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Surprise Snowstorm Shakes Up Campus

Students Slip and Slide As UNC Lets Classes Ride

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Staff Writers

Students lobbed snowballs, built snowmen and nursed bruised derrieres Tuesday in the season's first snowstorm.

The late-night storm, which dropped about 3 inches of snow in the Triangle, shocked many UNC students not accustomed to such wintry weather and disappointed others who anticipated cancelled classes.

A few professors chose to dismiss classes early, while some off-campus students braved treacherous roads at their own risk.

For Ed Shanks, a sophomore from Charlotte, getting to school was an adventure. "I rode my bike on a sheet of ice," he said. "My wheels were sliding backward."

UNC remained open despite the closings of several other public and private universities. UNC-Wilmington gave students a day off; East Carolina University dismissed students at 2 p.m.; and Duke University classes were delayed until noon.

Upon arriving at school, sophomore David Worth of Greensboro discovered his only "assignment" in physical education was snowman construction.

"I managed to get to classes only by hitching a ride with someone in a four-wheel drive vehicle," he said. "I really would have liked it if school were closed."

The decision to remain open came from the chancellor and the Executive Committee, said University Counsel Susan Ehringhaus. "We base our decision on information provided by the UNC police and the physical plant."

Early Tuesday morning, UNC operated on Condition I of its adverse weather policy. According to the policy, "Staff can still safely navigate the campus and local areas. Only when there has been catastrophic weather will the time lost ... not need to be accounted for."

Ehringhaus said that under the adverse weather policy, each student and faculty member had to personally decide whether it was possible to travel safely to campus.

Safe travel on campus was a concern for Grounds Director Kirk Pelland. His department made the walkways as traversable as possible, he said. "We cleared walking paths through the snow on the sidewalks," Pelland said. "We've been trying to scrape, salt and sand as much as we can. Workers started coming in at 4:30 Tuesday morning."

Slippery patches of ice amused students who gathered outside the Undergraduate Library to gawk at the

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Sonya Dewhaluk pelts Katherine Tse with a fistful of snow during a snowball fight in front of Connor Residence Hall on Tuesday. Students all over campus took full advantage of the 3 inches that covered the ground. Snowballs filled the air and snowmen were scattered throughout UNC.

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DTH/ASTA YTRE

A crowd of people wait at the Kingswood Apartments bus stop on the N.C. 54 Bypass early Tuesday morning. Due to the snowy weather, the city buses were unable to pick up passengers until later in the day.

Officials Cope With Wintry Mix

Tuesday's snowfall created slippery driving conditions and forced local schools to cancel classes today.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
Staff Writer

Although the snow might have tapered off early Tuesday, the daily grind around town still slowed down following the biggest snow fall in four years.

The National Weather Service reported that Chapel Hill received an estimated three inches of snow early Tuesday morning, beginning at 3 a.m. and finally ending about 8:30 a.m.

A UNC Snow Day Captured In Photos See Page 4



DTH/SEFTON IPOCK

Sophomore Chris Rodermond and freshman Courtney Barger take a break to work on the foundation for a snowman in the Pit on Tuesday.

The snow slowed down bus service and forced school and office cancellations across Orange County, while UNC kept its doors open for students. Susan Yeaman of the NWS in Raleigh said the possibility of subfreezing temperatures through mid-morning today would allow for potential ice formation on roads and sidewalks.

"When there aren't temperatures above 32 degrees, anything slushy will

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Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

What is the most pressing issue facing our generation?



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Young Girl Rescued From Cold

Rescuers are optimistic that the 4-year-old who went missing Monday night will recover from hypothermia.

By GINNY SCIABBARRASI
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A 4-year-old Chatham County girl who disappeared for nearly 17 hours starting late Monday was still listed in critical condition at UNC Hospitals on Tuesday night.

Hailey Bogue, who was found by Orange County rescuers at about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, was being treated by doctors for extreme hypothermia.

Nick Waters, director of Orange County Emergency Services, said despite Bogue's health status, he thought she was making progress.

"From what we've heard, slowly

there's some improvement that's been noticed," he said.

"Fortunately, she was found while she was still alive."

Tara Christie, Bogue's mother, reported the small child missing at 5:50 p.m. Monday while the two visited with family friends on Clearwater Lake Road near the border of Chatham and Orange Counties.

When the dogs Bogue was playing with outside returned to the home around 7 p.m., she was not with them.

Rescuers scoured a two-mile radius searching for her but were forced to stop at 3 a.m. due to darkness and inclement weather.

The search resumed at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, led by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Waters said.

"She was found by a team put in (the area) this morning following clues found during the night," he said. "The more

area you eliminate, the better the chances."

Waters said the search party had found a footprint that could possibly have been Bogue's, giving the sheriff's department an indication of where to search.

"They have some good people doing some good work there," he said.

Waters said that even as conditions worsened during the evening, the crew kept their spirits high.

"You never lose hope," he said.

More than 100 people joined in the search, ranging from sheriff's deputies to neighbors.

Waters said he could not comment on whether foul play had occurred in this case, but that it was still a possibility.

"Suspicion is always an element when a child is missing."

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Suspected Rapist Faces Multiple Assault Charges

A Chapel Hill woman called police after the man who had repeatedly raped her fell asleep at her residence.

By JENNY ROSSER
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Police have made an arrest in connection with Monday's repeated rape, sexual assault and kidnapping of a local woman after the assailant broke into her bedroom and attacked her.

Efrem Zimbalist Brittan, 33, of 101 Dickerson Court in Chapel Hill was arrested around 4:30 a.m. Monday and charged with three counts of second-degree rape, eight counts of sexual offense, two counts of first-degree kidnapping, one count of common law rob-

bery and one count of first-degree burglary.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the victim called police at about 4:05 a.m. after she was able to escape from the assailant, who had fallen asleep after repeatedly raping and assaulting her.

"The victim was awake in her bedroom when the man entered the room," Cousins said. "He sexually assaulted her numerous times and demanded money."

Cousins said the victim left her residence after the man fell asleep and called police on her cellular phone. Police responded and arrested the alleged assailant.

According to police reports, Brittan is being held at the Orange County Jail

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INSIDE Wednesday

You Know You Like It

Staff applications are now available in the DTH front office. We are seeking staffers for several desks. There will be an interest meeting at 6:30 p.m. today and Wednesday in Union 208 for potential applicants. Contact DTH Editor Rob Nelson at 962-4086 or at rnelson@email.unc.edu with questions.

Constructive Critics

The DTH is looking for students to serve on its Student Feedback Board, which meets during the semester to discuss issues related to the paper's coverage. We'll even feed you at each meeting. Contact Managing Editor Vicky Eckenrode at vickye@email.unc.edu.

Today's Weather

Partly Cloudy;
Mid 40s.
Thursday: Cloudy;
Mid 40s.

I used to be snow white, but I drifted.

Mae West