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## Police put campus on alert

### AS COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT, ASSAILANT REMAINS AT LARGE

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Through poetry, music and art, 16 sexual assault survivors reached out to the community Monday night to shout out against sexual violence.

One by one, the women tearfully recounted their experiences, hoping to provide inspiration to victims who are not able to speak out.

"Any time folks can see the power of speaking out against sexual violence,

we help to create a safer environment for those who have experienced it to go forward," said Margaret Barrett, executive director of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

The event came soon after University police sent a campuswide e-mail warning of a sexual assault suspect who attacked three women in the last six weeks. The most recent attack occurred at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Europa Drive and Legion Road area in Chapel

Hill. The woman fought back, and the suspect let her go, the e-mail states.

Police described the suspect as a black man, about 45 years old, with a mustache. He is between 6 feet and 6-foot-2 inches tall with a medium build.

The attacker's car is a white, mid-1990s, American-made car with a gray cloth interior and taillights that wrap across the back, according to police.

According to the e-mail, Chapel Hill police said the first reported attack occurred March 11 at University Mall. The victim told police she got into a car shortly after midnight, and the man sexually assaulted her at a nearby location.

That same morning, another woman was forced into the same car at a convenience store on Fayetteville Road in Durham at 2:40 a.m. and was assaulted in north Chapel Hill, the e-mail states.

The perpetrator of the sexual assault crime still has not been caught, and officials are encouraging anyone with information to come forward, said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

"This is definitely an issue, and we appreciate any information people may have about this suspect," he said.

The e-mail listed tips and precau-

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Assistant Dean of Students Melinda Manning encourages students to be cautious, even on campus.

## Firm's regard key in battle

### Students question Aramark's stature

BY DON CAMPBELL  
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Even as the chants to "Save Vel" fade from the forefront of campus, the arrest of the Carolina Dining Services employee remains a source of controversy.

Members of the UNC community have come forward with concerns regarding Aramark Corp., the company that has served as UNC's food service provider since 2001.

Among other things, student activists claim that Aramark had Vel Dowdy arrested to discourage workers from forming a union.

It's one of the few major conflicts between UNC and Aramark, said Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services at UNC. Freeman pointed to the current debate and the controversial firing of dining services worker Leslie Sumpster last year as the main sources of debate.

Aramark provides services for more than 400 schools across the country, and the type of incidents that occurred at UNC are rare elsewhere, said Kate Moran, Aramark communications manager.

Representatives from other schools using Aramark deferred comments to Moran.

"Our policy is to follow all guidelines, treat employees with dignity and respect," she said. "We've got a great track record."

About 34,700 of 178,000 Aramark employees are covered by collective-bargaining agreements, Moran said. This proportion — more than 19 percent — is above the 12.5 percent national average recorded in 2004 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But UNC is not the first university to confront unionization problems with Aramark.

In 1997, dining workers at The Citadel united to create an exclusive collective-bargaining union.

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## SOUL STRINGER



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Hip-hop violinist Miri Ben-Ari plays her instrument of choice in the Great Hall in the Student Union on Monday night. Ben-Ari, who is Israeli-born, wrote, produced, arranged and performed all the string parts on Kanye West's debut album, *The College Dropout*, and has

toured with the Grammy Award-winning artist. She also has played with Jay-Z and Wyclef Jean, among others. Her performance was part of the Carolina Union Activities Board's Carolina Live series. Ben-Ari performed Monday night with soul vocalist Chinua Hawk. To read the full story, see page 6.

## Schools aid fight for math, science

### Universities can foster new trend

BY VICTORIA WILSON  
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Universities must address the nation's shortage of math and science professionals, UNC-system officials say, but state schools won't have as much of an influence on the problem as other groups.

The decreasing number of people choosing math and science careers, along with the concern that other countries will surpass the United States in technology development, has some looking to

the nation's universities for help.

It's a problem that hits close to home. Carr Thompson, senior program and communications officer for the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, said earlier this week that North Carolina needs 9,000 to 11,000 more teachers with a background in math or science.

North Carolina boasts a pool of talent in scientific and mathematical fields, said Joe Freddoso, director of Research Triangle Park site operations at Cisco Systems.

Freddoso said Cisco has had great success in recruiting employees from all schools in

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## Parking to remain tight at UNC

BY KELLI BORBET  
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The lack of available on-campus parking continues to be a top concern as students begin preregistration to secure spaces for next year.

In the upcoming academic year, 2,699 parking spaces will be available for both graduate and undergraduate students. The total student population is almost 27,000.

"Students are really overlooked in terms of parking on campus," said junior Tiffany Bond.

About 4,070 students applied for permits for this school year, and 2,386 were able to purchase permits. The number does not include permits for the medical, law and business schools or for married student housing.

This year, construction projects eliminated access to both the Hinton James and Ehringhaus parking lots and a number of available spaces in other campus lots.

But with the completion of the parking deck at the Rams Head Center, a few more students will be able to purchase parking permits in the next school year, said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

Some student spaces will be lost in the Morrison and Cobb lots, but students still are gaining a few parking spaces, Young said.

"Overall, there is a small net gain in student spaces for next year," he said. "Students will not take as big of a hit as in previous years."

The Rams Head deck provides

320 parking spaces available for students. The spaces offset the 240 lost with the closing of Ehringhaus lot, which Young said will be turned back into intramural fields.

The number of parking spaces available for purchase decreases with descending student classifications.

Returning graduate students are allotted 629 spaces, while new graduate students have an additional 142 spaces on campus.

Senior and junior undergraduate

students are given 545 and 483 spaces, respectively. Parking for junior transfers is limited to 73 spaces.

Out of the rising sophomore class, 540 spaces are available for purchase. Most freshmen are not eligible for parking permits.

Parking spaces are available for purchase based on a lottery system. Students are allowed to purchase on-campus parking permits only if they live two miles beyond campus boundaries.

Preregistration for the lottery will continue until 2 p.m. on May 19.

If students do not receive a permit through the lottery system, they will be wait-listed for their first choice.

Junior Alisha Brice said she got a spot last year through the system, but the space is in the park-and-ride lot on Estes Drive. She said she hopes she will be luckier this year.

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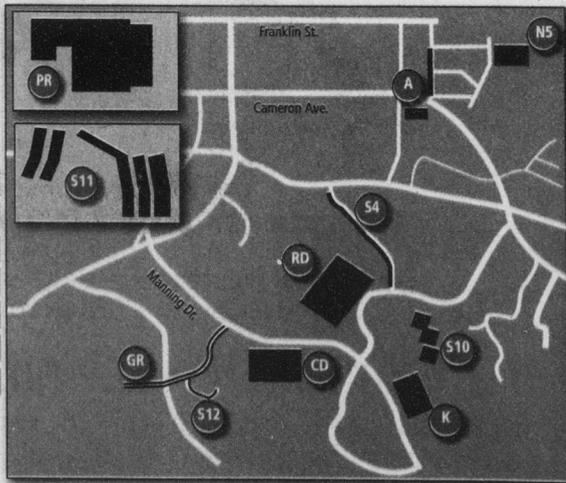
### Parking allocations for students

As the University moves through another year of construction, the location of student parking spaces on campus will change. Seniors will receive the largest number of spaces among undergraduates, as always, but it's likely that even they will be hard-pressed to find a parking spot on or near campus.

	Seniors	Juniors	Soph.	Total Spaces
A	11	7	2	53
CD	35	34	0	245
GR	0	0	0	62
K	54	64	47	184
N5	9	5	0	50
PR	289	339	447	1130
RD	57	40	13	320
S4	5	3	0	30
S10	18	13	10	120
S11	45	30	15	378
S12	22	21	6	84

\*Includes parking spaces allocated for graduate students and spaces reserved for hardship parking.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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