

## Campus groups stay active, offer diversions for summer students

Student organizations offer both entertainment and athletics this summer.

BY ANDREA LEE  
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Even with classes, summer can be filled with boredom.

But although the University isn't as active now as it is during the rest of the school year, students can battle idleness by getting involved with some organizations on campus this summer.

The Campus Y, the Student Recreation Center, the Intramural Recreation Department, InterVarsity

Christian Fellowship, and the Carolina Union Activities Board are offering multiple extra-curricular opportunities for summer school students.

Additionally, scheduled free entertainment for the summer caters to a wide range of interests.

For instance, Selected Hilarity, an improvisational comedy group made up of UNC alumni, will give its farewell performance tonight at 8 p.m.; moonlight bowling is scheduled for June 12; and the North Carolina Symphony Pops Concert is June 19 at 7 p.m. in Polk Place.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Campus Y for students wishing to spend part of their summer doing community service.

Those interested should come by the Campus Y to glance through the Summer Opportunities Notebook, a collection of information from agencies throughout the community and their volunteer needs.

"I encourage volunteers to come to the Campus Y and find out more information about the opportunities," Campus Y Associate Director Pamela Cheek said.

The Student Recreation Center continues to operate throughout the summer for students wishing to keep fit.

Summer hours for the SRC are Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.

A water aerobics class has been added to the list of step, funk and box aerobics already being offered.

Aerobics schedules and information on the Carolina Century Club, a fitness motivation program, can be found at the front desk in the SRC.

IM-Rec will sponsor a few sporting events. Students are encouraged to come by 203 Woollen Gym to sign up for beach volleyball and an all-campus golf tournament.

InterVarsity is holding summer fellowship Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Forest Theatre.

The gatherings are open to anyone interested. A summer of worship and events such as outings to Krispy Kreme in Raleigh is planned.

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