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## Police officer claims citation double standard exists

■ A University police officer said students receive more alcohol citations.

BY LAURA GODWIN  
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A University Police officer claims his department targets students and turns a blind eye to alumni and adults violating state alcohol regulations following an incident at a recent football game.

University Police Lt. C.E. Swain said a Sept. 27 incident is representative of a larger problem — a double standard regarding who receives alcohol-related citations from University Police.

"You ask other officers, and they will probably tell you the same thing," Swain said. "It is a double standard, and it shouldn't be."

Swain cited Caroline Hancock, 18, daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield, for underage possession of alcohol. She was holding a beer in the Ramshead parking lot after the UNC-Virginia football game, University police

reports state.

Swain accused the police department of pressuring him to drop Hancock's citation because of her father's position with the University. Armfield called Swain's allegations "totally incorrect," and University Police Chief Don Gold said Swain was in no way pressured to drop the citation. Gold said he had not even talked to Armfield.

After an investigation into the incident, Hancock's citation was filed with the magistrate's office.

Swain contends that students, more than alumni or other adults, receive the brunt of police efforts to crack down on alcohol-related violations.

Students do receive more citations than alumni or other adults, but for practical reasons, said David Collins, manager of the University Police professional standard training section.

More alcohol infractions pinpoint students than adults. The only infraction applicable to adults is public display of alcohol. Students can also be cited for underage possession of alcohol, he said.

He added the large population of students also leads to more citations. "The

vast majority of our people in our jurisdiction are students," Collins said. "It just stands to reason that more students are going to be cited."

Swain said when he saw a violation, he issued a citation regardless of the offender's age or status. "A lot of (officers) have said that they don't want to hear the complaints," Swain said. "I have gotten to the point that I really don't care (about receiving complaints)."

Gold denied the existence of a double standard. "No one is targeted," Gold said. "We respond to and enforce the law according to what we encounter."

Collins, a seven-year police veteran, said he had never witnessed any officer specifically target students. He did say the combination of students and alcohol causes more problems for police.

He said, "Let's face it — at football games, how many times have we had to break up a fight between alumni? How many times have we had alumni throw up? You don't see a 63-year-old man and his wife who may have had a couple of Bloody Marys at 10 in the morning at the Bell Tower parking lot causing problems."

## Armfield's daughter cited for violation

BY LAURA GODWIN  
MANAGING EDITOR

A University Police officer who cited a prominent University official's daughter for an alcohol violation claims he was pressured to tear up the citation.

Caroline Hancock, 18, daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield, received a citation for underage possession of a malt beverage on Sept. 27 following the UNC-Virginia football game, UNC Police reports state.

Hancock was released and the case was cleared by arrest, the report states. But the officer who cited Hancock said the case was not closed when he turned in his copy of the citation.

University Police Lt. C.E. Swain said when he began to write Hancock the citation, Armfield asked him to "give him a break."

Swain said he declined, completed writing the citation, and returned to the police station where he mentioned the

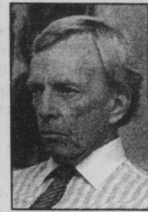
citation to others.

"When I got home there was a message on my answering machine from my major. He wanted me to page him," Swain said. "He asked me again about the citation."

Swain said when he asked his major, Jeff McCracken, why he was interested in the incident, McCracken told him Hancock was Armfield's daughter.

"The next thing (McCracken) said was he was a BOT member," Swain said. "I told him 'I don't give a damn.'"

"They made sure they told me who her father was."



Board of Trustees member

BILLY ARMFIELD said the incident occurred because of negligence on his part.

"This is something that I wished had not happened, and I am certainly not proud of it. I should have known better."

BILLY ARMFIELD  
Board of Trustees member

McCracken was not available Monday for comment.

Swain said his commanding officers told him the citation should be erased because it would be difficult to prove.

The citation and the arrest report were removed from computer files, but only while the incident was under investigation, University Police Chief Don Gold said. "We were aware of a complaint with regards to the way the cita-

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## Housing board approves deposit amount increase

■ The proposed \$125 hike was made partly because of this fall's housing crunch.

BY PHILLIP GARDNER  
STAFF WRITER

Students wanting to reserve on-campus housing might be digging deeper in their pockets this spring if a new proposal becomes reality.

Among other housing assignment changes, the Housing Advisory Board has approved a proposal to raise the housing pre-payment for returning students from \$75 to \$200.

Tim Schwarzen, student government housing coordinator and board member, said the board approved the housing department's proposal Wednesday.

"We all agreed that it's a great option," he said, adding that this fall's housing crunch played a major role in proposing the increase.

Wayne Kuncel, director of University Housing, said the new policy must be reviewed and approved by Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, before it can take effect. He said he hoped the policy could be implemented by next semester.

The increase's purpose was to ensure that students who register for University housing are serious about returning, Schwarzen said.

He said the change would cause students to avoid using University housing as a fall-back position while looking at off-campus housing options, thus clearing space for other students.

"That sounds like a big raise just for something like that. If I wasn't sure, I'd pay \$75. But if it was \$200, I'd make a decision quicker."

MIMI DEVOE

Sophomore from Greenville

While the proposal raises the housing pre-payment, also known as a housing deposit, it doesn't raise overall housing costs, Schwarzen said.

According to a draft of the proposal, the housing department also proposed a grace period of two weeks for students to change their minds about living on campus and withdraw from the upperclassmen sign-up process.

Students would be able to cancel for a full refund within these two weeks.

A July 1 cancellation date, after which an upperclassman would become responsible for liquidated damages, was also established in the proposal. According to the proposal, this earlier cancellation date would encourage early decision-making.

Schwarzen said the proposal represented a significant change from the status quo. "With the current housing policy, students can basically go until residence halls open up," he said.

Another section of the proposal recommended the delay of freshman assignment notification until July 16. This delay, according to the draft, would provide the assignments office with greater flexibility in moving residents and accommodating medical needs.

The possible increase in pre-payment got some students thinking.

Mimi Devoe, a sophomore from Greenville, said she was surprised by the increase. "That sounds like a big raise just for something like that."

"If I wasn't sure, I'd pay \$75," she said. "But if it was \$200, I'd make a decision quicker."

## WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS



Savannah Pleil, 15 months, stops along a campus sidewalk to examine some acorns Monday. Her mother, Sarah Smithson-Compton, is a German teaching assistant.

DTH/PATIE KECKEISEN

## Hear them roar: voters league gears up for upcoming elections

BY BETSY LEE  
STAFF WRITER

The local League of Women Voters registered more than 50 voters at Festfall on Sunday.

In keeping with its mission to register and educate voters, the group made its presence known.

The Nov. 4 elections have kept members busy, as they have made widespread efforts to register as many eligible voters as possible and to inform residents about each of the candidates.

LWV President Diana Phillips said attracting people to register at Festfall was not difficult with so many residents there.

"We registered between 50 to 60 voters," she said.

At the booth, the league sold stamps so those who completed the registration forms could send them immediately, Phillips said.

At Festfall, the league also provided 1997 citizens' guides of the Chapel Hill area. The guides contained phone numbers of local, state and national officials and tax and voting information that league members had gathered.

With the Chapel Hill Area League's 50th birthday approaching, members continued in their mission to educate voters as a non-partisan organization.

"Much of the reason why people don't vote is because they don't feel that they know enough about the issues," Phillips said.

"One of the most important jobs is helping people learn what the issues

are."

Voter Registration Chairwoman Ricka Samulski said the group planned a Chapel Hill Town Council candidates' forum Oct. 20 and a bond referendum and Board of Education candidates' forum Oct. 29.

Samulski said a Carrboro mayoral and Board of Alderman candidates' forum would also take place Oct. 30 in Carrboro Town Hall.

The LWV also compiled a voter's guide that contained information on each office member's education, background and responses to specific questions and issues, Samulski said.

Unlike past years, Gross said no UNC students served as LWV members, adding that this was mainly because meetings took place off campus in members' homes.

Gross said the meetings had previously been held at Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church on Franklin Street. However, the league encountered a scarcity in parking when the University converted part of the church parking lot into a University one.

As a result, the league decided to hold its meetings elsewhere.

Another reason the league has no UNC student members is because it no longer has anyone to actively recruit them, Gross said.

Since the league is so busy, it did not make this a top priority, she said.

"We try to do too much. We just have so many things to try to accomplish."

Phillips agreed and added that many members had less time to devote to the league since they worked full time.

"The league used to be composed of a lot of women who didn't work outside the home," Phillips said. "They had a lot of time to give.

"Much of the reason why people don't vote is because they don't feel that they know enough about the issues."

DIANA PHILLIPS  
President of the local  
League of Women Voters

"It's only in the past 10 years that we've come across members working full time and members who are single mothers working full time, in a big way."

Phillips said in the past the University had a student League of Women Voters. However, she added that the student league no longer existed since it lacked an advisor.

"If there were to be a student League of Women Voters, it would need a faculty sponsor," Phillips said.

She said she was currently seeking an advisor to revive the student league.

The league also made other attempts to expand its membership. Member Gwen Griswold said the league now included members living in areas other than Chapel Hill.

"One of the things we have just done is to widen our umbrella because we have some members living in Chatham (County), Hillsborough and Durham," Griswold said.

"We are reaching out beyond Chapel Hill."

Although the league began as a female organization, Phillips said men could also join.

"It came into being from the suffragist movement," she said.

"(But) men are welcomed as members."

## KICKING FOR KIDS



Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority cheer after scoring during a kickball game Sunday. They played to raise money for children.

DTH/DANA GARDNER

## Professor: allegations of abuse wrong

■ Six students accused Professor David Hammond of sexual harassment.

STAFF REPORT

Drama Professor David Hammond issued a response Monday to allegations from six graduate students that he had sexually harassed and abused them.

Hammond, who is being represented by Chapel Hill Attorney Jay Bryan, stated in a press release that he was "shocked and upset" about the allegations and that he was cooperating with the University's investigation.

"I believe that I have not done or said anything in classes or rehearsals that can be construed as sexual harassment," he stated.

Hammond said that although he had not seen all of the allegations, what he had seen were "out-of-context misrepresentations of events" and that others were "simply untrue."

He further stated that he had witnessed to support responses to all allegations.

Six graduate students who had

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Student Body President Mo Nathan and student government approved a new council to involve more freshmen.  
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Klein's leaving UNC

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days left to register to vote

Today's weather

Sunny;  
high 80s  
Wednesday: Sunny;  
high 80s

Flirtation — attention without intention.

Max O'Neil