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## 13-Year-Old Girl Victim of Sexual Assault

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Deserted by two male friends, a 13-year-old girl was sexually assaulted late Tuesday night after two men jumped out from the woods where the three were walking.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the girl came from Durham to Chapel Hill with two of her

friends, arriving Tuesday afternoon.

They were walking in an area near Caldwell Street when two black men jumped out of the woods, Cousins said. The two boys fled from the area, leaving the girl alone with one of the assailants. "(The assailant) grabbed her by the

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hair, threw her on the pavement and struck her on the face," Cousins said. "She was knocked out. When she came to, her pants were off, and she started screaming. He hit her again."

The girl then ran toward Columbia Street, and the assailant ceased with the attack, Cousins said. A man eventually found the girl and took her to a fire station at 302 N. Columbia St. She was eventually taken to a local hospital.

Cousins said police could not confirm whether the girl was raped.

The suspect was described by police as a 6-foot-1-inch, thin black man, in his late teens or early 20s with a light complexion and dreadlocks.

Cousins said Wednesday that police did not know what happened to the second assailant or the girl's friends, or why the three friends were in Chapel Hill.

Cousins said police would more

actively patrol the Caldwell Street area in the wake of this sexual assault as well as another attack in the area Monday.

"Any time we have that kind of serious incident in a certain area, we increase patrol," Cousins said. "We put a lot of effort from investigators and patrol officers into locating the suspect."

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## Emotion High in Davis Trial

A former N.C. State wrestler said Wednesday that he did not know Neil Davis was shot until told by police.

By MATTHEW B. DEES  
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RALEIGH — The former N.C. State University wrestler charged with involuntary manslaughter for shooting a classmate last November gave an emotionally charged account of the incident Wednesday in testimony wrought with tension and tears.

The state rested its case against Clyde Willy Blunt on Wednesday after just two days of proceedings.

Blunt is charged in connection with the shooting death of fellow student Neil Vernon Davis. The involuntary manslaughter charge is typically used in accidental-death cases.

After the state rested, the defense called its first witness — the defendant himself. The hulky wrestler, who weighed 270 pounds at the time of the shooting, offered his account.

Blunt testified that he was standing outside across the street from Davis' apartment with several friends when they heard four to six gunshots. Soon after, a shell fragment ricocheted and hit wrestler George Cintron.

Blunt then said he ran across the street to Davis' residence and began pounding on the door, yelling and swearing at the then-unknown gunman.

When asked about his actions, Blunt said, "I was mad; I was angry; I was scared. I just reacted."

Blunt then entered the unlocked apartment, rushed up the stairs and kicked in Davis' bedroom door, only to find himself staring down the barrel of a gun, he said.

At this point in the direct examination, Defense Attorney Angela Dement asked Blunt to describe Davis. Blunt's

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## Campuses Develop Labor Plan

UNC and four other colleges will oversee a pilot program to guide licensees on new labor code policies.

By ALEXANDRA MOLLAIRE  
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After two years of negotiations, UNC and four other universities have developed a pilot program to bring licensees into compliance with labor codes.

The Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee, a group of UNC students and faculty, is working with Boston College, Duke and Georgetown universities, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison to complete the program by December.

"The purpose of the pilot is to go into various sites and help them come into compliance," said Rut Tufts, co-chairman of the LLCAC and director of auxiliary services at UNC.

The pilot program will serve as a guide for companies that need to comply with the Collegiate Licensing Company's code of conduct. The CLC acts as a liaison between universities and licensees, such as Nike. The program also requires full disclosure of licensees' manufacturing site locations.

In an Aug. 15 letter, UNC and the CLC notified licensees about contract renewal requirements, which include a March 31 deadline for site disclosure for companies who renew between Nov. 15 and the deadline.

The five schools will choose three to five manufacturing sites to independently monitor and help bring into compliance with the new labor codes.

The schools — all CLC clients — are working on the monitoring program through the Fair Labor Association, a nonprofit group that monitors fair working conditions.

The pilot project is another stage in the battle among colleges and universities, licensees, the CLC and the FLA to promote fair labor conditions.

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## FANTASY INGRAINED



Friends and family sit in the late afternoon sun and point out their favorite sand creatures on Monday. Carrboro's Weaver Street Market sponsored the annual event, which showcases the creative talents of local artist Rick Hermanson. Hermanson's project is meant to be more than just sculpted sand; it represents development fighting against Mother Nature on a symbolic chessboard.

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## Dennis Digs Trench Through Hatteras Island

Associated Press

WAVES — Erratic Tropical Storm Dennis made a curtain call at the Outer Banks on Wednesday, its pounding waves and gale-force winds cutting Hatteras Island in half and thwarting a National Guard relief convoy.

After battering the entire North Carolina coastline Monday, Dennis had headed out to sea, but Tuesday it began retracing its steps. At 2 p.m. Wednesday, it was drifting westward at 5 mph, 100 miles from Cape Hatteras, still lashing the fragile barrier islands with winds and

14-foot waves.

The pummeling took a toll on 50-mile-long Hatteras Island, forging an 8-foot-deep trench across a quarter-mile neck of land between Avon and Buxton. The breach barred a National Guard relief column from reaching three communities on the south end of the island with food, fuel and other supplies.

Upwards of 5,000 people, mostly residents, stayed on Hatteras Island after Sunday's evacuation order and were stuck when the island's only north-south highway, N.C. 12, became impassable.

"Between Avon and Buxton, it's com-

pletely washed out," Sgt. Joe Baker of the N.C. National Guard said in a satellite phone hookup with state emergency management officials Wednesday while the convoy rushed to get off the island before high tide.

"The main thing is getting the road clear so we can get some help to those people," said Sgt. Craig Garriss of the N.C. Highway Patrol. "They're in dire need of help."

On Ocracoke Island, located immediately south of Hatteras Island, flooding was widespread and the roughly 1,000 islanders remained without power

Wednesday, but ham radio operator Dale Mutro said everyone seemed to be getting along all right.

"We just had a high tide just a little bit ago, and sound-side flooding is still quite severe," Mutro said. "But it's not as bad as it was at the height of the storm. With every high tide, the water's still way on up there."

National Hurricane Center forecasters said Dennis, once a Category 2 hurricane, could be downgraded further, but likely would linger off the North Carolina coast for days, moving to the southwest without making landfall.

"It's starting to spin down," James Franklin of the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Wednesday. "There's no thunderstorm activity keeping it going. Once that happens, it slowly spins down." But he said that will take time. "Not much more weakening is expected over the next two to three days," Franklin said.

In south Nags Head, at least three cars were buried in sand up to their door handles near beachfront cottages. One cottage collapsed at Kitty Hawk, and five were reported destroyed at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

## Senior Marshals Spar Over Class Gift

Senior marshals say the Office of Development overstepped its bounds by pushing for one gift idea.

By KATIE ABEL  
Assistant University Editor

Just mention this year's class gift and senior marshals fumble for the right words.

Although Senior Class President Danya Ledford denies any dissension in the group, sources close to the selection process say it is plagued by turmoil.

Some in the 60-member group are lobbying hard for an idea known as "Academics with Recognition," which calls for seniors to donate \$20 to \$25 to the academic department of their choice as a parting gift to the University.

But despite strict orders to stay silent, some marshals, all of whom wanted to remain anonymous, say senior class officials are discounting their concerns that the proposal will not unite the senior

class. Under the proposal, the Office of Development would recognize those students who made donations by denoting their names on plaques or a brick wall.

Traditionally the development office works with senior class officers each year to generate public support for the gift idea.

But according to some marshals who attended a senior class officers retreat last weekend, development officials might have taken their role a little too far this year. Those marshals said they felt officials were lobbying for the academic-giving proposal instead of letting representatives of the class decide.

And opponents of the idea say they



Senior Class President Danya Ledford said the class gift was still under discussion.

are concerned that members of the class will not support the proposal.

"Twenty years from now I will not remember giving money to a department," said one marshal.

Traditionally, senior class gifts are more tangible projects such as campus improvements or undergraduate scholarships that leave behind a physical remnant of the class.

But the idea of academic giving grew out of a meeting this summer between development officers and senior class leaders.

The proposal resembles the development office's system of tapping alumni to give donations to the University each year by sending them pledge cards in the mail.

Some marshals say the true motive behind the idea is to prime students into donating after they graduate.

Senior class officers refused to divulge any specific proposals, including academic donations, and said all of their ideas were still in the "brainstorming" stage.

"There is no feasibility in bringing the



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Unlike most senior gifts, such as the class of 1997's renovation to the Coker Arboretum, the money for this year's gift could fund departments.

ideas out yet," Ledford said.

Yet several marshals said discussion at the retreat produced three specific projects that were being addressed.

One marshal said Ledford and other class officials pushed the idea for academic giving and seemed to discard several other options, including dedicating a room in the Student Union once it is renovated and constructing a wall

engraved with the names of all UNC graduates.

"They were presenting (the donations) as though telling me 'this is how it is going to be,'" the marshal said. "They were not asking; they were telling."

Greg Prince, young alumni director

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## INSIDE Thursday

### Beyond Board Games

Role-playing games and collectible card games, often dealing with mystical themes, give players an escape through fantasy. See Page 5.



### What Would You Say

The deadline to reserve a space on the Association of Student Leaders, Faculty Feedback Board or Student Feedback Board is this Friday. Contact Managing Editor Vicky Eckenrode at vicky@emil.unc.edu for details.

### Today's Weather



Cloudy;  
High 70s.  
Friday: Rain;  
Mid 70s.

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.

Oscar Wilde