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Ramsuer pleads guilty

By Scott Luckadoo
Editor

A man accused of attacking two UNCA students last August received a life prison sentence Monday after pleading guilty to rape and other charges. Judge Robert D. Lewis accepted the guilty pleas and handed down the sentence in Buncombe County Superior Court.

Stanley William Ramsuer, 24, of 274 Broadway St., pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree rape; two counts of second-degree rape; one count of first-degree sexual offense, three counts of first-degree kidnapping; and other related offenses. Some of the charges stemmed from an assault of a dry cleaners employee on Hendersonville Road.

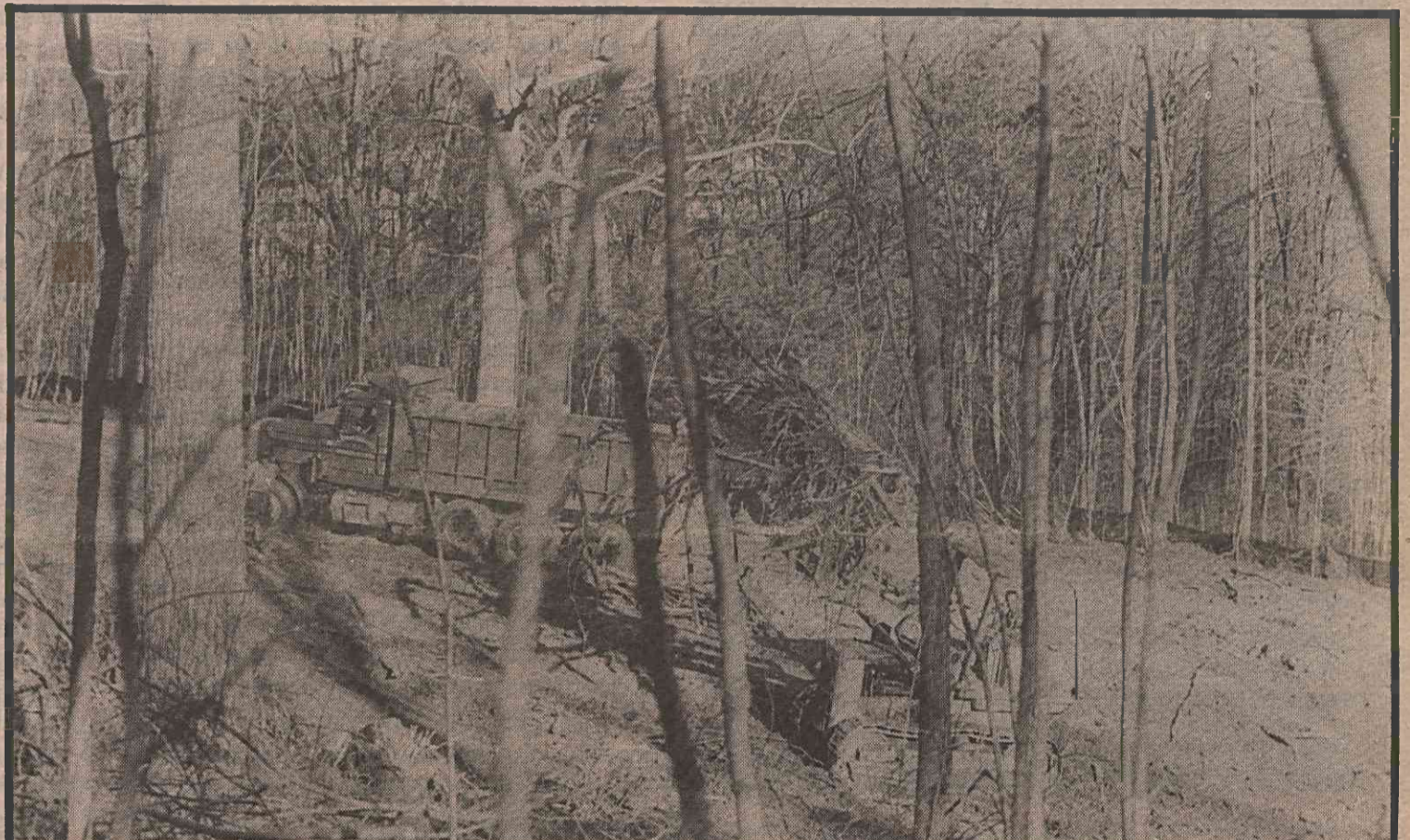
Police had charged Ramsuer with the attacks on the UNCA students after one student said that a man dragged her into the woods near the intersection of Edgewood Road and University Heights and raped her twice.

The other victim, also attacked near the intersection, said a man pushed her into the trunk of his car after he asked her to see if the car's brake lights were working. The man held a knife to her throat and tried to close the trunk lid, but she managed to take the knife away from him. The assailant let her go when another car approached.

"I'm just glad it's over with," the victim said after Ramsuer received the sentence.

Ramsuer could have been sentenced to a total of 264 years in

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Parking solution?

Construction crews recently began clearing trees to make way for a new parking lot. The lot will be located beside Carmichael Hall at the

entrance of UNCA.

The new lot should ease some of the parking problems students are experiencing because of the expansion of UNCA.

Staff Photo--Tracy Moore

Council considers expansion

By Julie Ball
News Editor

The administration is currently taking steps to ease the need for space in the Highsmith Center.

The recently formed Highsmith Center Planning Council is now accepting proposals from different groups who use the Highsmith Center, said Sharyn McDonald, director of the Highsmith Center and head of the council.

The proposals will be used in making recommendations as to the possible expansion of the Highsmith

Center.

The council will then evaluate the proposals and make its recommendation based on them, she said.

The council is sending letters to all "user groups," according to McDonald. These are groups who are using the center now or wish to use it in the future. These include the faculty senate as well as student organizations.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the council is March 2. The council may ask some groups to come before the council and clarify

their proposals, according to McDonald.

They expected to make a recommendation at the end of this semester.

After the council develops its recommendations, they will be sent to Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs. Iovacchini will evaluate the plan along with William Pott, vice chancellor for finance, to determine the funding process.

"Mr. Pott and I will get together

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