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Case may be suicide attempt

Woman found in Dogwood deck

BY DANIELLE KUCERA
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A 26-year-old woman was transported to N.C. Memorial Hospital on Wednesday night after a possible suicide attempt. Department of Public Safety Lt. Steve Thornton said.

A maintenance worker found the woman lying face-down and unconscious near the elevators of the fourth level of the Dogwood parking deck, located on Manning Drive, a University police report stated.

University police arrived on the scene at 11:22 p.m., and the woman was conscious when transported to the hospital by Orange County EMS, Thornton said.

Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said that the incident now is listed as an EMS assist and that a suicide attempt cannot be confirmed.

Young said the incident is currently under investigation.

N.C. Memorial Hospital officials said the woman requested that no information be released about her condition.

DPS employs 85 security guards and about 50 officers, who take shifts on guard at the decks.

In November 2007, a 47-year-old woman with no known ties to UNC jumped to her death from the Cardinal parking deck, adjacent to Dogwood parking deck.

In that case, a security guard on patrol saw the woman on the fifth-floor ledge of the parking deck and radioed public safety. His efforts to talk her out of jumping were unsuccessful, and she jumped shortly after University police arrived on the scene.

The victim was pronounced dead from internal injuries after being taken to UNC Hospitals.

Young said updates on the current investigation will be available during the next few days.

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Murder suspect released on bail

Charged with shooting stepfather

BY MAX ROSE
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The suspect in the Tuesday murder of a UNC housekeeper is out of jail after a judge set a low bail in the area's second domestic murder in just more than two weeks.

William Stroud, 27, who is charged with first-degree murder of his stepfather, was released from the Orange County Jail about 1:45 p.m. Thursday shortly after District

Court Judge Beverly Scarlett set bail at \$20,000.

His stepfather, Marshall Ralph Brown, 51, died at N.C. Memorial Hospital Tuesday with gun shot wounds to the back and side.

The shooting occurred Tuesday afternoon in Chapel Hill's Northside neighborhood at the corner of Sykes Street and Gomains Avenue.

Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Perez said the defen-

dant claims to have been retrieving his mother's purse from his stepfather.

Perez said the victim had a bat at one point during the physical confrontation.

After the shooting, Stroud fled and was apprehended minutes later, a few miles away.

The bail was set extremely low for a person charged with first-degree murder. A conviction for that charge would require proof of premeditation or that the crime occurred while in the commission



William Stroud's bail was set at \$20,000. A grand jury will decide whether to indict him.

to argue that Stroud acted in self-defense at the probable cause hearing in the coming weeks.

Perez said she advocated that the judge not allow Stroud to post bail because Stroud shot Brown in the side and back.

Perez would not comment on the judge's decision at the bail hearing or go into detail on the prosecution's view of the events.

"I don't even have a report in this case yet," she said.

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DANCING THE BLUES



Brack Burris (left) and Andy Blackmore, who are Blues Brothers, perform at halftime of men's basketball games. The position rotates among four seniors on UNC's drumline. The Blues Brothers will perform again Saturday when the Tar Heels play Virginia Tech in the Smith Center.

BY BRYANNA SCHWARTZ
STAFF WRITER

Senior Brack Burris knows what it's like to airball an attempted dunk in front of thousands of people. His first experience as a Blues Brother was far from smooth, but he still loved it.

"It was such a rush," Burris said. "It's so much fun when you run out on the court in front of 16,000 screaming people."

For nearly 20 years, two band members in suits, top hats and shades have performed a dance during a timeout in the second half of men's basketball home games.

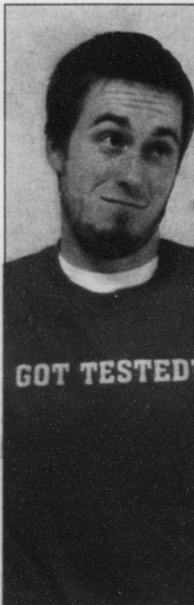
A member of UNC's drumline, Burris became a Blues Brother last basketball season.

Burris, Andy Blackmore, Thomas Bridges and Josh Wallace — all senior drumline members — currently serve as Blues Brothers on a rotation.

UNC's band began playing the duo's theme in the late 1980s, a decade after Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi originated the Blues Brothers sketch on "Saturday Night Live."

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Unlike peers, UNC health fees don't include STD testing



Unlike several of its peers, UNC charges students for sexually transmitted disease testing when they show up to Campus Health Services.

UNC provides free HIV blood tests to students because those samples are processed at state health labs at no cost.

But the state health department has refused to do the same for other STD tests because doing so would overwhelm the labs, said Sarahmona Przybyla, a former sexual health counselor at UNC Campus Health Services.

The health fee for UNC students is \$363 for two semesters this academic year, covering most doctor's visits, counseling services and

physical therapy. It costs \$33 at CHS to test for chlamydia, the most common STD among college students. A combined chlamydia-gonorrhea test is \$55.

Those prices are significantly less than what a private doctor would charge, and the student health fee does help keep prices low, said Kim McCown, coordinator of business affairs for CHS.

Schools that offer free STD testing in addition to doctor's visits are able to do so largely because of special arrangements with the university's hospital or with a state health lab.

Duke University's student health center, for example, sends its testing samples to Duke hospital labs, an agreement that reduces cost, said Jean Hanson, administrative director of the Duke Student Health Center.

"If we did not have this agreement, we would be charging for more of the STD testing than we are."

McCown said an agreement with UNC's hospital was considered, but the school decided instead to go with LabCorp, a large commercial lab, because it was a better deal.

BY BRENDAN BROWN
SENIOR WRITER

For several years, Valentine's Day has been seized upon to raise awareness on campus about healthy sexual behavior.

A key part of that is encouraging students to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases. Walk into the Student Union today, for example, and the state health department will be giving free HIV tests.

Widely accepted medical wisdom suggests that free STD testing for students will encourage more of them to get tested, and some of UNC's peer schools have taken the step to include the full cost of STD testing in student health fees.

But limited resources have kept UNC and others from doing the same, officials from those universities said.

"We're allocating the fee in all of these other areas," said Kim McCown, coordinator of business affairs for UNC Campus Health Services.

People ages 15 to 24 account for

almost half of the 19 million new sexually transmitted infections each year, according to estimates by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"STDs are increasingly becoming a fact of being sexually active," said Fred Wyand, media and communications manager for the American Social Health Association.

Only a small proportion of students get tested for STDs at campus health, though it's unclear how many get tested elsewhere.

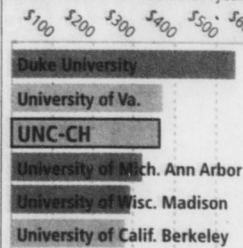
Offering free testing at campus health centers, a convenient location at most universities, could help draw more students for screening, Wyand said. "Anything that keeps kids away from health care is a real issue, a real barrier."

Universities that include STD testing in fees do so to make testing as easy as possible for students.

"We do it because if it is not covered by the health fee, students may not do it because they have to pay for it," said Jean Hanson, administrative director of the Duke

Are you covered?

A look at the health fees paid by students in the '07-'08 school year.



Legend: Fully covers all STD tests (dark grey), All STD tests not fully covered (light grey)

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University Student Health Center. Cost generally is one of the main deterrents for those seeking STD testing, and making students pay for each test could keep them

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CHOCOLATE ORIGINS About 300 people attend a lecture and sampling.

WORLDLY FASHION The public health school gives an international fashion show.

'VAGINA MONOLOGUES' Students give a new interpretation of the play.

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REMEMBERING JONES

Grass roots development organization Empowerment has created a scholarship for area high school students in honor of Mary Norwood Jones.



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HEELS VS. HOKIES

Our senior sportswriter picks UNC to defeat Virginia Tech in Saturday's matchup, even with UNC guard Ty Lawson's injury status still iffy.

this day in history

FEB. 15, 1944 ...

Campus war bond and stamp buying reaches an all-time high, totaling \$9,182.70. The effort was a contest for students and ended \$4,000 above its original goal.

weather

Partly cloudy
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