

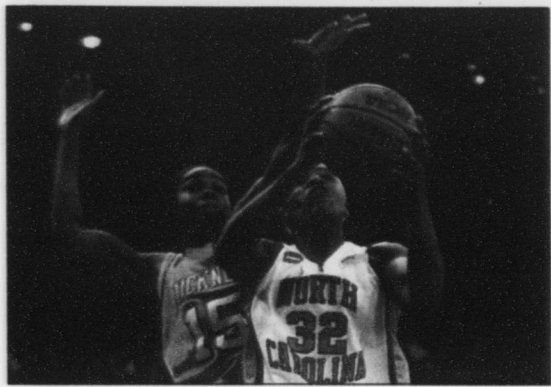
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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNEY



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The No. 1-seeded North Carolina Tar Heels jumped out to a 16-0 lead en route to a 85-50 steamrolling of the Bucknell Bison on Sunday in Norfolk, Va. The Tar Heels will face Georgia on Tuesday in second round. See pg. 14 for stories.

Murder gives campus pause

Death penalty debate illuminated

BY KATY DOLL
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When tragedies hit close to home, they can challenge ideologies, causing hours of deep thought and raising questions that go unanswered.

And in the wake of Student Body President Eve Carson's murder, with legal proceedings approaching trial, the possibility of imposing the death penalty has caused debate and discussion within the community.

The death penalty has been a theme for several events this year, and especially for the freshman

class, whose summer reading book, Sister Helen Prejean's "The Death of Innocents," follows two inmates she believes are wrongfully convicted.

Coupled with Prejean's stance against the death penalty and the general student feeling that UNC is a liberal college, the campus has a largely anti-death penalty view.

With the March 6 news of Carson's murder, more and more people are talking about the pros and cons of the controversial issue. Now students, faculty and staff are working to reconcile their anger with their opinions on the death penalty.

"I think it has certainly changed what was an intellectual dialogue to a very personal issue," said Richard

Rosen, UNC professor of law.

After a traumatic experience, people go through emotional stages, beginning with a sense of being overwhelmed and continuing through anger until the experience is mastered, said Thomas Haizlip, a clinical professor of psychiatry.

"I think when you initially deal with it, it will be much more acute," he said, adding that it is possible to switch ideals after a trauma but that people tend to return to their core beliefs with time.

Although the community is feeling angry and grieving, Jennifer Karpowicz, president of the Death Penalty Project and a third-year law student, said it is important that emotional reactions don't sway the decision-making process.

"The situation is really hard, but I think it's still really important to

think rationally. We need to honor her life and not focus on this man's death," she said.

The Death Penalty Project, a group in UNC's School of Law, advocates against the death penalty.

There is an extensive appeals process, Karpowicz said, because of the severity of the death penalty sentence, which can mean a lack of closure for the victim's family.

To overcome trauma, people must learn mastery, which provides closure, Haizlip said, adding that learning to distinguish between good and bad again is essential.

"You have to learn how to cope (and figure out) how you are going to put your life back together."

While capital punishment draws strong moral and religious

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UNC SLAUGHTERS HOGS

NORTH CAROLINA ROLLS PAST ARKANSAS INTO SWEET 16

BY JESSE BAUMGARTNER
STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — In Friday's opening round of the NCAA Tournament against a severely overmatched Mount St. Mary's squad, it took North Carolina until the start of the second half to push its lead to 20 and begin the blowout.

On Sunday evening against the athletic nine-seed Arkansas Razorbacks, it took all of nine minutes and eight seconds.

The Tar Heels (31-2), who seem to be peaking just when it matters, put on an offensive clinic at the RBC Center to reach the Sweet 16 by blowing out the Razorbacks 108-77 in an utterly dominating performance to begin their quest for San Antonio.

"Everybody's coming together," UNC point guard Ty Lawson said. "Once I came back, there were little differences, but I learned how everybody matured and started playing better since I've been out. So everything's clicking on all cylinders."

North Carolina was rarely challenged against the Razorbacks (16-16) as it built up leads of 9-0 and 33-11 on a Deon Thompson two-handed flush before ending the first half with a 51-26 advantage.

While Tyler Hansbrough and Wayne Ellington continued to provide their vaunted inside-outside scoring punch, it was Lawson who emerged as the third scorer. With his ankle looking better with each minute he played, Lawson showcased his lightning-

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View a photo slideshow of North Carolina's 108-77 defeat of No. 9-seed Arkansas.

flash speed in both games while putting up 21 and 19 points, respectively, as UNC forced its up-tempo game on both opponents, with a combined 51 fast break points.

But it was Lawson's perimeter play that really looked different. Always a decent set-shot shooter from downtown but not as quick to use his pull-up off the dribble, the quickster showcased both skills in Raleigh — making four of seven shots from beyond the arc during the weekend while consistently making the defense pay with his midrange game.

"I knew they would probably be laying off me or something like that because a lot of people say I can't shoot," Lawson said Sunday.

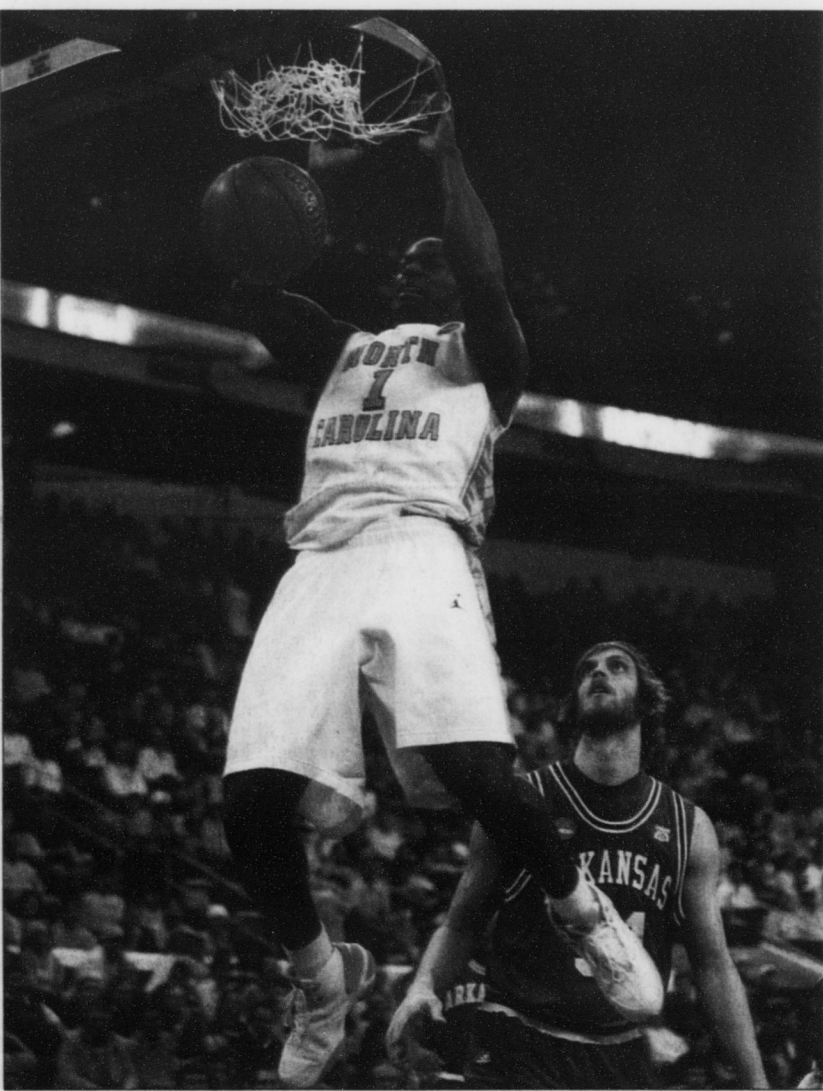
"But I was looking for it early. Coach (Joe) Holladay always says, 'Use it or lose it,' so I mean I just started shooting it, and it fell for me tonight."

Putting up more than 105 points in both games, the Tar Heels had five players score in double figures twice while Lawson and Quentin Thomas combined for 21 assists and no turnovers despite pushing the ball at UNC's extremely fast pace.

But defense has been the question for UNC all season long, and the Tar Heels continued to show signs of becoming the lockdown-minded group that coach Roy Williams has talked about all season.

After giving up 41 points in the first half Friday against the

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DTH/DAVID ENARSON

North Carolina junior Marcus Ginyard slams home the ball during the Tar Heels 108-77 victory against Arkansas on Sunday at the RBC Center. With the win, the Tar Heels advance to the Sweet 16, which begins Thursday.

Arrests lead to system review

Probation system facing scrutiny

BY MEGHAN COOKE
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of Student Body President Eve Carson's murder, an overloaded probation system has faced increased scrutiny, with some saying the system suffers from inadequate resources.

Demario James Atwater, 21, and Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, who were arrested and charged with first-degree murder for Carson's death, were both on probation for previous convictions.

Implicated for a 2005 breaking and entering and a 2007 probation violation, Atwater appeared in court two days before Carson's murder for a probation hearing that was then postponed until March 31 because of misplaced court documents.

But Atwater would most likely not have been taken into custody even if no clerical error had occurred, said Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby Jr.

"It's foolish to focus on an error that really won't change the outcome," said Mario Paparozzi, professor of sociology and criminal justice at UNC-Pembroke, about the clerical error.

He said the focus should shift to failures in the probation system to determine whether the legal system failed.

The N.C. Department of Correction's Division of Community Corrections will launch an internal investigation to determine if probation policies were violated in Atwater's case.

Willoughby said North Carolina's structured sentencing laws put stress on the probation system. Enacted in 1994, these laws classify criminals based on their crime's severity to determine either probation or prison sentences.

"We're probably placing more high-risk offenders on probation now, as required by law, than we would have 20 years ago," Willoughby said, adding that it's difficult to predict which probationers will turn violent.

Nearly 50 percent of probationers are rearrested within the first year of probation, Paparozzi said.

Atwater was convicted in a 2005 breaking and entering felony in

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Soulchild tickets go on sale

BY ALEXANDRIA SHEALY
ARTS EDITOR

Multi-platinum R&B artist Musiq Soulchild will round out the Carolina Union Activities Board's musical offerings for the 2007-08 season.

Tickets go on sale today for the concert, to be held at 8 p.m. April 11 in Memorial Hall.

Musiq Soulchild is the second musical artist brought this year by CUAB's performing arts committee to headline Memorial Hall. Committee members said the trend of bringing musical acts has been a focus throughout the school year.

"We knew from the start we'd have a lot of concerts," said Jaron



R&B singer Musiq Soulchild will perform at 8 p.m. April 11 in Memorial Hall.

Wilson, a member of the committee. "I would say Performing Arts has always had a history of bringing in big music artists, and we wanted to keep our reputation up this year."

Marie Monroe, chairwoman of the committee, said she began negotiating with Musiq Soulchild

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How to get tickets for Musiq Soulchild Concert

> Presented by CUAB's performing arts committee.

> 8 p.m. April 11, Memorial Hall.

> On sale 10 a.m. today at the Memorial Hall Box Office.

> Tickets are \$12 for UNC students. Limit one ticket per One Card, two One Cards per student.

> General public tickets go on sale March 31 at the Memorial Hall Box Office, if available.

WATER WATCH

Drought could close pools and sports fields

BY JESSICA STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill's recreation facilities still are in trouble despite recent rains that have raised the water levels in local reservoirs.

Outdoor baseball and soccer fields are in desperate need of water, and the town is searching for solutions that would keep both fields and pools open.

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Director Butch Kisiah called the situation urgent.

"If we don't get some rain, it's going to be tough," he said.

The continuing drought has put a strain on both construction and recreation space.

The unfinished Southern Community Park is already facing erosion problems, Kisiah said.

"We've got to make a decision within the next few weeks whether to sod those fields or not," Kisiah said, adding that installing a well system might be necessary if they want to irrigate.

Artificial turf is one option for new fields, said Parks and

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Wednesday's front-page story, "Iraq War turns 5 amid local protests," incorrectly labels the number of U.S. military deaths — 3,990 — as the number of U.S. military casualties. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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PACKING HOME FOOD

A new Carrboro nonprofit, Table, gives children backpacks filled with food to take home for weekends. Several UNC students are volunteers.

this day in history

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Student Congress approves a bill to expand the amount of stipends for student government officials. Nine positions now receive stipends from \$300 to \$125 a month.

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