

Apple Chill Binds Local Community

Chapel Hill residents and officials are examining the possibility of altering or doing away with the spring Apple Chill arts festival. Residents have cited the noise, traffic gridlock, high costs and presence of out-of-towners as reasons why the Apple Chill festival is not worth the costs it incurs upon the community.



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These are reasonable concerns to have; however, doing away with the festival is not the answer.

Apple Chill should be a celebration of local arts that can be enjoyed by the entire community and those who visit Chapel Hill from across the state. Last year, 44,000 people came out to participate in Apple Chill.

If locals are driven away from their own festival, there could be room for improvement. But I doubt it's just the noise, traffic and costs that residents cite for the lack of local turnout.

Yes, Apple Chill does cause traffic delays — it is dealt with as best as possible, but the gridlock is somewhat inevitable. One day of traffic doesn't seem like a reason to abolish the festival.

Nor does noise. Yes, local bands that perform at Apple Chill probably do play rather loudly. But the bands are making music for the residents — not "noise."

Suggesting that Apple Chill be abolished because it is costing the town money is ridiculous. The town budget should allow for a local festival where locals and visitors alike can enjoy what Chapel Hill has to offer.

But I wonder if the complaints of traffic, noise and cost might be scapegoats for the real reason locals no longer show up for the 30-year-old festival.

Apple Chill recently has attracted a large, racially diverse crowd to Chapel Hill, that participates in an impromptu "rally" when the sun goes down.

Participants have dubbed the event "After Chill." Last year, more than 80 motorcycles lined West Franklin Street. Some might say it's as if the Myrtle Beach strip moved to Franklin Street.

It's not surprising Chapel Hill residents might be turned off by the crowd, but it is disappointing. The festival has the potential to unite the community and celebrate the town's art and culture.

If residents have ceased attending Apple Chill because they are intimidated or frustrated by the crowd, they are the only ones missing out. It is their festival, after all — they should come out and show an interest in the community.

Having Apple Chill on Franklin Street is bound to draw a large, diverse attendance. This doesn't necessarily detract from the value of the festival. The beauty of a public festival is that it can be enjoyed by the entire public — motorcycles and all.

The noise, traffic and costs should be sacrifices residents are willing to make to have a festival that could be community-building. Ending Apple Chill is not a reasonable option.

When the complaints about Apple Chill are further investigated, Chapel Hill officials and residents should recognize the importance of festivals such as Apple Chill for community solidarity. If outsiders want to come and enjoy Chapel Hill, residents should welcome them, not shun them.

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Incumbents Win Commissioner Bids

By JON DOUGHERTY
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Orange County voters decided Tuesday that if something isn't broke, don't fix it.

They made the point by sending all three Democratic incumbent candidates for the three open commissioner seats on to the November general election.

Alice Gordon garnered the most votes in the primary with 10,156, or 29.3 percent. She said her past actions, not her words, were what put her over the top.

"My record for excellent schools and environmental protection, just good government in general, is what saw me through," she said. "I have several accomplishments in those areas, so I didn't run on just my words but my records. I'm pleased the people sent me

back so emphatically."

Board chairman Barry Jacobs was the second place vote-getter with 9,584, or 27.6 percent. He said he was pleased with the result of the election but concerned by the turnout of UNC students.

"I'm sorry the students didn't vote — doesn't look like they turned out at all," he said. "It's one of the most discouraging things to not see students out at the polls."

Jacobs said it is the job of the county to reach out to students but said the answers wouldn't be easy to come by.

"It is important that we connect students to the local government that directly affects them," he said. "We're going to have to do some collective thinking to figure this out."

Jacobs said that while he wishes students would participate in local govern-

ment more, he can sympathize with their attitude.

"When I was in college, I didn't care about local government, I paid attention to the president and maybe Congress," he said. "I don't know if it's because the campus is so insulated or they just don't care."

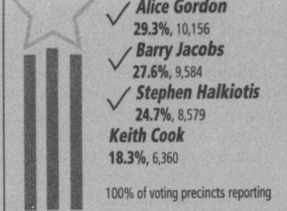
Stephen Halkiotis, the third-place finisher with 8,579, or 24.7 percent of the vote, said he doesn't think student turnout had anything to do with apathy.

"I'd be curious to find out how many students voted absentee ballots with their home areas," he said. "I'd bet a lot of students sent in absentee."

Overall, Halkiotis said he was pleased with the results.

"It's an affirmation of the good work the Orange County commissioners have been doing," he said. "It's a vote of con-

County Commissioner



fidence from the voters. Citizens are pleased with the work."

Keith Cook, who was eliminated but still took 6,360 votes for 18.3 percent, said he thinks his campaign served a valuable purpose.

"I hope some of the issues I put on See COMMISSIONERS, Page 9

Sheriff

- ✓ **Lindy Pendergrass** 61.6%, 8,534 votes
- Tim Pressley 30.2%, 4,187 votes
- Kurt Insko 8.3%, 1,144 votes

100% of voting precincts reporting

School Board

- ✓ **Libbie Hough** 19.4%, 4,304
- ✓ **Brenda Stephens** 18.8%, 4,181
- ✓ **Randy Copeland** 17.1%, 3,786
- ✓ **Betty Davidson** 17.0%, 3,765
- Al Hartkopf 14.5%, 3,217
- Patrick Mulkey 12.8%, 2,835

100% of voting precincts reporting

Students Wait Hours, Nab All Tickets



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

UNC students wait in line Tuesday morning for tickets to the Texas-UNC football game this Saturday. The football fans began lining up before 6 a.m. for the 8 a.m. distribution.

Distribution line began before 6 a.m.

By JOHN FRANK
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Going into Tuesday's football ticket distribution for Saturday's game against Texas, Carolina Athletic Association President Kris Willett said she expected a large turnout.

But she didn't expect to give out all the tickets — more than 9,000 — in less than eight hours.

"I was surprised to hear they sold out the first day," Willett said. "We're very pleased."

Clint Gwaltney, director of ticket operations, said it was the first time in a few years that all tickets for a distribution were given out the first day.

Officials said that during the first four hours the lines swelled to nearly 1,000 students but crowds remained in the lower hundreds for the rest of the day.

The first students began lining up before 6 a.m., and about 150 people were still in line when tickets ran out at 3:50 p.m., Gwaltney said.

Distribution officials began giving See TICKETS, Page 9

Sprinklers Extinguish Kappa Fire

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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An air conditioner unit on the third-floor study room of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house caught fire late Tuesday night.

Sprinkler systems extinguished the fire just before firefighters arrived at the house, located at the corner of Pittsboro and McCauley streets, Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Caprice Mellon said.

Officials were not sure what caused the window unit to catch fire, and Mellon said she was not sure how extensive the damage was. Firefighters were still attempting to clear smoke from the building and keep furniture from being damaged by water about 10:45 p.m., Mellon said.

No injuries were reported at the scene, Mellon said. The fire department received the call at 9:51 p.m., and at least five units were dispatched to the scene.

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Bill Refutes Governor's Decision to Deny Funds

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A bill approved by the N.C. House limiting the governor's ability to withhold revenue from local governments has generated mixed reactions from local and state officials.

Legislators approved the bill Monday with a vote of 73-5. It must now be signed by Gov. Mike Easley.

Reps. Joe Hackney and Verla Insko, both D-Orange, voted for the bill.

The bill is in response to Easley's Feb. 5 announcement that he will withhold \$200 million from municipal governments to help alleviate a \$1 billion state budget deficit for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

The bill directs the governor to use all other means necessary to fill budget holes before dipping into local money.

Several counties, including Cabarrus and Alamance, filed suit against the state as a result of the governor's action.

Cabarrus County Commissioner Coy Privette, who initiated the municipali-

ties lawsuit, said the bill is a step forward for local governments. Privette said that if Easley signs it, there will be no reason to continue the lawsuit.

"I'm interested to see if the governor signs the legislation," he said. "If he does, he's admitting that he's wrong."

Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, chairman of the N.C. Metropolitan Coalition, a nonprofit group created to represent the state's largest cities and towns, said the bill will aid local governments in a lawsuit.

"The bill is a strong signal to the governor not to take funds the state collects for local governments. The precedent was set for this six or seven months ago by the taking of this money, and the bill will help when — not if — this issue goes to court."

But Rep. Cary Allred, R-Alamance, said he does not think the legislation will ultimately be effective. "I don't think this version has any teeth," he said.

Allred said the only way to halt the governor's ability to withhold local taxes is an amendment to the state constitution.

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Nation, UNC on Heightened Alert for Sept. 11 Anniversary

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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As federal officials warn citizens to practice heightened caution, UNC officials say they also will be on high alert as the campus reflects on the tragic events of last year.

On Tuesday, the federal government increased the nation's terror alert warning to code orange — its second highest level — signaling a high risk of attack coinciding with the Sept. 11 anniversary. The government increased security at federal buildings and monuments and closed some U.S. embassies.

Federal officials said Tuesday that they received information that such attacks might be intended to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

With numerous events taking place on UNC's campus all day to observe the

Sept. 11 anniversary, University police will be working under increased alert.

Jeff McCracken, deputy director of the Department of Public Safety, declined to discuss any specifics.

"I think our level of awareness is heightened, especially since the terrorist attacks have occurred, and that shouldn't be any different (today)," McCracken said.

But University police do understand the implications of the federal government's Tuesday move, McCracken said. "We obviously have taken note in the change of the nation's alert status."

Code orange calls for government officials to take extra precaution at public events, including moving or canceling them if necessary.

The orange level, which reflects a "high risk of terrorist attacks," is one step below the top red, or "severe risk." The level had been at yellow, in the middle of the five-color scale, for most of the summer.

McCraeken would not say if there will be an increased number of University police on campus today for the numerous events occurring, such as the noon convocation in Polk Place.

"Our attendance is actually part of the ceremony," he said. "Certainly, we will be aware of what's going on."

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Technology & Library Science Career Fair

September 18th, 11-3 pm
Dean Smith Center

Minority Career Night

September 18th, 6-9 pm
Great Hall, Student Union

Carolina Career Fair

September 19th, 10 am-3:30 pm
Dean Smith Center

Search employers attending at <http://careers.unc.edu/fairs/studentsearch.html>

Attend these events to get prepared!

RESUME MARATHON
Bring a draft of your resume to be critiqued by a UCS counselor.
Thursday, Sept. 12
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
2nd Floor, Union

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A JOB FAIR
Prepare yourself for interacting with employers!
Topics include appropriate dress, materials to bring to career fairs, developing an effective introduction, and more.
Mon., Sept. 16
4:30 pm
Multi-Purpose Room, Union

They're Coming!

Take the Reverse "U" bus to the Dean Smith Center.

UNDERCLASSMEN ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!