

# Frat party violence not widespread

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Any time a fraternity gets a large number of people together for a party, the potential for fights and people getting hurt is also there, said Chapel Hill Police Captain Ralph Pendergraph.

Yet the number of reported accidents at fraternity parties is "minimal," he said.

"There are a number of injuries, but

these are not classified as accidents, but as assaults," Pendergraph said. "I don't think there's a widespread problem, but we have had trouble with a few fraternities."

Pendergraph said two officers were assaulted at the Delta Kappa Epsilon Mudslung party last weekend, in addition to the injuries received by two UNC wrestlers.

The president of Delta Kappa Epsilon refused to comment on Wednesday.

"We try to notify these people responsible for the parties that they do have a civil liability for accidents that may occur," Pendergraph said. "Unfortunately, in recent times, we've had to charge people. That situation (at the Mudslung party) was uncalled for. There's no justification for it — the whole 'getting out-of-hand.'"

Pendergraph said he hoped promoting safety at fraternity parties would be a "humanitarian concern," and not just mechanical rule-following.

"Any of us, when we get a group of people together, must realize it's our responsibility to see that things are safe," Pendergraph said.

Sigma Nu tries to reduce accidents and liability at its parties by not selling alcohol and keeping their parties private, said Hal Wilson, social chairman. The fraternity has had a couple fights erupt at parties, but they've had no serious accidents in the past year, he said.

Wilson said fraternities often saw accidents as someone else's liability, but those fraternities themselves were responsible. That is why fraternities are covered by liability insurance, he said.

If an accident occurred, not only would the fraternities be liable, but the officers . . . (and) sometimes even their

parents would be held responsible," Wilson said.

"Especially in such legalistic times as now . . . (to prevent accidents) the best things to do are to provide alternative beverages, keep parties private, do not sell alcohol and keep on the lookout for people who've had too much to drink," Wilson said.

Pi Kappa Alpha president Stuart Levinson said his fraternity has had no accidents at their all-campus parties in the past year.

"We've been fortunate, since we haven't done anything to prevent accidents," Levinson said. "There's really nothing you can do to prevent fights or accidents when you have a huge mass of people out here for a late night or whatever . . . because everyone's drinking, having a good time."

Wilson said one major step the fraternities had taken to prevent accidents and trouble with the law was to institute a "dry formal rush" for the fall.

Pendergraph said the situation at parties next year would be "unusual," since most students could drink legally now but would not be able to in the fall.

"We'll have to look at and see how complacency is," Pendergraph said. "It's really going to be weird."

# Student breaks jaw at SAE 'late-night'

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A UNC student broke her jaw and sustained other injuries during a Sigma Alpha Epsilon "late-night" party when she stepped out of a ground-floor window and fell twelve feet into a stairwell leading to the house's basement.

Lisa K. Lambert said she was, "out with the girls" when she had the accident. "I was getting ready to leave, and there was a big crowd near the door. I saw this window open in this dark room, and I could see the grass outside of it—so I stepped out of it."

Lambert said she hit her face on the wall of the stairwell and fell 12 feet to the bottom of the stairwell. "There was a lot of broken bottles down there, and it looked like it was a place where people went to relieve themselves," she said.

Lambert said her friends took her to the hospital into which she was admitted for five days. "My jaw was broken in four places; I lost some teeth, had to have stitches in my chin, sprained my ankle and bruised both

of my knees badly," she said.

Lambert said she had been drinking beer that evening, but she felt that she was not so intoxicated that alcohol was the principal reason for her injuries. She added that she thought the stairwell presented "a hazard."

Tim Nehringer, a member of the UNC water polo team, suffered a similar accident at the house in January. He said he jumped out of the same window and fell into the stairwell breaking his right femur and breaking and dislocating his right ankle and putting him in a wheelchair for the next three months.

"It was my own fault. I just didn't look out," he said.

Richard Edmunds, president of the UNC Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter, could not be reached for comment after repeated calls to his home on Thursday evening. Grant McAdoo and Thurman Brooks, both members of the fraternity, were reached, but said they did not have enough information to discuss the accident.

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# Student Congress passes bill denouncing student aid cuts

By JEAN LUTES  
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The Student Congress passed a resolution opposing federal cuts in student financial aid at a meeting Wednesday night, after deleting any mention of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act as a cause of the aid reductions.

The amended resolution reads: "The Student Congress of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill strongly opposes the cuts in federal student aid and strongly suggests these programs remain at their current levels."

Before it was amended, the bill said the congress strongly opposed federal student aid cuts "mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act" and "demanded" that the programs be maintained.

"I feel like this bill is really important," said Speaker Jaye Sittin, who co-authored the resolution with Student Body President Bryan Hassel. "Finances are very important to students at this University," she said. "If we don't stick up for the rights of students, nobody will."

"We need to send this message," she

said. "We oppose these cuts because we think federal funding for education is vital to this country."

Student financial aid needs to be looked at by national legislators in a special way—like national defense and social security, Sittin said.

Hassel said the resolution was not opposed to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill itself, but to the cuts in student aid caused by the bill.

"It's mainly just to say if this happens, students are going to be adversely affected in a concrete way," he said.

Lori Taylor (Dist. 16) said she knew

from personal experience that some students cheat to get Pell Grants, and all alternatives needed to be considered before passing the resolution.

Steve Griffin (Dist. 5) said the congress needed to be clear about the statistics before sending the bill to other people. "We have to know what we're crying about before we start crying," he said.

The congress also approved the appointment of Steve Lisk as 1986-87 Elections Board Chairman and appropriated \$2463.65 of general revenues to be used for the 1985-86 Yackety Yack.

# Students to get a break from parking tickets in two lots during exams

By JENNIFER ESSEN  
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Students without parking permits can park their cars in the F-R parking lot below Hinton James dormitory or the P lot near the airport during exams,

according to Mary Fox, parking control coordinator of the campus Traffic and Parking office.

Buses taking students to and from the two lots cost 25 cents and 50 cents, she said.

Traffic officers will not ticket cars without permits parked on the F-R and P lots, Fox said. The three-tiered F-R lot holds 543 cars, and the unpaved P lot holds about 400 cars, she said.

Ticketing will continue at the other parking lots, Fox said. This is out of fairness to the students who have already paid for parking spaces in those other lots, she said.

Drivers need to be mindful of the rules and regulations concerning fire lanes and loading zones, Fox said. Fire lanes will be strictly regulated, she said. "That's going to be a tough one."

"We can't look the other way when students park in fire lanes," Fox said, because it's a fire violation, and the Traffic Office is liable.

When drivers park in fire lanes, they will be issued \$25 citations, which are difficult to appeal, she said. This is because blocked fire lanes at Morrison dormitory, for example, would leave no place for fire trucks to go, Fox said.

Concerning loading at the end of the semester, Fox said she encouraged students to load after 5:30 p.m., when they don't need a permit.

Weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. are not good loading times, she said. At those times, faculty members need to use their assigned parking spaces.

The "buddy system" is a good way to avoid getting citations, Fox said. Someone must stay with the vehicle in case a fire truck or a law enforcement officer comes, so the car can be moved.

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