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Deliveryman robbed, assaulted near dorm

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A Domino's pizza delivery man was robbed on the steps of the Highrise dormitory parking lot stairway while delivering pizzas to an Underdog Productions dance in the cafeteria around midnight on Jan. 27, according to a police report. Approximately five black males got away with \$50 worth of pizza and the \$50 hot box that covered the pizzas, said George Benton Edens, the Domino's driver who was assaulted. Edens suffered a bloody nose and torn clothing, according to the report.

"Two guys came out (of the dark), and they grabbed me, and there were about three other guys with them. One of them ran off, and the other two tried to take the pizzas, but I wouldn't let them. One of them swung at me, hit me, and from there, that was about all. They took five pizzas from me," said Edens.

Edens said that the night assistant on duty during the incident, Joe Morris, stood inside the Highrise dormitory and watched the entire confrontation, but did not come outside to see what was actually going on.

"He got on his radio, but that's all he did. He didn't even come outside where any commotion was going on."

According to UNCA policy, night assistants are not

required to intervene in police matters such as assault. They have a radio through which they can call armed security officers if they are needed in an emergency, according to Mike Wietecha, university residence supervisor.

Domino's Pizza Manager Vernon Myers said that though the night assistant on duty had no police authority, he felt like he should have done something to help the driver.

"That man shouldn't have stood there. I mean, anybody who sees something wrong, they should do something about it. The rest of that night, we didn't deliver over there; and some of my drivers still don't want to be there late at night, because nobody wants to get jumped," Myers said.

Grace Balogun, who was on duty as a night assistant with Morris during the assault, said that Morris called the armed police officers on campus immediately after she noticed "guys fighting" on the steps leading to the Highrise.

"I said, 'Oh, look at those guys; are they fighting or what?' And I said (to Morris), 'I better check it out; those guys are beating on him,'" said Balogun.

At that point, Balogun said she went outside and ran towards the assaulters, yelled

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Staff Photos--Stacey Higdon

Taking it easy

Chris Lawing and John Sexton enjoy the recent spring-like weather.

The warm weather also brought some spring blossoms.

Rhodes Hall burglarized; N. C. State equipment gone

by Michael Gouge
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On the night of Jan. 25, an undetermined number of persons burglarized the Rhoades Science Hall.

The culprits smashed through a window, hacked their way through a door, and walked out with just what they came for: a VCR belonging to N.C. State

University.

"They broke into a ground floor window and proceeded to the third floor, chopped through a door and unlocked it," said Security Chief Charles Carreno. In addition to the VCR, the suspects attempted to take a television set, but they abandoned it by an elevator for reasons unknown at this time,

according to reports.

Michael Honeycutt of the computer center commented that the robbery was not a random event. "We have a theory that they have a shopping list," said Honeycutt. Apparently the thieves did not touch anything other than the TV and VCR. Honeycutt said the persons responsible know exactly what the

building houses and where to find it.

Rhoades Hall has fallen prey to burglars on numerous occasions. Last semester, the building was infiltrated by someone who possessed a master key, but the thieves this semester "have resorted to brute force." Honeycutt said.

"We've had several other

break-ins," Honeycutt added. "They come in, they take it and leave. There is little we can do." Honeycutt added. "These windows down here are very vulnerable."

Honeycutt said that unless a security guard is stationed in the building 24 hours-a-day, "there is really nothing we can do to prevent it."

Carreno also commented,

"I only have one guard." Carreno mentioned that the only increased security measures the guard could take was to make his rounds quicker and keep his eyes open.

The lack of security at UNCA has recently been the concern of the SGA. In a

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UNCA Campus observes Black Heritage Month

by John Maney
Staff Writer

UNCA kicked off its observance of Black Heritage Month Feb. 1 with the live-by-satellite telecast "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History" in Lipinsky Auditorium.

"Beyond the Dream" originated nationally from Washington, DC and was sponsored locally by the Asheville City Board of Education, the Buncombe County Board of Education, NAACP, UNCA's multicultural affairs office and special academic programs.

The program examined the contributions of Blacks in education, social issues, entertainment, the economy, the arts, politics and sports.

The guests on the telecast included Gen. Bernard

Randolph, America's only active four-star general; Mary Futrell, president of the National Education Association; Derek Bok, president of Harvard University; American historian John Hope Franklin; young people representing the next generation of black leaders of America and more.

UNCA faculty, students, and area high school students attended the program. Viewers were able to participate in the telecast by calling in questions on a special toll-free telephone link.

"Beyond the Dream" was one of the many events planned for UNCA's celebration of Black Heritage Month. "There are a lot of fantastic events planned," according to Carolyn Briggs,

coordinator for multicultural student affairs.

"Promoting Cultural

Diversity" is the theme of this year's celebration. A variety of exhibits, lectures, movies

and many more events are planned throughout the month to emphasize the

various cultural aspects of Blacks to participants.

A Black Heritage Month Kick-off will be held Feb. 2 at 12 p.m. in the Highsmith Center. Speakers will include Benny Smith, president of the Black Student Association; Rosalee Hart, president of the Student Government Association, and others.

The rally will feature William Fulp, associate director of the Montford Center. He will read the dramatic presentation "Let America Be America, Again." Lunch discussions will be held on Wednesdays starting Feb. 8 at 12 p.m. in the Private Dining Room of the Highsmith Center. The public is encouraged to bring a lunch and participate in the discussions.

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Black Heritage Month Events	
BLACK LOVE, BLACK MALE AND FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS February 14 Highsmith Center	SPECIAL NIGHT AFRICAN FOOD (CELEBRATE KWANZA WITH US!) February 27 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. UNCA Cafeteria Highsmith Center Cost: \$4.25
LUNCH TIME DISCUSSION "THE GERALDO SHOW THAT FEATURED THE YOUNG WHITE SUPREMACIST" February 15 12 p.m. Bring your lunch Private Dining Room Highsmith Center	MILLANCO (PHILADELPHIA DANCE COMPANY) February 24 8 p.m. Lipinsky Auditorium
LUNCH TIME DISCUSSION "GALISM ON WHITE CAMPUSES (FACULTY AND STUDENT TALK)" February 22 12 noon Private Dining Room Highsmith Center	"IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE" (MEET SUCCESSFUL BLACK PROFESSIONALS) February 27 5 p.m. Private Dining Room Highsmith Center