

# DWI Checkpoint Leads to 10 Arrests, 47 Citations

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Police say a coordinated effort between local law enforcement officials resulted in 10 arrests and 47 citations at Chapel Hill's driving-while-impaired checkpoint Saturday night.

Eight individuals were arrested on charges of DWI and one on charges of possession of crack and cocaine. Police also arrested one man for whom they already had a warrant. Citations were issued for various other traffic offenses.

The checkpoint was held from 11

p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at Raleigh Road and Friday Center Drive. It was presided over by the Chapel Hill and Hillsborough police, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Lt. Tim Pressley, traffic enforcement supervisor for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said these checkpoints are held "to increase DWI awareness."

Officials want to make people aware that drinking and driving is both illegal and potentially deadly, Pressley said.

Sgt. Phil Wadsworth of the highway patrol said there is a "systematic pro-

gram" in place for the procedure at these checkpoints. All vehicles are stopped, but if congestion becomes a significant inconvenience, state law requires that traffic be cleared out before the officers can continue checking.

He said there was a magistrate on hand to charge people at the site because some checkpoints have shut down after three hours, with lines of people down at the magistrate's office waiting to be charged.

Sparrow noted that the new setup helped speed up the process at this weekend's checkpoint because every-

thing was self-contained, with the magistrate and the breath-alcohol tests on location. "(Arrests) were much higher than what we had in the past."

He attributed the increase to the UNC football game in the afternoon and the 11 p.m. starting time of the checkpoint, which was earlier than usual.

Pressley said 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. is the most productive time to hold checkpoints because that is when patrons leave bars.

Although officers focus on alcohol, drivers also can be charged for other infractions of the law, Pressley said. "Anything in plain view can be seized if it is illegal to possess it."

Chapel Hill officer Lee Sparrow said officers confronted the individual arrested for possession of illegal drugs after he was observed switching positions with the passenger in his vehicle.

Sparrow said that as the original driver was being escorted to the Breath Alcohol Testing Mobile Unit, or the "BAT Mobile," he threw a bag with crack and cocaine out of his pocket.

A total of 16 officers participated from all the agencies. Sparrow said the

## Checkpoint Stats

Chapel Hill police set up a checkpoint at the intersection of Raleigh Road and Friday Center Drive on Saturday night.

Driving While Intoxicated	8
Seat Belt Violations	1
Driving With Revoked License	4
Equipment Violations	24
No Operation License	9
Felony Drug Arrest	1
Other Arrests	1
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>10</b>

SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL POLICE DTH/STAFF

increased manpower and planning time allowed the checkpoint to run smoothly.

Sparrow said Chapel Hill probably will not have another checkpoint before January 2003, but Hillsborough might have one in October.

The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.

## Campus Calendar

Today

9 a.m. - The Carolina Union Activities Board presents Magnetic Poetry in the Pit until 1 p.m. The funniest poem will be printed in The Daily Tar Heel and win a prize!

5 p.m. - The UNC NAACP will hold its general body meeting until 6 p.m. in Union 2518B. All members and those interested in joining are encouraged to attend.

7 p.m. - The Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention will hold their weekly meeting in 101 Bingham Hall. All interested students welcome.

7 p.m. - In the Union Auditorium, the Carolina Summer Reading Program presents the film, "Islam in America." The film will be followed by discussion with religious studies Professor Carl Ernst.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

8 a.m. - The Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the School of Dentistry will sponsor a blood drive until 12:30 p.m. The site will be within the lane between UNC Hospitals and Tarrson Hall.

1 p.m. - VACCESS Health, with UNC Student Health Service, will hold a Meningitis Immunization Program until 7 p.m. It will be held one day only and will cost \$85. Charge to your student account or credit card. For information, call (877) 482-2237.

3 p.m. - The Study Abroad Office will host "Study Abroad 101" in Union 2518A. We'll go over the different programs, how the credits work, how the money works and how to apply.

Point of Interest

Africafest proudly presents Lucky Dube, Africa's No. 1 reggae superstar and today's best-selling reggae artist. The event will take place at the Lincoln Theatre, 126 E. Cabarrus St. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. For information, call (404) 321-2697.


For the Record

In the Sept. 30 article "Taking Work to Another Level," Aaron Houghton's company was incorrectly identified as Preaction Inc. The correct name is Preaction Inc. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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## Summer Reading Program

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October 1, 2002, 7pm  
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### "Islam in America"

Film Showing followed by Discussion  
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October 7, 2002, 7pm  
FPG Student Union Auditorium

### The Origins of African American Islam

Talk, followed by Q&A, focused on the growth and development of Islam among African Americans in the United States. Presented by Dr. Edward Curtis, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and author of *Islam in Black America*.



# CAMPUS RECREATION UPDATE

### Intramural Sports

SIGN UP TO PLAY TODAY!

Trek N' Trot

• 14 mile bike ride followed by a leisurely run through NC Botanical Gardens

EVENT DATE: Saturday, Oct. 5

Sign-up for ALL SPORTS & EVENTS in 203 Woollen Gym. Call 843-PLAY for more info.

### Sport Clubs Spotlight

"Cycling is so hard, the suffering so intense, that it's absolutely cleansing."—The Great Armstrong



The UNC Triathlon Club started under this pretext three years ago. It consisted of a relatively small group of young athletes who wanted to push themselves to their limits; who wanted to absolve themselves from life for those few hours of the race and concentrate on the suffering. They chose to begin a journey that consisted of relatively short sprint races lasting less than an hour for some, to ironman races, which last over 8 hours for almost every one. These consisted of a swim portion, a bike portion and a run portion.

Today, that small group has grown to over 40 athletes who compete at collegiate, national and regional races around the world. Notably, the UNC Tri club placed 5th at Collegiate Nationals last year held in Memphis.

The UNC Triathlon Club is a sports club that promotes the participation of students and faculty in the sport of triathlon. The club has organized practices and competition in order to facilitate individual and team improvement of the clubs goals. The club is open to all levels of athletes and students. For information visit [www.unc.edu/tri](http://www.unc.edu/tri) or contact Dan at [danielw@email.unc.edu](mailto:danielw@email.unc.edu).

**Sport Clubs Action:**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
 Field Hockey, 9am @ Henry Stadium      Men's Rugby vs. Western Carolina, 1pm on Hooker Fields  
 contact: Rachel - [myden@email.unc.edu](mailto:myden@email.unc.edu)      contact: David - [drcook@email.unc.edu](mailto:drcook@email.unc.edu)  
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10/17-10/20	Rock Climbing II Linville Gorge	\$120/160	6
11/1-11/3	Sea Kayaking II Kerr Lake	\$80/100	6
11/16	Day Hiking Hanging Rock	\$30/40	8
11/27-12/1	Backpacking II Grayson Highlands	\$120/160	8

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