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UNC football case in court today

Testimony in kidnapping of players

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A grand jury will meet today to decide whether to indict two individuals charged with kidnapping three UNC football players.

The lead investigator of the case will testify before the grand jury, which will decide whether the felony charges will go to Superior Court.

The charges stem from a December incident in which two of the players were allegedly bound in

their home in a robbery attempt.

At a probable cause hearing last month three people appeared in court for the reported kidnappings — Tnika Monta Washington, Michael Troy Lewis and Monique Jenice Taylor.

Washington, 29, of Durham, was arrested on felony charges of sexual offense in the first degree, three counts of kidnapping and three counts of conspiracy to commit a felony, reports state.

Hill police reports.

Lewis, 32, of Durham, was arrested on multiple felonies including two counts of robbery, three counts of possession of stolen goods, three counts of kidnapping and three counts of conspiracy to commit a felony, reports state.

Taylor, 28, of Greenville, was arrested on felony charges of first-degree sexual offense, three counts of kidnapping and three counts of conspiracy to commit a felony, reports state.

Each of the three suspects was confined to Orange County Jail

in lieu of \$500,000 bond. Lewis remained in custody as of Friday.

In the probable cause hearing, Judge Alonzo Coleman did not find probable cause to pursue the charges against Washington because the football player whom she allegedly victimized did not appear to testify.

"The case with Washington largely involved the third witness that I did not call," assistant district attorney Morgan Whitney said. "I'd imagine that is why he did not find probable cause on those."

Coleman found probable cause in the felony charges of first-

degree kidnapping, conspiracy and first-degree sexual offense against Taylor, Whitney said. He also found probable cause for two counts of first-degree kidnapping, two counts of attempted larceny, one count of felony conspiracy and one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon against Lewis.

One football player testified last month that he and two other players were out Dec. 15, according to the Associated Press.

Two of the players separated

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Top Five Ads of Super Bowl XLII

1) Bobbing asleep, Pepsi Max

Cowboys and rappers nod off before they drink some Max.

2) Giant pigeons, FedEx

Delivery problems not solved by giant pigeons that terrorize the city.

3) Godfather, Audi

A man wakes up next to a car's grill.

4) Nut perfume, Planters

An ugly woman turns knockout after dabbing on some cashew.

5) Horse Rocky, Budweiser

Clydesdale trains for Bud's team.

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See page 4 for coverage of Giants and Patriots fans in Chapel Hill.

MEMORIES SOLD PIECE BY PIECE

Auction sells the Rat's contents

BY SARA GREGORY

CITY EDITOR

It smelled like almost 60 years of lasagna.

A trace of decades of meals hung in the air and lingered on the minds of those bidding on items from the Ramshead Rathskeiler.

"Lasagna, salad with the house dressing and sweet tea, of course," was 1994 UNC graduate Paul Fowler's favorite Rathskeiler meal.

Ron Tanner, class of 1967, remembers "the Gambler" and drinking his first beer at the Rat.

Auctioneers took turns before the hungry crowd, clad in Carolina blue, that followed from room to room as everything from an autographed photograph of basketball great Charlie Scott to beer and liquor faced the auction block.

The Rathskeiler's close marks the end of a Franklin Street legend that began when Theodor Danziger opened the basement pub in 1948 after emigrating from his native Austria to escape the Nazis. It was one of the oldest businesses in Chapel Hill.

Francis Henry, the Rat's present owner, shut the doors in December after the restaurant failed to pay withholding taxes. Henry was given until the auction's start at 10 a.m. Saturday to settle the remaining balance.

Instead, the restaurant's inventory went to the N.C. Department of Revenue, which offered the treasures to the hands of the Rat admirers who filled the rooms and wandered through Amber Alley as they used to before football games.

"We just came to get something for the memories," said Chapel Hill resident Gerrie Nunn, who bought several items, including one of paintings that hung in the Train Room.

Kyle Smith, class of 1997, accompanied his mother, Melinda, and his father, Larry, class of 1966, to the auction.

"I remember growing up and coming here," Kyle Smith said.

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DTH/KELVIN YOUNG

After announcing that the 59-year-old Ramshead Rathskeiler on Franklin Street will close due to unpaid taxes, the classic Chapel Hill restaurant auctioned pieces of its decor Saturday. Rathskeiler fans bought T-shirts, paintings, caricatures, sports memorabilia and even the entrance sign.



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Duke next for women



Teams play in Cameron tonight

BY SAMANTHA NEWMAN

SENIOR WRITER

While Cameron Indoor Stadium is less than 10 miles from North Carolina's campus, the No. 3 UNC women's basketball team doesn't expect to see many smiling faces in the crowd tonight when it takes on No. 9 Duke.

But that won't be anything new.

The Tar Heels know all about hostile environments — probably more than they want to.

Watch the UNC vs. Duke women's basketball game:

WHERE: Cameron Indoor Stadium

WHEN: 7 p.m. tonight

TV: ESPN2

RADIO: Tar Heel Sports network, a division of Leerfield.

This season's demanding schedule has sent them on the road to Tennessee and Connecticut to battle two powerhouses with packed arenas cheering against them. UNC

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GUN SHY
Residents in rural areas outside Chapel Hill and Carrboro town limits often report gunshots very near to their homes during hunting season.

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Hip-hop performances conclude Palestine week

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL

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The culmination of Palestine Week at UNC wasn't a keynote address by a renowned politician and wasn't a lecture by a tenured professor in the history department. It wasn't even a vigil marked by a candlelit Polk Place.

But the event's organizers and performers would argue "Hip-Hop for Palestine," a concert that took place Saturday night in the Great Hall, was perhaps the best way to tie the week's events together.

One performer who hoped to prove that notion was Jacob

Winterstein, a 21-year-old senior at Temple University. When he took the stage, Winterstein, born and raised Jewish, elicited powerful emotional responses from a crowd of more than 100 people.

"I like to provoke people," Winterstein said. "I hope I'll say something tonight that makes someone mad or happy or want to start a conversation about the issues."

Winterstein's performance poetry, he said, is the one way he believes he can best make

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HEELS TOP FLORIDA STATE

Tyler Hansbrough powered UNC with 22 points and a career-high 21 rebounds. Coach Roy Williams said he's proud of the team's hard-fought 84-73 overtime win at Florida State.

this day in history

FEB. 4, 1967 ...

Student Body President Bob Powell welcomes a student poll to gauge opinion about him signing letters to the president and secretary of state regarding the Vietnam War.

weather



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