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Gore Camp Stumps for Students

Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore will take part in an MTV discussion on election issues today.

By Allison Mitchener
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Imagine sitting at your favorite coffeehouse on Franklin Street, chatting with Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore over a hot cappuccino.

Although Gore has yet to schedule a stop on Franklin Street on his itinerary, he has been talking with students across the nation over coffee during his "Youth at the Table" talks.

Students can share their opinions on political, environmental and economic issues with Gore, the Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman or with members of their families in the chats.

While Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush also has targeted college-age voters through programs like Students for Bush-Cheney, the Gore campaign is specifically reaching out to young voters through efforts like the coffeehouse talks.

"Youth at the Table" is not a fake group of people who have already decided to vote for Gore," said Alison Friedman, the National Students for Gore coordinator.

"If elected, Gore has planned to continue the table talks."

About 10 New York college students met Gore at the Manhattan coffeehouse Cafe Laló on Sept. 14 for the first "Youth at the Table" talks.

Gore also will take part in an MTV town hall-style meeting today to publicly talk about the concerns of young voters.

Friedman also organized a conference call for student journalists to question Gore campaign officials directly.

The conference calls started Monday and will be held every Monday until the end of the 2000 presidential campaign.

Rebecca Lieberman, Lieberman's daughter; Michael Matthews, political director for the Gore-Lieberman campaign; and Friedman all took part in Monday's conference call.

Lieberman, calling from a West Virginia airport, said she found college students are interested in all issues, not just education.

"Students were impressed with Al Gore's commitment to the environment," she said.

Matthews said Gore plans to make college tuition and fees up to \$10,000 a year tax-deductible.

Friedman said many issues important to college students are pivotal to the Nov. 7 election.

"There is a lot at stake for what real-
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Police Arrest Suspect in Early Morning Rape

By Wendy Phillips
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill police arrested and charged a man with rape Monday morning just hours after he allegedly sexually assaulted a woman on North Roberson Street.

Edward Lemont Feaster, 30, of Charlotte is being held at Orange

County Jail in Hillsborough on one count of first-degree rape.

Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman, said the victim met the suspect for the first time Sunday night around 10 p.m. in the downtown area.

Reports state that around 4 a.m., the two were walking on North Roberson Street after having spent the evening together, Cousins said.

"He told (the victim) he was going to rape her," Cousins said. "There was a struggle, and he hit her in the face and tore her pants off."

Cousins said that after the suspect raped the victim on the street, he disappeared on foot. Reports state the victim dragged herself to the nearest pay phone and reported the incident only moments after the rape occurred.

She gave a good physical description of the suspect, and Chapel Hill police apprehended Feaster in front of Granville Towers at 5:31 a.m.

The victim was able to positively identify the suspect in a police lineup, Cousins said.

The victim was taken to UNC Hospitals and treated for minor facial swelling and other minor injuries.

A bond hearing was held at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough, where Judge Patricia Devine set Feaster's bond at \$100,000 for his first court appearance on Monday. His next hearing is scheduled for Oct. 2 at the county courthouse in Hillsborough.

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To the Extreme

Duo's U.S. Tour Goes Digital

By Russ Lane
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Turn off the PlayStation console, couch potatoes - extreme sports enthusiasts Brant Pedersen and Aryn Kelly are on a mission to promote better living through activity.

Their cross-country sojourn of the United States, dubbed The Extreme Road Trip, is a collaboration with the Carrboro-based global media company, Zoom Culture. The pair's live footage will be featured on Zoom Culture's Web site and will supplement Pedersen's Web site.

The Extreme Road Trip's mix of travel, extreme sports and the Internet might sound like a Jack Kerouac poem gone awry. But Kelly said she and Pedersen are on a definite mission - to reclaim young people's attention and need for adventure from the firm grasp of video games.

"With the attention spans of youth today, I think that when we get the video up, people will get interested in sports ... It's just cool to get that vehicle going," she said. "You can develop a new interest rather than just play Nintendo."

The duo tours the continental United States in a small RV, with a trailer full of sporting gear in tow - an eclectic mixture of motorcycles, kites and bodyboards.

Pedersen said they are not only equipped for "conventional" extreme sports such as surfing, snowboarding, scuba diving and

mountain climbing but also received training for kiteboarding, a parachute-surfing hybrid made popular in Hawaii.

With a digital camera, Pedersen and Kelly film the majority of the Zoom Culture footage themselves. To maintain his own Web site and provide Zoom Culture with material, Pedersen said he and Kelly receive e-mail messages and upload films to Zoom Culture through a sporadically troublesome cell phone.

Despite the occasional technical difficulty, the pair has toured 28 states since its March 1 start without major problems, usually stopping in one town for several days to find opportunities to film, and uploading film clips to Zoom Culture regularly.

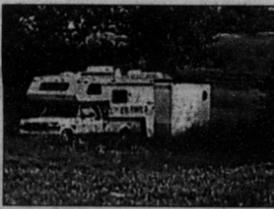
Both said the footage will prove that opportunities for extreme sports are readily available for the bored youngster.

"I guarantee you that people living in these towns have these cool resources they think aren't there. There's paradise no matter where you live," Kelly said.

Pedersen said the trip's digital footage is meant to encourage participation and expand awareness of opportunities for adventure. A two-time U.S. windsurfing and 1992 inline speed skating national champion, Pedersen said his hometown of Fresno, Calif., was boring - even hellish - prompting him to seek activities to occupy his time.

"My best friend and I were hellbent and

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The Extreme Road Trip crew drive its RV across the country. Brant Pedersen (bottom left) basks in the sun on a snowy slope.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE EXTREME ROAD TRIP



Town, UNC Cut Plan to Connect University Land

Local and University leaders say a corridor connecting UNC with the Horace Williams tract would burden neighborhoods.

By Ben Gatling
Staff Writer

Residents near the University-owned Horace Williams tract can breathe a sigh of relief after plans for a proposed transportation corridor were rejected Monday.

Rosemary Waldorf, mayor of Chapel Hill, and Jack Evans, UNC vice chancellor for finance and administration, announced Monday that all references to a fixed-guideway corridor would be deleted from the University's Master Plan in response to residents' opposition. Corridor plans called for a railway or a busway to connect the Horace Williams tract to the town of Chapel Hill.

The UNC Master Plan is a blueprint for campus growth that has many Chapel Hill residents concerned that the campus' expanding boundaries will push into town limits.

Waldorf said the decision was based on consideration for the Westside and Westwood neighborhoods, which are located near the tract that houses several town departments and the Horace Williams Airport.

"(The corridor) would tear up a neighborhood," she said. Waldorf said residents had been effective in expressing strong objections to the corridor and its detrimental effects.

"The town of Chapel Hill does not want a fixed-rail corridor," she said. "It is a dumb idea."

Evans said both the University and the town think a fixed-guideway transportation system would damage the quality of life in Chapel Hill neighborhoods.

University officials originally included the corridor in the Master Plan after a recommendation by the U.S. 15-501 Policy Oversight Committee, a transportation committee studying possible improvements for the highway.

Monday's announcement came in response to Friday's request by Waldorf and Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services, to remove the Horace Williams property from the committee's transportation study.

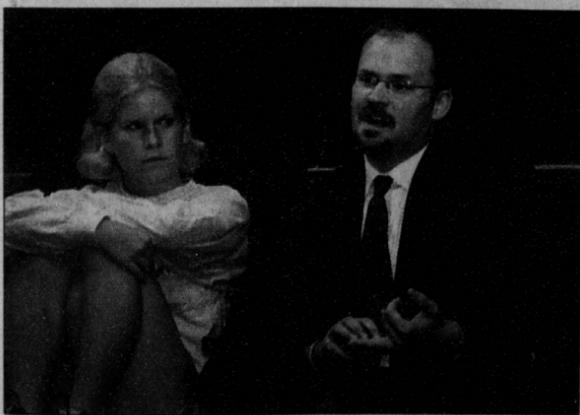
The committee voted unanimously to approve Waldorf and Elfland's recommendation after hearing objections from the town and University.

Waldorf said the committee is limiting its study to bus ridership data rather than considering a fixed guideway. But she said the decision does not change the focus of the committee's study.

"Nothing else is being looked at," she said. "I don't think it does very much to the plan."

Evans said the University is still seeking solutions to transportation issues throughout campus and the Horace Williams tract. "The University will continue to plan for transportation from the west end of campus."

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Adam Robinson, a continuing studies student, participates in the Campus Y discussion on same-sex unions Monday night.

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Same-Sex Unions Spark Dinner Debate

By Rachel Clarke
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Religious and social views clashed - politely - as members of several campus groups met to discuss same-sex unions over dinner Monday night.

Members of Queer Network for Change and Carolina Alternative Meetings for Professional and Graduate Students, as well as the Campus Crusade for Christ and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, were invited to the Campus Y's first dinner discussion.

Cianti Stewart-Reid, an organizer of the dinner, said the event's purpose was to discuss the legal, social and political implications of same-sex unions.

"I hope it pulls more people on cam-

pus into the issue, and that it also pulls more people into volunteer and activism groups," she said.

Political science Professor Pam Conover started the evening with a speech about recent legal developments concerning same-sex unions.

"I do research and I teach gay and lesbian issues," Conover said. "I hope to provoke people to think about aspects of same-sex marriage that they haven't thought of before."

Although Campus Y members dominated the discussion, a wide variety of opinions were voiced.

Don Arnold, a 1969 UNC graduate and a first-year graduate student in the School of Social Work, argued for equality for himself and his partner.

"Everything is exactly the same," Arnold said. "We've raised eight dogs, we've cried when we've buried them, we stood by each other when our parents passed away."

Tony Quirk, a continuing studies student and Durham resident, said discrimination against same-sex unions is unfair. "If I'm paying taxes just the same as you, then I should be able to benefit just the same as you."

But several students said being gay or lesbian is a choice and that marriage is not necessarily a right.

Current opinion polls indicate that about 60 percent of the population is against same-sex unions being recognized, Conover said. "There is no state in the Union where same-sex marriage

is legal."

While several students named religious reasons as the basis for discrimination, sophomore Emily Williams from Spokane, Wash., said students should not be punished for their religious views.

"You can't just judge people on their religion," Williams said. "If that is your religion, then you really, really believe that to your core."

Ann Collier, a sophomore from Chestertown, Md., said views toward same-sex unions have changed in the last few years. "This increasing awareness is really going to change the attitudes toward gay marriage."

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I laugh in the face of danger. Then I hide until it goes away.

Xañder of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"