

ASSAULT

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apartment at roughly 2:50 a.m. He then entered through the window, tied the woman up and raped her. An hour and a half earlier, a different woman had reported that a man entered her apartment through an unlocked door and sexually assaulted her, though she was not raped. Police said they think the incidents are unrelated, but they are not ruling out a connection. "There are definitely some similarities in the cases, such as their proximity and the fact that they happened so close together, but there are noticeable differences as well," said Lt. Jim Phillips, head of criminal investigations for the Carrboro Police Department. "Right now we are treating them as

separate cases but are keeping an open mind." The rape victim was treated at UNC Hospitals but not admitted, while the sexual assault victim did not need medical attention. Police could not release much information on the victims, but Phillips said one is in her early 20s and the other is in her early 30s. Phillips said that there are four investigators on the case but that the investigations unit "will add more if the situation calls for it." Police have released a composite sketch of the suspect in the rape case. He is described as a Hispanic male between 5 feet 7 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall, between 160 and 180 pounds and between 20 and 30 years of age. The suspect has thick, straight hair parted down the middle and might have a mustache. According to reports, the suspect

had a Spanish language accent, but spoke good English. He was wearing a red flannel shirt and jeans at the time of the incident. He also had the odor of alcohol on his breath. Police do not yet have a composite sketch of the sexual assault suspect since the woman was unable to give an exact description due to a lack of light during the incident. But police said they think he is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, between 160 and 170 pounds, with a beard, mustache and a dark complexion. He was wearing a waist-length jacket, gray pants with cargo-type pockets and a black toboggan. Those with information on either suspect should call Investigator Cornell Lamb of Carrboro police at 918-7413 or 918-7397.

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RIAA

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music need to be able to enforce their rights." He said the first way to stop illegal downloading is to identify the violators and take action. "The bottom-line message is there can be real consequences," he said. But Fine said he is confident that the student will be protected now that UNC officials are on board. "It is a positive development for the University to be taking a position on the subpoena," Fine said. "It is a lot harder to bully a university than to bully an individual student."

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PRIMARIES

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rupt his streak. Retired Gen. Wesley Clark dropped out of the race Tuesday after finishing a disappointing third in both states. Guillory also said he hopes the race will stretch out so that voters will be given the chance to learn more about Kerry and the other candidates. "Having Kerry emerge so quickly brings an idea that voters need to come to terms with: They need to learn everything about him now, to understand his qualities and history." Edwards announced he would stay in the race until after Super Tuesday, or March 2, when a large number of delegates are in play. Before Clark's announcement, some pundits said that although they expected Clark and Edwards to drop out after losses Tuesday, the two might remain in the race in hopes of a vice presidential nod or future political opportunities. "Edwards and Clark are both competing for second place in the

"(Kerry's) message has grown better and better, and the people are responding."

THAD BEYLE, UNC PROFESSOR

race right now," Beyle said. "So they might not pull out in case they are considered for the vice presidential nomination, or in case something happens with Kerry. It's still early in the election. Anything can happen." Palazzolo said that if Kerry is chosen as the Democratic nominee, he likely would choose a Southerner to run on the ticket in order to gain Southern support. "It's difficult for a Democrat to win without the Southern electoral vote," he said. "Kerry will have to choose a major leading Southern politician in order to make Bush fight for the South."

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REFERENDUM

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central to the referendum were pleased that it passed by such a large majority. "I'm really excited the award got passed," said SUTA Co-chairwoman Charlene Wong. "It's an excellent way to recognize the employees and staff on campus." Along with Wong, Student Body President Matt Tepper and the Chancellor's Task Force for a Better Workplace played an important role in the referendum's passing. SUTA originally was created in order to recognize professors and TAs who directly enhance undergraduates' college experience,

demonstrate excellence in service and dedication to undergraduates. The new Student Undergraduate Staff Award will be funded by the same student fee money that funds the teaching awards. Supporters of the referendum said SUTA had excess money so they thought this would be a good way to use it. "It's a good solution to SUTA's excess funds," said Student Congress member Abby Youngken. "They found a way to implement a positive change." Congress members overwhelmingly supported the referendum. "It's a great way to recognize people who affect the whole University community," said Congress mem-

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ABBY YOUNGKEN, STUDENT CONGRESS MEMBER

ber Jennifer Orr. But Student Congress Speaker Will DuPont said he is against the referendum and is surprised it passed by such a large margin. "I'm still against it, but students voiced their opinion," he said. "I still respect their decision." The SUTA committee, which comprises 10 to 15 undergraduate students, will select an employee after a campuswide nomination

process. Wong said the group hopes to start advertising next week for possible nominations for both awards. "There were a lot of different steps to overcome, and now we can finally implement the award," she said. "Hopefully, it can continue for years to come."

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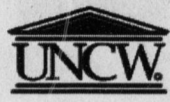
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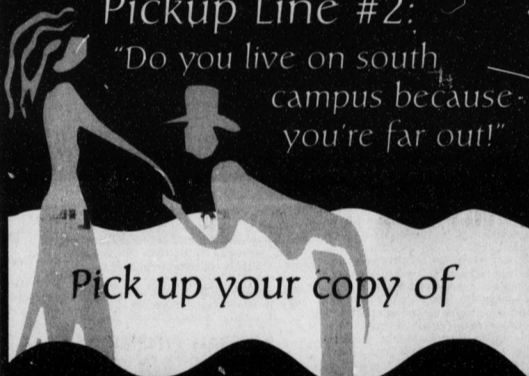
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