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Police charge teens with drug possession

One of the teens says he found the marijuana and crack on Franklin Street.

BY SEAN ROWE
STAFF WRITER

Pamela Wilkerson said she would stand firmly behind her two 16-year-old sons when they face trial Tuesday on charges of possessing marijuana and crack cocaine on campus.

"If my sons say they're innocent, then they're innocent," Wilkerson said Sunday.

Twin brothers Ramin and Rashun Wilkerson will be tried in Chapel Hill District Court for their arrest Thursday on one count of simple possession of marijuana and one count of possession of a drug with intent to sell or deliver, police reports stated.

The brothers' uncle posted the bail Thursday set for \$5,500, Wilkerson said.

She said the telephone call from University Police surprised her because she said her sons had never been in trouble with the police.

"My heart almost failed," Wilkerson said. "It was a shock."

University Police arrested the two Orange High School students in the Alumni Garden, according to reports.

University Police officer Herbert Stubbs found six grams of marijuana and \$396 on Ramin Wilkerson, of 9400 Nellie Gray Court, and 27 grams of

crack cocaine on Rashun.

Although the teenagers admitted to smoking some of the marijuana, Rashun said he found the crack lying in a small green box beneath some bushes in the alley between the Chapel Hill post office and Four Corners restaurant.

"I was going to give it to an officer because I didn't want some kid finding it," Rashun said.

She said her sons told her they had smoked marijuana before, but she did not believe the crack belonged to them.

"Like (Rashun) told the man, he found the box and put it in his pocket," Wilkerson said.

She also said she gave Rashun \$390 of her own money to pay the bills because she wanted it kept in a safe place. She said the money would not be spent or stolen from their trailer home while with one of her sons.

Stubbs, who was on bike patrol, states in the police report that the strong smell of burning marijuana drew him over to the two teenagers and another man and woman standing in the garden. As he walked toward them, they walked away.

Stubbs stopped the four, told them to sit on the ground and asked if they were carrying any controlled substances or weapons. Rashun admitted to having the crack after Stubbs said he would pat them down because he smelled the marijuana smoke.

The box contained crack inside four plastic bags.

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Research: the 4th 'R'

BY EVAN SAUDA
STAFF WRITER

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Perish

A five-part series exploring the importance of research at UNC.

■ Today: Defining research.

■ Tuesday: The politics of funding research.

■ Wednesday: Where do professors get support to balance teaching and research?

■ Thursday: The differences between various departments' research.

■ Friday: The private sector's influence.

When most people think of a research university, places like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology often come to mind but not necessarily UNC.

But research is one of the three main missions of the University.

During the last four years, the research done on the UNC campus has brought in more than \$4 million in funding and more than 60 U.S. patents.

The number of disclosures, which are ideas reported to the University's Office of Technology Development as worthwhile inventions, is climbing.

The number has risen 32 percent since 1993, when 71 were reported. Ninety-four disclosures have been received so far this year.

Many students associate research with long papers and late nights spent at the library, which are not always desirable experiences.

Many professors, however, said they were here because they enjoyed doing original research in their field.

"I write because I'm very

much into my subject, and I like communicating with people who are knowledgeable in it," said Thomas E. Hill Jr., a Kenan professor of philosophy.

Professors often involve students in their research, both graduates and undergraduates.

"I've had tons of undergraduates who do research," said Holden Thorp, a professor in the Department of Chemistry whose current research project deals with nucleic acid oxidation.

"I do the best job I can with graduates and undergraduates," Thorp said. "It's good for everyone."

Companies often provide money to graduate students in exchange for help with a project. This enables students to continue their education and lets the company get results

that would otherwise take it much longer to achieve.

Research at the University has undergone many changes throughout the years, said chemistry Professor Richard P. Buck.

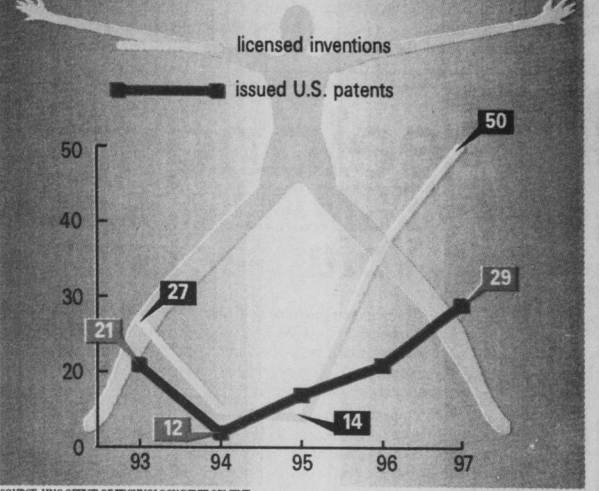
"Now we have to make teaching our first duty rather than our second," Buck said.

Research is, in one sense, the

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Stretched thin

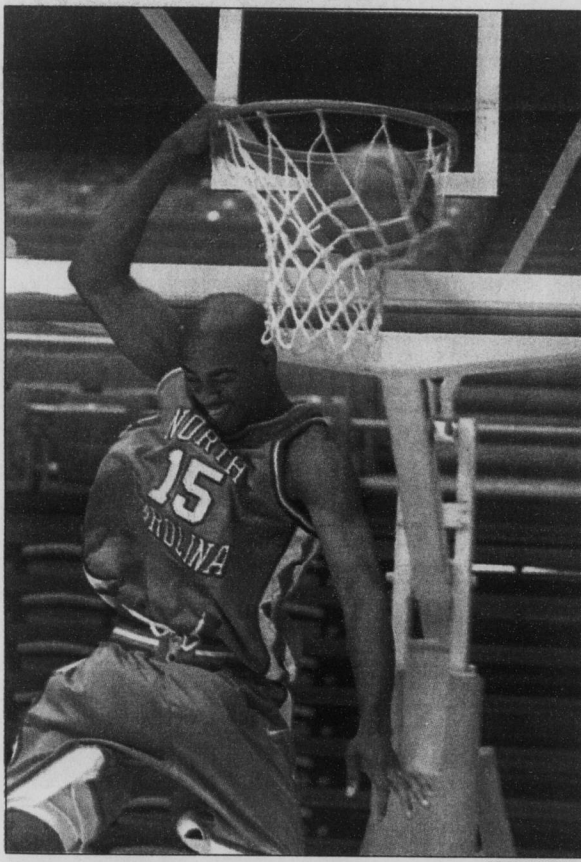
UNC professors devote hours to research as well as teaching. The research has resulted in 143 licensed inventions and 100 issued patents total in fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

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IT'S THE SHOES



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Vince Carter dunks at North Carolina's annual media day on Sunday at the Smith Center. The Tar Heels open their season at home on Nov. 14.

Group empowers Latinos with lessons of citizenship

BY JENNY SPRINGS
STAFF WRITER

A group reaching out to help the Triangle's Latino community extended its efforts further Sunday.

El Pueblo held its first workshop to help immigrants learn how to become U.S. citizens at the United Church of Chapel Hill. "What we're doing here is basically two things," said Colin Austin, an El Pueblo board member. "We're telling people the advantages of becoming a citizen and the process of becoming a citizen."

The idea for the workshop started

when El Pueblo, located in the United Church of Chapel Hill at 211 W. Cameron Ave., sponsored a voter registration drive last fall. "We did register many people, but we found that the vast majority of Latinos in this area were not citizens and therefore could not vote," Austin said.

El Pueblo registered 2,000 people to vote three months before last November's election. "Most Latinos in the area wanted to vote but couldn't because they weren't citizens," said Katushka Olave, another El Pueblo

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Intel grants \$2.4 million to UNC department

UNC's computer science department is one of 13 schools to receive a grant.

STAFF REPORT

The Intel Corp. granted the Department of Computer Science \$2.4 million to help the department and research collaborators with purchasing equipment over the next three years.

Intel invited universities across the United States to submit grant proposals. UNC's computer science department was one of these.

Intel, maker of the Pentium microchip installed in most home computers, began the second phase of its "Technology for Education 2000" program by awarding 13 universities an

award similar to UNC's.

"We've always had a close relationship with Intel in the past, but this takes it to a new level," said Tim Quigg, associate chairman of the department.

"Technology for Education 2000" is Intel's \$90 million initiative to donate high-speed, multimedia computers, workstations, servers and networking hardware and software to U.S. universities over the next three years.

Intel designed the program to support academic research and curriculum development in a broad spectrum of computer-related areas.

"The second and final set of proposals for Intel's 'Technology for Education 2000' continued to show how Intel architecture can address the computational needs of the leading university researchers," stated Tim Saponas, Intel's

corporate contributions manager, in a press release.

Quigg said the University would divide the award money into two categories.

The department will use some money to set up two large student labs for teaching — one for hardware systems and one for advanced networking and Internet technology.

The department will use the remaining money to support seven different research efforts where the computer science department is in a "direct collaborative basis" with other departments or schools.

Thirty-one faculty and staff members as well as several dozen graduate students from nine academic and clinical departments including physics, education, medicine, and biochemistry will

use the Intel-sponsored equipment.

Quigg said this \$2.4 million grant from Intel was not just a one-time award.

"They refer to this as a 'special university relationship,'" he said.

"Now we're in the special relationship, so we have the opportunity to do much future work."

Quigg also said the department would soon begin discussing new proposals with Intel as well as other funding needs on campus.

"The equipment provided through this award will support our efforts to expand courses and train students to be better prepared for tomorrow's jobs," Quigg stated in a press release.

"This award marks the beginning of what we hope will be a long and fruitful relationship between Intel and UNC."

Morning-after pill might be pre-packaged

FDA approval is pending to market birth control pills for day-after treatments.

BY NAVID AHDIEH
STAFF WRITER

Prevention of unplanned pregnancy using a "pre-packaged" morning-after pill could soon become a possibility.

For the first time, a pharmaceutical company hopes to directly market a pre-packaged series of birth control pills specifically for use as an emergency oral contraceptive.

In the spring, the Food and Drug Administration approved the second use of birth control pills as a morning-after treatment, but at the time drug companies shied away from marketing the drugs for that purpose.

These pills will come complete with instructions and a list of side effects, said Greg Clement, executive vice president of sales and marketing for the pharmaceutical company, Gynetics Inc.

Gynetics awaits FDA approval for the marketing of Ovral, a commonly used oral contraceptive, as an emergency contraceptive. The package will include four pills; two pills to be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex and two more pills 12 hours later.

Using Emergency Contraceptive Pills

Any of the birth control pills listed below can be used as Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs). Use only the type of pill your health care provider prescribed for you. Use only one type of pill.

If you are taking	Number of pills to swallow as soon as possible (first dose)	Number of pills to swallow 12 hours later (second dose)
Ovral	2 white pills	2 white pills
Lo/Ovral	4 white pills	4 white pills
Levlen	4 light-orange pills	4 light-orange pills
Nordette	4 light-orange pills	4 light-orange pills
Tri-Levlen	4 yellow pills	4 yellow pills
Triphasil	4 yellow pills	4 yellow pills

■ To reduce the chance of nausea, take an anti-nausea medicine one hour before the first ECP dose; repeat according to labeled instructions. This might make you feel tired, so don't drive or drink any alcohol.

■ Take the first ECP dose as soon as convenient within three days (72 hours) after unprotected sex.

■ Take the second ECP dose 12 hours after the first dose.

IMPORTANT: Do not take any extra ECPs.

SOURCE: PATH

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Genetics' emergency oral contraceptive will be a prescription drug, Clement explained.

It would be up to the individual physician to decide if he or she would give patients a prescription to keep handy "just in case," or if they would require patients to come in for a visit before obtaining a prescription, he said.

Emergency oral contraceptives work just like birth control pills and are not new, unique drug formulations.

Morning after pills reduce the chances of becoming pregnant by approximately 75 percent, stated information from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Physicians have traditionally used combinations of pills in order to provide the morning-after pill. They have never

had the luxury of a pre-packaged set of pills.

"We've been using emergency oral contraceptives for a very long time," she said. "In fact, I was a resident (at UNC Hospitals) starting in 1982, and we were using it then."

Emergency oral contraceptives are not like RU486, the controversial abortion pill that terminates a pregnancy once a fertilized egg becomes implanted in the uterine wall, Clement stressed.

"With emergency oral contraceptives, you use the pills before the egg has been implanted," Clement said.

One major factor of the morning-after pills is that they avoid the need for abortion, Colm said.

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INSIDE Monday

Let the games begin

This week's Op-Ed presents the candidates for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education and their platforms for the future of the district. Page 15



In the eye of the beholder

Want to go as Michael Jackson in Thriller for Halloween? Now you can complete the look with freaky yellow contacts. Page 4

'Ms.' feminist philosophy

Famous feminist Gloria Steinem will speak for free in the Great Hall Thursday. Several students and professors anticipate hearing her message. Page 2



Today's weather

Sunny; low 70s

Tuesday: Partly cloudy; mid 60s

The logic of the heart is absurd.

Julie de Lespinasse