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## Davenport Suspended; Hall Out for Rest of '98

Senior Oscar Davenport is suspended for Saturday's game against Wake Forest for violating a team rule.

By DAVE ALEXANDER  
Sports Saturday Editor

Carl Torbush must have felt like a high school principal Tuesday.

The North Carolina football coach announced disciplinary action against two players — quarterback Oscar Davenport and offensive guard Jon Hall — and suspend them for unrelated incidents.

The suspensions brings the number of UNC players suspended or dismissed for disciplinary reasons to five in 1998.

Torbush announced that Hall, who had not played since Sept. 5, had been suspended from the team for the rest of the year.

Later, following the Tar Heels' afternoon practice, Torbush announced that Davenport will serve a one-game suspension for violating a team rule.

Torbush would not specify what rule had been violated and said only that the incident leading to the suspension had occurred within the past two weeks.

"I was wrong and coach let me know," Davenport said.

"Being on the team for five years, you know all the rules. I crossed on one of them and I'm paying the consequences."

The decision to discipline Davenport was finalized Tuesday after Torbush conferred with UNC Athletics Director Dick Baddour and UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker.

Davenport will miss the Tar Heels' contest Saturday at Wake Forest.

"I'm not gonna get into a lot of detail," Torbush said. "It's a very private matter between Oscar and myself. We're gonna keep our business in house, and that's the way it should be."

Hall had been suspended indefinitely for more than five weeks after being charged with one count of simple misdemeanor assault by a female UNC student. Hall pleaded no contest to the charge Oct. 9 in Hillsborough District Court.

He received a prayer for judgement continued and paid court costs.



UNC football coach Carl Torbush called Oscar Davenport's suspension a "private matter."

Baddour said a decision on Hall's status had been reached "within the past few days."

"That kind of situation is complex," he said. "I think you need to take the time and give it the deliberation it deserves."

Hall, a starter in the Tar Heels' season opener against Miami (Ohio), will not practice with the team this fall.

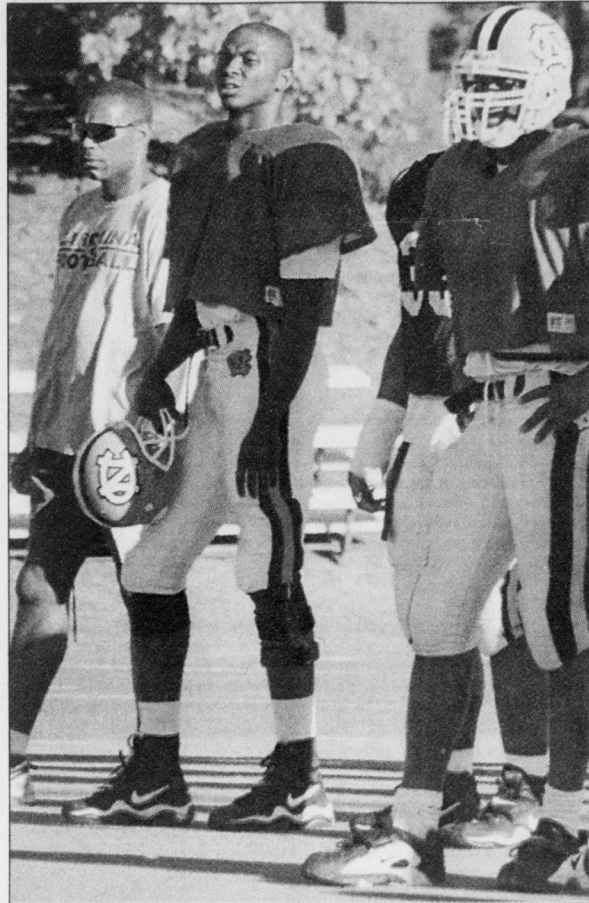
Davenport will continue to practice but will not suit up this weekend. He will be replaced in the starting lineup by freshman Ronald Curry.

Curry filled in at quarterback after Davenport tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee against Miami (Ohio). Curry started UNC's next two games and is UNC's leading rusher with 202 yards on 42 carries.

Curry suffered a pinched nerve in his left shoulder in the 21-14 win against Clemson on Oct. 3. The true freshman from Hampton, Va., saw limited action in UNC's last contest against Pittsburgh. The Tar Heels had an open date last weekend.

"I think he's a lot better than he was," Torbush said of Curry's status. "He's able to run and move full speed, but there's no question that the open date was a great help in getting him well. I feel like he's 100 percent."

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DTH/AMANDA INSCORE

Senior QB Oscar Davenport (left) will serve a one-game suspension at Wake Forest on Saturday. Ronald Curry (right) will get the start.

## 2nd Wrestler Could Face Charges

UNC wrestler Chad Priest was already charged with misdemeanor simple assault and resisting arrest.

By LAURA STOEHR  
Assistant University Editor

A Phi Delta Theta fraternity member planned to press charges for simple assault Tuesday night against a UNC wrestler for a fight that occurred Oct. 14 at the fraternity house.

Phi Delta Theta President Shoff Allison said the member planned to have police charge wrestler Steve Echeverri, 19, of Durham. He said the member planned to bring along an eyewitness to the assault.

Echeverri could not be reached for comment.

Charges of misdemeanor simple assault and resisting arrest were already brought against wrestler Chad Priest, 21, of Spruce Pine on Oct. 14.

Priest was suspended from the wrestling team indefinitely.

Matt Bowers, assistant director of media relations for the Department of Athletics, said the department's internal investigation will be completed today.

Allison said he thought three or four fraternity members would be pressing charges. He said he also expected discussion concerning damage to the Phi Delta Theta house that occurred Oct. 14 to be brought up in court.

Allison said problems began when a group of wrestlers showed up at his fraternity's mixer party Oct. 14 and jumped on the stage with a band.

He said the wrestlers started stripping



Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder

said the Office of the Dean of Students was investigating.

## Williamson's Ex-Doctor Seeks to Overturn Verdict

Dr. Myron Liptzin has asked that Judge James Spencer Jr. overturn the jury's \$500,000 negligence judgement.

By AMY CAPPIELLO  
Senior Writer

The attorney for Wendell Williamson's former psychiatrist has filed a motion requesting that the

\$500,000 medical malpractice judgement his client was ordered to pay last month be overturned.

Jurors found that former Student Health Service psychiatrist Dr. Myron Liptzin's negligence led to Williamson's 1995 shooting rampage that killed UNC lacrosse player Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker.

The ruling has generated national attention regarding how much responsibility psychiatrists must absorb for the actions of their patients.

Williamson alleged Liptzin, who treated the former law student from March to May 1994, was negligent by not ensuring Williamson would continue taking medication and seek further psychiatric treatment



Dr. Myron Liptzin said the jury had misunderstandings.

after Liptzin retired from SHS in May 1994, an allegation the jury agreed with.

The jury also found that Williamson did not contribute to the negligence, an action that would have prevented him from receiving monetary funds.

But Liptzin and his attorney, Bruce Berger of Raleigh, contend the jury's verdict was not in keeping with the facts presented in the September trial.

"My understanding of the law, and I'm not a lawyer, is that (Williamson) had to be 1 percent responsible," Liptzin

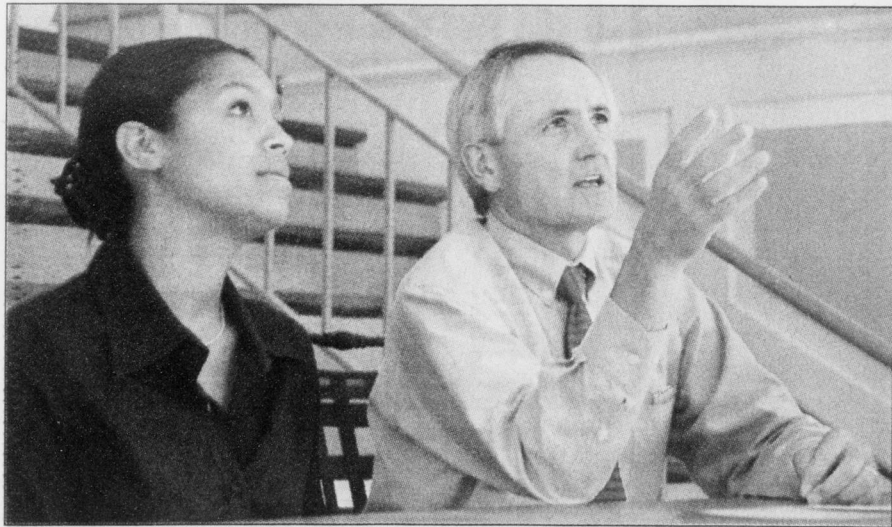
said. "It's clear in my view that the jury didn't understand that someone could have a psychiatric illness and get better."

Liptzin contends that during the time he treated Williamson, Williamson began taking medication, stopped hearing voices and passed his classes.

This general improvement, Liptzin said, made Williamson able to choose whether to continue psychiatric treatment when Liptzin retired. Williamson

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## HOOKEER FIELDS QUESTIONS



DTH/RACHEL LEONARD

Chancellor Michael Hooker joins Student Body President Renya Walters for office hours at Lenoir Dining Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Hooker, Walters and other student government members answered students' questions on various subjects.

## Power Outage Zaps Parts of Town, Campus

By MATT LECLERCQ  
Assistant City Editor

A lone squirrel was the culprit behind a mid-morning power outage Tuesday that left about 4,000 Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents and parts of the University without electricity.

Just after 10 a.m., a squirrel that perched itself at the wrong spot at the wrong time short-circuited a Cameron Avenue substation transformer.

Power went out for 45 to 55 minutes from areas north of downtown along Airport Road to Merritt Mill Road and parts of the N.C. 54 Bypass to the south. East Franklin Street and sections of Carrboro were also affected, Scott Gardner, Duke Power district manager for the Triangle area, said.

All University buildings north of Cameron Avenue also lost power because the transformer's short-circuit blew a relay that connects it to a cam-

pus-feeding transformer. "There's a relay between the two that's supposed to keep the currents separate," said Phil Mazarick, renovations construction technician at the University Physical Plant. "Duke (Power's) relay burnt up, and that's what took out the (campus) transformer."

The relay was repaired by Duke Power, reinstalling power to campus

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## Ex-UNC Student Admits Possessing Child Porn

William J. Rosa plead guilty Tuesday to one count of sexual exploitation of minors in U.S. District Court.

By MATT LECLERCQ  
Assistant City Editor

William J. Rosa, a 31-year-old former UNC School of Medicine student whose Chapel Hill residence was searched last month as part of a worldwide child pornography ring, plead guilty to charges Tuesday.

Rosa, of Timberlyne Apartments, Building I, Apt. 103, plead guilty to one felony count of sexual exploitation of minors in U.S. District Court in Greensboro on Tuesday, U.S. Customs Official Jeff Jordan said.

He was released on \$50,000 bond. "Since he plead guilty, he avoids a trial," Jordan said.

The maximum possible sentence is 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, he said.

On Sept. 2, investigators from the U.S. Customs Service searched Rosa's residence.

According to the search warrant, federal officers seized computer disks, CD-ROMS, a Zip drive, Zip disks, 11 videos, photographs, negatives and a guide to nude beaches from Rosa's residence during the raid.

Customs officials were investigating Rosa, who was a fourth-year medical student when he withdrew from the University on Aug. 19, for possession and trafficking of child pornography, Jordan said.

The search was part of a worldwide raid of suspected members of the Wonderland Club, an Internet child pornography ring. Investigators collaborated to make simultaneous searches and seizures in 22 states and 14 countries.

A woman who answered the door at Rosa's apartment last month said Rosa no longer lived there.

"I don't anticipate having any contact with him any time soon," she said.

Rosa had served in the U.S. Army and was working toward a career in internal medicine, said Johann Torres, School of Medicine student body copresident.

Jordan said last month he did not suspect Rosa of child molestation, a charge that would carry a longer sentence. "We have no indication that anyone was molesting children in Chapel Hill," he said.

The investigation that led to the searches and nearly four dozen arrests worldwide began in California in 1996 with the breakup of a child pornography ring known as the Orchid Club.

According to the warrant, investigators followed an Internet trail to uncover the suspected Wonderland Club members, who authorities said exchanged thousands of pornographic images of children as young as 18 months old.

To compile evidence, investigators had to pore over seized computer files and equipment, a time-consuming task that can span weeks, according to the warrant.

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## INSIDE Wednesday

No Boys Allowed



Aerobics & Fitness for Women, one of Chapel Hill's newest gyms, has an array of special amenities for women only. An airy aerobics studio with many class options is just one of the services specifically for women. See Page 12.

A Walk in the Park



Since Carrboro residents and police teamed up to rid Baldwin Park of drug dealers, the park's grounds are once again a vibrant, safe zone for the children in the neighborhood. See Page 9.

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy;  
High 60s.  
Thursday: Mostly cloudy;  
Upper 50s.

Got Any Ideas?

Applications for the Joanna Howell Fund are available in the DTH office. The fund honors the memory of an editorial writer who was killed in the 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity fire.

Questions? Call Editor Sharif Durhams or Managing Editor Rob Nelson at 962-4086.

It is in games that many men discover their paradise.

Robert Lynd