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uncharacteristic record, scalpers were still selling UNC-Duke basketball tickets for as much as \$1,500 for a pair of lower level seats and \$500 for a pair of upper-level tickets.

Thirty-year-old James Watson of Philadelphia was buying low and selling high like most of the other habitual ticket hawkers who were spaced out along Manning Drive. Two and a half hours before tip-off, Watson paced up and down the sidewalk across the street from Chase Hall displaying one of the most recognizable tools of a habitual, unauthorized ticket broker: a cardboard sign that read "Need 2 tickets."

"You gotta roll with the punches in this business," Watson said with a cheshire grin. "You might say, 'I want \$100 for this ticket,' and the other guy might offer \$75, and you just gotta know when to compromise."

A healthy chunk of Watson's earnings for the evening came after the game had started. Five minutes after tip-off, he sold one desperate fan an upper-level ticket for \$50. Unknown to the alumnus, the going rate for a comparable ticket at that time - just 500 yards down the hill - was \$15.

"It's a game - somebody's got to win; somebody's got to lose," Watson said.

Like a skilled gambler, Watson came out on the winning end Thursday night. After five hours of buying and selling tickets, he walked away with a \$220 profit - not a bad night's work compared to a couple of other sellers he knew down the street.

A few hundred yards away from the strip Watson was working stood two University Police officers, helping pedestrians cross the street.

At one point, an officer warned one of Watson's colleagues about trying to garner \$125 for a ticket.

"It's a victimless crime," said one of the officers, who wished to remain unidentified. "If you want to pay \$100

a ticket, then that's your prerogative." A second officer chimed in to say that "impeding ticket scalpers" was not high on their priority list.

"We tried to crack down and go after them a few years ago, but the district attorney didn't follow up on it, and it was just such a hassle that we stopped," the first officer said. "Unless there's a complaint or the scalpers are stopping traffic, we don't mind them."

Bob Farb, a UNC professor of public law and government, said a general statute prohibited unauthorized ticket sellers from selling event tickets for more than \$3 above their face value.

"It's a complicated statute, and it raises the question as to whether the buyer can be prosecuted as well," Farb said.

Farb said a first-time offender could receive community service or, in the most severe case, a fine or probation.

The rapport between habitual scalpers and students Thursday evening was not always pleasant, as junior Anson Adams discovered. Adams ran across a student on Manning Drive when the student was about to sell his ticket for \$50 to a ticket scalper, who would in turn resell it.

After Adams offered a higher bid to the student, the older man offering \$50 became belligerent and threatened to "smack" Adams for "butting in."

"These professional scalpers are driving up the market ... \$125 for upper-level tickets they bought for \$50 is ridiculous," a frustrated Adams said. "We're just trying to see the game."

"If (the students) really want to get more tickets to these games like we say, then we need to stop selling them to these scalpers."

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would probably listen." Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon said Edwards' support would ensure that the NRC would hear the county's side of the story.

"He could make sure that we're treated fairly in the process," she said.

Gordon said the county was still trying to get the NRC to grant a hearing that would further explain why officials did not want the nuclear plant to expand their existing facilities.

"You would think a local government could get a hearing with the federal government, but it's not that easy," Gordon said.

Gordon added that Edwards could also try to get federal funding to aid the county in the process.

"We could get grants in the process," she said. "Federal money would help us, and we would appreciate that."

The meeting is slated to take place at 1:30 p.m. in Edwards' Raleigh office.

CP&L representatives and Edwards could not be reached for comment.

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Woodard said. "(The large turnout) shows that the gay community has dollars behind their voices."

He also said despite Chapel Hill's liberal reputation, gays and lesbians still found it difficult to build relationships and a stronger sense of community.

"The gay community has been very uncohesive and disorganized," Woodard said. "Chapel Hill is a really hard place for (gays and lesbians) to access. I think (the gay community) is accepted here, but they're still put in a cubby hole."

Mike Niemis, manager at Gotham, located at 306-H W. Franklin St., said *Insomnia* helped the nightclub diversify its image while creating a positive atmosphere for gays and lesbians.

"*Insomnia* will fill the vacuum of the gay and lesbian community in this town," he said. "Because (*Insomnia*) has

a nice, clean-cut crowd, it's helping to change Gotham's image."

Niemis said he was excited and anxious to help gays and lesbians in Chapel Hill build a stronger sense of community.

"In this town there was a need for this, and we're happy to provide something that the town needs," Niemis said.

UNC alumnus Matt Leclercq, who lives in Fayetteville, said events like *Insomnia* helped to create more acceptance of the area's gay community and discredit traditional stereotypes.

"People just need to realize that gay and lesbian people are just like everybody else and get over their stereotypes."

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**FIRE**  
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"But if it were really late at night I probably wouldn't hear it or think much of it, unless I were living in Morrison."

Matt Edwards, a first-floor resident assistant in Winston Residence Hall said, "I think it's sad that these measures had to be taken because students are really only risking their own lives by not leaving during alarms."

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