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## ALE Cracks Down on Alcohol Violations

By AMY DOBSON  
Staff Writer

After authorities made multiple alcohol-related arrests this weekend, underage bargoers should be warned that similar efforts of equal intensity will hit Chapel Hill more frequently.

Launching this weekend what they have dubbed "Operation Saturation," 16

N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agents and Chapel Hill police officers hit downtown, issuing 51 citations – 32 of which led to arrests – for an array of alcohol violations.

And, with the ALE's recent move to Franklin Street, authorities say such efforts will now become a monthly event.

Ken Pike, an assistant ALE supervisor

in Raleigh, spearheaded the operation and said underage persons who had not been caught for alcohol violations in the past should not expect to get away with it in the future.

"This operation will pave the way for future efforts to crack down on alcohol violations," he said. "The ALE plans to schedule monthly operations similar to Friday night's operation."

The agents began by targeting off-premise locations, such as convenience and grocery stores, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sites where alcohol is consumed on-premise were hit by agents from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m.

These on-premise locations included Gotham, Cat's Cradle, Pantana Bob's, He's Not Here, Goodfellows, Players, Woody's Tar Heel Tavern, 23 Steps,

Blue Marlin Pub, Linda's and Hams.

The agents wrote citations for violations of Alcohol Beverage Control laws to Pantana Bob's for allegedly allowing minors to consume alcohol and one to Hams for allegedly selling alcohol to a minor, said ALE spokeswoman Sara Kempin.

Kempin said she preferred to put the figures into a positive perspective.

"There were 21 businesses that were targeted," she said. "That means 19 were totally free of any violations."

Kempin said that out of the violations committed by individuals, 21 were for underage possession of alcohol, 20 for the possession of false identification and five for breaking Chapel Hill's open

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## Floyd Top Candidate For Florida Presidency

By KATIE ABEL  
University Editor

Western Michigan University President Elson Floyd has emerged as one of six finalists in the University of Florida president's search, signaling that he could still be a strong contender for the UNC chancellorship.

The announcement could trigger speculation that Floyd, UNC's former executive vice chancellor, might be eyeing the helm at other institutions across the country.

Florida's Sunshine Law mandates that the UF search committee publicly release names of its finalists, as opposed to UNC's closed door process.

Floyd, who left his post as executive vice chancellor in 1998, has neither confirmed nor denied he was a candidate in the UNC search.

His name was released late last year as a top candidate in the hunt for the University's ninth chancellor, and he has never officially taken his name out of the running.

But he told The Daily Tar Heel in January that he remained committed to his work at WMU.

He could not be reached for comment Sunday.



Western Michigan University President Elson Floyd has been at the helm of the school for less than two years.

Richard Stevens, chairman of UNC's Chancellor Search Committee, would not comment on whether Floyd was or ever had been a candidate in the UNC search.

But he said Floyd was an excellent administrator and a likely choice for the UF presidency.

During his tenure as executive vice chancellor, Floyd was often thrust into important campus issues as the late Chancellor Michael Hooker's second-in-command.

He spearheaded a campus cleanup after Hurricane Fran ravaged North Carolina in 1996 and helped develop the Carolina Computing Initiative, which mandates that all freshmen own laptop computers beginning next fall.

His strong University ties made Floyd a likely candidate for the chancellorship early in the search.

But as the search continues, members remain tight-lipped about their candidate pool.

It remains unclear whether the search is nearing its end after Stevens announced last week that the committee would hold meetings through May 25.

The hunt is slated to continue past UNC-system President Molly Broad's deadline of May Commencement, making it difficult to predict if a new chancellor will be in place when the new academic year begins in August.

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## ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER



DTH/MARGARET SOUTHERN

Members of Project Bandaloop, a San Francisco-based performance arts group, dangle from the side of the Bell Tower on Saturday. The group, composed of dancers and mountain climbers, performed three shows over the weekend that combined dance and skilled rappelling.

## ONE Card Concession Deal Likely

The plan has been on the table since March 1999, but officials worried initially about the project's cost.

By KIM MINUGH  
Assistant University Editor

Starting next fall, students will only have to tote school pride and their UNC ONE Cards to complete a perfect day at Kenan Stadium or the Smith Center.

Officials are ironing out complications in a plan to allow students to use their ONE Cards at concession stands at the two venues, said Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt.

"Nothing is finalized yet," Pruitt said. "But things are looking good right now."

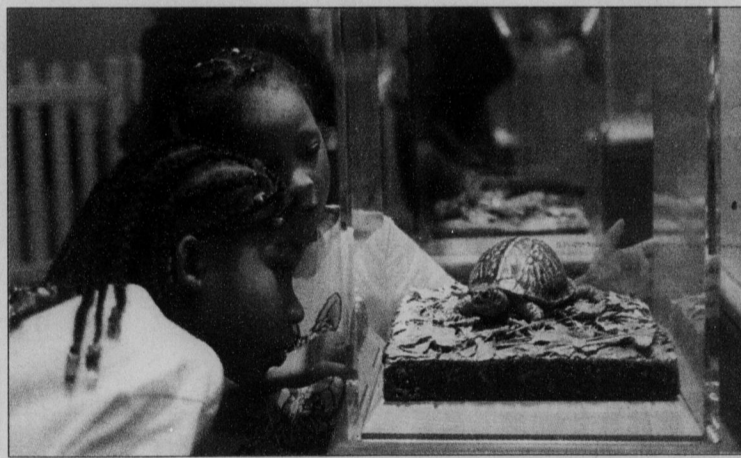
ONE Card Service Director Mike Freeman

said a finalized agreement still needed to be made between the CAA, the Department of Athletics and the ONE Card Office.

"I think it's going to happen, but it's not confirmed at this point," Freeman said. "I think everyone's optimistic and wants to do this. It's feasible, but whether

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## Natural Sciences Museum Makes Debut



DTH/RACHEL LEONARD

Candice Fox (left) and her sister Alexis pause to examine a box turtle exhibit during their museum tour at the opening of the new Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh on Friday.

By LUCAS FENSKÉ  
Assistant State & National Editor

RALEIGH – Some could consider the phrase "museum party" an oxymoron, but nearly 29,000 partygoers would have disagreed this weekend.

The N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences threw a 24-hour party Friday and Saturday, complete with chocolate-covered bugs and a climbing wall, to celebrate the grand opening of its \$70.5 million building in downtown Raleigh.

The museum is expected to attract 500,000 visitors each year, more than double the old facility.

Fifteen years in the making, the museum towers seven stories and measures 200,000 square feet. It is the southeast's largest natural history museum in a building nearly four times larger than the old facility, located next door.

Lines of people wound around the front of the museum Friday, waiting to enter it for the first time. A magician, a storyteller and live bands, including St. Augustine's College Jazz Band, helped entertain the expectant crowd.

Jayne Allen of Raleigh attended the museum opening with her 7-year-old son, Gregory. Allen said she was excited to celebrate the museum opening after years of waiting.

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## Dees Tapped as 134th DTH Editor

By STUART CRAMPTON  
Staff Writer

In between the congratulatory shouts from rowdy staff members of The Daily Tar Heel, Editor-select Matt Dees thanked the DTH Editor Selection Committee for "taking a chance on an obnoxious kid."

Then, after promising to "take the DTH to a new level," Dees reached a new level of his own by leaping off a chair to crowd surf above the Saturday night cheers of this year's DTH editor selection party.

Only hours before the celebration, the 11-person Editor Selection Committee was deadlocked, unable to award either Dees or Managing Editor Cate Doty the 8-vote majority needed to

become the 134th DTH editor.

The "tough decision" described by several committee members required a four-hour long process, including two separate voting sessions and 40 minutes of deliberation.

Tiffany Foster, one of the seven committee members who did not belong to the DTH staff, echoed other committee members, saying that both Doty and Dees were well-qualified and presented ambitious platforms.

"If we could've had a co-editorship, it would've been great for the DTH," Foster said.

"But I think we picked the candidate who will definitely take the DTH to a higher level."

Freshman Long Vo, an at-large committee member, said the selection was

much more difficult than he expected.

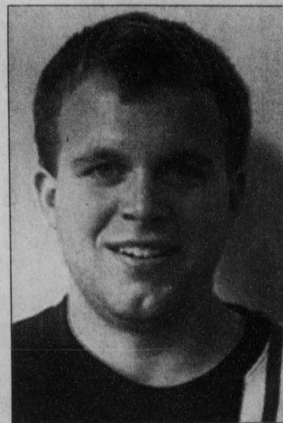
"Both (Doty) and (Dees) would've done a great job," Vo said. "But Matt's energy and passion for the job and journalism in general was a big factor."

Freshman staff writer Elizabeth Breyer was one of the four DTH staff members on the committee. She said Doty proposed several innovative ideas and boasted the marked advantage of having more administrative experience.

But Breyer said several committee members were swayed by Dees' "intense connection" to the DTH and his desire for "more tangible" changes.

"Matt talked about each individual desk's strengths and weaknesses and what specifically was needed for

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Matt Dees was selected as the DTH's 134th editor on Saturday. He will officially take over the paper in May.

## Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

What is the best bar in Chapel Hill?



Go to [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth) to cast your vote.

## INSIDE Monday

### Good Looking Out

The next time you see shady characters lurking outside a business or residence, look closely because it might be Chapel Hill police officers checking to make sure the property is less attractive to crooks. See Page 3.

### The Last Hurrah

With graduation day looming for the class of 2000, seniors will have a chance this week to climb the Bell Tower and enjoy a night out at He's Not Here during UNC's annual Spring Senior Week. See Page 5.

### Making the Grade

School of Education students aren't the only ones receiving report cards these days. The Department of Public Instruction is now grading N.C.'s education programs on how well they are preparing students. See Page 7.

### Today's Weather

Sunny;  
High 72, Low 44.  
Tuesday: Sunny;  
High 77, Low 57.

All things must change to something new, to something strange.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow