

CAMPUS AND CITY

Party hosts liable for drunken drivers

By Shakti Routray
Staff Writer

A recent N.C. Supreme Court ruling that would allow party hosts to be held liable for serving alcohol to guests who later cause auto accidents might affect student life at the University.

In the decision passed Sept. 4, the court ruled that a party host could be sued if certain conditions were met, including that the host must have known he or she was serving alcohol to an intoxicated guest and the guest would be driving an automobile.

Judi Barter, University assistant dean for student affairs, said Thursday that it was hard to project what affect the ruling would have on student life.

"I think it definitely once again illustrates that it is important for any of

us to take responsibility for ourselves and also that we have an obligation to help others take responsibility for themselves as well, particularly in the area of personal safety," Barter said.

Most students use designated drivers or take taxis when they know they will be drinking, Barter said.

But the ruling might cause students to be more careful, Barter added.

Thea Monroe, executive director of Youth Advocacy and Involvement, agreed with Barter.

"It sounds like a way to get the attention of people who clearly ignore the impending risk of alcohol," Monroe said. "It may have a positive impact."

Lee Hark, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, said he hoped the ruling would force fraternity members to take drunken driving more seriously.

"This is an issue that has been affecting fraternities for a long time," Hark said. "It just became a Supreme Court ruling, but it is something that we deal with on a day-to-day basis."

Matt Durden, president of Kappa Alpha fraternity, said the ruling was no surprise.

University fraternities have been attempting to formulate a policy that would bring them up to date with the rest of the nation, Durden said.

"The Supreme Court affects us, of course, as it affects any social host that serves alcohol," Durden said. "We, the fraternities at Carolina, have in the past had a long tradition of serving alcohol in an open manner at fraternity parties to anyone who wanted to come."

Three years ago, most national organizations banned kegs for insurance reasons, Durden said.

Kappa Alpha is one of the fraternities that does not serve alcohol anymore, Durden said. But an IFC policy states that every fraternity is barred from serving alcohol.

"We can't get away with it," he said. "We are now in between a rock and a hard place with the IFC and the university on one side and the KA national organization on the other side."

Durden said he knew that as president of his fraternity, he was liable for as much as \$22 million if someone were injured or caused injury in an auto accident after being served alcohol at his fraternity.

"It's not much fun to worry about whether somebody is going to get hurt or not," Durden said.

Miss class? Buy your notes from local store

By Tiffany Ashhurst
Staff Writer

A Chapel Hill business has added a new twist to old-fashioned classroom note-taking, turning it into a money-making venture.

Class Notes, a business located in NationsBank Plaza on East Franklin Street, pays students to take notes in their classes so the store can sell them to other students in that class.

The store employs note-takers for 20 courses this semester and charges \$30 for semester notes, \$12 for notes through each exam period and \$2.50 for daily notes, co-owner Robert Matis said.

The business opened in April.

"We expected to be pretty small this

semester because most people aren't aware about us," Matis said.

Students must have a minimum 3.2 grade-point average to be hired as note-takers.

They must organize, type and hand in their notes by 4 p.m. the day after class, Matis said.

Matis said he thought Class Notes was helpful because students could concentrate on understanding material, rather than copying it.

"Students can pay better attention in class without worrying about taking notes," he said.

Alan Steven, a Biology 54 professor, said he thought students should take their own notes and take them in their own way.

"The idea of someone selling notes to other students in class bothers me," he said. "I am not particularly enamored by it."

Seth Reese, also a Biology 54 professor, said he agreed with Steven.

"It's a very poor idea, a waste of money, and it's for students who are just looking for shortcuts," Reese said.

Matis said the notes should not be used as an excuse for students to skip class.

Instead, the notes should be used as a supplement, he said.

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Campus Calendar

FRIDAY
12:30 p.m. B-GLAD Lesbian Lunch will meet in 218 Union.
1 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet at the flagpole between Wilson Library and South Building.
6 p.m. Bisexuals, Gay Men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity will meet in the Union with the BCC Coalition.
6:15 p.m. Hillcl. 210 W. Cameron Ave., will have Shabbat services.
6:30 p.m. FOCUS, the graduate chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, will have a panel discussion and free dinner at Professor Brooks' home, 413 Granville Road. Information: 914-7783.
7 p.m. Lutheran Campus Ministry, located one block north of the planetarium, will have Movie Night.

SATURDAY
10 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor a Relief Drive for victims of Hurricane Andrew until 2 p.m. at McCorkle Place near Silent Sam. Canned food, clothing and monetary donations will be accepted.
UNC Student-led New Alliance Party will be co-sponsoring the N.C. Statewide New Alliance Party Convention in Raleigh. For carpool/directions: 490-5253.
1 p.m. Carolina Fever will be serving refreshments after the women's soccer game vs. Santa Clara at Fetzer Field.
6 p.m. Carolina Fever will meet in front of Wilson Library for the football game. 1992-93 T-shirts should be worn.
9 p.m. CUAB will sponsor entertaining interpretations of traditional Celtic music and Country Blues in the Cabaret.
10:30 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will have a party until 1:30 in the Great Hall. The cost is \$3.

SUNDAY
6 p.m. UNC SNAP will sponsor Lenori B. Fulani, independent presidential candidate, on WXYC (89.5 FM) for a call-in show until 8 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Student Health Service is forming a Diabetes Support Group for UNC students. Information: 966-5662.
University Career Services will have sign-ups for interviews in 211 Hanes one week prior to the school's visit for the following: NYU (School of Public Services) 9/23; Northwestern (Journalism) 9/25; Boston U. (Law) 10/28; U of Miami (Law) 10/30. Foreign Service Officer Program applications are available at 211 Hanes. The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 2.
University Counseling Center: GROUP offerings, fall '92: Assertion, Personal Support Group, Stress Management, Brothers, Dissertation Support Group, Black Graduate Women's Support Group. Information: Nash Hall 962-2175.
Voter Registration will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 2 in the Pit.

Green Corps gives grads on-the-job environmental action experience

By Melissa Dewey
Staff Writer

Some recent college graduates are helping the environment while gaining practical experience working with a national environmental action group.

Green Corps, a Philadelphia-based environmental organization, gives 45 students on-the-job environmental protection training each year. The self-proclaimed "Field School for Environmental Organizing" trains recent college graduates to become professional

environmental activists through practical experiences with student and community "green" organizations.

Kelly Wark, media coordinator and Princeton field organizer for Green Corps, said the organization provided a supporting network for various environmental agencies. Green Corps also helps students gain practical experience to produce "a pool of trained, experienced environmental leaders who continue working in the environmental community," she said.

Chapel Hill was one of 30 campuses in the nation with Green Corps organizers, she said. "The sites were chosen around major cities and where (environmental) activism is happening."

Gwen Robinson, who in August became the Green Corps field organizer for Chapel Hill, said her main function was to work with campus and community groups on a variety of issues.

Robinson, a Harvard University graduate who majored in social studies, is working with the Student Environmental Action Coalition and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity to promote voter registration at UNC.

SEAC co-chairwoman Ruby Sinreich

said the voter registration drive was important. "It's not who (students) vote for but that they vote at all. ... The primary concern is that we are heard in this country," she said.

Although Green Corps does not endorse political candidates, Robinson does prepare environmental record sheets on the candidates. Robinson said she believed voting records on environmental issues should be one of the criteria by which you judge a candidate.

Robinson said students should "use the (voting) right people for decades have fought for" because, she said, "politics is one major determining factor in the environment."

Working with Green Corps has helped her learn "skills on being an active citizen politically," Robinson said, adding that she thought environmental problems were "symptoms of a lot of the problems we have in society."

"People (must be) able to speak up for themselves ... and state what they do and do not want (for the environment)," Robinson said.

Sinreich said she thought Robinson

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