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Armory Could Get Historic Standing

Official: Status won't stop demolition

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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The Future Naval Officers Association has jumped the first hurdle in the fight to keep the Naval Armory building right where it is, but it might be to no avail.

The North Carolina Register added the 60-year-old building to its study list last week, which allows it to be considered by the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Naval Armory and Venable Hall, are scheduled to be demolished in 2005 to make way for a new \$186 million science complex.

The complex will be a multipurpose building with a parking deck, office research space and a science library.

Mel Ahle, FNOA president, said the next step FNOA will take is to fill out the application for the national registry. FNOA will not know if the Armory makes it onto the list until August 2003.

But Paul Kapp, campus historic preservation manager, said the University will have the final say in the demolition of the Armory because it owns the building.

"The National Register is an honorary designation, and federal law, more so than state law, always asks the owner to stop, look and listen before destroying historic integrity," Kapp said. "But if that doesn't go through, the government can't stop the University from tearing (the Armory) down."

Kapp said he thinks there is a misunderstanding about the power of the National Register.

"I think a lot of people think of historical preservation not as a tool but as a weapon," Kapp said. "I believe there is a misunderstanding about what it does."

Ahle said that although the request

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Ridership on Town Buses Up 39 Percent

By JACK KIMBALL
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Since the implementation of Chapel Hill's fare-free busing program, ridership on the town's buses has increased significantly more than officials had anticipated.

Chapel Hill Transit officials and Town Council members were surprised by an increase in bus ridership from projections used at the birth of the fare-free busing program.

In January, Chapel Hill Transit put into effect a fare-free policy for the bus system, which makes all public buses in Chapel Hill cost nothing to ride. Fare-free busing also brought with it slight changes to the overall transit service.

"We expected that the fare-free bus system would increase ridership," Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said.

Official estimates in January placed the increase at only about 10 percent to 20 percent, but numbers released in October reported that overall system ridership increased 38.6 percent.

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HONOR COURT REVIEW



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Although parallels exist between the legal system and UNC's judicial system, Honor Court officials think the differences are important to maintaining the student-run system's educational mission.

UNC Honor Court Seeks Education, Not Penalty

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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With no gavel, no bloodthirsty prosecution and no loud objections by the defense, the University Honor Court is a different proceeding from what most students imagine.

The legal court system is an adversarial system that pits the prosecution and the defense against each other, but officials say the Honor Court is only quasi-adversarial because it tries to educate rather than punish the defendant.

"We want the students to walk away with something, so we try to emphasize the educational mission of the University," said Student Attorney General Amanda Spillman.

Although the two systems have close similarities — such as the standard of proof and the appeals process — the absence of a prosecution and the purpose behind punishments steer the mind-sets of the courts in different directions.

The University judicial system deals with two



■ Part three of a four-part series looking at a review of UNC's student judicial system.

spheres of student life: academic integrity and student conduct. Plagiarism accusations, for example, are cases confined to the University's judicial system, but the Honor Court also deals with student misconduct, such as sexual assault, that might be tried in a district court at the same time.

Honor courts differ from regular courts of law because they deal with different communities, said law Professor Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the Committee on Student Conduct, which proposes changes and receives amendments to the court.

"Much of the purpose is different because (the University Honor Court) is trying to set up a system

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Sgt. Steve Riddle (center) writes down measurements from the white BMW involved in Tuesday evening's accident.

Cause of Fatal Accident Unclear

By JAMIE DOUGHER
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Police say it was a 50-year-old man who struck and killed a pedestrian while driving down West Franklin Street on Tuesday night.

The victim, 77-year-old James Elijah Ellis of Henderson, was crossing the street in front of Time Out when he was hit by a white BMW 5-series sedan.

Police would not comment on the identity of the driver.

Chapel Hill police reported that Ellis was transported by ambulance to UNC Hospitals, where hospital staff say he was pronounced dead about 10:10 p.m.

Orange County medical examiner Jason Reutter, who performed the autopsy Wednesday, said the cause of death was blunt force head trauma.

"Basically what he has is a laceration in his scalp," he said. "It's not where the car hit him but where he hit the ground."

Reutter said it is difficult to tell if Ellis crossed the street, walked out into the street and tried to walk back to the sidewalk or simply stumbled into the road.

There were no other points of impact other than the head that contributed to Ellis' death, Reutter said.

He added that Ellis had a heart condition but that there was no connection

between the accident and the heart condition.

The BMW could have been traveling at as little as 10 mph, Reutter said, but the exact speed of the vehicle has not yet been verified by police.

"Even very slow-moving vehicles, when they hit somebody it can cause damage — especially maybe an older person who doesn't have good balance," he said.

The car suffered visible damage in the accident to its right front section, including a severed rear-view mirror and a spiderweb crack in the corner of the windshield.

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MIKE KUHN, CAA Ticket Distribution Chairman

Few Basketball Bracelets Taken

UConn, UK tickets to be given out Saturday

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Basketball season is here, and it's time for students to scramble for tickets.

But few students came out for those tickets Tuesday, the first day of the year's first bracelet distribution.

Usually distributions are well-publicized, allowing students to prepare to collect tickets. But this year, Fall Break fell directly before the distribution, making it difficult to get the word out.

The number of bracelets already distributed — 1,500 — is lower than Carolina Athletic Association officials had hoped, and CAA President Kris Willet said she was a little upset.

But she said bracelets are still getting out there. "We put an ad in the paper before Fall Break," Willet said. "Bracelets have been given out."

The first ticket distribution, being held this week, is for the Dec. 7 University of Kentucky game and the Jan. 18 game against the University of Connecticut.

On a distribution week, students can pick up bracelets at the student entrance, Gate 5, of Kenan Stadium. The bracelets are numbered based on a lottery system, and students must have their UNC ONE Card to receive bracelets.

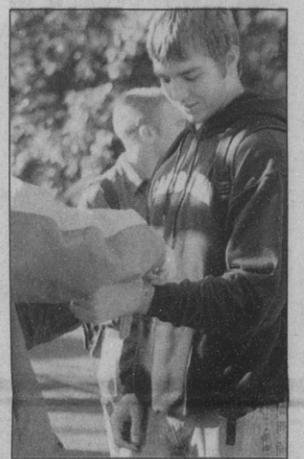
Distribution hours are Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At noon Friday, an assigned number will be drawn at random in the Pit. The person whose bracelet matches the "magic" number will be first in line when the ticket window opens Saturday. The number will be posted on the CAA Web site, the CAA sports ticker in the Pit and the Smith Center ticket office.

At 6:45 a.m. Saturday, students with bracelets should arrive at the Smith Center to prepare for line check. Students will be divided into blocks of 100 based on bracelet number. If students are not present for check-in, their numbers will be declared invalid when they are called to pick up tickets.

The ticket window will open at 7 a.m., and students should line up in order behind the bearer of the "magic" number bracelet. Students can pick up two tickets when their numbers are called for as long as tickets are available, and a valid ONE Card must be presented for each ticket.

Students whose bracelets have been



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Sophomore Jeff Richbourg receives a bracelet Wednesday morning.

tampered with will not be eligible for tickets. At 8 a.m. Monday, any leftover tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The distribution of tickets will not be in chronological order. "We put the best two games together to start off the year to drum up student interest," said Mike Kuhn, CAA's ticket distribution chairman.

He said CAA officials were afraid that if tickets for good games were distributed with tickets for games during Winter Break, students would feel obligated to pick up tickets for both games and then wouldn't attend the game over break.

To avoid the problem, CAA put games that fall over break in the same distribution sets and did the same by placing the games more people are expected to attend together, Kuhn said.

He also said ONE Cards could be checked upon entrance to the game to prevent any non-UNC students from acquiring student tickets. By the end of the season Kuhn hopes cards will be checked at every game. "Student tickets are for students only. Students are not supposed to bring friends and family to the games."

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It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive.

Earl Warren