



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Police Continue Search For Suspect in Assault

A woman was forced into an abandoned house and sexually assaulted near the corner of West Franklin Street and Merritt Mill Road early Sunday morning. Chapel Hill police reports state that a man with a knife forced the woman into the house.

The suspect is described as a black male, about 30 years old, 5-feet 8-inches tall, slender build, last seen wearing red sweat pants and a gray sweat shirt.

The victim's injuries were not life-threatening, according to reports.

Housing Registration To Take Run on Web

Sign-ups for on-campus housing for 1999-2000 begin today at 7 a.m. and continue until midnight Thursday for students currently living on-campus.

The online registration option is available for most students. Priority of assignment does not depend on when students access the sign-up Web site at www.unc.edu/student/ and click on Student Central. A prepayment of \$200 is due before housing applications will be processed. Students with questions about eligibility should call 962-5401.

Professor to Speak on Oxford Study Abroad

Dr. Christopher Armitage, director of the Oxford Study Abroad Program, will speak about this year's trip to Oxford, England at 4 p.m. today in 305 Greenlaw Hall.

The program allows students to study Shakespeare at the University of Oxford and view the plays in the country in which they were written. Any student interested should attend the meeting.

2 UNC Professors Win Excellence Awards

Richard Blackburn, associate professor of business, and Thomas Warburton, professor of music, have received the 1999 Johnston Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards.

Current Johnston Scholars nominate faculty members for the award, which gives \$5,000 to each recipient.

Blackburn has taught at UNC since 1979 and now teaches courses on organizational behavior. Warburton, who joined the UNC faculty in 1969, teaches courses in 20th century music, music history and music theory.

Community Center Needs Lifeguards

The Chapel Hill Community Center has positions available for lifeguards and swim instructors for the center's indoor pool.

Lifeguards can earn \$7 to \$8 an hour. Requirements include having current Red Cross Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid certificates.

Swim instructors' requirements are the same as lifeguards, but a water safety instructor's certificate is also required. Instructors can earn \$11.50 an hour.

All those interested must apply by April 5, 1999. For more information, call 932-2964.

Abuse Support Groups Offered by County

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is sponsoring four confidential sexual abuse support groups free of charge.

The groups include Friends, Family and Partners of Sexual Assault/Abuse Survivors Group, Adult Survivors of Incest or Child Sexual Assault Group, Rape or Sexual Assault Survivors Group and Parents of Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused Group.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call the Orange County Rape Crisis Center at 968-4647.

Volunteer Orange! Needs Volunteers

Volunteer Orange!, a service of Triangle United Way, has immediate volunteer needs.

Volunteer needs include Spanish speaking volunteers to serve as Crisis Line Counselors, volunteers to help develop and execute plans to landscape new development in Chapel Hill, tutors to teach illiterate and low-literate adults to read and write, and ushers for special events and an art center.

Those interested can call 929-9837 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday or e-mail volunteerorange@mindspring.com.

— From Staff Reports

Athletes Still Hospitalized After Car Accident

The two women's lacrosse players from George Mason University were in town for their game against UNC.

By HUGH PRESSLEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Two women's lacrosse players from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., remained in critical and good condition respectively on Sunday at Duke University Medical Center, two days after a car driven by a UNC student

struck the athletes as they walked across the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and Mount Moriah Road.

Laura Kenney, a GMU senior from Hampstead, Md., suffered a critical head injury and serious right lower leg injury, and Liz Paoli, a GMU junior from Monsey, N.Y., suffered a serious right leg injury in the accident, said Jim Bolognisi, director of public relations at Duke University Medical Center.

The team, which was staying at the hotel, was in town for a scheduled game against North Carolina on Sunday. The game was cancelled because of the accident and will not be rescheduled, UNC

coach Jenny Slinguff-Levy said.

The two were hit when a 1991 Toyota Corolla heading east in the far right lane of U.S. 15-501 at 3:30 p.m. Friday skidded into the two women, who were going back to Homestead Suites Hotel from shopping at New Hope Commons, a Durham police report stated.

"We're shocked and saddened to hear of the unfortunate accident involving Liz and Laura," said Tim O'Connor, director of athletics at GMU. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them, their parents and their teammates at this difficult time."

Durham police confirmed that neither drugs nor alcohol played a part in

the accident. Traffic investigator L.L. O'Brien said the two players were crossing the intersection in a north-to-south direction while the light was red and had made it across four westbound lanes of the highway. When Paoli and Kenney reached the midpoint of the five eastbound lanes toward Outback Steakhouse, they realized the light was green and began to hurry across the remaining lanes.

O'Brien said the driver of the Toyota, UNC senior Paul Suh, of 500 Umstead Drive, told police he had the green light and did not see the pedestrians until the last minute when he slammed the

breaks, causing the car to skid.

Police are still investigating the incident and said no charges had been filed in the accident. Suh said he did not wish to talk about the incident until the police had finished the investigation.

Traffic often clogs the two main eastbound lanes and two left turn lanes into New Hope Commons, police said. However the fifth lane, in which the two lacrosse players were hit, often remained clear, and many drivers used the lane to pass other traffic.

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Gay Activists Hold Candlelight Vigil

By DANIELE EUBANKS
Staff Writer

A hymn of peace sounded above the noise of traffic Sunday evening on Franklin Street as gay and lesbian rights activists and local clergy held a candlelight vigil to convince state officials to protect their civil rights.

Charlie Kass, the minister at Community Church of Chapel Hill, said he and other local clergy had united with Equality of North Carolina, a Raleigh-based activist group, in hopes that the support of religious factions would convince the N.C. General Assembly to include sexual orientation in the Orange County Civil Rights Ordinance.

Sunday's vigil coincided with Equality Begins at Home Week, a week of action in all 50 states on gay rights.

Kass spoke to a group of nearly 30 people in front of the Franklin Street post office. He emphasized the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings, and supported his beliefs with a scriptural paraphrase from the Gospel of Luke.

"We are to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves," he said.

Kass said loving one's neighbor extended to granting civil liberties to homosexuals.

Gloria Faley, an activist from Chapel Hill, said the General Assembly rejected the sexual orientation clause when the Orange County Civil Rights

Ordinance was adopted five years ago, and gay and lesbian rights activists had been working to add it back.

"The clause is necessary to ensure the community is safe for all," she said.

Joe Herzenberg, a Chapel Hill resident, also said the clause needed to be added.

"There is discrimination against gay people but the ordinance doesn't deal with that," he said.

The vigil participants wore gold paper stars, like the ones worn by Jews in Nazi Germany, to draw an analogy about discrimination and its effects.

Rabbi John Friedman, of the Judea Reformed Congregation, said human beings did not have to like each other, but should treat each other with respect.

"Just as God is infinitely holy, so too every human being is of infinite value," he said. "We should look into each other's eyes as if looking into the face of God."

Friedman and the other clergy said that if the sexual orientation clause was adopted, the dignity of an important sector of society would be protected.

As the vigil drew to a close, the participants sang: "We are gentle, loving people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are gay and straight together and we are singing, singing for our lives."

The group will hold another vigil at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Capitol.

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DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Gay and lesbian rights activists joined local religious leaders for a vigil in front of the Franklin Street post office Sunday. The gathering was to call for the inclusion of sexual orientation in civil rights legislation.

Graffiti in Carmichael Residence Hall Targets 'Fags'

University maintenance had the graffiti cleaned off the wall and repainted it soon after the Friday incident.

By COLLEEN JENKINS
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A slur targeting gays in Carmichael Residence Hall shocked one UNC student Friday morning as she waited for an elevator inside the hall.

Sarah Levin-Richardson, a freshman who lives on the third floor in Carmichael, was waiting for an elevator when she saw "Fags Live Here" written in large red letters near the elevators. The graffiti was written in approxi-

mately 8-inch letters with a dry erase marker that she found by the water fountain, Levin-Richardson said. "I was shocked," she said. "It's really surprising because I thought it could never happen at Carolina."

Richardson showed her roommate, freshman Amanda Hall, the graffiti.

Hall then called and reported the incident to the resident assistant on duty because Levin-Richardson had to catch her bus. Hall said the RA was not very helpful but the student working at the Carmichael Area Office was much more concerned. "It just makes me really sad that someone has that lack of understanding, and it makes me a little frightened as well," Hall said.

Rebecca Casey, assistant director of University housing, said emergency maintenance was sent to clean the walls and had them repainted by 10 a.m. Friday.

She said the Carmichael residence

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AMANDA HALL
Freshman

staff filed a report with University Police, who would conduct an investigation.

Maj. Jeff McCracken, who was not involved with the case, said investigators would talk to anybody that might have information regarding the case. He said the person responsible could be charged with damage to state property and with the costs of cleaning the walls.

McCracken said the graffiti he had seen on campus before had not targeted a specific group but had been gang related or involved school rivalry.

In her three years at UNC, Casey said she had never seen this type of thing happen. "It's rather unusual. We can't tolerate this type of behavior."

Ian Palmquist, co-chairman of the Queer Network for Change, said he had been personally targeted with this type of thing before. During his freshman year, someone slid a note under his door in Hinton James Residence Hall.

"Housing throws so many diverse backgrounds into such close environments that it's where people's prejudices come out," he said.

The incident came as QNC prepared for Celebration Week, a week dedicated to celebrating queer sexuality.

"This is just another example of how much work needs to be done on this campus to make sure it's safe for queer students."

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CELEBRATION GAMES



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Sangam, the South Asian awareness organization, held its annual Sangam Nite on Saturday. The evening included dancing, skits and music displaying South Asian culture. The night's theme was games, similar to the movie Jumanji. See story Page 4.

Three Applicants Vie for DTH Editor

Applicants for the next DTH editor want to improve the paper's quality through interaction with students.

By SHARON LIAO
Staff Writer

For three students vying to become the next editor of The Daily Tar Heel, plans to improve the newspaper's quality are a priority.

"I'm glad these students want to get involved and make the paper better," DTH Editor Sharif Durhams said.

Jim Martin, Rob Nelson and Courtney Weill have applied to be the DTH's 133rd editor.

Martin, currently an editorial columnist, said he wanted to make coverage more in-depth.

"Instead of saying 'this is what happens,' the DTH should explain why it's

happening and why it's important to the reader," said Martin, a junior from Charlotte.

He said he also wanted to get readers' input through surveys and forums.

If elected, Martin said he wanted to tie the paper's editorial content together with visual elements. "The paper should have probing copy with enlightening graphics and pictures that accompany and complement," he said.

Weill, who is currently the DTH's state & national editor, said she wanted to "jazz up" the DTH and make it more reader-friendly.

"The paper has gotten boring," said Weill, a junior from Raleigh. "Right now people glance at the front page and then flip to the crossword."

Weill said she wanted the paper to attract readers by adding more photographs and graphics.

Weill added that she also wanted to

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