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A CAMPUS INDICTED

Pair of lacrosse players arrested early Tuesday



Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann were indicted in the much-watched case.

BY ERIN FRANCE
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DURHAM

Weariness of the media frenzy accompanying all things Duke lacrosse showed on the faces of students hours after two men's lacrosse players were arrested on charges of rape.

Early Tuesday, Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., and Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., turned themselves in to police after being indicted Monday by a Durham grand jury. They were charged with first degree forcible rape, sexual offense and kidnapping.

Most students on campus Tuesday evening refused to make statements to the media. The ones who did seemed tired of the constant attention.

"It's not like it's something people go around talking about," graduate student Sterling Edwards said. "The national media has made Duke look like it doesn't care about the community."

Both Seligmann and Finnerty posted \$400,000 bail. Seligmann waived his right to a court appearance and was represented by his attorneys. Finnerty appeared briefly in court Tuesday. Their next court appearance is scheduled for May 15.

The case stems from a March 13 party at 610 N. Buchanan Blvd., then the home of three team captains. A woman hired as an exotic dancer reported to police that she was raped by three men at the party.

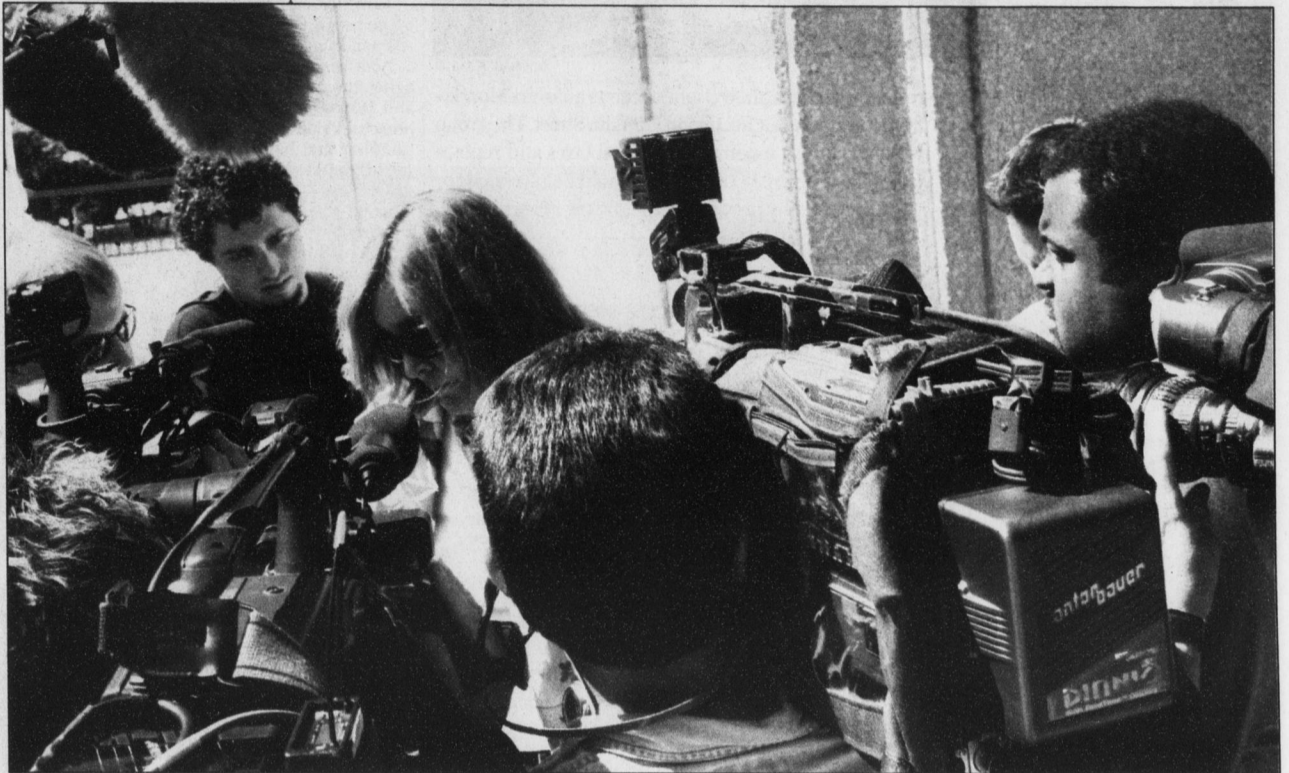
In a statement Tuesday, Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong said he is still investigating the identity of a third assailant.

"It is important that we not only bring the assailants to justice, but also that we lift the cloud of suspicion from those team members who were not involved in the assault," he stated.

Duke President Richard Brodhead said in a statement Tuesday that he hopes for a speedy resolution to the case. He also noted that the arrests end "unfocused speculation about 46 members of the team."

Larry Moneta, Duke's vice president for student affairs, said in a statement that, historically, the university issues an interim suspension when a student is charged with a felony. Federal law prohibits Duke from releasing the status of individual students.

Kerry Sutton, a defense attorney for lacrosse play-



Defense attorney Kerry Sutton addresses the media outside Durham County Courthouse on Tuesday afternoon. Sutton made a statement on behalf of Duke lacrosse player Matt Zash, who was not charged with any allegations of sexual assault. She said she is determined to clear the names of all team players in the incident.

Duke lacrosse controversy

<p>March 13 Duke University men's lacrosse players throw a team party at a house near campus. Two exotic dancers are hired to perform.</p>	<p>March 23 DNA samples are taken from 46 of the 47 lacrosse team members.</p>	<p>April 5 Coach Mike Pressler resigns and Duke President Richard Brodhead cancels the team's season after a search warrant reveals an e-mail sent from player Ryan McFadyen's account. The e-mail stated, in graphic terms, that he planned to kill and skin exotic dancers the day after the party.</p>	<p>April 10 Defense attorneys for the lacrosse team members announce that DNA test results find no match between the players and the alleged victim.</p>	<p>April 17 A Durham County grand jury hands down sealed indictments against two individuals.</p>
<p>March 14 One of the dancers, a student at N.C. Central University, tells Durham police that three team members raped her.</p>	<p>March 28 Duke suspends the team from play until there is a resolution to the case.</p>	<p>April 11 District Attorney Mike Nifong vows to continue the investigation.</p>	<p>April 18 Duke lacrosse players Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty are arrested and charged with first-degree forcible rape, sexual offense and kidnapping.</p>	

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Congress weighs top appointments

BY MAC MOLLISON
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress held two public hearings Tuesday to consider executive branch nominations — coming one step closer to fleshing out next year's cadre of leaders.

The hearings were thorough and saw little controversy, with the most contentious point coming during consideration of Board of Elections chairman nominee Jim Brewer, who is now co-vice chairman.

During deliberations, rules and judiciary committee chairwoman Caroline Spencer supported the nomination but voiced the concerns of many of the members.

"Some of us may not like him in this position because of past failures, but he wasn't the main leadership at that time," she said.

Brewer faced questions about accusations that candidates were slipped onto an October special election ballot after the deadline.

To prepare for the full Congress consideration of Brewer next Tuesday, the committee voted to subpoena e-mails to shed light on the issue.

Brewer also defended charges

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Open hearing on appointments

Student Congress' rules and judiciary and student affairs committees reviewed nominations in an open hearing Tuesday including:

Rules and judiciary committee:

Chief justice of the Student Supreme Court: **Matt Liles**
Student solicitor general: **Robert Austin**

Chairman of the board of elections: **Jim Brewer**

CAA vice president: **Colby Almond**

CAA secretary: **Leslie Espy**

CAA treasurer: **Brian Choi**

Seven posts in the CAA Cabinet

Twenty-nine members of the Undergraduate Honor Court

Student affairs committee:

Freshman Focus Council co-advisers:

Emily Bagley and Kristin Hill

Seats on the Student Legal Services board of directors, the WXYZ board of directors, the student fee audit and student parking committees, and the student advisory committee to the chancellor

For more on the appointments, see the University Desk's blog.

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NOT IN MY BACKYARD Chapel Hill Town Council to consider housing project

ARTS BLOG The headlines are true: TomKat bring spawn into world Tuesday

FEATURES BLOG One 21-year-old's attempt at a Fibonacci poem about math

VOTES TRICKLING IN

BY KATIA ANDREASSI
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Early voting began last week for the May 2 primaries, but so far only 31 people have cast ballots.

Voting began in Orange County on April 13 and will continue until April 29. Voting begins in Chapel Hill and Carrboro on Monday.

Carolyn Cates, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said voting begins later in the towns because turnout typically is slower the first week and because new voting machines still are being tested.

One-stop voting locations:

Orange County Board of Elections
110 East King St.
Hillsborough, NC 27278

April 13 to April 29 > M - F: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Early voting for May 2 primary elections

When: Early voting will begin Monday in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Web site: www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/index.htm#absentee%20voting

One-stop absentee voting is for voters wishing to vote prior to the election. Voters must appear at one of the three following locations, complete an application and receive and mark a ballot at the elections office.

One-stop voting locations:

Morehead Planetarium
East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill

April 24 - April 29 > M - F: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carrboro Town Hall
301 West Main St.

April 24 - April 29 > M - F: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Absentee voting by mail:

Registered voters can request absentee ballots by mail from the Board of Elections office in Hillsborough. Include your full name, address and signature in the written request. Requests must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Democrats stick with Black

Speaker focus of party caucus

BY STEPHEN MOORE
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RALEIGH — There will be no changing of the guard for House leadership in the N.C. General Assembly.

At least not yet.

In a closed meeting lasting well into the night Tuesday,

the House Democratic caucus decided to keep House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, in his current position through the 2006 short summer session.

"Speaker Black has the overwhelming support of his caucus," said Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange.

However, if Black wins reelection to his district this fall

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DTH/LARRY BAUM
Speaker Jim Black before Tuesday's caucus in Raleigh.

Lesson from France



GUEST COLUMNIST

This week: Lindsay Michel
Next week: Will Raymond

If you ask French people about the greatest distinction between themselves and Americans, they probably will allude to the widespread obesity in the United States.

But during my time in France, I've found that the most astounding difference between my birthplace and the one of Dijon and Dior is indifference.

After the mass anti-war movements of the 1960s and 1970s, it seems that, for Americans, the word protest has become synonymous with riot. Neither U.S. residents nor the U.S. government seem to take protesters seriously — though it certainly doesn't help that the

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Monday's front-page article "Orange Democrat eyes speakership" incorrectly states that Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, was the only Democrat to vote against the state budget bill. Rep. Grier Martin, D-Wake, also voted against the budget. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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PAPA DON'T PREACH

A Tuesday lecture and an ongoing gallery in Wilson Library consider the legacy of University founder William R. Davie.

MUNICIPAL MAYHEM

The Orange County Board of Commissioners further discuss a package of options designed to improve elected representation.

APRIL 19, 1972 ...

At noon, 500 students stand silently in Polk Place for five minutes to observe renewed bombing in North Vietnam.

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