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Library staff member Peter Romanov and freshman Carrie Insko help students at the reference desk in the library Oct. 21.

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**Baptists**

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Raleigh News and Observer. "We have biblically and historically opposed the sale, manufacture and consumption of alcohol. This is a strong conviction that it's wrong."

The general sentiment on campus is that the university is making a responsible decision in its approach to the sale of beer and wine by providing a safe environment in which students can drink in moderation. Still, though, the Baptists' vocal opposition to the sale of alcohol has grown louder since the small coffeehouse opened two years ago.

Although the convention's General Board voted Oct. 9 not to cut ties with the university, a great deal of the convention's members remain steadfast in their opposition to Shorty's and will undoubtedly continue their fight at next month's annual meeting. Should the Baptists decide to alter their fraternal ties to the university, over \$28,000 in scholarship money would be lost annually, and the school would be removed from all of the convention's promotional publications.

Although many North Carolina

Baptists view Shorty's as solely a bar, the restrictions placed on Shorty's promote responsible drinking. For example, the pub only sells beer or wine from 5-11:30 p.m., rather than throughout the day. And when alcohol is served, a student may order no more than one glass per hour at \$2.50 each.

Shorty's has actually been relatively unsuccessful in its attempt to sell alcohol to students. While this is largely because the majority of the students are under 21, many argue that students are discouraged from purchasing beer at the pub by its rigid policies. If this is the case, is Shorty's simply a scapegoat that Baptists are using in a universal battle against alcohol?

"It's frustrating because everybody has to choose their battles, and I feel like the convention hasn't chosen a battle they can win," said Brittany Neal, a sophomore who serves as special ministries coordinator for the Baptist Student Union. "They're not going to stop students from drinking, and if we're going to have a place like Shorty's available where they can have a controlled environment, then I think that's a positive thing and not a negative thing."

University officials agree that having Shorty's on campus is more protective of students' well-being

than the Baptists realize. When the school was asked to stop serving alcohol last year, officials refused. "At some point in the future, we might decide, for whatever reasons may develop, that it's not a good idea," Sandra Boyette, the vice president for university advancement, said. "But if that happened, it would be because of events that our students were participating in, and things that were happening on campus, and not because of an outside body pressuring us to make a decision."

The Baptists' battles with Shorty's will likely continue long past next month's annual meeting, as North Carolina ministers have no intent on sitting idly while alcoholic beverages can be purchased on the school's campus. In the meantime, Shorty's will continue to do what it has done for the past two years — give students a hangout with a big-screen television, a pool table and occasional live music.

"It's a nice place for the students to come and enjoy themselves and be casual," Dave Cardoza, the director of Shorty's said. "They don't come here to get drunk; they come here to have a beer or two and that's about it. They've been pretty responsible drinkers for the most part in here, and I'm proud of the students for doing that."

**Faire**

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events before and was happy to help organize the faire.

"I enjoy getting people together to celebrate diversity. I think it is a fun and exciting way to get people to experience different cultures," Rogers said.

Guests at the faire were treated to a wide variety of multicultural performances. A mariachi band named Los Viajeros opened the festivities, which ran from 4 to 9 p.m. They were followed by the Magic Carpet dancers, Indian dancers, a Kung Fu demonstration, Greek dancers, a Caribbean steel band named Shadz, Native American dancers and the Otesha African Dance Ensemble. The Indian dances and the Kung Fu demonstration were both performed by university students.

One of the Indian dancers was senior Sireesha Chenumolu. She has been dancing for about 15 years, and she said that she thought dancing was a good way to present her culture to the audience at the faire.

"Dancing is such an integral part of Indian culture, and since we're here to represent Indian culture, it was natural to do a dance," Chenumolu said.

In addition to the performances, students created several booths depicting different cultures.

Various booths offered guests a chance to purchase African art, play an Asian game called Go and create origami. Also, guests could sample food from Caribbean, Euro-

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pean and Asian cultures.

"It's neat to be able to try food from different parts of the world," freshman Tiffany Hudgins said.

Booths representing Africa, France, Spain, Germany, Japan, the Dominican Republic and the Middle East offered guests a glimpse at cultures throughout the world. Sophomore Maria Goddard, who is from Barbados, had an informational booth about her country.

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Sophomore Marguerite Corvini, who stopped by when she heard the music playing, said that she felt the faire was very worthwhile.

"I'm having so much fun, and I've met so many interesting people," Corvini said. "I heard the music of the mariachi band, and I was intrigued, so I stepped inside and walked around. I think that this is a very important event."



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Junior Vaishaliben Patel and sophomore Neha Patel familiarize students with the Indian art of mehndi, or body painting, at the Ethnic Heritage Faire Oct. 17. This practice is traditionally used for wedding ceremonies.

**WORLD WIDE**

**Lack of pot brings calls of health emergency in California**

OAKLAND, Calif. — City officials Oct. 21 declared the lack of pot a public health emergency in the wake of the closing of the largest medicinal marijuana clubs in California. The declaration allows officials to develop alternate ways to sell marijuana to the approximately 2,200 patients cut off from the drug at the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative.

In 1996, a state law was passed under a proposition allowing the use of marijuana for medical purposes, although federal law forbids distribution of the substance. An injunction was issued in May by U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer barring six Northern California clubs from distributing marijuana. Oakland officials responded by designating marijuana club officials as city agents. This move invoked a federal law that protects state and local officials from liability while enforcing drug laws.

Possible alternatives to keeping the clubs open include designating city property for the harvesting of marijuana by patients with doctors' recommendations or for the city to hire people to distribute the drug. The club, about 60 percent of whose members have AIDS, closed Oct. 19 after the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected its request to remain open during an appeal of last week's Breyer ruling, ordering the club to shut down.

**N.C. gunman holds eight hostage at police station in Hickory**

HICKORY, N.C. — A man held eight people, including four reporters, at gunpoint for several minutes in the parking lot of a police department on Oct. 20. Thomas Allred, 22, was charged with two counts of kidnapping and one count of menacing with a weapon. No motive or explanation could be given by police.

Witnesses and police said Allred pulled into the police department's parking lot shortly after 9 a.m. in a brown Buick Regal. He then got out of the car with a 12-gauge shotgun and told a man and a woman in the parking lot to freeze. A car carrying a woman and her son then drove into the parking lot, and Allred ordered them to stay in the car. The gunman then turned to six reporters leaving a news conference and ordered them to stay where they were. Two of the reporters ran inside to alert officers.

Officers ran outside and arrested Allred without any shots fired or further incident.

**Fraternity charter suspended after alcohol-related death**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A fraternity at the University of Michigan that provided alcohol to a university freshman who fell out of a window and died had its campus charter revoked. The governing body of Phi Delta Theta voted unanimously to suspend permanently the charter of its University of Michigan Chapter Oct. 20.

University officials said that Courtney Cantor, 18, attended parties Oct. 15 at Chi Omega sorority and Phi Delta Theta, drinking at the fraternity party. She returned early Oct. 16 to her dormitory and accidentally fell through a window that opens 12 inches wide.

She was found unconscious on a concrete loading deck outside her dormitory and was later pronounced dead of skull and spinal fractures.

An autopsy showed that Cantor's blood-alcohol level was below the state's legal definition of intoxication. Regardless, the fraternity was held responsible, since it had been ordered in 1995 by the national organization to be alcohol-free. Phi Delta Theta is the fourth fraternity at the University of Michigan in as many years to lose its charter because of alcohol-related incidents.

Compiled from news services.

**POLICE BEAT**

**Graduate student arrested for DWI**

A graduate student was arrested in Lot N between Kitchen and Poterat houses for driving while impaired at 2:45 a.m. Oct. 18.

**Theft**

A university-owned camera was taken from a locked office in Tribble Hall between 5 p.m. Oct. 12 and 11 a.m. Oct. 13. The camera was worth \$700.

A bank debit card and \$10 were taken from a student's vehicle between 10:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 6:30 a.m. Oct. 13. The vehicle was parked in the lot behind the NEA House.

Blankets, a baseball, coins and cash were taken from a student's Davis House room between 11 p.m. Oct. 13 and 4:45 p.m. Oct. 13. The total value of the items was \$15.

A student's \$3,000 ThinkPad computer was taken from a Davis lounge between 1:30 a.m. and 2:09

a.m. Oct. 16.

Items, including a wallet and cash, were taken from a student's Babcock Residence Hall room between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Oct. 16. The items were worth \$89.

Another student's wallet and identification card were taken from a Piccolo Residence Hall study lounge between 11:30 p.m. Oct. 15 and 7 a.m. Oct. 16. The value of the items was \$27.

Several items were taken from a student's vehicle parked in Lot Q, next to the Scales Fine Arts Center, between 8:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 9:50 p.m. Oct. 18. The items, including a car stereo faceplate and flares, were worth \$416.

A compact disc player, compact discs and a carry case were stolen from a student's vehicle parked in Lot Q between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 and 6 p.m. Oct. 18. The items were worth \$319.

**Damage**

The left side of a student's vehicle parked along Gulley Drive

was scratched between 9:30 p.m. and 9:50 p.m. Oct. 12.

A rear light on a student's vehicle was damaged between 11 p.m. Oct. 15 and 6:24 a.m. Oct. 16. The vehicle was parked in Lot J, behind Collins Residence Hall.

**Miscellaneous**

Someone broke into a student's vehicle parked in the lot behind the NEA House between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and 2:07 p.m. Oct. 13. The vehicle's console was damaged and the radio was stolen.

In Lot Q, someone entered a student's unlocked vehicle between 9 p.m. Oct. 17 and 11 a.m. Oct. 18. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

A student's car parked in Lot Q was damaged between 9:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8.

A student's vehicle was damaged between 4 p.m. Sept. 2 and 1:45 p.m. Oct. 18. The student did not know if the incident occurred on or off campus.

Another student's vehicle was

damaged between 9 p.m. Oct. 13 and 1 p.m. Oct. 15. The vehicle was parked in Lot H, next to Collins.

A student living in Bostwick Residence Hall received a harassing phone call between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Oct. 13.

A student living in Babcock received a harassing phone call around 7:09 p.m. Oct. 14.

Someone discharged a fire extinguisher in a Davis lounge around 2:29 a.m. Oct. 16.

Two salesmen who did not have permission to sell items on campus were issued trespassing warnings at 3:20 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Worrell Professional Center.

An underage student in Lot B, between Taylor and Davis, was consuming an alcoholic beverage at 11:44 p.m. Oct. 16.

The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an assistant vice president and the dean of student services.

A student was struck by another student at 9:57 p.m. on Oct. 13 in Davis.

An unknown person shoved a student during a party in a Taylor House

**Economics expert to discuss Russia's state**

Old Gold and Black Staff Report

Russian expert Marshall Goldman will present "Stealing the State: What Did Russia Do to Deserve This?" Nov. 5. Goldman's free and public discussion about the Russian economy will begin at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Forum, Carswell 111.

Goldman, an internationally recognized authority on Russian economics, politics and environmental policy, is the Kathryn Wasserman Davis Professor of Russian Economics at Wellesley College.

He is also associate director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. Known for his analysis of Mikhail Gorbachev's career, Goldman has written numerous books on the leader and Russian economic issues.

In his 1987 book, "Gorbachev's Challenge: Economic Reform in the Age of High Technology," Goldman envisioned the monu-

mental problems that would accompany Perestroika and have led to the country's current economic and political situation.

Goldman, who has met with Gorbachev and former President George Bush, is a frequent visitor to the republics of the former Soviet Union and regularly meets with business leaders, diplomats and government officials in the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Goldman's appearance is sponsored by the Year of Globalization and Diversity planning committee, the Babcock Graduate School of Management, the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, the School of Law, the Social Science Research Seminar and the departments of communication, economics, history and German and Russian.

For more information about the Goldman event or the year, call Ext. 5788 or visit <http://www.wfu.edu/yogd/>.