Anger simmers over Duke assault

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Estella Bell, owner of Visions Alterations and Custom Settings: "They're handling it. Duke is doing what they need to do. It's not like in the old days when they used to sweep it under the carpet. They are holding them accountable." The Rev. Melvin Whitley: "I want to thank Duke president for suspending the lacrosse season. That was the right decision. However, that is not enough. We have a double standard acting itself out in front of our very eyes. If black students had raped white women, someone would already be in jail and white women, someone would already be in jail and those present would have

charges against them. The students who were present and did not stop the rape are as guilty as the men who raped the women. Why are these men still in school? We have people waiting in jail for DNA results for years, but the District Attorney is telling the public that the DNA results for these students will be known within a week. How is it that their results can be expedited? "Also, why are these young men allowed to continue with their classes instead of suspensions? Why is the DA dragging his feet and contributing to this double standard? Are we to believe that 46 men can stand around while someone is being raped, and he can't find anyone to put in jail?"

AJ Donaldson, president of the political science club at N.C. Central:

"I wish her a recovery not only physically, but emotionally and mentally. No matter where she worked, she didn't deserve the extremities of such atrocious behaviors. I'm afraid justice will not be served Justimagine 36 black males from my football team here and a young white women from Duke and allegations came out that they raped her or did something to her. Just imagine the response the media, the her. Just imagine the response the media, the repercussions, somebody is going down."

Minnie Brown, community

"It is truly a mess. I think by this time they should have done something. I think if it

was a white student, they would have done something by now, but we are just going to wait and see. Why haven't they lined these guys up to let her see these guys up to let har? If it was reversed, something would have taken place by now as far as prosecuting somebody because the evidence is right there, but nobody is speaking up. Again, I see race myself."

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Charlotte CIAA a slam-dunk

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 Hotels 4.39

tournament visitors to Charlotte overall was 4 43 on the scale of 5.

Not surprisingly, traffic (3.71) and parking (3.34) scored at the bottom with fans, who complained about both throughout tournament week. Before the tournament ended, Charlotte organizers said they would plan

to improve both transportation and parking issues by next year's tournament.

A release issued by the CIAA Commissioner's office today also reiterates the success of the tournament from a numbers viewpoint: the initial estimate of economic impact before the tournament was just over \$12 million...the economic impact for the 2006 CIAA Basketball Tournament resulted in \$15.4 million.

The CIAA men's and women's tournament, played Feb. 27 - March 4, was the first ever held here. "This inaugural CIAA tournament in Charlotte has proved to be a home run..next year, we need to have a grand slam" said Lenny Springs, Wachovia executive and chairman of the 2006 CIAA Local Organizing Committee.

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