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Police await tips in crime

Shooting victim still in hospital

BY CLINT JOHNSON
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Chapel Hill police do not have any suspects in connection with a Wednesday shooting on Merritt Mill Road and are looking to the community for tips.

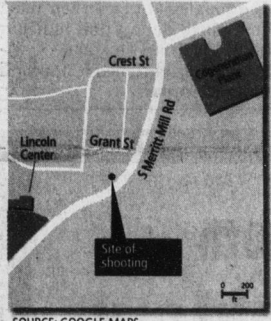
At about 1:40 a.m. Wednesday, Daniel Robert Blythe, 20, and Ryan Andrew Minicozzi, 19, were assaulted and searched by two men and a woman as they walked to their car from the Halloween celebration on Franklin Street.

The perpetrators stole a cellular phone from Minicozzi before letting him and Blythe go free.

The perpetrators got into their vehicle, which they had parked on nearby Grant Street, and drove up to the two men. One of them fired a handgun out of the passenger window, striking Blythe in the chest.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said investigators, led by Jabe Hunter, are in the process of

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SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS
DTH/KURT GENTRY

A lightning-quick love search

Seniors engage in speed dating

BY KATY DOLL
STAFF WRITER

Few people can say that their first date ended in five minutes — and to the sound of a buzzer.

But UNC seniors had the chance for maximum interaction during a night of speed dating at Goldies on Thursday.

Organizers offered a variety of suggested questions from innocent to innuendo. They ranged from "What is your dream job?" to "Last time you got lucky was ... ?"

Students said they felt mixed emotions about the dating, with most feeling a little nervous and awkward.

Edward Rowe said he felt "a little bit of everything," as he prepared for the dating to start.

Daters spent about five minutes interviewing each other as potential friends or partners.

Most used no strategy in their questioning, as they asked mainly about hometowns and majors.

"We're practicing with the questions and trying to nail it," said Laurin Massengale as she prepared.

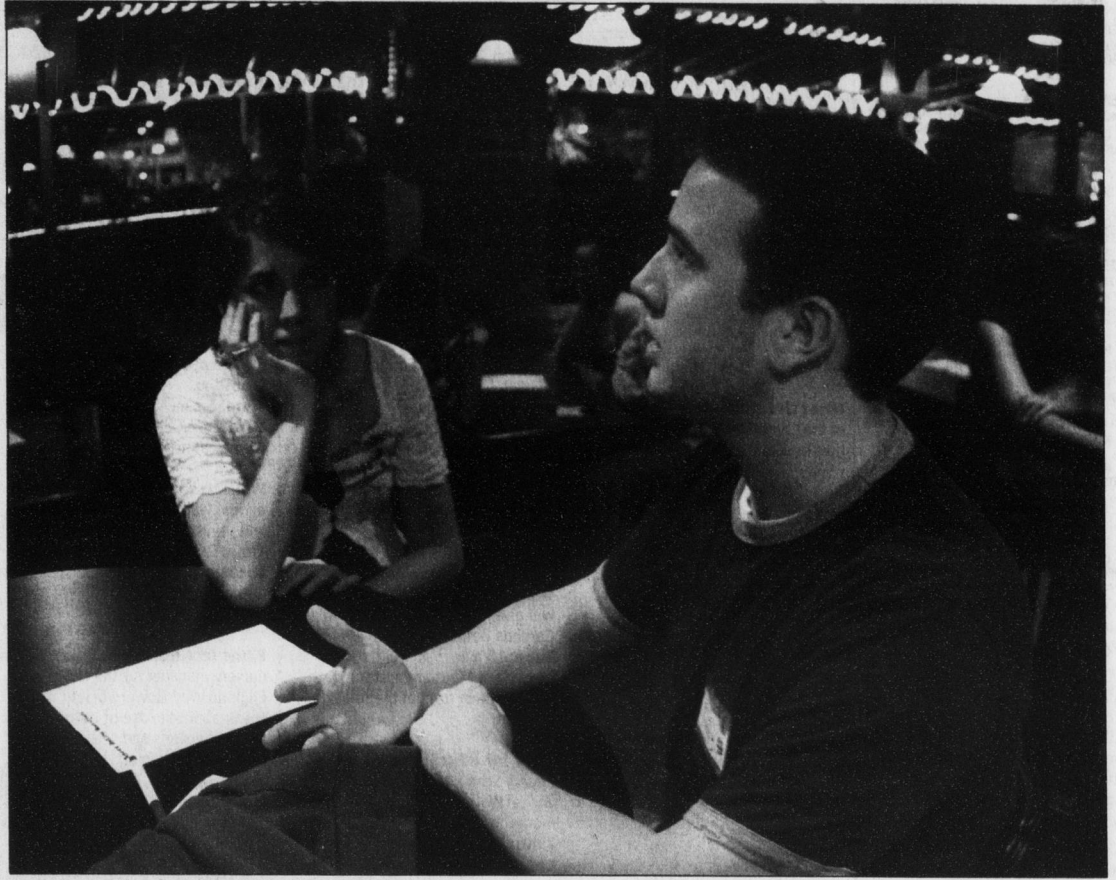
Although the dates began with a sense of awkwardness, that faded as the conversations continued.

"Have you done anything like this before?" asked Rowe, beginning his date.

He stayed with his standard question of intended major and deftly picked questions from the list.

"Number 30?" Massengale joked, referring to the question "The last time you got lucky was ... ?"

Rowe quickly answered that he was able to get tickets to the first basketball game, receiving a response of "Good answer" from his date.



DTH/DAVID ENARSON

Senior Corey Davis talks to senior Meagan Griffin during a speed-dating night sponsored by the senior marshals at Goldies on Thursday. Participants traded dates every five minutes, holding quick conversations and getting to meet several new people during the hour of dating.

But after the first few laughs and forced smiles, the daters moved on to talk about graduate school, traveling and where they live.

"It's strange that we've been in school for four years and never met each other," Michael Adams said to his date, Charlotte Nunn.

Daters stuck with tried-and-true questions, but some embarrassing moments and drunken stories also made their way into the conversation.

"What did that guy say about getting drunk, throwing peanuts and ending up in the wrong

room?" Massengale asked her friend as they prepared to leave.

Although the dating was scheduled to last for two hours, the 13 senior participants parted ways after only an hour.

The senior marshals who organized the event said that they had mixed thoughts about the turnout.

"I wish there were more people here," said Leniqua Blue, a senior marshal.

Others thought the turnout was encouraging.

"I'm really glad that we got a

"It's strange that we've been here school for four years and never met each other"

MICHAEL ADAMS, SENIOR, TO DATE CHARLOTTE NUNN

fair amount of people that weren't senior marshals," said Meagan Griffin, chairwoman of the social committee of senior marshals. "We're just trying to reach out to the class."

Organizers said they saw the dating as a chance for seniors to meet new people, not just a way to find a match.

"It doesn't matter if you are going to meet guys, girls or just friends," Griffin said.

"We want people to make the most of their senior year as possible by meeting as many people as possible."

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Colleges embrace Latino film fest

Event to celebrate 20 years running

BY AMY ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

After years of steady growth, the annual Latin American Film and Video Festival has chosen an appropriate theme for this year.

"The theme this year is 'celebration' because it's been 20 years of the Latin American Film Festival, and we feel it's time to celebrate," said Sharon Mújica, festival coordinator and outreach director for the Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UNC and Duke.

From its modest beginnings, the festival now includes the participation of 16 campuses in the Triangle, Triad and Charlotte.

In all, this year's festival will hold 33 screenings.

"I started the film festival 20 years ago with three films, and now it's grown so much," Mújica said.

This year, the festival will present a number of renowned Latino films at UNC.

"Oh, I'm very excited," she said. She listed "Fidel," "Luminous

Selected screenings from the festival

- Sunday**
- > 1 p.m. "Sin Embargo"
 - > 3:30 p.m. "Viva Cuba"
 - > 7 p.m. "Fidel"
- Friday, Nov. 10**
- > 7 p.m. "Cidade Baixa"
- Friday, Nov. 17**
- > 7 p.m. "Cananea"

Shadows: The Artists of Eastern Cuba" and "Viva Cuba" as some of the acclaimed films coming to UNC.

That all of these films focus on Cuba is not as much coincidental as it is intentional.

"We particularly emphasize Cuba because it's a part of the world that doesn't get much exposure," she said.

But the film festival does show films from other parts of the Latino world.

"There's a broad range of films, from Mexico to Brazil, Chile and Cuba and some indigenous films," said Natalie Hartman, co-coordinator of the festival's branch at

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Tar Heels to face Quinn's golden arm

BY BRANDON STATON
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A lot has changed since North Carolina head coach John Bunting sat down for a news conference to announce his top-25 class of incoming freshman for 2006 last February.

During that conference, Bunting said that, though he couldn't put his finger on who it was, he thought he had

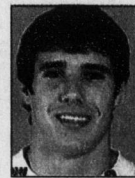
a "Sunday quarterback" on his team.

Well, a few months later it's pretty obvious he doesn't.

But the No. 11 Fighting Irish of Notre Dame — the team UNC will face in South Bend, Ind., on Saturday — do.

Senior Brady Quinn has started every game of his college career, save three — a consistency under center that the Tar Heels haven't seen in years — and it seems certain that he'll do the same on Sundays in the NFL someday.

Quinn is the most prolific pass-



Notre Dame Quarterback Brady Quinn reminds Coach John Bunting of ex-NFL star John Elway.

This year's quarterbacks, Cam Sexton and Joe Dailey, last season's starter Matt Baker and UNC's all-time leader in career passing, Darian Durant, together have barely eclipsed the Irish's single biggest weapon, totalling 13,120 yards and 86 touchdowns through last Saturday.

Not to mention that Quinn has thrown just 36 career interceptions to the UNC quad's 67.

Quinn, in fact, said he doesn't even remember the time he last

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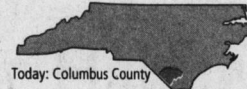
Columbus County lacking health, options

Editor's Note: The Daily Tar Heel traveled to North Carolina's five poorest counties to gauge the University's mission to provide service to the state.

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
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TABOR CITY — Beyond the Bell Tower lies a North Carolina that is completely alien to the world of elite education — a state where rural communities struggle against entrenched poverty, and poor farmers fight to save a dying way of life.

The hardscrabble life in Columbus County, the fifth-poorest county in the state, wears down residents — and economic



Today: Columbus County

deprivation often manifests itself in deadly disease.

"Eastern North Carolina, along this area, is considered the stroke belt of the nation," said Deborah Albritton, director of Columbus County Healthy Carolinians.

The health service area that encompasses Columbus, Bladen, Robeson and Scotland counties also faces daunting levels of cardiovascular disease, she said.

"We are the worst in the nation with heart disease and stroke rate."

Many residents simply aren't aware of basic healthy practices such as how to store fresh produce, she added. "A lot of time it's not that it costs more, it's just getting the information out."

She said student interns are a great help in distributing information across Columbus County, the state's third-largest county in terms of geographic area.

The county's health department has worked with several UNC-system schools, including UNC-Chapel Hill.

Students from the nursing and pharmacy programs at UNC-CH

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Columbus County

Total population:

- > White population: 63.4 percent
- > Black population: 30.9 percent
- > Latino population: 2.3 percent

Families below the poverty level: 17.6 percent

Individuals below the poverty level: 22.7 percent

Percent of civilian work force unemployed: 7.7 percent

SOURCE: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

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SUMMER BUMMER City schools examines its summer class offerings

A HELPFUL HEADS-UP Speaker brings attention to conflict in Burma

JAMMER TIME Loreleis to perform this weekend during their annual fall jam

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OUT FOR A STROLL
Go! Chapel Hill Active Living by Design hosts a Walkable Communities Workshop to target ways to spur walkability near Timberlyne.



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NOT A SING-A-LONG
The Carolina Choir will perform one of its most elaborate songs this weekend at the St. Patrick's Music for Charity Series along with UNC Chamber Singers.

this day in history

NOV. 4, 2004 ...
A rally of more than 100 people gather on Franklin Street to protest President Bush's re-election, which was confirmed hours before.

weather

Sunny
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