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Towns Celebrate 4th Without Fireworks

By LAURA HINSON
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Flags waving, hamburgers grilling, illegal fireworks bursting: It's the Fourth of July. Chapel Hill's Downtown Commission and the Department of Parks and Recreation are joining together to provide entertainment for the Chapel Hill community this Fourth of July.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. at McCorkle Place on the UNC campus. Normally the events take place at Kenan Stadium to accommodate the fireworks display, but there will be no fireworks this year as a result of the state and town's budget crisis.

According to Robert Humphreys, executive director of Chapel Hill's Downtown Commission, the event will still be enjoyable. "We will have a lot of clowns, face painting and balloon animals for the children," said Humphreys. For the adults, the musical group the Nomads will be performing a mix of beach music, Motown and patriotic tunes.

Humphreys said attendees should wear their most patriotic clothing as there will be a contest for the "most patriotic whatever." People could win for the most patriotic hat or shoes - or even underwear. "I'm not sure who will be judging the underwear," said Humphreys.

As the nation has recovered from last year's

Sept. 11 attacks, there have been national terrorist threats regarding the patriotic holiday. Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvies said he does not anticipate any problems in regard to the threats. "We are not increasing any staffing as a result of these national warnings," reported Jarvies.

Jarvies also said he does not anticipate any major traffic problems from the holiday. There will be a few officers on Franklin Street to guide pedestrians safely across the street but not to guide traffic. City buses will not run on the Fourth of July, but parking will be free.

Carrboro will be having its own Fourth of July celebration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at

Weaver Street Market. There will be activity tables, and patrons can register for a patriotic costume contest, said Carol Rosemond, interim recreation and parks director.

The "People's Parade" will begin at 11 a.m. and will leave from Weaver Street on its way to the Carrboro Town Hall. The free activities there will last from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festivities are ending early this year because of the lack of fireworks.

Rosemond said, "This way, you will have time to go home and fire up the grill."

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Celebrating the Fourth

Despite the lack of fireworks in both Chapel Hill and Carrboro this year due to budgetary concerns, both towns have scheduled activities for the community.

A celebration begins at 7 p.m. in McCorkle Place on UNC's campus, sponsored by Chapel Hill's Downtown Commission and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Festivities in Carrboro kick off at 9:30 a.m. on the Weaver Street Market lawn.

Carrboro's "People's Parade" begins at 11 a.m. and goes from Weaver Street to Town Hall.

Activities run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Hall and Commons.

SOURCE: DTH RESEARCH

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Hiller Appoints ASG Delegates to Represent UNC

The four appointed delegates, two of whom will have voting power, will represent the interests of UNC-CH students in the ASG.

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
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Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller recently appointed two voting delegates and two non-voting members to the UNC-system Association of Student Governments.

Sophomores Tre Jones and Colin Rogister will serve as voting delegates. Juniors Amanda Taylor and Charity Sturdivant will represent UNC-Chapel Hill at the ASG meetings but will not be able to vote.

Student Body President Jen Daum will serve as a third voting representative.

UNC-Chapel Hill and the other 15 UNC-system schools each have four delegates in the organization.

Jones, a math decision sciences major from Raleigh, said he is hoping to use his experience as an intern at Democracy South to lobby the legislature for the ASG.

Jones said he sees the ASG as a go-between for UNC-CH and the N.C. General Assembly and that he was interested in the position because he wanted a job where he could do something outside of Chapel Hill that would help Chapel Hill students.

He said his first concern will be to make sure that the ASG uses its increased funding wisely.

In April, the ASG approved a new \$165,000 budget based on a systemwide \$1 student fee for the organization. Previously, the organization's budget was about \$4,000.

Jones also said he hopes to improve Chapel Hill students' faith in the ASG. "In the past, the ASG has kind of got a bad rap on campus," he said.

Rogister, a public policy major from Raleigh, has spent two summers interning at the N.C. Center for Voter Education and said he hopes his experience with the legislature will help him prepare for his work with the ASG.

Rogister said his role is to listen to the voices of students on campus and relay them to the ASG.

"UNC-Chapel Hill students have been leaders in the ASG in the past, and we hope to continue that tradition," he said.

Rogister said it is important that UNC-CH's delegation be vigilant in overseeing the use of the ASG funds because the

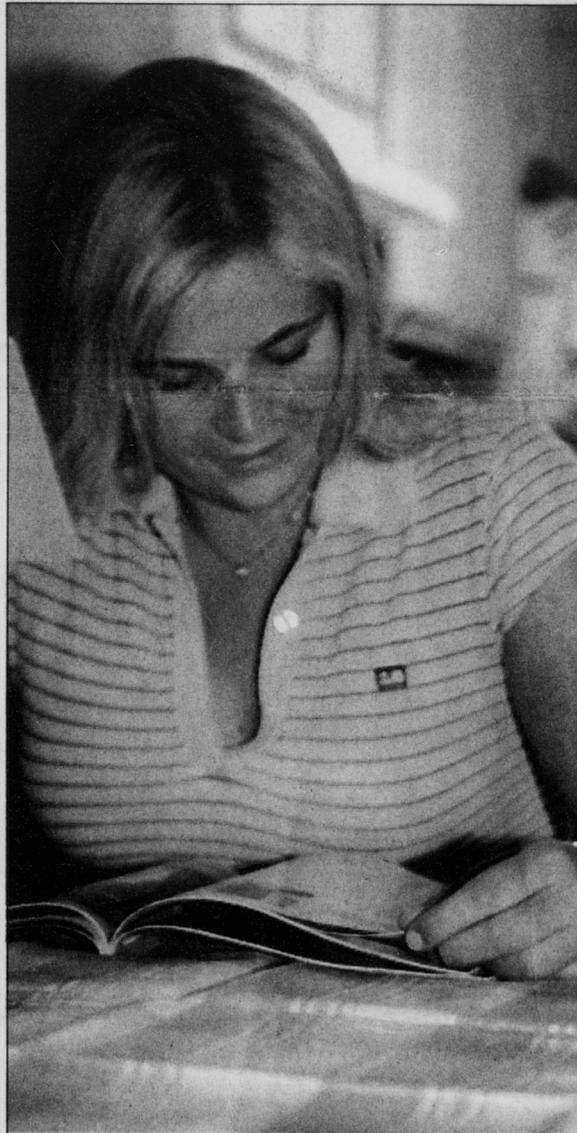
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Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller said he was pleased by the student interest in the ASG.

A Home Away From Home

By MALA DESAI
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Junior Lisa Venters reads a magazine in her apartment. Venters is subleasing the apartment for the summer and working in Chapel Hill.

Students who stay in Chapel Hill or surrounding areas for the summer are faced with a myriad of housing opportunities.

While some continue to live on campus or in their apartments, many students choose to sublet elsewhere for a few months.

Students who sign yearlong leases at the beginning of the year often leave their apartments for the summer, becoming a perfect match for those looking to sublet during that time.

Unfortunately, subletting is not always a foolproof plan.

Sara Davis lives off Ashley Forest Road with five other people. Her roommate Laurie is subletting for a month over the summer and has subsequently prepaid that month's rent, Davis said. Because the sublessor will only be staying in Laurie's room for three weeks, Laurie is already expecting to pay one week of rent herself, Davis said.

The sublessor still hasn't paid Laurie any of the rent money and has just realized that the lease to her new apartment begins in July instead of August, Davis said.

Because the sublessor wants to avoid paying rent in two places, she is faced with a financial dilemma. Laurie, on the other hand, is left in the lurch because she has no idea when the sublessor will pay her, Davis said.

Dwayne Deloatch is another college student who knows all too well about late payments. Attending N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University and living in Greensboro, Deloatch made the mistake of putting only his name on the lease to his apartment.

He was later taken to court by the landlord due to his roommate's refusal to pay rent for two months. Between this roommate and the next one, Deloatch had to pay \$1,000 from his own pocket and had the gas and power cut off.

He said he also had to pay a \$200 phone bill that was not his and that his roommates wore his clothes and took his CDs.

"Make sure that you always have a backup plan come any situation," Deloatch said. "You can always cover for yourself, but not the next person."

Because subletting can be so complicated, not all students choose to do so during the summer months. Some said the benefits of living in University housing outweighed the advantages of living somewhere else.

Gaurang Gala, a rising sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill, said he is lucky to be living in Old West Residence Hall during the summer while he takes some classes.

Gala said he chose to live in Granville rather than a residence hall because Granville sent out its housing applications before the Department of Housing and Residential Education, but he said he enjoying his brief stay on campus and wished he could live here during the academic year.

Unfortunately for Gala, living at Granville means he has the least priority to get on-campus housing for the rest of his time at UNC-CH. "I can't get on campus," Gala said. "Plus most juniors and seniors get an apartment - that's a rule."

Students are not the only ones who face the complications of subletting. If anyone knows best about sticky housing situations, it is the apartment managers themselves.

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Residents Ask for Cleanup

University officials predict that cleanup of the dump on the Horace Williams tract will cost about \$10 million.

By PETER GILCHRIST
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Local residents have been asking UNC to clean up its mess for a long time, and now they have started to put pressure on the University to take responsibility.

Last week Bob Epting and Julie McClintock handed a petition to the Chapel Hill Town Council requesting that the chemical dump on the edge of the Horace Williams tract be cleaned up.

The council responded by scheduling the issue into its agenda July 26, when debate on the issue could end with a vote.

The dump, located next to the town's public works yard, has 18 burial pits that hold thousands of bottles and cans and contain waste from UNC's Department of Chemistry and UNC Hospitals. The dump was used by UNC from 1973-79.

Epting, an environmental lawyer, became involved with the situation after hearing the cleanup could be delayed due to UNC development plans for the tract.

"I have known about that site for about 15 years," Epting said. "Everyone has agreed it ought to be cleaned up and here it is, 15 years later, and it's not cleaned up."

"This is not just a matter of some present crankiness on our part."

Peter Reinhardt, UNC's Department of Environment, Health and Safety director, said the University plans to clean up the chemical dump as soon as it can pay for it.

"We need funds in order to clean it up, and we have not yet identified those funds," he said. "We are looking for them."

"The administration is trying to figure how we can pay for this, and we are hoping that we can get started soon."

Reinhardt said the removal of the chemicals would cost UNC about \$10 million.

"That is not a definite estimate. Until we get a real design done, we can't really put a number on it, but that is our best guess at this point," he said.

The removal of the dump would involve digging into the waste and removing the contents one by one.

The materials would then be processed in an area that would offer neighbors safety against chemical blasts or discharges.

McClintock, who lives near the dump, brought the petition to the coun-

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Economy, Dissidents Trouble Legislators

The Associated Press

RALEIGH - Last summer and into the fall, a bitter budget battle dragged on and on as factions of legislators fought for and against various tax hikes.

It's not a scenario legislators want to repeat. It remains to be seen whether it can be avoided.

Once again, lawmakers are struggling to make budget decisions as a weak economy leads to slowing tax collections.

A revised Senate budget plan cuts more than \$500 million from the second year of the two-year budget approved last

year. The Senate avoids further cuts only by speeding up a tax swap with local governments, giving the counties the ability to impose a half-cent sales tax a year early and taking back \$333 million in local reimbursements.

The Senate budget plan would also delay some middle-class tax breaks that had been scheduled to go into effect for the next tax year.

But Republicans in the House are again likely to oppose any proposals that even hint of tax increase. And just like last year, a group of liberal House Democrats is lying in wait to stop any tax packages that it considers too focused on

the poor and middle class. So, once again, Democratic House leaders have to walk a fine line.

Will they be able to accomplish the task more quickly? N.C. Rep. David Redwine, D-Brunswick, the chief budget architect in the House, hopes so.

"July 12. We are going try to meet that," Redwine said last week, referring to a self-imposed deadline the House is trying to meet to produce a budget.

He knows it won't be easy.

"The ship is going down, the life boats are coming down, but there are not enough for everybody to get on," said Redwine.

3 Killed in Orange Co.

Staff and Wire Reports

An Orange County man who had been ordered to stay away from his family was charged with murder in the deaths of three people, including his daughter.

Alan Douglas Gates was arrested Monday night at the home of his wife, Janet Clark Gates, said officials with the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

He was being held Tuesday without bond in the Orange County Jail.

Those shot to death were Valerie Michelle Gates, 24; her friend, Cordea Shimara Lee, 21; and Kendall

Alexander Dians, 3, Lee's son.

The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported that deputies went to the home of Janet Gates at 2723 Orange Chapel Clover Garden Church Road shortly after 8 p.m. Monday because her estranged husband, Alan Gates, 52, was there in violation of a court order issued June 11 in Orange County District Court. When deputies arrived they found Alan Gates on a bed with a revolver by his side.

As they were placing Alan Gates under arrest, Janet Gates went to the back of the house, where she discovered the three bodies.

The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave.

Thomas Jefferson