

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Local man arrested, charged with robbery and assault**

A Carrboro man was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Sunday and charged with common law robbery and assault to inflict bodily injury — both felonies — and resisting arrest — a misdemeanor — at 208 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Luis Villa Gomez, 25, of 100 Sue Ann Court, attempted to rob the victim of his wallet and then repeatedly kicked him, resulting in broken bones.

Gomez fled after being confronted by officers but was caught after a foot pursuit, reports state.

Gomez was taken to Orange County Jail to be held on a \$3,500 secured bond.

He will appear in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

**Chapel Hill worker arrested on outstanding warrants**

An employee of the Chapel Hill Department of Public Works was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Saturday on outstanding warrants for speeding to elude arrest — a felony — and reckless driving, driving with a suspended license and speeding, all misdemeanors, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Randel Levone Riggsbee Jr., 27, of 1403 Foxglen Court, was arrested at 137 E. Rosemary St. and taken to Orange County Jail on a \$750 secured bond.

He will appear in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

**Franklin Street cook being held for domestic assault**

A cook at Woody's Tar Heel Tavern and Grill was arrested at 4:47 a.m. Sunday and taken to Orange County Jail for a domestic assault, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Lennie Foushee, 48, of 611 Hillsborough St. 2, was arrested at his home and is being held until the first opportunity for bail today in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough, reports state.

**5 local vehicle break-ins occur during weekend**

Five vehicle breaking and enterings resulting in the theft of \$750 in property, including three car stereos, occurred over the weekend. Three of the break-ins occurred at the Pinegate Apartments, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the break-ins at Pinegate occurred between 4:20 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday.

The other incidents occurred at 6:40 a.m. Saturday at 147 Sprunt St. and 12:48 a.m. Sunday at 607 W. Franklin St., reports state.

In two of the five incidents during the weekend, the windows were pulled from the car frame and the doors were then unlocked, according to reports.

In one, the car window was smashed, and in the other two, the cars were left unlocked, reports state.

**Residential break-in results in \$2,000 in property theft**

A residential breaking and entering that resulted in the theft of about \$2,000 in property was reported at 11:10 a.m. Saturday at 217 Vance St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown suspect entered through an unlocked back door, ransacked the house, and stole items that included a ring, several bracelets, two cameras, a watch and a jacket.

All three victims of the break-in are UNC students.

**Student's car stolen from Rosemary Street parking lot**

A red 2000 four-door Honda Protege was reported stolen at 9:38 p.m. Saturday from a parking lot at 342 W. Rosemary St., Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the vehicle was last known to be secure at 9 a.m. Nov. 2.

The victim of the theft is a UNC student living at the Warehouse Apartments at 316 W. Rosemary St., reports state.

**UNC student cited for public urination early Sunday**

A senior biology major at the University was given a citation for public urination at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Nicholas Robert Love, 21, was seen urinating in an alleyway at 150 E. Rosemary St.

— From staff reports.

# Committee scrutinizes enrollment

## Touches on possible 'classroom crunch'

BY SHARI FELD  
STAFF WRITER

Although many freshmen and first-year students are still adjusting to University life, administrators already are discussing enrollment issues that UNC will face in the next several years.

The Enrollment Policy Advisory Committee met Friday to brainstorm ways to ensure that the UNC continues to attract quality students.

"It's a challenge to work with projections," said Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment management and director of admissions.

The committee was created three years ago to deal with the enrollment issues that the University faces.

"The committee was brought together to determine how to deal with increasing demand for enrollment growth and how much to grow," Lucido said.

During Friday's meeting, the committee discussed possible locations for displaced classes during campus

construction, the recently released Price Sensitivity Report, tuition hikes and enrollment projections.

Committee members spent much of the meeting focusing on how to avoid limited classroom space when campus construction begins.

University Registrar David Lanier said students and faculty will experience a "classroom crunch" between fall 2005 and spring 2007.

The committee is working to identify classroom space, Lucido said, but there are many issues involved.

"This problem is further complicated by our desire to teach students in smaller sections, as planned in the curriculum redesign of the college and in our own institutional goals."

But the committee rejected the

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STEVE KIRSCHNER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS



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A line of sheep follows Rob Hogan as he leads Ramses out of his pen before the UNC-Miami football game earlier this month. The current Ramses is the seventeenth ram to take to the field for UNC, and Hogan's family has cared for each ram since the first arrived on Nov. 8, 1924.

# MASCOT MARKS 80-YEAR STREAK

BY ALLISON ROSE  
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On Nov. 8, 1924, a ram from Texas arrived at UNC just in time to pull the football team past a long defensive struggle to a 3-0 victory against Virginia Military Institute.

Seeking to bring the team out of its losing streak, Vic Huggins, UNC's head cheerleader at the time, sought the aid of UNC's business manager, Charles T. Woollen, who bought the ram for \$25.

Inspired by Jack Merritt, a popular member of the football team, and his nickname, "Battering Ram," that first ram birthed a long line of mascots that have brought luck to Tar Heel games.

When Ramses arrived in North Carolina from his Texan home, area resident Henry Hogan and his brothers Jack, Glen and Hubert became the first generation of ram keepers.

Eighty years and 17 rams later, the Hogan farm just outside of Chapel Hill still houses the team's mascot — and his newly born son, Ramses No. 18.

Robert Hogan Jr., whose family has farmed the land since 1757, is Ramses' current owner. Assisted by his wife and their three young boys, Hogan represents the third generation of ram keepers in his family.

"I've always been involved in caring for (Ramses) and taking him to the games," said Hogan, who officially took over the position when his father passed away in 1995.

Hogan said he hopes not only to see the 100th anniversary of the school mascot — and family pet — but also that one or more of his three boys will carry on in the traditional role of caretaker.

Steve Kirschner, associate director for athletic communications, said he thinks Ramses gives the school an identity because the ram has been a symbol of UNC athletics for nearly a century.

"Tar Heels" doesn't have the same strong visual image that the ram does," Kirschner said. "People identify the strength of the ram with our program."

Hogan, who noted each ram's unique personality, says Ramses is like a pet to his family. "He'd come in the house if we left the door open."

Hogan said rams are considered elderly at the age of 10 and that Ramses' son will take over the role as mascot after his father.

"People tend to identify with the symbol rather than the individual animal," Hogan said. "It's not that they don't care. They just don't know."

Ramses No. 18 is 3 months old. "He's as

tame as a yard dog or a house cat," Hogan said. "We need to have rams coming along. We like to raise them as families."

When the current Ramses was born, he had one blue eye — Hogan said he hoped it was a sign of good luck for the football team.

But the team has had its ups and its downs in the four years since Ramses' birth, each victory or loss taking place with the ram standing by. "For whatever it's worth, he's been there no matter whether they win or lose, and he will continue to do that," Hogan said.

Hogan is especially proud that UNC has a live mascot, as the number of live university mascots is dwindling around the country.

Having watched many rams come and go across the Kenan Stadium field, Hogan stressed that Ramses boosts school spirit and makes the team more real.

Whether or not Ramses brings the team luck might still be up for debate, but few argue about the ram's value to the University.

"The ram started because the school identified with a certain player, but that identity has carried over through time," Kirschner said. "Now when you think of Carolina, you think of Ramses."

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# Awards showcase activism

## Crisis center hosts celebration events

BY BLAIR RAYNOR  
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On Sunday night, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center recognized the individuals and organizations that have helped combat sexual harassment in the community.

The center held a silent auction and awards ceremony to commemorate its 30th anniversary.

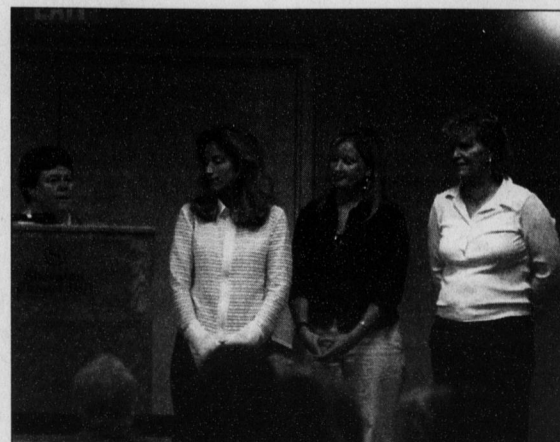
Margaret Barrett, executive director of the center, said she was excited about distributing the awards because the people being honored were dedicated advocates of the cause of combating sexual violence.

She said the event provided a social atmosphere in which the organization could raise awareness about sexual violence.

Troy Comar, a detective with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, received the Mary Ann Chap Award for his work in preventing sexual child abuse.

"We picked Comar because of his dedication in training volunteers and his efforts to help start a countywide response team," Barrett said.

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners also received the Mary



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Debbie Flowers (far left), assistant manager of UNC ER nurses, stands with active members of SANE during the Rape Crisis Center's awards ceremony.

Ann Chap Award for the group's efforts to provide competent care and to collect evidence for victims of sexual violence.

SANE, led by Debbie Flowers and Becky Wheeler, is a group of emergency room nurses who work at UNC Hospitals and specialize in answering questions relating to sexual assault.

Flowers said SANE plays a dual

role in helping victims of sexual assault by facilitating forensic investigations and meeting the medical needs of each patient.

"We have to maintain objectivity and can't seem biased in evidence collection. We are there to gather evidence, and that is our role," she said.

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# Centers offer glimpse into various cultures

BY HEATHER ANDREWS  
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While not always in the spotlight, in-depth research about issues facing minorities in the global community is buzzing on campus.

Several research centers aim to explore issues unique to different cultures and encourage undergraduate and graduate research.

While many of the centers have been recently formally introduced, center directors said faculty members have been focusing on minority research for many years.

One of the oldest of its kind in the U.S., the Institute of Latin American Studies, established in 1940, is "devoted to teaching, research, and extension," said Arturo Escobar, director of the institute.

In 1989 the Carolina and Duke Consortium was created to expand the resources on the topic for both universities.

The institute focuses on Latin studies south of the border but the growing Latin American popula-

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tion in the United States has drawn the attention of researchers at the institute.

"We feel like we need to respond to the changing demographics, the steady and growing influx of Latin Americans," Escobar said. "We are committed to developing new programs and initiatives in this area."

The institute offers the Yucatec Maya program every summer a summer language program which trains students in modern Yucatec Maya, and caps off by bringing students to Yucatán for three weeks.

The Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East Asian Studies was established in 1991 as a joint project with Duke University.

The two schools work together, and have a director from each uni-

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