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LACROSSE FEELING THE ATTACK

DUKE INCIDENTS SPOTLIGHT SPORT'S DARKER ELEMENTS

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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On the field, attackmen face-off, fast-break, rake, cut and check. Shots on goal send solid rubber balls hurtling through the air at up to 90 miles per hour. And players don't have the luxury to stop and dwell on their mistakes.

In light of the recent rape allegations brought against two Duke men's lacrosse players, some wonder whether the aggressive nature of the sport could translate into unacceptable social behavior outside the field of play.

The Duke incident has garnered national and international media attention, receiving the cover of the May 1 issue of Newsweek.

The case was complicated further Tuesday when Collin Finnerty, 19, one of the players charged, was ordered to stand trial for an unrelated assault case in Washington, D.C.

According to the Associated Press, Finnerty and two friends are accused of assaulting a man,

who says they called him gay and derogatory names.

The other player charged in the case is Reade Seligmann, 20. Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong has said repeatedly that more charges are forthcoming.

John Silva, a UNC professor of sport psychology, said studies show that rule-violating and aggressive behavior are generally more accepted among players of contact sports.

Chapel Hill police records suggest that UNC lacrosse players are no exception to the trend. Eight of 43 lacrosse players on the team have been either cited or arrested in Chapel Hill for various incidents.

But Steve Stenersen, executive director of US Lacrosse Inc., said criticism of the sport as promoting violent behavior is inaccurate.

He said press coverage has cultivated an unfair stereotype of a sport rich in tradition.

"It's almost irresponsible how

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The history of lacrosse

Origins of lacrosse: The game known as "the creator's game" is rooted in a centuries-old Native American tradition.

Purpose of the game: The game was incorporated into a deeply spiritual context; it was used to heal the sick, resolve conflicts and prepare for war.

Class association: The game has a largely upper-crust reputation due to its long history and early association with institutes of higher education.

Updating the game: The modern version was developed around the turn of the 20th century, before the advent of more mainstream American sports.

University sport: Lacrosse was adopted first by universities and prep schools in the Northeast.

Gaining popularity: The game is swiftly attracting a wider and more diverse population of participants. "The game has been one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. And that growth has developed throughout the middle class throughout the country," said Steve Stenersen, executive director of the US Lacrosse Foundation.

SOURCE: US Lacrosse Foundation

UNC men's lacrosse team sees own spell of legal fits

BY DANIEL MALLOY
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They have been charged with underage consumption of alcohol, possession of an open alcohol container, slapping the back of a police patrol car while drunk and willful damage to property.

And that's just in the past year.

Eight members of the 43-man North Carolina men's lacrosse team have been arrested or cited in Chapel Hill during the past two-and-a-half years. Two — Billy Staines and Ben Mark — have had more than one incident with local law enforcement.

The records search, requested by The Daily Tar Heel, did not search former team members or jurisdictions outside of Chapel Hill.

Run-ins with the law and other incidents have resulted in five men's lacrosse players missing games due to suspensions in the past two months.

Though the Tar Heels have not had as many problems as their now-infamous counterparts at Duke — where, according to The (Raleigh) News and Observer, 16 team members have prior records in Durham — the number of

infractions has raised some eyebrows.

"I'm concerned as a head coach that we've had as many incidents as we've had in the last few years," UNC men's lacrosse coach John Haus said.

"I've made it very clear to our student athletes that there's a privilege to be here. ... And we won't tolerate those things."

Freshman Matthias McCall was the first Tar Heel suspended this season. He missed the team's March 7 game against Pennsylvania.

Although McCall's name did not appear in a search of Chapel Hill or UNC Department of Public Safety police reports, Haus said McCall was suspended because he "received a citation."

Ben Staines was kept out of UNC's April 1 game against Johns Hopkins after a March 30 arrest at East End Martini Bar for damage to property. According to police reports, the junior broke down the bathroom door.

Before the Tar Heels' April 15 Senior Day game against Fairfield, three more suspen-

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RESCUE ME



DTH/BETH ELY

Sophomore biology major Jennifer Kolos and junior biology major Natalie Cassell joke about how to work the radio during the final test Tuesday of the skills they have learned in a four-month EMT course offered through Durham Technical Community College. The class was for medical students and nonmedical students alike. About

30 students converged on the EMS station behind the Armadillo Grill in Carrboro for the exercise, which involved responding to an artificial three-car accident to simulate the confusion that the students might experience while working in the field. Fake injuries included amputated arms, broken bones and cuts. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Citizen voices vital to progress

During the November campaign, I spoke of tapping into Chapel Hill's "talent, innovation and creativity," a reflection of my belief that good governance flows from maximizing citizen involvement.

How best to tap Chapel Hill's wisdom? Echoing Helmer-Hirschberg's 1950s Delphi

Method research, New Yorker columnist James Surowiecki, in his book "The Wisdom of Crowds," suggests that, given a suitable diversity of opinion, independence, decentralization and aggregation, a wise crowd will pick the better path.

Maybe one day our town might employ blogs, e-mail and online surveys to tap into our community's aggregate intelligence.

Until then, given the unwieldy nature of real crowds, the council should continue to seek guidance from citizen advisory boards. Our boards, open to a wide and decentralized membership, often reveal creatively

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Will Raymond ran for Town Council in November.

Congress OKs SACC nominees

BY MAC MOLLISON
STAFF WRITER

Passions flared in Student Congress on Tuesday as representatives debated the merits of the executive branch's nominees for the student advisory committee to the chancellor.

The committee, which is widely considered the most prestigious in student government, is tasked with presenting the student body's views on issues to Chancellor James Moeser.

Although the slate of nominees

was given an unfavorable approval April 18 by the student affairs committee, the full Congress voted 14 to 11 to approve the group.

Conservatives in Student Congress charged that the nominees would not fairly represent right-wing issues, such as liberal bias in the classroom and the move for Moeser to officially label the March 3 Pit attack as an act of terrorism.

Supporters of the group, includ-

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Warrants issued in school shooting

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
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As soon as East Chapel Hill High School administrators found out that a student and a teacher were being held at gunpoint Monday, they quickly locked down the school and ushered students to safety.

School officials and Chapel Hill police also took efforts to prepare for a safe return of students Tuesday. But the long-term response within the district remains uncertain, and the investigation is far from over.

Chapel Hill police issued warrants Tuesday for William Barrett Foster, 17, the East junior who held sophomore Chelsea Slegal and social studies teacher Lisa Kukla at gunpoint after school Monday before



William Foster held a student and teacher at gunpoint after school Monday at East Chapel Hill High School.

leading police on a chase through nearby neighborhoods.

Foster will face charges of possessing a firearm on educational property, discharging a firearm on educational property, assault by pointing a gun (two counts) and second-degree kidnapping (two counts).

Foster fired a shotgun twice in the

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DTH/LEAH GRONNING

District officials Stephanie Knott and Steve Scroggs talk to the media Tuesday afternoon about the East high school shooting.

announcement

SUMMER NEWS STAFF
Applications are out for The Daily Tar Heel's summer edition. Come by Union 2409 to inquire about the myriad openings available.

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HAND IN HAND The school boards and commissioners sit down for meeting
ARTS BLOG Film depicting Sept. 11, "Flight 93," receives early rave reviews
CITY BLOG Statements from individuals about the East Chapel Hill High incident

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RUMBLING IN THE WEST
Work progresses steadily on The Franklin hotel, scheduled to open by summer's end, which is billed as a way to further open the downtown.

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LAS NOTICIAS
Esta edición se cubre el énfasis en los idiomas en la escuela y inmigración. Además, en la línea hay un artículo sobre tiendas mexicanas en el área.

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Ground breaks for the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History after several years of Black Student Movement advocacy.

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