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**IN BRIEF**

**Bank Merger Will Not Change UNC Services**

Wachovia and UNC will continue their current relationship despite a possible merger between the bank and First Union, officials say.

UNC ONE Card Office Manager Jim Clinton said the services Wachovia now offers the University would not be affected by the merger if it goes through. These services include a Wachovia branch office in the Pit and the ability to tie in a Wachovia checking account to the One Card.

"It should not affect it at all," Clinton said. "They were going to retain the name Wachovia in this merger."

"Our sources at Wachovia say there should be no interruption in any services they are providing through the One Card. We're happy about that."

**Virtual Reality Program Paints Without Paint**

UNC graduate students have developed a new virtual reality system that produces painting-like images without the mess of real paint.

The project, known as dAb, was recently completed under the direction of computer science professors Ming Lin and Dinesh Manocha, who say the program allows artists to paint electronically.

**Three UNC Employees Clash Over Parking**

According to police reports, a June 1 dispute over parking in the University's S-6 lot near UNC Hospitals led to an assault on a hospital employee.

Reports state the victim said a male suspect pushed him and then a female pushed a van door into his face.

**UNC Alumnus Earns Wimbledon Trophy**

WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND — University of North Carolina assistant men's tennis coach Don Johnson, along with partner Jared Palmer, claimed one of the greatest titles in all of sports this summer, the gentlemen's doubles championship at Wimbledon.

Johnson and Palmer, the tournament's No. 4 seeds, upset third-seeded Jiri Novak and David Rikl of the Czech Republic at the All-England Tennis Club.

Johnson is the first UNC graduate to win a men's doubles Grand Slam title since Fred McNair ('73) teamed with Sherwood Stewart to capture the 1976 French Open. Johnson played at UNC from 1987-90, leading the Tar Heels in 1990 as a senior to their first Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 12 years.

**Marlette to Teach Two Fall Classes at UNC**

Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Doug Marlette, author of the popular syndicated strip "Kudzu," will join the UNC community this year as a distinguished visiting professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Marlette will teach two courses this fall, "Humor Writing: Behind the Chuckles Racket" and "The Editorial Cartoon: Sacred Cows-Holy Hamburger."

"I'm honored to be teaching in the school and look forward to the engagement and stimulation of working with students," Marlette said. "I've always admired the School of Journalism and have worked with and been inspired by many of its graduates."

**Survey: UNC Libraries Among Best in Nation**

UNC-Chapel Hill is one of three N.C. research universities that ranked high in a recently released survey by the Association of Research Libraries.

Of the 112 libraries in the survey, UNC's, with more than five million volumes as of 2000, ranked 17th.

Duke University ranked 25th and N.C. State ranked 35th. Rankings are compiled using an index with several variables including volumes held, volumes added, total staff and total library expenditures.

UNC Associate Provost for University Libraries Joe Hewitt said the libraries' volumes serve as an important resource not only for students and faculty, but also for researchers worldwide.

**Jones, Lewis Dismissed From Football Team**

Wide receiver Jamal Jones and safety JoVon Lewis have been removed from the University's football team for violating team rules, head coach John Bunting announced June 26.

Neither were slated to be starters in the 2001 season.

From staff reports.

**Assault Prompts Campus Safety Discussions**

By GEOFF WESSEL AND NATALIE HARRISON  
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JULY 5 — An assault on campus prompted UNC officials to remind the University community of the importance of taking safety precautions on campus.

According to police reports, an unidentified assailant grabbed a female UNC student on Raleigh Street near Coker Arboretum early in the morning of July 3 and carried her across the road before she escaped with minor injuries.

Maj. Jeff McCracken of the UNC department of public safety said the suspect then fled, but an investigation is underway. The assailant is described as a Hispanic man of heavy build and medium height with black hair and no facial hair, and is believed to be in his mid or late 20s.

According to police reports, the victim was walking home down Franklin Street early Tuesday morning when the suspect pulled up in a small four-door gray or tan car, blew the horn and knocked on the passenger window.

Subsequently, the victim was accosted by the same man near her destination, Alderman Residence Hall. The suspect came up to the victim

on foot, grabbed her and dragged her toward Coker Arboretum, where he tried to lift her over the wall.

The student bumped her head and injured her arm in the assault.

She was treated and released from UNC Hospitals the morning of the assault.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said an investigation is underway.

"(We) are following a number of different leads," Poarch said.

But he said he was unable to comment on any specific developments.

McCracken said the University is taking steps to educate the community and heighten awareness of safety issues in response to this week's assault.

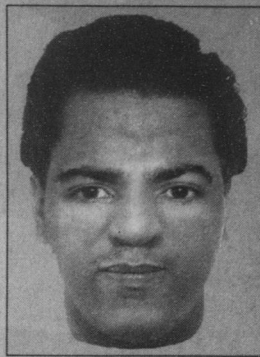
He said the UNC campus is generally relatively safe. Last December, University officials and representatives from electrical distribution and student government participated in an annual late-night walk around campus to determine which areas needed better lighting.

"(UNC) is a well-lit place," Poarch said. "But students, faculty and staff should travel the intended

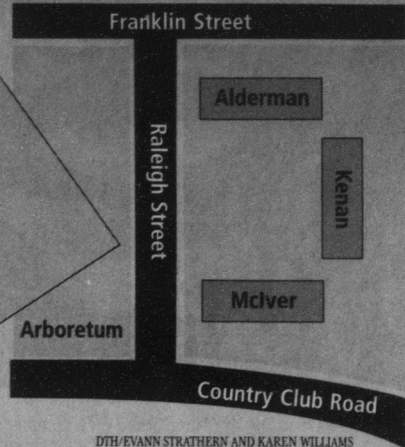
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**Walk in the Light**

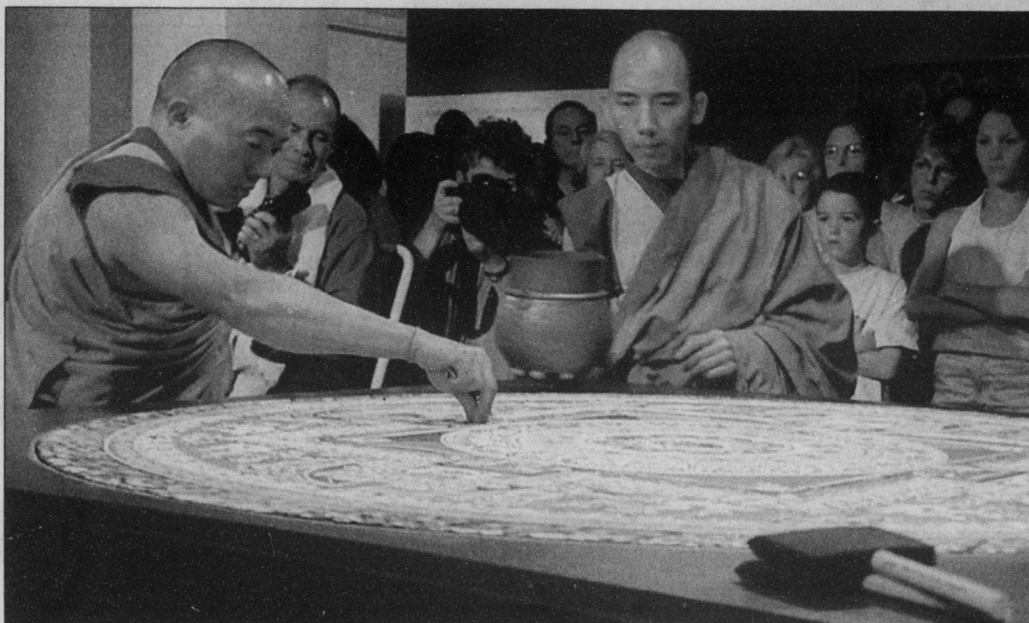
Although UNC remains relatively safe, Tuesday morning's assault near Coker Arboretum has police reminding students and faculty to be aware of their surroundings, and not to work or walk alone at night.



The UNC Department of Public Safety released this composite sketch of the attacker. Anyone with information should call 911 or 962-8100.



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Silent spectators squeeze in to look on as Venerable Tenzin Deshek pinches sand from specific points in the mandala to begin the dismantling process. The pinched sand is then placed in the urn held by the Venerable Tenzin Thutop.

**Buddhist Monks Destroy Creation**

By RUSS LANE  
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JUNE 14 — It was like watching the end of the world.

And on a symbolic level, it was. A crowd of 300 gathered at the Ackland Art Museum June 8 to witness the dismantling of the Medicine Buddha sand mandala, which took four months to create.

Sand mandalas represent the universe in a microcosm, effectively blueprinting Tibetan Buddhism's ideas on a two-dimensional surface.

In this instance, the mandala sought to exemplify the "impermanence" — or fleeting nature — of life and material well-being, making the dismantling ceremony as important as the four months it was constructed, said Barbara Matitsky, curator of exhibitions at the museum.

The Venerable Tenzin Thutop and the Venerable Tenzin Deshek, monks from the

Namgyal Monastery in New York, spent about two hours dismantling the mandala.

The ceremony consisted of a series of chants, followed by an organized dismantling of the mandala. The pair then walked to Bolin Creek off Airport Road to pour the remains back into the water, completing a process they began in March.

The mandala was part of the Five Faiths exhibit, a continuing exhibit focusing on the world's major religions. Ackland Director Jerry Bolas said placing sacred artifacts like the mandala into a new environment was one of the goals of the mandala construction.

"Like many of the objects in the exhibition, the mandala is a sacred object to convey lessons," he said, before the ceremony began. "As an exhibit, we brought it as a sacred object to convey pleasure."

But Matitsky added that while the mandala was taken out of its natural context — a monastery — the exhibition room was designed

in a manner that would respect the exhibition's sacredness.

And it worked — the exhibition room was like a shrine. While waiting for the ceremony to begin, many members of the audience reverently stared at the mandala with wide eyes, as if transfixed.

Before its dismantling, mandala looked misleadingly like a painted mural. But as Thutop and Deshek systematically dismantled their work, walking around the altar and removing sand in a series of pinches and swipes, it was clear the mandala was a fragile creation. Thutop and Deshek removed it from the altar with ease and began the procession to Bolin Creek.

Thutop, Deshek and Ackland officials led the procession, as Chapel Hill Police blocked intersections to allow the procession to be uninterrupted. As the monks carried the mandala's

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**BOG May Revise Quota Policy In Light of Lawsuit**

Facing a lawsuit, the BOG may change their quota system, removing one of two statutes that dictate how they fill their 32 seats.

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JUNE 14 — The UNC Board of Governors decided Friday that they will not fight a lawsuit challenging a diversity quota system.

They also called on the General Assembly to eliminate a current statute governing the election of BOG members.

The lawsuit, served May 30, claims that it is unconstitutional to set aside seats on the Board of Governors for specified groups of people. The quota system has allegedly prevented some of the plaintiffs from becoming members of the BOG.

As of now, there are two statutes regulating diversity in the BOG: The first states generally that different races, sexes and political parties should be represented; the second stipulates that four seats on the 32-member BOG should be reserved for a racial minority, four for members of the largest minority party in the General Assembly and four for women.

The lawsuit challenges the second statute, but not the first. "I would say it is almost impossible (for the BOG) to win this lawsuit under existing case law," said Eugene Boyce, one of the three attorneys who filed the suit.

The board also thought it would be difficult to fight the lawsuit, BOG Chairman Benjamin Ruffin said in a statement released Friday.

The BOG requested that its attorneys ask the General Assembly to amend the statute under consideration and drop entirely the portion that specifies quotas, according to the statement.

The lawsuit was filed by five plaintiffs, including Walter Davis, a long-time contributor to the Democratic Party and Barbara Howe, former Libertarian candidate for governor.

The plaintiffs argue that a quota system may actually limit the number of minorities and women representatives, Boyce said. "We might have had an only-women Board of Governors," he said. "With a quota system we cannot."

The plaintiffs will not drop the lawsuit after the BOG's decision not to fight it because it is still unclear what the General Assembly will do about it, Boyce said.

The BOG also adopted a new conflict-of-interests policy, which prohibits the UNC-system schools from entering into

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**UNC Picks Jordan as Teaching, Technology Merge**

**UNC Picks Jordan as New BCC Director**

By AMA BOATEN  
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JULY 26 — UNC's Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will start the new school year with a new leader.

Joseph Jordan, head of Atlanta's Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture, has been offered the position of BCC director. After the Board of Trustees approved his appointment at a July 26 meeting, Jordan replaced Interim Director Harry Amana on Aug. 13.

Amana, a professor of journalism and mass communication at the University, had served as interim director since 1999.

Provost Robert Shelton said he thinks Jordan was an excellent choice out of a number of qualified applicants for the position.

"Our criteria were for somebody who understood the university atmosphere and goals, somebody familiar with cultural issues, somebody who is a good

organizer and fund-raiser and somebody who can work with folks at a university," Shelton said.

Jordan said he plans to provoke greater conversation between the black community and outside voices.

"I hope to initiate dialogue between communities, and document the dialogue," he said. "In most cases, we bring people together through dialogue, but we don't often keep a record of the good things that come out of the dialogue."

Jordan has taught and conducted research at Xavier of Louisiana, Ohio State and Howard universities, among other institutions.

He was a senior research analyst in the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress, and has co-chaired the international nonprofit Southern Africa Support Project, where he helped organize Nelson Mandela's first post-prison visit to the United States.

Jordan has taught and researched African and African-American studies for more than 30 years.

Jordan said he is excited about moving to UNC and working with the BCC.

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By ASHLEY DAVIDSON  
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JUNE 28 — Faculty members and administrators are working to unite opposing views as a result of recent plans to combine teaching efforts with state-of-the-art technological support.

University officials are merging the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Center for Information Technology into one unit. Officials say the merge would be a major step toward a unified mission, but the proposal has not been free of controversy.

Provost Robert Shelton began work this summer on implementing a transfer of the CTL, which oversees curriculum and faculty development, to Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Marian Moore. Under the proposed merger, the center's goals would be combined with technological support from the Center of Information Technology.

Shelton said the goal of the merger is a simple one.

"These two groups, while they're different, have similar missions: to support faculty in their teaching," Shelton said.

He added that merging the two groups would help accomplish that mission.

Moore declined to comment on the issue, but assured her staff in an e-mail that the transition would be as smooth as possible and that all concerns would be taken into consideration.

A June 19 meeting of faculty and staff working in both groups raised two main areas of concern surrounding the issue: the process of the merger and the extent the merger will affect the CTL.

Pauline Kay Lund, president of the UNC Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars, said the merger could result in technology being seen as more important than teaching, a situation she said could be harmful to the University.

Lund said while she and other faculty members definitely had concerns, those concerns are being met openly by the administration.

"The provost is listening to the faculty's concerns," Lund said. "I'm happy about that."

Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff, who attended the meeting, said faculty opinion on the issue is split.

"Major work concocting a center for these resources is yet to be done," she said. "I understand the work involved."

Estroff said Shelton is in the midst of reorganizing his own office and appointing responsibilities so that everyone can do their jobs as efficiently as possible.

She said the merger of the CTL and CIT is just one aspect of this wider reorganization.

Other faculty members say they feel they did not play enough of a role in the decision to merge of the two groups.

Journalism and mass communication Professor Chuck Stone said some facul-

ty members are upset because they were not part of the decision-making process.

Stone, who also attended last week's meeting, said that a majority of the people directly involved are opposed to the merger.

"The problem is that we have a vice chancellor for technology and a vice chancellor for research, but we don't have a vice chancellor for teaching," he said.

Shelton said he recognizes the fear among some faculty members that once the merger is completed teaching will become less important to the University than implementing technological innovations.

He said he is working to minimize that danger as much as possible.

Despite fears to the contrary, Shelton said he is confident that although CIT and CTL faculty were not involved in the decision to merge the groups, they will be involved in the design of the unified group, and so their concerns will be adequately addressed.

CTL Director Larry Rowan said such collaboration will be necessary as the merger proceeds.

"We were not involved in the provost's decision," Rowan said. "But we are involved in the process for the upcoming year."

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