

# SHOWING OUR K9s



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Officer Stephen Shaw pets his police dog, Jax, after playing a game of fetch at the Chapel Hill Police Department. Jax, who traveled more than 4,000 miles from Hungary to be on the CHPD squad, graduated from training on May 27. Shaw speaks to Jax in Hungarian at work.

## Chapel Hill Police gain Hungarian ‘grain’ dog

By Jamie Emmerman  
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The newest member of the Chapel Hill Police Department flew more than 4,000 miles to join the force.

He also has four legs.

Jax, a German Shepherd-Belgian Malinois mix, graduated from training on May 27 and has been working with his handler Officer Stephen Shaw every day since he arrived from Hungary.

Jax is what the police department calls a “grain” dog, meaning he was completely untrained upon his arrival.

Shaw said he speaks in Hungarian when he works with Jax to make him feel comfortable in his new surroundings. The language difference also ensures that not just anyone can command the dog.

“What we started off with and spent about three to four weeks working on was simple obedience,” Shaw said. “Once the dog has a good grasp on the simpler stuff,

we move on to the drug work.”

Jax and the three other dogs working for the department detect narcotics like marijuana, cocaine, meth and heroin.

“Our dogs’ job description ranges from drug sniffing to narcotics scans to missing persons searches, and a wide variety of other police aiding,” said Capt. Cornell Lamb of the Carrboro Police Department.

Mike Bullock, owner of Bullock’s Canine Service in Greenville, said most American police dogs are German Shepherds and come from other countries because they are bred to work.

“German Shepherds’ intelligence, temperament and willingness to work makes them perfect for police work,” he said.

To train the dogs, officers introduce them to different odors and give them toys when they pick up on the scent.

“There are a lot of myths that we feed the dogs drugs, but that isn’t true at all,” Shaw said. “The dogs believe that when they detect the odor, it is play time.”

The average working life span for a police dog is about eight to 10 years, and Shaw said the dogs stay with the same handler throughout their career, unless he or she stops working.

Shaw said working closely with a dog for such a long period of time forges a strong bond between an officer and his or her dog.

“Every morning, first thing, we go outside and I just spend some time with Jax, rubbing him, playing a little bit and making him feel good,” he said.

Once at work, Jax and Shaw practice obedience training and wait for canine calls to come in. Since Jax is new, Shaw said he hasn’t seen much action yet.

“When we go home Jax is just like any other dog,” Shaw said. “He’s a pet. I feed him dinner, put him in his kennel, and then we do it all again the next day.”

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# UNC has reserve scholarship fund

The University hopes to keep students from having to borrow more.

By Kaitlyn Knepp  
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In the face of a shrinking budget, the University’s Office of Scholarships and Student Aid is starting to dip into reserve funds to compensate for cuts to financial aid.

On average, the University receives around \$12 million from the state for financial aid, but is expecting only \$10 million this year, said Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of the scholarship office.

“We hold some funds in reserve and so we will now be able to use some of our reserve funding and spread it out,” Ort said.

With these reserves, the University will be able to cover much of the coming need-based aid cuts, Ort said. She declined to say how much money there is on reserve.

The reserve funds come from trademark licensing money, which is funds from the sales of T-shirts and other products that have the University’s logo on them, Ort said.

While the reserves are helping with need-based aid, Ort said the cut to scholarships will result in an increase in the number of students who borrow money.

She said the average UNC student borrows \$16,000, while at peer research institutions, the average amount of money borrowed is more than \$20,000.

“Our students aren’t having to borrow as much as our peer institutions and we’d like to keep it that way,” she said.

While the state funds for scholarships and financial aid are being cut, the University is not losing much private aid, Ort said, adding that private donations are at about the same level as last year.

The University last year met

### BY THE NUMBERS

**65 percent**

Student need met last year

**\$2 million**

Expected grant funding lost

**\$16,000**

Average amount borrowed

**\$10 million**

Expected state funds for aid

65 percent of student need with grants and scholarships, which is an important level to maintain for next year, Ort said.

“We’re going to try really hard to keep that 65 percent threshold,” she said.

Student aid and scholarships have become a prominent part of student government’s lobbying efforts in the General Assembly.

Student Body President Mary Cooper said she will be working to educate legislators about the importance of student aid.

“It allows the state to invest in students,” she said.

Cooper said she is focusing on financial aid while the budget is being reviewed.

In May, the N.C. House of Representatives eliminated North Carolina Education Lottery funds for need-based scholarships from its budget, a cut that would have cost 750 UNC students an average of \$1,400 in scholarship funding.

But the funds were restored in the version of the budget now being considered by Gov. Bev Perdue.

“It was a high priority of the UNC system, President Ross and the chancellors to get the lottery scholarship funding restored for needy students,” said Erin Schuettelpelz, director of state relations and communications for the University.

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# Enrollment funding model could be altered

Universities might also seek to cap or limit admitted students.

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Despite proposed changes to the way universities fund enrollment growth, UNC-system administrators say increasing enrollment may no longer be an option because of state funding cuts.

Bills in both the N.C. House of Representatives and Senate would require the system’s Board of Governors to amend the enrollment funding model used by campuses and implement a new one by 2012. The current model projects the number of credit hours taken by students each year.

The model has been scrutinized because of errors in the projection of student credit hours at individual campuses. N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University has overestimated student credit hours by more than 10 percent in the past.

But efforts to improve the accuracy of enrollment funding have coincided with a tough economic period for the state. Legislators have sought to cut spending rather than raise taxes to close a state budget shortfall

of \$2.4 billion.

Though the proposed state budget fully funds enrollment growth for universities, it includes a cut of \$407 million in operational and financial aid funding for the system.

Phil Dixon, a member of the board, said cuts to financial aid might force universities to begin placing limits or caps on the number of students admitted.

“Even if we are allowed to grow, if we don’t get money for financial aid they can be cut off by virtue of the economics,” he said.

Davis said the board has focused on linking enrollment growth funding to the performance of universities in terms of graduating admitted students. Campuses have already been given incentives to improve graduation rates, he said.

A report by the Program Evaluation Division, a non-partisan unit of the N.C. General Assembly, also recommended performance-based enrollment funding.

Michelle Beck, the lead evaluator of the report, said graduation and retention measurements would need to be phased in throughout the next few academic years to track the progress of students.

She said it’s important to only appropriate funds to universities that retain and graduate the students they admit each year.

“Simplifying the formula and

pharmaceutical industry, which requires both knowledge of clinics and business skills.

During the last two years, between 10 and 20 percent of the approximately 150 incoming pharmacy students said they were interested in a dual program with the business school.

**Three assistant professors receive awards for research**

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### BY THE NUMBERS

**15**

Schools with errors in 08-09

**2**

Errors of more than 10 percent

**\$46.8 million**

Enrollment funds for 2011-12

**2,337**

Expected increase in students

adding performance measures adds a degree of accountability and makes sure public funds are used properly,” she said.

For one of the bills that would amend enrollment funding to become law, it must pass one chamber before today’s crossover deadline for a vote in the other body.

But it remains unclear how performance-based enrollment funding would be implemented. Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board, said the board will discuss the legislation for the first time at today’s meeting.

“I believe strongly that a campus that’s not graduating students at an acceptable rate should not be allowed to grow,” she said.

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chemistry professor, Jason Metcalfe, an assistant mathematics professor, and Rene Lopez, an assistant physics and astronomy professor, received five-year grants. The three grants total almost \$2 million.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**NCAA passes on inquiry notice to North Carolina**

University officials announced Tuesday that they received a notice of inquiry from the NCAA about the investigation into the North Carolina football program.

The letter comes just two

# Raleigh St. will close to traffic beginning June 20

The project will replace faulty storm drains to prevent flooding.

By Chelsey Dulaney  
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One of the busiest roads on campus will be closed for about a month, starting in less than two weeks.

The University’s Department of Public Safety will close down a busy portion of Raleigh Street — from Country Club Road to East Franklin Street — starting June 20 to replace existing stormwater pipes.

A study of the University’s stormwater system found that many of the pipes on Raleigh Street were clogged or collapsed, causing the street and sometimes Coker Arboretum to flood, said Keith Snead, a mechanical engineer for UNC.

“We continue to have flooding and that’s especially concerning when you have cars parked on Raleigh Street and that area,” he said.

The project, which is scheduled to last until July 29, will replace failing clay pipes with more durable pipes and add catch basins to handle additional stormwater flow.

Snead said the University chose to undertake the project during the summer months because of the reduced traffic flow while school is out of session.

Bus and traffic detours will be used to redirect traffic during the road closing, Snead said.

Bus routes that run on Raleigh Road, like the A and U buses, will be redirected to Battle Lane.

Snead said access to residence halls along Raleigh Street will not be restricted, and at least one sidewalk will remain open during the construction period.

Jenny McDaniel, supervisor at the package center in Spencer Residence Hall on Raleigh Street, said she first heard about the project in early May.

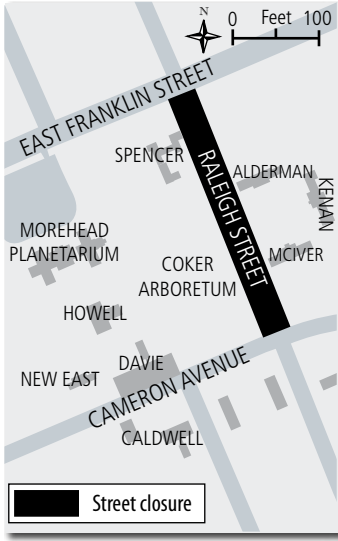
She said she was initially concerned about how the center would get mail carriers into the building with street closures blocking the center’s parking lot.

McDaniel said she takes a bus to work, but her route will not be affected by the construction. “I’m not too concerned as long as I can get to work,” she said. “It’s a pretty popular road, but there are other ways into campus.”

The University and the Town of Chapel Hill are partnering to share the cost of the project.

The University will contribute the majority of the funding, totaling about \$330,000, while the town will fund about \$70,000.

Sue Burke, a stormwater engineer for the town, said this is one of the first times the town has worked with the University on a project like this.



While the University is responsible for managing the project, the town reviewed many of the components of the plan, including how to control traffic.

Snead said the project has received high priority on the University’s list of projects because of the damage it could cause to the street and the cars parked on it.

Burke said the project has needed to be done for several years, and waiting could have been dangerous.

“The road possibly could have caved in,” she said. “When that would occur is kind of hard to predict.”

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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

**UNC to begin dual degree in business and pharmacy**

The UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and the Kenan-Flagler Business School have collaborated to offer a program for dual-degrees in pharmacy and business.

The program will allow students to earn a doctorate in pharmacy and an M.B.A. in five years.

This is the business school’s seventh dual-degree program and the first for the pharmacy school.

The program is aimed at preparing students for careers in the

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weeks short of a year since the investigation began in June 2010, when NCAA officials first contacted the University via phone.

The notice states that the NCAA enforcement staff plans to finish the investigation this month.

**Levi Michael taken in first round of 2011 MLB draft**

Junior shortstop Levi Michael was selected Monday as the 30th overall pick in the 2011 MLB draft by the Minnesota Twins.

Senior pitchers Greg Holt and Patrick Johnson were also drafted. Holt was picked 247th overall

by the Washington Nationals, and Johnson went in the 25th round to the Colorado Rockies.

Senior third baseman Jesse Wierzbicki was taken in the 24th round by the Houston Astros.

### CITY BRIEFS

**More parking pay stations to come to Chapel Hill area**

Chapel Hill will install 40 new parking pay stations in the downtown area as part of its 2009 parking improvement plan.

The new multi-space pay stations, which will replace 240 single-space parking meters,

allow visitors to pay with credit cards and mobile phones, as well as coins.

“Our new pay stations are environmentally friendly because they are solar-operated,” said Parking Superintendent Brenda Jones. “They also will not produce paper receipts, as part of our goal to reduce litter.”

The installation of the new stations is scheduled to be completed by early July. Meters are enforced 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. On street metered parking is free after 6 p.m. daily and all day Sunday.

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