



The University and Towns
IN BRIEF

Police Check Licenses, Plates on Raleigh Road

Police officers set up a license check-point on Raleigh Road in front of Alexander Residence Hall Tuesday night. Officer Chris Burnett said UNC Police picked the location of the check point at random. Burnett said officers had been checking drivers for inspections, license plates and driver's licenses.

Harvard Professor To Deliver Lecture

Dr. Jay Winsten, associate dean for public and community affairs and faculty member in the Harvard University School of Public Health, will deliver this year's Godfrey M. Hochbaum Distinguished Lecture on Sept. 17, at 3 p.m.

Winsten's lecture will focus on the interplay between mass communication and health issues. The lecture will be delivered in the Ibrahim Seminar Room, 1301 McGavran-Greenberg Building. Following the lecture, a reception will take place in Rosenau Hall. Both are free and open to the public.

School of Public Health Receives Senate Funds

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a budget on Sept. 3 that would allocate up to \$14 million in funding to two programs at UNC.

The School of Public Health could receive between \$5 million and \$13 million for the construction of a proposed \$24 million, 90,000 square foot laboratory building.

Also, LEARN North Carolina, the Learners' and Educators' Assistance and Resource Network of North Carolina, a statewide, Internet-based resource for teachers would receive \$1.2 million to expand as a national demonstration program.

Restaurants Not Hurt By Non-Smoking Ban

A UNC study to appear in the September-October issue of North Carolina Medical Journal confirms that the prohibition of smoking among diners and food workers has not hurt North Carolina's restaurant industry.

OWASA Installs Tank, Increases Water Supply

A new elevated storage tank has been put into service on Hilltop Street by Orange Water and Sewer Authority, boosting Chapel Hill and Carrboro's water storage capacity by 23 percent.

"Once Hilltop is up and running our water distribution system will have a total storage capacity of about 8 million gallons, which is roughly a day's supply," said John Greene, engineering and planning director.

Customers should not notice any difference while the 210-foot-tall tank at Hilltop Street is brought on line this weekend. However, some repaving and service connections still have to be completed along the Cameron Avenue/Meritt Mill road area.

Volunteers for Youth Sought by United Way

Volunteers for Youth, a non-profit United Way organization that matches at-risk young people with caring adults, has scheduled a pre-service training session for Sept. 16 and Sept. 17.

Volunteers will serve as a positive role model and form a relationship with at-risk youth that centers around friendship, trust, and self esteem. All volunteers will be carefully selected and must attend 6 hours of training. Those interested in joining may call 408-0771.

Cancer Support Center To Host Free Forum

The Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center will host a free forum on "Twentysomething and Having Cancer," on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The forum will address issues like dealing with treatment as a young adult, dating and wanting to have children.

The Cornucopia House is located on the corner of Sage Road and U.S. 15-501.

Movies Under the Sky Offered in Carrboro

On Friday at 8 p.m. the Carrboro Parks and Recreation Department will offer Movies on the Commons at Carrboro Town Commons. The show is free. Those interested should bring chairs or blankets for seating.

— From Staff Reports

5 Fraternities to Go Alcohol-Free by 2000

Some fraternity members say distancing themselves from alcohol would improve the Greek image on campus.

By BETH HATCHER
Staff Writer

Some UNC fraternity members will soon be trading in Miller Lite for Sprite.

By the year 2000, five IFC fraternities will become alcohol-free: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Sigma, said Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder.

These fraternities are following the lead of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which became alcohol-free this year.

"We need to get back to our roots of integrity and scholarship," Binder said. "Alcohol plays too large a part in Greek culture."

Binder said the alcohol-free policy was not a new idea. All UNC sororities and National Pan-Hellenic organizations are currently alcohol-free, he said.

The five IFC fraternities' national organizations issued the alcohol-free policies.

Binder said he predicted that about half of UNC's fraternities would eventually become alcohol-free.

SAE pledge John Branch said there was much more to being in a fraternity than drinking.

"The importance of brotherhood is lost in the stereotypes," he said.

Binder said he saw nothing but benefits from the alcohol-free policy. He

said fraternities across the nation that have gone alcohol-free had seen a rise in GPAs and a decrease of alcohol-related accidents.

"Alcohol-free housing sends a clear message to who we want joining the fraternities," Binder said.

Sigma Nu member Terry

Tobin said he thought the alcohol-free policy would improve his fraternity's image, but he feared it would take away personal freedom.



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SAE pledge Tim Earle said fraternity members had to sacrifice a little freedom to follow the rules.

"You're a representative of your fraternity whether you like it or not," he said.

Gordon Woodruff, a 1973 UNC Alpha Tau Omega alumni of Smithfield, said he thought alcohol-free policies were fair because most students were not old enough to legally drink.

Pi Kappa Alpha President Bill Warren said a slow transition should be made instead of trying to push an alcohol-free policy through by the year 2000.

"Stopping all drinking is not going to solve the problem," he said. "People will just go elsewhere."

He said the entire alcohol aspect of Greek culture needed to be changed,

instead of just initiating an alcohol-free policy.

Binder said students often misinterpreted the alcohol-free policy.

"It does not mean an alcohol-free experience, just an alcohol-free house," he said.

He said fraternity members that were of legal age could drink, just not at the house.

Binder was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity as an undergraduate in the early 80s at the University of Toledo. He said drinking was not a major problem at his fraternity until his senior year. He said drinking hit its peak in the eighties.

"In the 80s, the keg was king."

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MAD HATTER



Jaime Powell, visiting from Greenville, dons a hat made out of balloons on Franklin Street as her friend, Carrie Messenheimer, from Raleigh, laughs. A clown named Mr. Rainbow made them the hat at Ham's Restaurant.

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Warrants Issued In Carjacking Case

Police have two suspects in a carjacking on Lakeview Street that left two victims injured last month.

By JENNIFER KNESEL
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Chapel Hill police have issued warrants for the arrest of two Durham men suspected of being involved in an Aug. 19 carjacking.

Police are searching for Randy T. Sowell and Anthony L. Nesmith for the early-morning armed carjacking on East Lakeview Street, said Lt. Marvin Clark on Tuesday.

"The two men will be arrested for robbery with a dangerous weapon and attempted second-degree murder," he said.

Police reports state that the men involved in the incident took a tan four-door sedan by force, leaving the victims with minor injuries.

The vehicle belonged to a Durham friend of the two victims, Larry C. Shumacher of New Jersey and Jerry J. Jones of Pennsylvania, Clark said at the time of the incident.

The victims were in Durham on Aug. 18, when they met a man on a red Yamaha motorcycle, Clark said.

The two then followed the man to the area near BW3's and the Gotham night club in Chapel Hill.

Clark said Shumacher and Jones decided to follow the man on the motorcycle and several other cars back to Durham early the next day.

But around 1 a.m. the caravan of cars pulled into Lakeview Street, and the men were removed from their car.

"One victim remembers hearing gunshots, but the other doesn't," Clark said. "One of the suspects did display a nickel plated revolver."

Clark said the other automobiles involved were a gold BMW, a burgundy Honda and a white Pontiac minivan.

He said the victims were not acquainted with the group of suspects and had probably just met them that night.

Investigator J.D. Parks, who is handling the case, issued a warrant out for the arrest of Sowell and Nesmith on Sept. 4.

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Federal Loans Aid Student Storm Victims

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College students who are permanent residents of declared disaster areas hit by Hurricane Bonnie might be eligible for additional financial aid from the Department of Education.

Scott Middlesworth, a certified financial planner and financial aid expert, said the federal government authorized lenders of federal college loans to use disaster-related loan forbearance policies to aid those affected by the hurricane that hit the North Carolina two weeks ago.

Middlesworth said financial aid offi-

cers were authorized to use their "professional judgement" in deciding the eligibility of a student for additional aid.

He also said it was up to the students to request the help because the financial aid officer could not know a student's situation without being informed.

"If there are students at Chapel Hill that live in a disaster area, they need to notify the FAO," Middlesworth said.

The North Carolina counties originally declared federal disaster areas were Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico and Pender.

President Bill Clinton added an additional 20 counties on Sept. 2.

Middlesworth said the amount of money given to individual families might vary. "It all depends on the severity of what happened, loss of income, how much aid the student was already given, etc.," he said.

Middlesworth said the federal government used the natural disaster policy to give families more options when dealing with higher education. He said there should not be any increase in the dropout rate due to problems at home.

Mary Garren, UNC financial aid officer, said she had not received any requests for additional aid due to Bonnie. She said she was not familiar with the policy and that it would be han-

dled differently from other cases.

"We have not seen anything from the Department of Education. They usually give relief for families trying to verify their income," Garren said.

UNC-Wilmington Director of Financial Aid Mark Williams said he was not aware of any requests for additional aid from Bonnie disaster area residents.

"We've only had a few (requests) and they've been related not to the hurricane, but because the university closed and delayed refund checks."

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Taxi Scam Leaves Men Abandoned

Three men hopped in a car on Henderson Street and were cheated out of \$22 early Sunday morning.

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A man acting as a taxi driver fooled three Durham men Sunday morning when he took their "fare" and then abandoned them.

Mike Varley, Decklan Mitchell and Kieren McHale got in a car around 3 a.m. on Henderson Street in Chapel Hill, police reports state. Thinking it was a cab, the three men told the driver to take them to their apartment near South Square Mall in Durham.

Reports state the driver, who identified himself as A.J., demanded \$22.50 before taking them anywhere.

The driver then took Varley and his friends to the Crown station on W. Main Street in Carrboro. When the three men got out to buy cigarettes, he drove away saying, "See ya, sucker!," reports state.

Varley said his friends got into the car first, leading him to believe it was a taxi. "I have no idea why they got into the cab," Varley said.

Reports indicated that Varley and his friends thought the cab was a "gypsy cab," meaning that the cab was an unmarked, but otherwise legitimate taxi cab. "I'm from New York City, and there's cabs like that one everywhere," Varley said.

After the incident officers checked the main streets of Carrboro and Chapel Hill but were unable to locate the vehicle. Reports describe the vehicle as a burgundy or brown, four-door sedan. The driver is a male who wore a white t-shirt at the time of the robbery.

Varley told police that the driver had patches missing from the back of his hair as if he had a skin disorder.

The driver is wanted for obtaining property while under false pretenses, reports state.

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Classes Challenge Students

UNC honors courses range from "North Carolina Literature" to "Art and the Fictions of Hyperspace."

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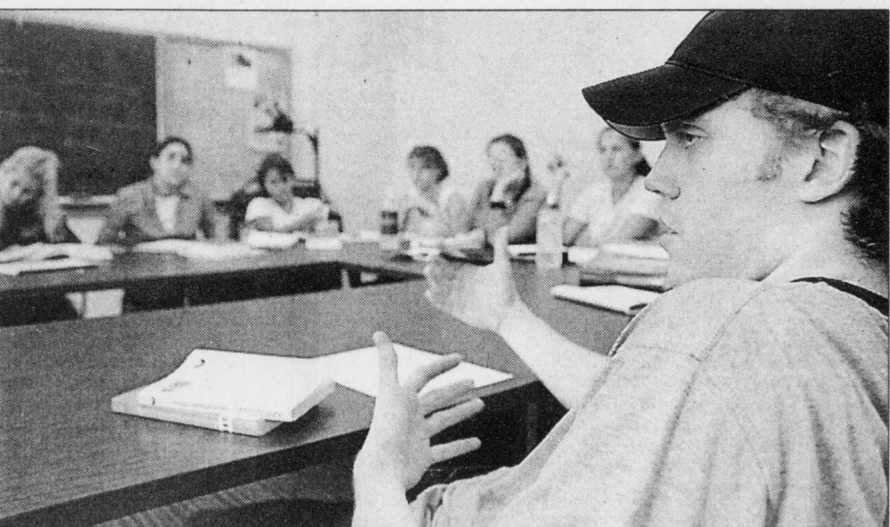
Every semester, UNC students enroll in honors classes by the hundreds, but they can't always pinpoint the qualities that separate such classes from their more traditional counterparts.

Associate Dean of the Honors Program Robert Allen said honors classes start at a more advanced level and go into greater depth than might be the case with a regular class.

UNC currently offers 120 different honors courses, at freshman, sophomore and junior levels, which are open to any interested students, but honors program students get first priority.

Every year, UNC invites about 200 incoming freshmen to participate in its honors program. UNC does not use a set formula when considering admission to the honors program, but many factors are examined when evaluating potential program participants, he said.

The honors classes encompass such



Nathan Edgerly, a senior from Chapel Hill, discusses a point in Rule Tyson's "Philosophy of Friendship" honors class. In a class of 15 students, Edgerly is the only male.

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diverse topics as "Art and the Fictions of Hyperspace" to "Ethnicity, Race, and Religion in America" to "Contemporary North Carolina Literature."

Honors courses are in such demand that many students who want to take such courses find them full.

Instructors use various methods when teaching honors courses, Allen said.

"In some classes, the teachers lecture," he said. "In other cases, they are dependent on student participation, on the students taking responsibility for leading the classes."

A typical honors-level class is

"Philosophy of Friendship." Occupying a modest classroom on the third floor of Manning Hall, the class is smaller than most traditional classes. Tuesday afternoon, 15 students filled the classroom.

A long discussion took place about friends' responsibility and loyalty, with Professor Ruel Tyson alternately lecturing and encouraging student debate.

"It's intense," said Tyson, when asked about the difference between honors classes and traditional classes. "We don't have to press each other (to speak). There's a high degree of motivation."

Tyson's students also agreed that

there was a clear difference between the two types of classes.

"I don't know that it's harder, but it's different," said Lelia Schwab, a junior from Charlotte. "It's more discussion and conversation. It's smaller, which makes a big difference."

"It's important that all students have a chance to sample the honors program," Allen said. "We want to give students the opportunity to hit the ground running."

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