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Honor code amended

DWI charges likely to land suspension

BY KEVIN KILEY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Starting Monday, a drunken driving arrest near campus almost certainly will mean a one-semester suspension.

The Honor Court has updated the student code to say that a one-semester suspension will be the usual punishment for driving while impaired, a conduct violation that falls under the code.

Driving while impaired is one of the

most common conduct violations the honor system faces, said Lisa Williford, the undergraduate student attorney general.

The Honor Court pursues cases that occur within a two-mile radius of campus since members believe those incidents put the UNC community in danger.

Suspension is the "usual" punishment, according to the new student code, not mandatory. However, it will be the punishment sought in most cases, Williford said.

Jonathan Sauls, assistant dean of students for judicial programs, said the

Honor Court has been working to make this change for almost three years.

It had to be approved by the committee on student conduct, then Student Congress and finally the chancellor. The change finally was approved last year.

Sauls said the change wasn't made to increase the punishment but rather to inform students.

"One reason it was done was to provide clarity to the student body," Sauls said. "In many circumstances, students don't even know what the possible sanctions for violations are."

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Athlete released on bail

Female victims in good condition but in hospital

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

A UNC tennis star charged with hitting two female students with his car was released from jail Monday and has withdrawn from school.

A judge ruled Monday that junior Chris Kearney could return home to Irvine, Calif., until his preliminary hearing Aug. 28.

"I think that Chris will be coming home for this semester," his father, Kevin Kearney, said from his California home. "Our major concern is about the girls and their families."

The injured students, seniors Carolyn Kubitschek of Asheville and Casey LeSawyer of Weaverville, remain in good condition at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

Kearney's mother posted bail Monday and took him out of the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough.

Kearney, 20, drove off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday. He collided with a stone wall before hitting the two students on the sidewalk, police said.

He walked away from his totaled car but was arrested nearby shortly afterward. Police said Kearney registered a 0.18 blood alcohol concentration.

The legal driving limit in North Carolina for

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'MIGHTY ARMS OF ATLAS' HOLD THEIR OWN



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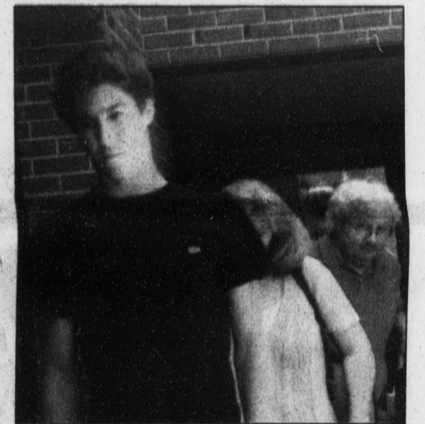
Chi Wiu, an East Carolina University student, break-dances with the UNC group Mighty Arms of Atlas.

"It's like an ecstasy for me because I feel like when I dance I can just let go of all my problems," he said.

The group, which draws members from around the Triangle, performed Wednesday for Carolina Kickoff.

This year the group aims to gain recognition and solidify its place on campus.

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Junior Chris Kearney is released from jail a day after being charged with two counts of felony hit-and-run.

Minority applications up, enrollment down

BY KEVIN KILEY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The percentage of black students in the incoming class dropped for the second straight year, despite larger numbers of minorities being accepted.

UNC administrators attributed the drop to increasing competition between high-profile universities but said they are committed to active recruitment.

Last year black students made up 11.14 percent of the incoming first-year class. This year they constitute only 10.7 percent. The class entering in 2006 was 12.3 percent black.

Terri Houston, director of recruitment and multicultural programs, said the school's minority recruitment is facing tremendous competition from schools like Yale

and Harvard.

The two schools expanded their aid packages last year to encompass a wider financial bracket.

"When Yale says, 'When you make less than \$150,000 we'll help you,' and we're saying, 'You've got to make less than \$50,000,' that's a notable difference," Houston said.

UNC's Carolina Covenant, established in 2004, combines federal, state and University funds to help students whose family income is less than twice the poverty line to graduate from UNC debt-free.

Since then, numerous other public universities have followed suit, including N.C. State University and the University of Virginia.

"We were the first to offer debt-free tuition assistance,"

"Basically, across every ethnicity there has been growth in the applicant pool."

ARCHIE ERVIN, ASSOCIATE PROVOST AND DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Houston said. "But we're not alone anymore, and that means we have to work that much harder."

But the number of applications by minority students received increased, as well as the number accepted. This year UNC received about 22,000 applicants, of whom 7,307 were accepted.

"In the applicant pool, African-American numbers are up. Asian-American numbers are up. Hispanic

numbers are up," said Archie Ervin, associate provost and director of multicultural affairs. "Basically, across every ethnicity there has been growth in the applicant pool, and it has been proportional."

But a smaller number of black students enrolled, meaning applicants turned down UNC.

The growth in number of Latino students, after two years of more than 20 percent growth, also slowed, showing no real change between last year and this year.

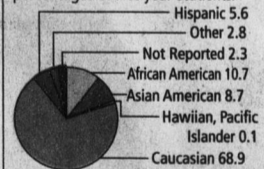
"We're in a competitive business," Ervin said. "Students looking at UNC are looking at a lot of very good schools."

Ronald Batres, president of Carolina Hispanic Association, said students also look at community aspects.

"For Hispanic students, one of

Freshman Diversity

Here is a quick look at the ethnicity percentages of first-year students.



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the things they really look for is how visible the Hispanic community is on campus," Batres said. "People want to feel comfortable at their university. That's a big factor in the decision."

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Lawson scheduled in court

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Ty Lawson is expected in court today to face misdemeanor charges of driving with a revoked license, a noise ordinance violation and driving after consuming alcohol underage.

Lawson, a point guard for the UNC men's basketball team, was arrested at 2:33 a.m. June 6 on North Columbia Street in Chapel Hill after police stopped him because of loud music coming from his vehicle.

The arresting officer suspected Lawson of having consumed alcohol, which led to a roadside blood alcohol test.

Lt. Kevin Gunter, spokesman for Chapel Hill police, said Lawson, 20, had a blood alcohol concentration below 0.08, the legal limit for drivers 21 and older.



UNC point guard Ty Lawson was arrested after failing a roadside BAC test in June.

However, it is illegal under North Carolina law for anyone less than the age of 21 to drive a car after the consumption of alcohol.

Gunter said the arresting officer's written account indicates that Lawson said he left his driver's license at home that night and that he had not drunk any alcohol.

Steve Kirschner, associate athletic director for communications, said that the department reviews athletes charged with misdemeanor offenses on a case by case basis and that he was unable to

comment specifically on Lawson's case at this time.

The athletic department's alcohol policy only contains a few provisions beyond the University's policy.

"By and large we defer to the University's alcohol policy," he said.

Lawson is being represented by Ann Petersen from the law firm of Glover and Petersen of Chapel Hill.

Petersen said that she expects Lawson to be present at the hearing and that she has no reason to believe it will be rescheduled. His court date has been pushed back twice so far.

Lawson's license previously was revoked for failure to appear at a Wake County court hearing.

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Chapel Hill struggles to define art identity

Artists seek local support for craft

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
ARTS EDITOR

In recent months, a contingent of local artists have lamented what they see as the bleeding out of the area's artistic talent.

Some envisioned Chapel Hill's destiny as "the new Seattle" in the early- and mid-90s. Around that time, bands like Nirvana, Alice in Chains and Soundgarden saw skyrocketing popularity, defining the "Seattle sound."

Whether Chapel Hill failed to reach that goal — and whether the goal ever really existed or had relevance — are both debatable.

But in large part, members of

"The arts ... make a place a better place to live in, so that attracts people to move here."

JON WILNER, ARTSCENTER DIRECTOR

the town's artistic community share a number of similar ideas for preventing their community's decay.

Glenn Boothe, owner of Franklin Street's Local 506, said the biggest problem facing the arts here is a lack of support for infrastructure.

"If there was more support for the local music venues and probably art galleries and other stuff too,

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