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Police Arrest Teen in Family Assault Name-Change Push Surfaces at UNC-C

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Police arrested a 17-year-old Carrboro man Monday who is accused of assaulting his 70-year-old grandmother and stealing her car.

Michael Antonio Baldwin, of 105 Glosson Circle, was arrested by Durham police officers Monday and transported to the Carrboro Police Department.

The bust came after Carrboro police officers entered a description of Baldwin

into the National Crime Information Center computer.

The suspect cut the woman's phone line shortly after midnight Monday. The suspect then entered the woman's home, obtained a butcher knife and robbed her, reports state.

In an attempt to subdue the elderly woman, the suspect sprayed her in the face with a heavy-duty oven cleaner. After the assault, the suspect stole his the woman's 1986 blue Ford Taurus, which has since been recovered, reports state.

Baldwin is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough today.

Carrboro police Sgt. Caldwell, of the Carrboro Police Department, said he heard Baldwin's grandmother was recuperating. Baldwin was charged with one felony count of larceny of a vehicle, one felony count of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one misdemeanor count of injuring telephone wires.

According to the crime center bulletin released by Carrboro police,

Baldwin was considered to be armed and dangerous. Police had advised residents to use caution. Caldwell said he was not sure why the young man had traveled to Durham. He also said Baldwin will be tried as an adult.

Baldwin was held in Orange County Jail in lieu of a \$3,000 secured bond.

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Student leaders say UNC-Charlotte must change its name to get fair treatment from the UNC system.

By ALEX KAPLAN
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UNC-Charlotte student government officials are receiving little support for an initiative to rename the university that is aimed at gaining more respect for the school.

UNC-C Student Body President Mark Lombardi said he would prefer UNC-C to be named Charlotte University or the University of Charlotte in order to separate itself from its bigger sister schools in the UNC system.

Lombardi, who first proposed the name change in December, said UNC-C had progressed to the level where it should no longer stand in the shadows

of UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

"Our school has come to a point where we should no longer be an 'at (somewhere),' he said.

Lombardi denied that the name-change initiative resulted from UNC-system

President Molly Broad's recent denial of a UNC-C tuition request, while recommending tuition increases for UNC-CH and N.C. State.

Broad could not be reached for comment Monday, but Joni Worthington, UNC associate vice president for communications, said the BOG and Broad never ignored UNC-C's needs.

Worthington said Broad often spoke with the chancellor at UNC-C about the challenges facing the university.

"President Broad and the Board of Governors have not shortchanged the needs of UNC-C," she said.

Lombardi said the proposal instead

stemmed from a historical lack of respect for needs at UNC-C on the part of the state.

"We're Chapel Hill's little brother," Lombardi said. "That's the way we're looked at."

UNC-C Senior Associate Provost Roger Brown said university administrators had not considered a name change.

"We think it is highly unlikely (the name change) will occur in the next 10 years," Brown said.

He said UNC-C Chancellor James Woodward supported the current name. "(The administration) believes very strongly that an association with the university system is beneficial to the school," Brown said.

But Lombardi said he wanted UNC-C to have a strong identity of its own.

He said many people who saw UNC-C lettering on clothing and other school goods assumed it stood for a community college.

Lombardi also said he did not expect the name change to occur any time soon and predicted it would take at least five to 10 years.

Before a name change is ever enacted, it must be approved by the BOG.

Gary Barnes, UNC-system vice president of program assessment and public service, said it would be difficult for UNC-C to change its name because former students would likely oppose the change.

"Name changes are not taken lightly and alumni usually oppose them," Barnes said.

Barnes also said changing the school's name would not affect the school's standing. He said the effects of such a change would be negligible.

"I don't think a name change will change (UNC-C's) mission."

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Student TV Show To Hit Air

A 30-minute news program, "Carolina Week" will air for the first time Wednesday on Student Television.

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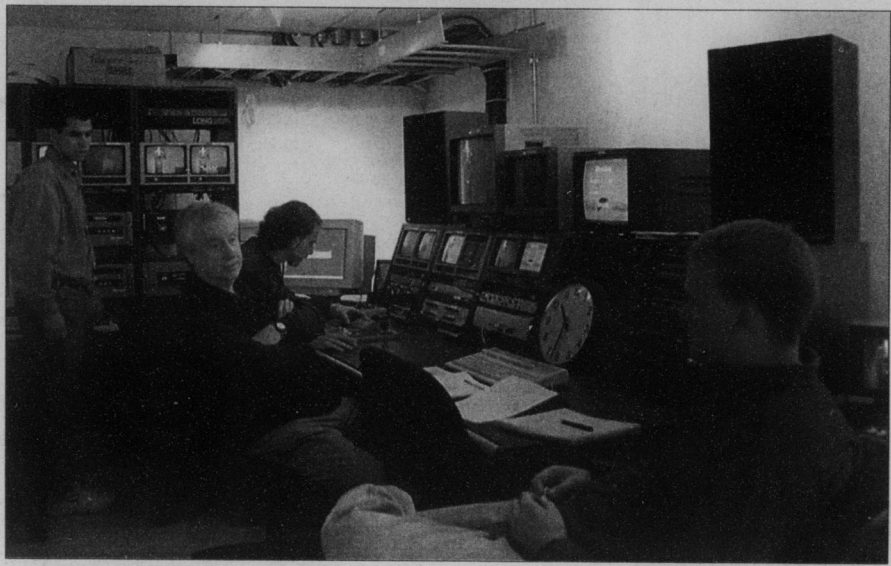
The University will soon have a new student-run venue available to receive information on sports, news and weather affecting UNC and the community.

"Carolina Week," a 30-minute news program, will begin its weekly broadcast Wednesday on Student Television in either the 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. time slot.

"I'd think of it as your local news on a weekly basis but with emphasis on the University," said director Mike Winston, a senior in the broadcast sequence of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"Carolina Week" is a live-to-tape production, which means student reporters must write, report, shoot and edit their assignments. Each segment must then be assigned a place in the show and pulled together before it is ready for broadcast.

The preparation process takes four to



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The final preparations are made for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication's weekly news show, "Carolina Week," airing Wednesday. Mike Winston (left), a senior journalism major, is serving as director.

five hours of class time, said journalism Professor Charles Tuggle, who advises the production. Students also spend an additional eight to 12 hours outside of class gathering information and editing.

The first show will include segments on the Chancellor Search Committee, students coping with the flu, millennium resolutions and gay activism on campus.

The "Carolina Week" show is the aim of a special topics course in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication

under the guidance of Tuggle and Professor Richard Simpson.

Though the class was limited to 20 students, "Carolina Week" has also received support from volunteers looking for broadcasting experience.

"We won't turn anyone away," said Tuggle, who came to UNC in 1999 from Florida International University, in part to help develop the course.

Though students approached the project with varying degrees of experience,

they still encountered bumps in the road from problems with the broadcast equipment. Students also had to learn to adapt to their machines, Simpson said.

"We'll have a lot of fine-tuning to do as we go along. We know it'll take us a while to get all the kinks ironed out," he said.

Working out the specifics going into the last stretch before air-time can be stressful, said producer Jennifer Knesel.

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Health Care Experts Divided on UNC, Rex Deal

By COURTNEY OBRINGER
Staff Writer

As deliberators put the finishing touches on a deal to combine UNC Health Care and Rex Healthcare, medical professionals are split on the potential impact of the acquisition.

Supporters say the move would benefit both hospitals, but critics argue the plan's focus is money, not medicine.

UNC Hospitals officials announced Friday a Feb. 29 target date for completing the deal that would make Rex Healthcare part of UNC Hospitals.

Rex is currently the second-largest

health care provider in Wake County.

"We have come to an understanding on the business dealings of the acquisition," said John Stokes, director of marketing and public relations for UNC Hospitals.

He would not disclose any details, financial or otherwise, about the plan.

Stokes said lawyers and officials had been meticulously examining the details of the contract, which caused the final acquisition's original December target date to be delayed.

Deliberations began in April.

While Stokes said the conglomerate would benefit the local health care

industry, critics questioned the real intent of the acquisition.

Seth Reice, associate professor of biology, said he was not sure that the acquisition would increase the quality of health care in the area.

He said Rex Healthcare would gain a higher quality of patients from the deal, but that corporate competition with Duke University motivated the decision to buy Rex.

"Both (Duke University Health System and UNC Health Care) are buying up smaller hospitals," Reice said. "It is about money - not health care."

Pressures between Duke and UNC

Hospitals to become the largest health care provider have existed since 1996, when Duke began luring doctors from local competitors.

UNC Health Care felt heat last year when Duke Hospitals merged with Raleigh Community Hospital, which became the impetus for the Rex deal.

But Stokes said he believed the conglomeration would benefit the local health care community.

UNC-system officials involved in the deal, including Jeffrey Houpt, dean of UNC's School of Medicine, and system President Molly Broad could not be reached for comment.

Kevin Cain, vice president of planning and marketing at Rex Healthcare, said both patients and Rex would benefit from the acquisition.

Cain said new programs and services could be funded from the extensive financial resources of the UNC Health Care system.

But Reice said health care would be further consolidated, reducing competition and limiting the public's options.

"I don't expect to see health care to get any better."

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Students got an early start Monday night enjoying a massive snowstorm that hit the state. A fresh snowman at Connor Residence Hall is the first sign of the latest winter blast.

Well, Here We Go Again: Snowstorm Pounds State

Snow began to fall shortly before 8 p.m. Monday night for the fourth time in less than a week.

Staff Report

Mother Nature began to deliver her fourth wintery punch to North Carolina Monday night, dropping more than a foot of snow on the mountains and blanketing the Triangle in at least 4 inches of the now-familiar powder.

The skies opened shortly before 8 p.m. Monday and left a campus wondering whether the campus would again stay open this morning. As of press time, UNC officials had not made an official decision on the cancellation of classes.

Wrecks across Chapel Hill and Carrboro prompted many commuter students to stay on campus, while motorists on Interstate 40 avoided a 10-car pileup that stalled traffic for several miles.

Local school officials were quick to cancel class-

es Tuesday, after they let some classes go Monday afternoon under a winter weather advisory that was upgraded to a warning later in the night.

For the third time in a week, UNC's campus was blanketed with snow as students once again left their residence halls to take part in snowball fights and sledding.

Once a ruling on whether to hold classes is made sometime early this morning, students should check the UNC Web site at www.unc.edu or call 962-8621 to find out the status.

By 11 p.m. Monday, Carolina Power & Light Co. had reported more than 8,000 power outages across the state.

Sharon Thomas, telecommunicator for the N.C. Highway Patrol, said Monday night that icy conditions had already caused slippery roads.

"There have been numerous accidents, and the roads have become snow- and ice-covered," Thomas said.

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Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll
Is Bill Guthridge to blame for the team's lackluster season?



Go to www.unc.edu/dth to cast your vote.

INSIDE Tuesday

Last Call

Due to inclement weather, the deadline to submit a DTH staff application has been backed up until Wednesday. Forms are available at the DTH front office and are due by 5 p.m. We are looking for staffers for several desks. Contact Editor Rob Nelson at 962-4086 with questions.

Joanna Howell Fund

Applications are now available for the Joanna Howell Fund, which honors the memory of a DTH staffer who died in the 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity fire. The fund includes a \$250 grant for an in-depth story that will be published in the paper. Contact Managing Editor Cate Doty at 962-4086 with questions.

Give Us Feedback

Wednesday is the last day to submit applications for the DTH's Student Feedback Board, which meets several times a semester to discuss issues related to the paper's coverage. Not enough? We'll even feed you. Contact Managing Editor Vicky Eckenrode at vicky@unc.edu with questions.

Today's Weather

Cloudy;
Low 30s.
Wednesday: Snow;
Low 30s.

I hate to spread rumors, but what else can one do with them?

Amanda Lear