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## Policy Prohibits Posting Grades With PID

Because PID numbers are public information, using them to post class grades invades students' privacy.

By KATIE ABEL  
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Students might have to wait a few extra days to get their fall semester grades because of a new policy prohibiting professors to post grades under

personal identification numbers. Although the Registrar's Office sent a memo to University departments and schools in late September announcing the policy, many students and some faculty members did not become aware of the change until the University sent out an e-mail message several weeks ago. University Registrar David Lanier said that after University attorneys told the Registrar's Office last summer that the new identification numbers would be public information, there was a need to change the system of posting grades.

"We've always been concerned that it is too easy for students to see other students' grades," he said. Students used to be able to access grades by looking under their social security numbers, the number previously used to identify students. Without the posting of PID numbers, students will have to rely on the Internet or the telephone grade reporting system. The University switched over to the PID number system May 18. But Lanier said that even though the new PID numbers could not be used,

professors might still post grades under other random numbers that they assigned to students. And some professors have already developed ways that will still permit them to post grades. Associate Anthropology Professor Robert Daniels said he had found one alternative. Daniels said he had placed random three-digit numbers on the bottom of a recent quiz in his class to give students a new, more private way of identifying their grades. "I still give students a chance to check

all of their grades," he said. Daniels said the new policy had been inconvenient, but that it did not take him much time to develop a new system for students to check their grades. Assistant Professor Deb Aikat of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said he had not even found out about the policy until three weeks ago and had already posted several test grades this semester using the PID number. Some professors said they did not fault the University for changing the sys-

tem. "I think there should be some way of protecting student identity," Kenan Professor Donald Shaw said. "I do not disagree with this policy, and I don't blame the University for changing the system," he said. Lanier said the Registrar's Office would continue to encourage students to use the telephone or World Wide Web to access grades. The University Editors can be reached at [udesk@unc.edu](mailto:udesk@unc.edu).

## Residents Define Life in Northside

After a Sept. 22 drug bust led to 23 arrests, Northside residents see improvements but no permanent solutions.

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When the sun goes down over the Northside neighborhood in Chapel Hill, a different scene emerges.

Feeble street lamps light the side-streets, and crowds of silent loiterers linger on sidewalks only a stone's throw away from heavy police presence.

Northside starts at West Rosemary Street on the Carrboro line, where Sunset Drive and Graham, Robeson and Hargrave streets stem north.

It is home to generations of Chapel Hill residents in a neighborhood beleaguered by a drug problem that has persisted for years.

On a recent Thursday night, four police cars from Chapel Hill and Carrboro idled in a gravel lot at the corner of Rosemary Street and Sunset Drive near the Midway barber shop.

Police observed but did not interact with a close huddle of a dozen men in heavy coats and winter hats shuffling along the sloping sidewalk on West Rosemary Street that bridges Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

As the evening passed, a steady clientele streamed out of the Kwik Mart store next to Midway located at 705 W.

Rosemary St., with brown bags twisted around 40-ounce bottles of beer. Some walked away, and others stepped into idling cars at the curb, trimmed in chrome and meticulously shined, thumping bass into the street.

A self-described "somewhat" homeless man and long-time resident of Northside passed the night leaning against a chain-link fence beside Kwik Mart, across from police and their idling cars. He refused to give his name.

The history of the area has changed since he came of age in the 1960's, he said.

"I remember when white people wouldn't walk on this street," he said.

"But white people are squeezing black people out with money and the power of education," he said.

*"The dealers minded their own business (before the roundup). They gave respect and didn't do it in front of the house."*

Alice Faust  
Northside resident

People who sold drugs generally did so because they lacked education for more legal pursuits, he said. They might have graduated high school in his day, he said, but many of his classmates did so with-

out learning to read.

"They just passed us, but we didn't learn," he said.

It is precisely that lack of preparation which he blamed for sustaining the illegal economy of drugs in Northside, Chapel Hill's principal black neighborhood today, he said, with a sweep of his hand to a crowd of youth on the nighttime street.

After Chapel Hill's largest drug bust in Northside on Sept. 22, which led to the arrest of 23 drug dealers, police said they were working with residents to



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Alice Faust (right) jokes while helping her daughter Aquilla and son Harry prepare telephone books for delivery to earn extra money for Christmas. Faust says she feels safer in her Northside neighborhood home since police cracked down on drug dealing in the area in September.

restore a sense of ease to streets fraught with tension after dark.

Drugs are their target.

As the homeless man spoke, a police cruiser from across the street posed onto the sidewalk at Graham Street when the huddle of men slid into a shadow. The men dispersed from the headlights and into the Kwik Mart without a word. Some vanished through alleys between buildings and down poorly lit streets.

Minutes later, when police left their lot to patrol elsewhere, loiterers returned to their huddle as if on cue. And cars

that looped the streets slowly before, squealed tires around turns now and blasted stereos.

The homeless man continued, unfazed by the scene just yards away — the cat-and-mouse maneuvers of police and the young men the officers watched.

"Drugs around here don't bother me," he said. "What bothers me is it could all be stopped if (the government) really wanted it stopped. The September arrests have created some problems for people to get drugs but not enough to say (police) have done something spec-

tacular." September's arrests inhibited but did not stop drug trafficking in the area, which still occurs discreetly, he said.

Northside residents blame drugs in part for the disparity between their neighborhood and others just blocks away that fit Chapel Hill's more traditional upper-class persona.

The "roundup," as the drug bust has been dubbed by residents, ended three months of intensive investigation by police into brazen trafficking of drugs that dominated the neighborhood's

image, residents and police said. Undercover officers purchased drugs, including crack cocaine, from street-level dealers in a sting operation, Chapel Hill Police Officer Paul McKinney said.

Two months later, police pressure continues in Northside with an obvious presence of patrol cars and subtle stake-outs, McKinney said. "You probably will not see where we're watching you from," he said.

As a stipulation to their bond release.

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## Charter School To Remain Open

By BECKY ST. CLAIR  
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After a week of scrambling for students, School in the Community was granted a waiver by the N.C. Board of Education on Thursday, allowing it to remain open for the rest of the school year.

"We were glad the school board was supportive of us," School in the Community administrator Debra McHenry said.

The board threatened to close down the Carrboro charter school Nov. 25 due to low enrollment and a budget deficit. The school was given a deadline of Dec. 1 to enroll 65 students and to balance a deficit of about \$80,000. Both demands were met and brought to the board, McHenry said.

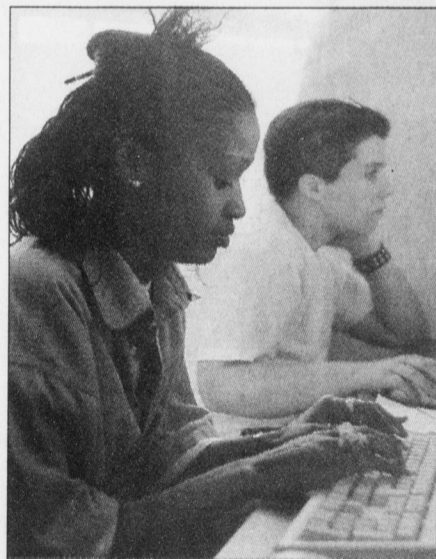
"According to their report (Thursday), School in the Community had enrolled 65 students," said Richard Clontz, an educational consultant with the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Charter Schools.

With an increase in enrollment and an understanding that state money would be given to the school on a per-pupil basis, a balanced budget was also submitted, McHenry said.

Aaron Winborn, acting president of the school's PTSA and a computer science teacher, said he was glad the issue had finally been settled and the school would remain open. "I can't even think about it now," he said. "It's been so stressful the last few weeks, and I'm just relieved that it's over."

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Spokeswoman Kim Hoke said local system leaders fully supported the decision. "We had recommended (that the school) continue until at least the end of the semester," she said.

Allowing the school to remain open would ensure that the



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Nikki Hooker (front) works at a computer at the School in the Community, a Carrboro charter school.

education of the students wouldn't be interrupted, Hoke said. Clontz said Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen and Chapel Hill Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph all wrote letters supporting School in the Community.

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## N.C. State Students Fear 'Deadly' Mix

By MARY CAMERON  
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RALEIGH — Since the tragic shooting death of 21-year-old Neil Davis on Nov. 22, N.C. State University students and administrators agree that guns and alcohol equal a recipe for disaster.

Davis, a junior from Fayetteville, died from a gunshot wound to the stomach following a scuffle with several N.C. State athletes.

It was later confirmed that the individuals involved had consumed alcohol prior to the incident. "I can't think of a single incidence

where guns and alcohol combined at the same place and at the same time would be appropriate," said Drew Smith, associate director of Greek life at N.C. State. Other university officials said they also opposed combining guns and alcohol.

"Alcohol and guns make for a very

deadly and a very inappropriate combination," said Thomas Stafford, vice-chancellor of student affairs at N.C. State.

"I feel that the kind of party this incident happened at is typical, but it was very unusual for a weapon to be connected to the party in any way."

The combination of guns and alcohol evoked strong emotions from students as well.

"You don't have proper judgment while consuming alcohol, so you don't have proper judgment to use a gun," said Keith Dewese, an N.C. State junior from Asheville. Since Davis' death, N.C. State's policy on gun possession has been under scrutiny.

But Stafford said school administrators were limited on amending such a clear-cut policy. "We have a very strict policy about

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## INSIDE Friday

The Giving Tree



This semester's Joanna Howell Fund examines UNC's paper-purchasing practices and reliance on paper products. See Page 5.

All-Time Great

UNC senior forward Cindy Parlow (right) leads the Tar Heels into Greensboro for the Final Four this weekend as they try to win their 16th national title in the past 18 seasons. See Page 9.



Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;  
Mid 70s.  
Weekend: Mostly sunny;  
Mid 70s.

Sleeping is no mean art. For its sake one must stay awake all day.

Friedrich Nietzsche