Park-and-rides back in business after month off

Alternate transit efforts to continue

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

After opening four of UNC's park-and-ride lots to the general public for almost a month, campus officials tomorrow will resume enforcing permits.

The lots are part of the Commuter Alternatives Program, a branch of the Department of Public Safety, and were opened earlier this month in an effort to encourage students, faculty and staff to use alternate means of transportation. It was one of the many ways

in which the University tried to address the fuel shortage in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. DPS spokesman Randy Young

said the effort was a success.

"I hope it opened the eyes of the University community to what (transportation) services are out there," he said. "I hope others have become aware of how easy it is to arrive on campus using the fare-

The lots involved were the Friday Center lot, the lot on Estes Drive, the Franklin Street lot and the new Chatham lot on U.S. 15-501.

Faculty, students and staff still can use the lots, but they must sign up for the free CAP program to receive a permit.

DPS officials encourage those

without a permit to use the park-and-ride lots run by Chapel Hill

Mike Brady, president of the Graduate and Professional School Federation, said opening the lots to the public was successful in pro-

moting change.

"It definitely made people more aware of the options that are out there," he said.

But the change also caused prob-

lems for students - particularly

the many graduate students who rely on the lots to get to campus. Brady said he had heard com-plaints of the parking crunch from his graduate student constituency.

"There have been problems with students finding spaces," Brady said. "In many cases, people have been parking illegally anywhere

As the people displaced from the park-and-ride lots were forced to look to other transportation options available in Chapel Hill, Brady said he noticed that there is room for improvement in area transportation.

"It illuminated areas where transportation options can be improved," said Brady. "It points out the need to streamline the bus

And despite the parking prob-lems some experienced, many sup-ported the effort to deal with the fuel shortage.
"Most of the University com-

munity understood that we were facing major challenges, both as a state and as a nation," Young said. Brady added that many gradu-ate students were accepting of the

inconveniences. "People were very understand-

ing of what this was intended to accomplish," he said.

But Brady said he believes the time is right to return the lots to

permit parking.

"I think the change needed to be made at this time," he said. "We still need to focus on fuel conservation, but not discourage students from attending class at the University."

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Fraternity slapped with list of violations

BY DANIEL JOHNSON

STAFF WRITE

A late-night police raid last week
on St. Anthony Hall, a literature
and arts fraternity, netted 18 arrests
and 27 drug and alcohol charges in connection with the operation of an illegal bar.

N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement

officials raided the house, located at 207 Pittsboro St., after they were tipped off about the bar.

ALE Agent Mike Penland said the agency began a surveillance of the house after receiving an anonymous tip that fraternity members were selling alcohol without a valid

Surveillance lasted approximately two weeks, during which officers observed irregularly high levels of traffic entering and exiting the premise on particular days of the week to purchase and consume

alcohol, Penland said.

ALE responded by sending a few undercover agents into the fraternity to attempt to purchase

"While inside the house the agents observed an illegal opera-tion of a bar, numerous people in possession of marijuana and

underage drinking," Penland said.
"Surveillance and the agents'
observations provided sufficient evidence to obtain a warrant."

The raid was carried out by seven ALE agents and two Chapel Hill police officers who were called in for assistance. Authorities found more than 40 liters of alcohol and about 35 grams of marijuana.

Efforts to contact several fraternity members, including the group's president, were unsuccessful Thursday.

Formal charges included seven

count of aiding and abetting under-age drinking and two counts of selling alcohol without proper permits. Misdemeanor drug charges consist-ed of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The students now will face a

review by the office of student affairs a standard procedure for Greek students cited for alcohol violations.

"That process will kick in as we get all the information from the ALE," said Jay Anhorn, director of Greek Affairs.

Anhorn said that during his five years at the UNC, he has never seen a raid like this by ALE officials.

He said he was notified of the raid earlier this week by ALE through Chapel Hill police.

Greek Affairs typically deals only with University and Chapel Hill police, Anhorn said, and commu-

nicates well when doing so.
"We usually find that stuff out immediately," he said, adding that the miscommunication here probably resulted from unfamiliarity with ALE protocol. "I've never had a situ-

ation like that happen before."
Penland said the raid does not indicate an ALE crackdown on the UNC campus. "This was a result of a tip we received about one fraternity and is not a sign that we are targeting fraternities."

But targeting underage drinking does remain a priority, he said. "If that means it lives on college

campuses, that means it lives on college campuses."

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POLICE LOG

■ Panera Bread Co., at 213 W. Franklin St., was the site of an armed robbery early Thursday morning, according to Chapel Hill

An unidentified suspect entered the restaurant at 12:02 a.m. brandishing a handgun and forced the manager and an employee into the back room where the safe was

located, according to reports.

The suspect stole cash from the safe as well as valuables from the employees, including two sets of keys, a Mexico consular ID card and a wallet, and bound their hands with duct tape before fleeing the scene, reports state.

An underage woman reported being the victim of assault Wednesday night at her residence, Chapel Hill police reports state.

The victim reported that the suspect grabbed her by the wrists and prevented her from leaving her

home at about 9 p.m., according to police reports.

■ Johnnie Junior Moore, also known as Coco, was arrested Wednesday on charges of posses-sion of drug paraphernalia, Chapel Hill reports state.

Moore, 48, was arrested after

throwing a lit crack pipe when he was approached by police officers, according to reports. He was taken before the Orange County magistrate and released

on a written promise to appear in court, reports state. He later was served with two outstanding warrants - one charge of attempted common law robbery and one charge of assault on a female, according to reports.

Moore again was released on a written promise to appear in dis-trict criminal court in Hillsborough on Oct. 24, according to reports.

A Raleigh woman was the victim of breaking and entering a vehicle at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, according to Chapel Hill police

The suspect gained entry to the chicle's interior by shattering the

glass in a window, reports state. The vehicle, a black 2004 Ford Explorer, was parked in the park-ing lot at 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., according to reports.

The victim reported the incident and all valuables stolen from the car — including keys, a wallet and a purse — as well as the \$500 in damge done to the car, reports state.

■ A bicycle was stolen at 7 p.m. Wednesday from a residence on North Street, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The suspect took the bicycle from the side of the building, as well as a bag and its contents,

The bicycle was valued at \$50. and the bag and its contents at a combined \$90, according to

■ An automobile belonging to a Chapel Hill resident was stolen at 9 a.m. Sept. 23, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The black 1980 Datsun was taken from an alley behind a Chapel

Hill residence at 312 McDade St., reports state.

The car is valued at \$2,000, ■ The Chapel Hill-Carrboro according to reports.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The chancellor's committee on student fees will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. today in Union 3515. The group specifically will consider campus recreation and language proficiency exam fees, among other topics.

■ The School of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will sponsor a webcast and satellite broadcast at 2 p.m. today called, "Birth Defects Prevention: Realizing the Full Potential of Folic Acid." Registration is requested for the free program, which will take place in the BlueCross & BlueShield Auditorium in the Michael Hooker Research Center.

■ Student Friends of the Ackland Art Museum will hold a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the museum at 3 p.m. today.

■ The ArtsCenter in Carrboro will host a night of music, poet-ry and dancing at 8 p.m. today to celebrate the birthday of 13th century poet Jelaladin Rumi. The Naghmeh Ensemble, Osman Aksu and others will perform. Admission is \$15 for the public and \$13 for ArtsCenter Friends. Visit www.artscenterlive.org for more information.

■ Today is the last day of the 'Stolen Childhoods and Child Poverty" photo exhibit at the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence in Graham Memorial. Visit www.johnstoncenter.unc.edu

Chamber of Commerce will

dedicate its second Habitat for Humanity house at 10 a.m. Saturday. The house will be dedicated to the Rogers family in the Rusch Hollows neighborhood.

■ World Farm Animals Day will be recognized from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the post office at 179 E. Franklin St. The day is meant to expose poor treatment of farm animals.

■ Wambui Bahati will perform wambui banati win perform
"Stories from Balancing Act: My
Journey with Bipolar" at 8 p.m.
Saturday at the ArtsCenter in
Carrboro. The Greensboro native will tell the story of her Broadway stint, struggle with mental illness and experience with welfare. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted.

■ UNC student radio 89.3 FM WXYC will hold a Backyard BBQ with music and barbecue at 8 p.m. Sunday at the BBQ Joint at Local 506. There will be free food and music, featuring Strange, Jett Rink, Aleuchatistas and Dr. Powerful.

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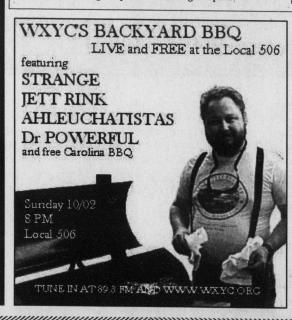
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