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AN ANALYSIS OF STUDENT-RESIDENT RELATIONS AND NOISE VIOLATIONS IN CHAPEL HILL

Residents fight for right to silence



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On summer nights Teresa McInerney would like to sleep with the windows open in her pink Pritchard Avenue house.

But when parties are in full swing or the downtown bars close and students head home, she is woken up by all the loud noise.

"I was a party person, so I don't mind the hooting and hollering," said McInerney, who has lived on Pritchard Avenue for 26 years. "(But) if you ask them to quiet down, they get belligerent."

Pritchard Avenue is part of the historic Northside neighbor-

hood tucked between Columbia, Rosemary and McMasters streets. For the past decade, developers gradually have bought the homes closest to downtown and now rent them to University students.

The influx of student housing scattered among the homes of long-time residents has caused tension, as garbage piles up along the street, drivers park illegally and loud parties rack up noise violations.

Noises associated with loud music and parties are the most common complaints phoned in to police that pit students against neighbors, said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman.

Residents say they don't mind more students living in the area as long as they are respectful neighbors.

"I like having students around ... more than nuclear families with kids," said McInerney, who has students living across the street and next door. "I welcome the students but not sloppy, irresponsible ones."

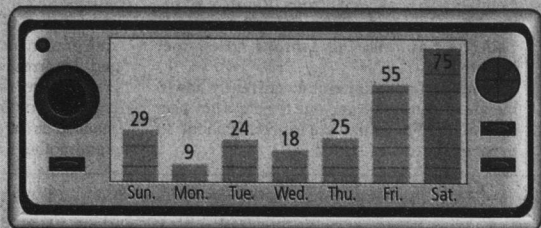
Party time

Is fall semester a bigger party season? Are the police crack-

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Daily noise ordinance violations

During the 2006 calendar year loud party violations varied during different days, defined as 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. Most problems occurred during weekend parties.



SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Highest number of 2006 noise violations

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 18
- Pritchard Avenue 8
- *Pinegate Circle 7
- Greene Street 6
- *Homestead Road 6
- McCauley Street 6
- North Heritage Circle 6
- South Heritage Loop 6
- *Westminster Drive 6

*includes one or more apartment complexes

ANALYSIS

Tuition debate spurs review

Trustees mulling own philosophy

BY ERIN ZUREICK
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As the ink dries on the University's latest round of tuition hikes, campus officials already are gearing up for the next time around.

Members of the UNC Board of Trustees voted Thursday morning to approve across-the-board tuition increases, but trustees said the student voice has not gone unheard in the process.

In the coming months, officials plan to take steps to achieve tuition predictability for out-of-state students and to reassess a philosophy that mandates the University's tuition limits.

That decision comes on the heels of one of the largest student protests about tuition in the past several years. About 200 students gathered in the board's Carolina Inn meeting room Thursday to express their disapproval of the increases.

"I think they really got the attention of the board members," trustee Richard "Stick" Williams said, noting that students have become more knowledgeable of the need for tuition increases to fill campus priorities such as faculty salaries.

"In the past, it appeared students were against tuition increases to be against increases."

The board passed hikes of \$1,250 for out-of-state undergraduate students, \$250 for in-state undergraduates and \$500 for graduate students after hearing comments from students and campus officials.

"Clearly the final numbers aren't where we want them to be," Student Body President James Allred said after the meeting.

But Allred, an ex-officio trustee who was the only member to vote against the increases, said there are signs that trustees are on the right path. "Rethinking philosophy is huge," he said.

The largest points of contention during tuition discussions this year centered on the board's

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A PROTEST FOR THE TIMES



Eran Rhodes, an Evergreen State University freshman, finds high ground on a wall outside the Capitol building to wave a peace flag and protest the war in Iraq and President Bush's move to increase troops.

UNC contingent joins D.C. march

BY ALEXANDER TROWBRIDGE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Standing on a wall near the Capitol, a shirtless Eran Rhodes waved his peace flag and chanted at the crowd.

"Peace now!" the Evergreen State College freshman yelled. He still was awake Saturday after driving to the capital overnight from Chicago.

Rhodes was one of the tens of thousands who flocked to the National Mall on Saturday to protest President Bush's plan to increase troop levels in Iraq. Bush announced his plan Jan. 10 to send 20,000 American soldiers in to work alongside Iraqi units, providing security to neighborhoods and training the forces.

The march, with its banners, costumes and music, looked at times more like a street carnival than a message to Congress.

More than 20 UNC students, including a group of UNC Young Democrats, left Chapel Hill as

early as 5 a.m. Saturday to make it to the march.

They filtered into the crowd with signs ranging from the serious — "UNC Anti-war" and "Support the troops, bring them home" — to more lighthearted messages: "Drop beats not bombs."

"Anyone can show up with a 'no war' sign," said Frank Sturges, activism director of the UNC Young Democrats, explaining the importance of creativity.

"You gotta laugh a little, to keep from crying."

UNC junior Sam Dolbee, an international studies and history major, described the mixed crowd at the march as aging hippies, young children, middle-aged yuppies and members of the Jon Stewart generation.

"That was something that struck me, you know. You had the traditional counter-culture anarchist types, but you also had what seemed like regular people."

It was the signs at the march, though, that demonstrated the disparate opinions of the crowd.

While the stated purpose of the

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Regina Bartley-Cross of the Chelsea neighborhood in New York City attended the rally with a group called "Chelsea for Peace." She is a painter and made her own signs for the anti-war march.

Diary of a diehard Carolina supporter

Editor's note: Mollee Pappas, a junior from St. Paul, Minn., flew to Arizona to cheer on the Tar Heels and wrote a diary. Contact her at mbpappas@email.unc.edu.

TAKING A TRIP? We want to hear about it! Email features@unc.edu to tell us about your journey.

Being on foreign soil in a menacing atmosphere is what my best friend — sophomore Emily Portner — and I had been looking forward to for months. We wanted to prove our loyalty to the Tar Heels in the state we once called home — Arizona.

Emily was raised in Tucson, Ariz., and transferred to UNC from the University of Maryland-Baltimore. And, though I was born in St. Paul, Minn., and attended Arizona State University for two years, UNC had been my dream school ever since my childhood.

Having been lucky to receive

tickets to most of the home games thus far, we consulted the Rams Club and others associated with UNC until we finally got a hold of our prized tickets through my cousin, a Carolina alumna.

The good news: We would be in McKale Center. The bad: We would be in the top row.

As we passed by decked out in blue, the Wildcats' student section, often referred to as Zona Zoo, burst with excitement and fired a slew of harsh comments at us. Even the 70-year-old ladies in the second row dished out hostile remarks.

It would have been easier to

travel eight miles up Tobacco Road to watch the Tar Heels battle the Blue Devils, but showing our support 2,000 miles away was a true test of spirit and dedication.

Having spent two years at Arizona State, it was easy for me to proudly display my lifetime loyalty to Carolina and learned aversion to Arizona.

Emily spent time with family for the weekend while I fraternized on campus, where I became known as the "Carolina Girl."

Despite our friends' attempts to sway our allegiance, we let the outcome of the game speak for itself.

UNC put on a show that silenced the crowd. Ty Lawson dictated the

pace while Tyler Hansbrough and Reyshawn Terry showed off their creativity above the rim. Bitter fans said, "We look forward to seeing you in March, when it matters."

Defeat flooded over the Wildcats fans, and our Tar Heel victory, along with the sun shining in a Carolina blue sky, made our journey worth every mile.

COURTESY OF MOLLEE PAPPAS

Junior Mollee Pappas (left) and sophomore Emily Portner show their Carolina Pride just before tip off in Tucson, Ariz.

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CALLING ALL QUEENS Local pageant program has trouble getting out the word

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SWEET SENSATION
More than 1,000 participants come out for N.C. State University's Krispy Kreme Challenge to benefit the N.C. Children's Hospital.



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IMPROVED LIVING
Housing officials unveil two new options for students living on campus, including a system for students to request specific suitemates.

this day in history

JAN. 29, 1951 ...
UNC announces that the football team will play its last game of the season against Duke University rather than the traditional game against the University of Virginia.

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