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Judge: Give Swain Another Chance

A commission will review a suggestion that a University officer suffer a punishment for falsifying an application.

By KATIE ABEL
Staff Writer

University police Lt. C.E. Swain could spend the next five years under the gun for falsifying his officer license application.

Administrative law Judge Fred Morrison recommended a five-year probation for Swain on Tuesday. It must now be approved by the N.C. Training and Standards Commission.

Under Morrison's proposal, Swain would continue his normal duties as a

police officer at UNC unless he commits other violations during the next five years.

"It was a great victory for me," Swain said.

The commission's standards committee found probable cause in August 1998 to terminate Swain's license for lying on his officer license application.

Swain requested a hearing on the matter that was held in Raleigh on March 5.

The case stems from Swain's failure to note on the application that he had written a bad check while in the U.S. Army.

Swain had received an Article XV punishment under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice after bouncing the check.

Swain also answered "no" to a ques-

tion that asked whether he had been "discharged" or "requested to resign" from a job.

He said his contract with a Virginia bank had been terminated but he had never been discharged or asked to resign.

In his decision, Morrison said Swain's punishment from the military was minor and called it a nonjudicial one.

Morrison also cited Swain's good work record at the Department of Public Safety since 1988 as one of the reasons



University Police Lt. C.E. Swain said the recommendation made Tuesday was a great victory.

he should not lose his license.

State attorney John Aldridge said the case would most likely be brought in front of the commission at its May full-body meeting but that there were several older cases that had to be reviewed first.

Swain's attorney, Al McSurely, said Morrison's recommendation was very significant for both Swain and law enforcement officers in general.

"I think his proposal goes a long way," McSurely said. "We won this game, and now we can move onto the next one."

Aldridge said the commission still had the power to make the final decision in the case.

He said the commission consisted of about 25 members who would collectively review the judge's recommenda-

tion.

"The purpose of bringing the matter to the administrative law judge was to have a good, orderly decision," Aldridge said.

"They can accept or reject the proposal."

But McSurely said he had reviewed about 10 cases that were similar to Swain's where the commission had not significantly altered recommendations submitted to it by administrative law judges.

Morrison's decision came less than a week after McSurely and Aldridge submitted final written briefs summarizing their arguments and recommendations in the case.

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Will Cota Return? 'Bet' on It

Junior guard Ed Cota could announce as early as today that he will return for his senior season at UNC.

By AARON BEARD
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An inside source said Tuesday that the chances of North Carolina junior Ed Cota joining the exodus of underclassmen to the NBA are a longshot.

You'd better listen to her. After all, Mama knows best.

"He's staying," said Cecilia Cota, Ed Cota's mother. "You can bet on that one."

That prediction could be finalized as early as today. Ed Cota, the 6-foot-1 point guard, is expected to announce this week that he will remain at UNC for his senior season.

"I've told him I wanted him to stay in school," Cecilia Cota said when reached at her home in Brooklyn, N.Y. "I want him to get that diploma."

The question has hung over the Tar Heel basketball program since a season-ending loss to Weber State in the N C A A

Tournament on March 11. In an interview with The News & Observer in February, Cota said he would consider going pro if he was projected to be a lottery pick.

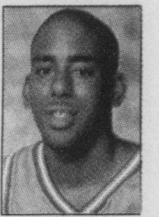
When asked after the season-ending loss if he had played his final game as a Tar Heel, Cota said, "I wouldn't say that. Right now I feel like I'm gonna be here next year."

Cota averaged 10.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and an ACC-best 7.4 assists per game last season. Cota is on pace to shatter the school's career assists record. He currently ranks third with 746 assists, 22 behind Kenny Smith and seven behind assistant coach Phil Ford.

The UNC coaching staff and former coach Dean Smith were expected to confer with NBA sources about Cota's possible draft status and make a recommendation to the junior in the days following the Weber State loss.

Billy Knight, senior vice president of

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Junior point guard Ed Cota averaged 10.5 points and an ACC-best 7.4 assists for the 1998-99 season.

Coming Out of Their (Mothers') Closets

By BEN BRAZIL
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At about 7 p.m. Tuesday, John Locklear entered the Union Film Auditorium wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans. Locklear was not seen again.

But one hour later Locklear's alter-ego, Brittany Shane, appeared on stage. The jeans had been replaced by a purple sequined thong, and Shane was sporting long hair and, well, breasts.

The crowd went wild. Thus began The Night of the Divas, a drag show to raise money for the Queer Network for Change.

For nearly two hours, four award-winning, professional drag queens strutted across the stage, occasionally strolling through the crowd to sit on a lap or caress a chin.

Besides a few clearly uncomfortable objects of the "ladies" affection, the almost 200 people in the audience appeared to enjoy it.

"I loved it," said Kelly Sexton, a junior from Greensboro. "The performers looked so real. They were absolutely beautiful."

That amazingly convincing illusion makes drag shows interesting, said Bo Dean, the show's organizer.

"It's an opportunity to expose the campus to a really fun and entertaining kind of popular entertainment



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Brittany Shane, also known as John Locklear, dances for the nearly packed house at the Union Film Auditorium on Tuesday evening. The drag show was sponsored by Queer Network for Change.

within the gay community," Dean said. "It's pure entertainment. It's not (Czech author Franz) Kafka."

It could be "The Metamorphosis," judging by the transformation of 29-year-old black man named Bradley Watkins into voluptuous Tajma Hall.

"I want people to see the mocha beauty deep down inside me, because I am the mocha goddess," the 200-pound Hall said backstage.

During her two dance numbers,

Hall certainly didn't act bashful.

In her first number, Hall emerged dressed in black leather outfit to lip-synch a down-and-dirty monologue about picking up a man in a Jeep Cherokee.

"At that time, I began to throw mega-ass," Hall said at one point in her story.

Hall, however, saved her best

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DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Tim Barnes (foreground), whose stage name is Felicia Powers, affixes makeup to his "breasts" before "The Night of the Divas" Drag Show.

2 Bars Cited for Serving Teen

A BW-3 bartender was fired after ALE officers cited him for serving alcohol to a 17-year-old-girl Friday night.

By SHELLEY LEVINE
Staff Writer

An undercover law enforcement operation over the weekend resulted in charges filed against two local bar employees for serving beer to a 17-year-old girl, according to a report released Tuesday.

With assistance from a N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agent, a Chapel Hill Police Department plain-clothes officer escorted the girl to 18 bars and clubs Friday night, where she attempted to purchase beer.

Two bars served the girl, though she used her own identification stating her true age, a police memorandum states. "We didn't dress her up to look any older than she is," police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

But a bartender at BW-3 Restaurant, 206 W. Franklin St., served the 17-year-old a beer, police reports state.

Jerry Alan Helisek, 31, of 605 Jones Ferry Road, Apt. 552, Carrboro, was

Bar Hopping

A plain-clothes Chapel Hill police officer and an N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agent went to 18 bars Friday with a 17-year-old girl who attempted to buy beer with her driver's license.

The following businesses did not serve to the minor:

Local 506
Pantana Bob's
He's Not Here
Player's
Linda's Bar
Henderson Street Bar
Alley Oops TreeHouse
Club Hell

The Cave
Gotham
Groundhog Tavern
23 Steps
Blue Marlin
Zog's Pool Hall
Bub's
Molly's



The following businesses did serve to the minor:

BW-3
Silent Sam's

The following private clubs admitted non-members:

Local 506
Player's
Gotham
Alley Oops TreeHouse

cited with one misdemeanor count of selling a malt beverage to a person under 21, reports state.

Helisek has since been fired, BW-3 owner Jeff Pispis said. "It's our policy to pull any bartender who is cited," he said.

BW-3 and its employees have not received a citation in the four-and-one-half years Pispis has worked there, he

said. "I am very upset about it," he said. "We've never played games here or catered to underage drinkers."

Steve Douglas Hunt, a manager at Silent Sam's, 205 E. Franklin St., was also charged with serving beer to the girl, according to police reports.

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RHA Candidates Ready For 2nd Bout at Polls

Murray Coleman and Jermain Reeves say their platforms and tactics will remain relatively the same.

By ANDREW MEEHAN
Staff Writer

Residence Hall Association presidential candidate Jermain Reeves is revamping his platform while candidate Murray Coleman keeps his the same as the two enter the final week of campaigning before a new election is held March 30.

In the first election Feb. 9, Reeves received more votes than Coleman. But former Elections Board Chairman Heather Faulk declared Coleman the winner after eliminating disputed graduate student votes. Reeves sued Faulk and Coleman, and the Student Supreme Court called for a new election to be held next week.

Reeves said conservation of energy and water in the residence halls would

be one of the main issues of his new campaign. "At first, I didn't think about the importance of (conservation)."

But he said his counsel for the Student Supreme Court case, Laura Killinger, suggested the issue, and he liked it.

In his new campaign, Reeves also said he wanted to clear up a misconception from his original platform. He said some people thought he had attacked other groups for a lack of diversity.

But Reeves said he wanted more diversity within the RHA and among participants in RHA programs. "The campaign is going to clarify things as much as possible," he said. "This time, (the platform will) explain not just what I plan to do, but how I plan to do it."

Coleman said he wanted to increase diversity by encouraging campus groups to sponsor programs with the RHA. "There are so many different organizations on campus that have many things to offer. I hope to enlighten the total experience of living on campus."

Coleman said his main issues were bridging the gap between resident assistants and the RHA, improving existing

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Imminent Danger

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic rebuffed a last-ditch peace offer for Kosovo on Tuesday, prompting NATO's secretary-general to order airstrikes against Yugoslavia. President Clinton received support from congressional leaders to move forward using military action. See Page 4.

A Call to Action

U.N. Assistant Secretary General Gillian Sorensen asked students to voice opinions about U.S. involvement in the United Nations at a lecture last night. See Page 7.



Hitless in Chapel Hill

Pitchers Chris Elmore and Ryan Earey combined to no-hit Towson on Tuesday in North Carolina's 5-0 victory at Boshamer Stadium. See Page 9.

Today's Weather

Mostly Cloudy; Lower 70s.
Thursday: Mostly Cloudy; Lower 60s.



It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them.

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