Town Faced With EMS Squeeze

By Enyonam Kpeglo

Officials at area Emergency Medical Services say they are struggling to keep pace with an increasing volume of calls, posing a potentially life-threatening sit-uation for UNC students who rely on their services.

Orange County EMS Chief Ray deFriess, whose squad responds to emergency calls on the University's campus, said incentives were not in place to bring in more volunteer EMS

"I started in 1971 when we ran 30 to 40 calls a month – now we respond to 30 calls a day," deFriess said. "It is harder to get the volunteers we need because the number of training hours has drastically increased."

Since 1997, emergency response time for Orange County has increased by 39

DeFriess said an EMS contract with the University would increase funding for more paid personnel and decrease emergency response time for the EMS

"Most of our emergency calls are from students. However, the University does not have a contract with us like they do with the fire department," he

"UNC even has its own police department and I think it needs to

include EMS on contract as well."

Matthew Mauzy, captain of the
Orange EMS and Rescue Squad, also said the waning number of county EMS volunteers was a result of intensified training requirements, but not the only limiting agent.

"The more stringent training regula-tions may deter prospective EMS technicians from joining area squads," he

"Also, I think volunteerism as a whole

is decreasing."
Greg Edwards, a Wake County volunteer EMS technician, said he agreed that more volunteers were needed to keep up with an increasing volume of emergency calls.

"Most area squads have the same

number of technicians as they did five years ago," Edwards said. "Since our call volume has increased, it appears that there is a shortage to which the EMS technicians have adjusted by working longer and harder."

In Chatham County, volunteer EMS technician Greg White said they had to turn to the local fire department for assistance with emergency services. He also said he hoped to recruit potential

"I would like to see more people get involved in the EMS profession," White

"I've noticed that rnany people choose to pursue bachelor's degrees instead of opting for EMS training."

Mauzy said the EMS administrators

ctively recruited volunteer technicians at the University and communities in Orange County.

"We have a few student volunteers, but most cannot commit two or three

years like we request," he said.

"Also, UNC does not teach EMS classes and the nearest facility is Community Durham Technical

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that Nevada officials recognized the

problems of betting on college sports.

Smith said he was concerned because college point spreads were printed in most major newspapers across the country, although gambling was illegal in most of these places.

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He said printing point spreads encouraged bookies to approach college athletes and made gambling seem legal.

Bill Brooks, president of the N.C. Family Policy Council, attended the

press conference and said he strongly

supported the anti-gambling legislation.

"Any gambling should be discouraged, just because it's so unnecessary," Brooks said.

Edwards said he was confident that the bill would receive support in the Senate, but he realized there would also be opposition because the gaming industry had donated \$6.3 billion to campaigns in the last three years.

He said "The gaming industry has a powerful presence in Washington."

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CANDIDATE

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Republican candidate for the position of state auditor, submitted Campbell's election papers and filing fee.

"It certainly raises questions about what's going on when there's a Republican candidate who filed two candidates for the Democratic Party," Gilbert said. "It looks like games were being played with the process, and I don't think that the voters of North Carolina will like that."

Dan Gurley, political director of the Republican Party, said his office did not support Daly's actions. "I think that one that's being encouraged to get

into the race ought to have some qualifications," he said.

Gurley cited Campbell's criminal record which dates back to 1969 as his proof. But Pendley said Campbell's record could be explained by his circumstances of misfortune.

"His crimes are things that a world-ly man that likes to travel would do," he said. "He would go into a Wal-Mart to get out of the cold and be told to leave and then come back. Intoxication comes from being on the streets.

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not think the group's actions would bring about any major changes regard-ing the sanctions. "The reaction is a little too late," he said. "But it is good to know that SURGE is concerned enough to organize such an event."
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SURGE coordinator Dennis Markatos said that even though Monday's protesters were small in num-ber, the event could still make an impact. "One tiny Lilliputian can do nothing by himself, but if all of them unite they can bring down an oppressive Gulliver," he said. "If U.S. citizens coordinate their efforts, they can bring down sanctions in Iraq as well as unjust domestic institutions

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2 Columbine Teens Gunned Down

LITTLETON, Colo. Two Columbine High School sweethearts were found dead early Monday after a shooting at a sandwich shop within sight of their school, compounding the heartbreak in the community that suffered the worst school shooting in U.S. history.
The bodies of Nicholas Kunselman,

15, and Stephanie Hart, 16, were discovered inside the Subway shop where Kunselman worked. Investigators did not disclose a motive but ruled out mur-

Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said the cause of death had not been determined, and he said he did not know whether a weapon had been found. Investigators were reviewing a videotape from a surveillance camera inside the restaurant.

"I hope it was just a robbery," said one of Kunselman's co-workers, J.J.

Hodack, 22. "I've had more than enough of this. This stuff needs to stop."

The shooting was the latest in a string of tragedies that have hit the Denver suburb since teenage gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher at Columbine on April 20 and then committed suicide.

but at least 100 students stayed away Students said some of those who did attend could be seen crying in the hallways. At least 25 counselors were kept busy most of the day, said Betty Fitzpatrick, health services director for school district.

"It reminds me of everything. It's just like flashbacks," said Nathan Vanderau, an 18-year-old senior who knew some of the victims of last year's shooting as well as Monday's victims, and is in counsel-

Among the other incidents that have added to the unease in the community:

■ In October, the mother of a student partially paralyzed in the massacre shot herself to death.

On Feb. 1, the body of an 11-yearold boy was found in a trash bin within blocks of the school. No arrests have

■ Last week, a Florida man pleaded guilty in Denver to sending a Columbine student an Internet message threatening to finish the massacre. The threat prompted officials to close the school for the Christmas holidays two days early. He faces up to five years in Friends said Hart enjoyed sports but

was quiet and didn't go out much except to stop by the sub shop to see

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