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UNC junior attacked in hate crime

GLBTSA GROUP MOBILIZES IN SUPPORT OF INJURED STUDENT

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A University junior was assaulted while walking alone on Franklin Street on Friday morning in what Chapel Hill police are investigating as a hate crime.

And the University community, particularly members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance, is mobilizing its resources to show support.

The 21-year-old student was

walking near 100 E. Franklin Street at 2:04 a.m. when six to seven men began making derogatory remarks about the student's sexual orientation while walking behind him, police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

The group of men then began attacking the student, hitting and kicking him in the face, upper torso and all over, Cousins said.

The individuals were calling him derogatory names throughout the

incident, Cousins said.

Police arrived on the scene at 2:06 a.m. and found the student kneeling on the sidewalk, where he was treated for injuries.

Those injuries were initially characterized as minor but have now been revised to include broken bones, Cousins said Friday.

The student was not transported to UNC Hospitals.

To respond to the incident, GLBTSA executive board members

decided Sunday to organize a rally in the Pit to take place Tuesday.

Beginning at 6 p.m., students will gather to show support for the student and to speak out about the incident using an open microphone.

Those assembled will then hold a candlelight speak-out and will march to Franklin Street where the student was found.

"People are obviously upset and shocked about it," GLBTSA executive board member David Ruskey

said. "The biggest emotion I'm feeling is disgust."

"Obviously ... there were people on Franklin Street who saw this and didn't call the police."

Ruskey said the organizers are asking that all in attendance wear white T-shirts to show unity.

Friday's hate-crime incident is the second involving a UNC student during the last year.

Gagandeep Bindra, then a UNC senior, was attacked on Franklin Street on March 27 in an incident of what was eventually classified as ethnic intimidation.

Three teenagers assaulted Bindra after calling him al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

When the event initially was not classified as ethnic intimidation, Bindra successfully challenged the charges against his attackers.

Antonio Burnette, 18, of 311 Lindsay St., and brothers Frederick and Kenneth Perry, of 2534 Gemena Road, each were charged with ethnic intimidation, simple assault and assault inflicting serious injury in the altercation with

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March takes on AIDS



UNC freshman Marie Garlock marches in the Student March Against AIDS in Washington, D.C., on Saturday. About 100 UNC students joined in the second largest anti-AIDS rally in U.S. history. DTH/LAURA MORTON

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

About 100 UNC students joined a crowd of thousands in the nation's capital Saturday to rally for policy change relating to the AIDS epidemic, which kills 8,000 people each day.

The Student March Against AIDS will go down as the second largest anti-AIDS rally in U.S. history, the last one being about 10 years ago, and UNC participants say they're hopeful their demands for improved

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HIV becomes a call to service

BY KATHY CHO
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Elizabeth Gordon of Pretoria, South Africa, was told HIV would kill her in four years.

She thought, "Nobody can predict when someone else will die."

She saw it as a challenge.

Her husband, however, was "shattered." Seven years later, he was dead of AIDS.

Their daughter Bernice has never known a life without it. Born with HIV, she is now a budding AIDS activist.

Everyone reacts differently to the initial diagnosis

of HIV. And every day around the world, 15,000 more people are thrust into that situation.

Thousands of students around the world participated in events to fight AIDS on Youth AIDS Day on Saturday. More than 8,000, including about 100 from UNC, convened in Washington, D.C.

According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS, people between 15 and 24 years of age account for half of all new HIV cases.

It was during that time in her life when Tara, who

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Marathon breaks its record Volunteers build a foundation

BY ALLISON ROSE
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As the end of Dance Marathon slowly approached Saturday night, the only things that weren't drooping were the posters on the walls of Fetzer Gym.

And when Overall Coordinator Julia Shalen took the stage to announce the marathon's fund-raising total, almost 600 sleep-deprived dancers gathered around, rubbing their swollen ankles.

The marathon raised \$184,872.40 for families of patients at the N.C. Children's

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DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Students show their enthusiasm while dancing at UNC's 7th annual Dance Marathon, which raised a record \$184,872 for the N.C. Children's Hospital.

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The tiny house shook with a cadence of striking hammers, while the hollow scream of a buzz saw rose above the noise.

Students and workers for UNC Habitat for Humanity carefully hammered down the remaining window frames and rolled out the last of the tarp onto the roof beneath a gray sky holding the promise of rain.

As the last of the work was being finished Sunday evening, Peter DeSaix, University employee and chairman of the partnership between UNC Habitat and Chapel

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DTH/JULIA LEBETKIN

Richard Turlington (left) and Linda Parson build as part of UNC Habitat for Humanity's effort Saturday. Parson and her children will live in the house.

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