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## Charges Dropped in Carrboro Death Case

Investigators now believe the dead man fell from a third-story window at Old Well Apartments.

By JON OSTENDORFF  
City Editor

Charges were dismissed Wednesday against a Durham man who, along with authorities, thought he had killed his friend.

Alvaro Dominguez Martinez, 21, of 103 Riceland Drive in Durham, was arrested Sunday, held on \$250,000 bond and charged with second-degree murder in the death of his friend, Antonio Castro Barbadillo of Old Well

Apartments.

The two men had apparently gotten into a drunken scuffle, which ended when Martinez punched Barbadillo in the face, leaving him face down on the ground.

Martinez, unaware of his friend's condition, left the scene.

He was arrested by Carrboro police Sunday afternoon and, after being questioned in Spanish, quickly confessed to the crime.

Police then held Martinez in Orange County Jail.

But new details uncovered Wednesday revealed that Martinez did not commit the murder.

Authorities now believe that Barbadillo died after falling from a third-story window of the Old Well apartment

building.

Capt. Carolyn Hutchison said Barbadillo must have gotten up eventually after being knocked out by Martinez and returned to the building.

"Martinez did in fact strike Barbadillo in the face and left him lying on the ground," Hutchison said.

"What Martinez didn't know and what we didn't know was that Barbadillo was up and walking around after the



Alvaro Dominguez Martinez was cleared of a second-degree murder charge in court Wednesday.

fight."

Police are still investigating the details of Barbadillo's fall.

Hutchison said witnesses who were reluctant to speak out at the time of the incident contacted police late Tuesday and offered the new information on the case.

Although the state medical examiner's office did not release an official cause or time of death as of press time, Hutchison said she had been informed late Tuesday night that Barbadillo's injuries were more consistent with a fall than a fight.

The eyewitness accounts and the medical examiner's early opinion on the cause of death were enough to convince the Orange County District Attorney's Office to drop the all the charges filed

against Martinez.

With this new evidence on the table, police officials no longer suspect foul play in Barbadillo's death, Hutchison said.

"The circumstances surrounding the fall are not suspicious," she said. "We do not believe he went out the window involuntarily. Eyewitnesses said he went out the window but they did not know why."

According to the district attorney's office, the names of the witness are being withheld because the cause of Barbadillo's death is still under investigation.

Although Martinez spent three days in jail for a murder he didn't commit, Hutchison said investigators John Lau and J.G. Booker followed official police

procedure while interviewing the suspect and obtaining the arrest.

"I don't think they were inappropriate in making the arrest," she said.

"The investigators developed probable cause and the statement that Martinez gave was part of the probable cause."

Hutchison said Carrboro police worked with the district attorney's office to free Martinez as soon as they found the new information.

"In any investigation we continue to follow up on new information," she said.

"We're positive that Martinez is not responsible and were happy he has been freed."

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## Officers Search For Carjackers

Two men were forced from their car at gunpoint in a Lakeview Street carjacking early Wednesday morning.

By JON OSTENDORFF  
City Editor

An early-morning armed carjacking on East Lakeview Street left two men injured Wednesday.

Larry C. Shuemacher of New Jersey and Jerry Jay Jones of Pennsylvania were injured when the tan four-door sedan they borrowed from a Durham friend was taken by force, Chapel Hill Police Lt. Marvin Clark said.

Clark said both victims were bleeding when the police arrived. Shuemacher was treated at UNC Hospitals for minor abrasions and released.

Jones was treated at the scene for a laceration to the elbow and released by emergency management service workers.

Clark said the police were currently looking for a group of people in connection with the crime.

"There were several people involved in this," Clark said.

"Possibly 10 involved with two perpetrators."

The victims were in Durham on Tuesday when they met a man on a red Yamaha motorcycle, Clark said. The two then followed the man to the area near BW3's and the Gotham night club in Chapel Hill.

Clark said Shuemacher and Jones decided to follow the man on the motorcycle, and several other cars, back to Durham early Wednesday morning.

But around 1 a.m. the caravan of cars pulled onto Lakeview Street and the men were removed from their car.

"One victim remembers hearing gunshots, but the other doesn't," Clark said. "One of the suspects did display a nickel plated revolver."

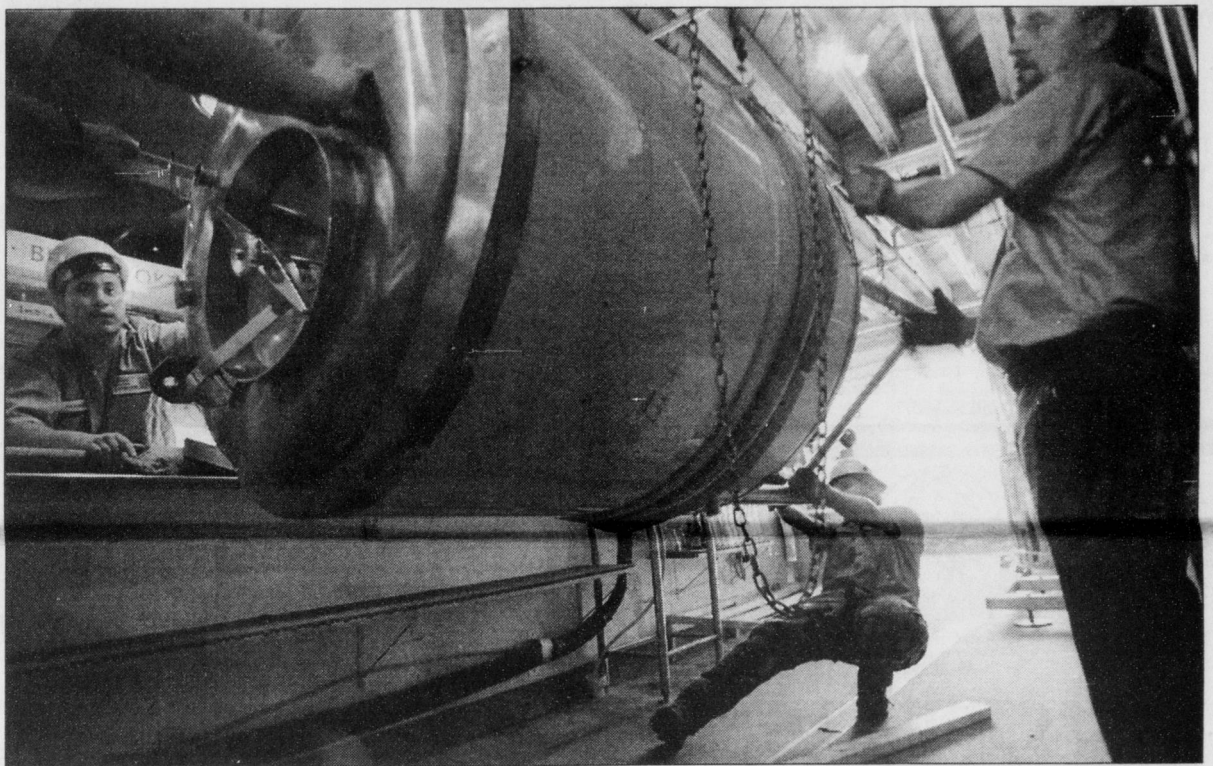
Clark said the other automobiles involved were a gold BMW, a burgundy Honda and a white Pontiac minivan.

He said the victims were not acquainted with the group of suspects and had probably just met them that night.

Investigator J.D. Parks, who is handling the case, was not available for comment.

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## SOMETHING'S BREWING



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Geraldo Maldonado, Tim Stone and Ted Peed (left to right) maneuver a 700-pound ferment vessel over the bar at Carolina Brewery on Wednesday morning. Each tank can ferment 20 kegs, bringing the brewery's total capacity to 10 tanks, or 200 kegs.

## Students Want Advising Answers

By DEVONA A. BROWN  
University Editor

Exasperated students carried on the annual ritual of crowding into Steele Building during the first few days of classes as improvement plans for advising in the General College and Arts and Sciences remain in the works.

A rotating number of 20 students sat or stood in Steele Building Wednesday, waiting to talk to any adviser who would listen to them. While some complained of having less than 12 course hours, others simply complained.

"The problem with the whole school is that the departments don't communicate," said sophomore Deidre Stokes, a political science major. "The General College advisers - I don't know what's up with them - they just aren't very helpful."

Sophomore Janie Smith sat quietly criticizing advisers. "They don't know enough about majors to help students out," she said.

"They don't give the proper direction to pursue your major. They just don't do it."

"It's also hard to see the advisers between (going to) classes and the time (advisers' offices) close," Smith said.

As for actual advising, an international studies major waiting on the third floor of Steele Building in the College of Arts and Sciences said advising was nonexistent.

"Actually, we have a phantom department," senior Krissawn Stanley said.

"We don't have an advising program. Every time I come in here, I see somebody different. It's like 'create-a-degree.'"

Despite students' criticisms of the current advising system, actions by this year's Academic Affairs Committee will not change anything for students' advising woes now.

Monday, members of the Advising Steering Committee forwarded its report for changing the advising system to Chancellor Michael Hooker, urging him to find \$296,000 more in funds to "pro-

vide an optimal level of high-quality advising services." The University now invests about \$825,000 for undergraduate advising.

Committee recommendations include encouragement of interaction between advising staff and other departments and enforcing high standards for advising.

Lacey Hawthorne, senior adviser for the executive branch, said recommendation from the committee focused on long-term goals of a new advising system and would have to be implemented

slowly to avoid creating more problems.

"(These changes) are going to have to be made through increasing the time advisers have to talk with students, by providing better training for new advisers and by increasing access to technology for the advising system," she said.

"This is not an ending point; it's a beginning," Hawthorne said. "It's a foundation for making changes for years to come."

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DTH/LUCY PEARCE

Freshman Cason Caudle discusses admissions requirements for the Kenan-Flagler Business School with adviser Michelle Hunt.

## Laptop Checkouts Available

Students can now borrow 20 laptop computers while in Davis Library for up to three hours at a time.

By ANDREW MEEHAN  
Staff Writer

A new program at Davis Library allows students and faculty to spend more time using print and electronic resources and less time doing leg work.

On Aug. 7, Davis Library made 20 laptop computers available for three-hour checkouts.

Network connections on the third through eighth floors of the library will allow laptop users to access the internet, e-mail and the first-floor printers in the information commons, said Shad Friday, a library assistant.

"We think it's important to integrate the electronic access with the print materials," said Larry Alford, the senior associate University librarian.

The computers have all the features of the desktop computers that are available in the labs across campus, including Windows 95, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.02 and

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## INSIDE Thursday

### Money Matters



The Board of Governors Tuition Task Force met to discuss tuition and fee

schedules for both undergraduate and graduate programs across the UNC system. See Page 2.

### Spies Like Us?

The School of Americas, operated by the U.S. Army to train Latin American soldiers, faces closure due to its controversial teaching manuals. See Page 5.

### Today's Weather



Partly cloudy;  
Lower 80s  
Friday: Partly cloudy;  
mid 80s.

### Grab Your Pans

Don't forget about the DTH interest meetings on Monday and Tuesday for all those interested in working for the paper this semester.

Anyone interested in working in graphics or design, please contact Editor Sharif Durhams immediately at 962-0245.

You can pick up staff applications at the DTH office located in Suite 104 in the Carolina Union. Applications are due back to the DTH office by Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.

Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.

Richard Hooker