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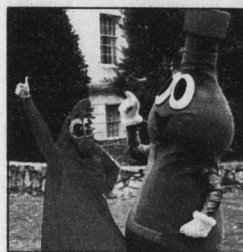
SEVEN IN A ROW

The North Carolina volleyball team broke a three-way tie at the top of the conference standings with a 3-0 sweep of Duke in the Smith Center.

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FOOTBALL IS A GO

After months of debate, the UNC-Charlotte Board of Trustees voted Thursday to add football to the school's athletic program in 2013.



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UNC RECYCLES

Mascots come to campus to promote America Recycles Day. The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling sponsored events.

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Seven candidates who hope to gain a seat on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board presented themselves and their ideas to the board.

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Campus Y groups raise awareness of poverty.

WOMEN'S ADVOCACY

Lillie Searles of the biology department wins the award.

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CEO of a condiment company visits a business school class.

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NOV. 14, 1953 ...

UNC alumnus Andy Griffith's record appears as a huge hit, selling many copies and receiving requests on local radio stations.

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LEWIS TRIAL

Defense: no kidnappings

Admits to robbing football players

BY EVAN ROSE AND EMILY STEPHENSON
ASSISTANT CITY EDITORS

HILLSBOROUGH —Michael Troy Lewis admitted to investigators that he stole from the two UNC football players he is charged with kidnapping.

But he emphatically denied charges that he also tied them up and assaulted them with a knife.

Officers involved in the case testified Thursday, and the jury also saw

video of Chapel Hill police investigator Lee Sparrow interviewing Lewis three days after he fled the scene of the alleged incident.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys agree that Lewis and two women, Tnikia Monta Washington and Monique Jenice Taylor, met one of the players at a Franklin Street bar on Dec. 15.

Lewis told investigators in the video that the two women were trying to solicit sex. Lewis said he

then drove the three back to the player's apartment.

The player wanted to be tied up and asked Lewis to participate in sex with him and the women, Lewis said.

Lewis said he told the player no and went into the living room.

He said a second player later arrived at the apartment and joined the first player and the women. The players told investigators that a third player, who Lewis didn't mention, came into the apartment at the same time and went right to bed.

While the women and two play-

ers were in the bedroom, Lewis said he put some electronics from the apartment into a bag.

But the prosecution is trying to prove that before robbing the players, Lewis kidnapped two of them and held them at knifepoint.

The player who first met Lewis at the bar told police the three suspects asked to wait at his apartment until another friend arrived, officers testified Thursday.

The player said one of the females made sexual advances

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Modest funding request likely

Anticipates lean appropriation

BY ARIEL ZIRULNICK

STATE AND NATIONAL EDITOR

The UNC-system Board of Governors is asking the N.C. General Assembly for a budget increase that is 4.8 percent less than last year.

The board's finance committee expressed concern about Gov. Mike Easley's statewide budget cuts when discussing the proposal, which will go before the full board today.

Easley has mandated a 4 percent cut for most state agencies, but UNC-system President Erskine Bowles has asked the UNC-system to comply with a 5 percent cut.

Bowles said he anticipates that the 4 percent cut could be increased.

A 5 percent cut is easier to manage when it's planned for, said Rob Nelson, vice president of finance for the UNC system.

Each university receives a percentage of its funding from the General Assembly, which will give final approval of the budget request. UNC received 22 percent from the legislature last year.

The rest of university funding comes from endowments, gifts, grants and tuition.

In its last three budget requests the Board of Governors asked for an average increase of 12.5 percent.

Thursday's request proposed a 5.8 percent increase for 2009-10 and 4.3 percent for 2010-11 — a total request of \$168 million, down from \$311 million last year.

"We're really trying to manage our way through this process," Bowles said.

The 17 system schools' budget requests totaled about \$200 million, Nelson said. He slashed that to less than \$50 million. The majority will be spent on campus safety, financial aid and faculty salaries.

Safety has been a priority since the Va. Tech shootings in April 2007, Bowles said. Faculty salary increases are being cut from 6 percent to 2 percent.

Schools have already had to scale back because of Easley's increasing statewide budget cuts, but have been given discretion on how to apply them.

Most are refraining from filling vacant positions, eliminating non-essential travel, limiting equipment purchases and cutting programs that have fulfilled their purpose.

Nelson said the flexibility and advance notice has been key in coping with the cut in funds.

"Easley told us early on that we needed to manage this way, both with 2 percent and 4 percent," Nelson said. "This is by far the earliest we've been able to manage."

When 3 percent cuts were passed in 2003-04, they mostly fell on positions — the number and variety of courses offered, the student-faculty ratio, academic advising, information technology and financial aid.

"When you get above 3 percent, that's when suffering begins," Nelson said. "What are you going to do without, and what positions are not going to be there permanently to teach this or administer that?"

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

KEEPING THE BALL ROLLING



DTH FILE/ELIZABETH LADZINSKI

Tobin Heath, middle, and teammates must compensate for the loss of two of North Carolina's offensive starters, including Meghan Klingenberg (4), in the first NCAA Tournament game.

BY LOUIE HORVATH SENIOR WRITER

On the eve of the NCAA Tournament, Nikki Washington and Meghan Klingenberg, two of the North Carolina women's soccer team's best players, are preparing for the biggest games of their lives.

The only problem? They are in Chillan, Chile — over 5,000 miles from Chapel Hill.

Their teammates will lace up their cleats against Western Carolina in a first-round game today at Fetzer Field.

But Washington and Klingenberg will be preparing for the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup.

Instead of jockeying for position against Notre Dame or UCLA defenders in the Final Four, the pair will be trying to find cracks in the defenses of Argentina and France.

Even with a team loaded with All-Americans, their absence will visibly hurt the Tar Heels. Each made the 2008 ACC All-Tournament team, and they did it coming off the bench.

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TEAMMATES TO THE LETTER

BY DANIEL PRICE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, one word characterized the North Carolina field hockey team: Dominance.

This year one word can't do it. It takes 23 — one for each member of the team.

Soon after the squad lost its third game of the season — and its best player, Danielle Forword, to a torn ACL — on Oct. 10, team leaders called a players-only meeting.

They wanted to unite the team behind a single idea. A single word. One that could motivate everyone both on and off the field to work toward defending their 2007 NCAA championship — a task they begin tomorrow in East Lansing, Mich.

But after struggling to decide on one, they realized something important. They're different people who are motivated in different ways.

"We couldn't think of one word, so we went around the room and everybody said a word," junior back Melanie Brill said.

"Ever since we've had that word on our stick and on our locker. And it's just a daily reminder that we're in this together."

And teammates don't let others forget why they're playing.

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What the words mean

The North Carolina field hockey players have used individual words to inspire them on the field this season. Here's some of the starters' words:

Kate Scholl



pride

"For me it means to have pride in the preparation that we did this week and to take pride in our program and take pride in our school."

Britt van Beek



play

"It just reminds me of when I was little, and I would just go out and play and have fun."

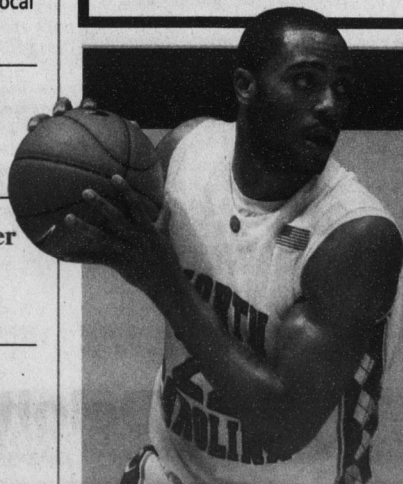
Melanie Brill



loyalty

"When I'm down and I'm maybe losing a ball or just having a bad game, I think of loyalty — that my teammates are there to help me."

DOUBLE HEADER



MEN'S BASKETBALL: 4 P.M.

For the first time in more than 25 years, North Carolina fans have a choice to make. Football or basketball?

UNC's football team heads to Maryland this weekend to take on the Terrapins in a key ACC matchup — a win would put UNC atop the ACC Coastal after Virginia Tech's Thursday loss.

Meanwhile, the Tar Heel basketball team opens its season against Penn. on Saturday at the Smith Center.

The catch? The football team airs on ABC/ESPN at 3:30 p.m. Tip-off for the basketball team is at 4 p.m.

But the UNC Department of Athletics is trying to make things easy on Tar Heel fans.

The Tar Heel Sports Network will begin its live radio and Internet broadcast of the football game at 2:30 p.m. The basketball broadcast will begin at 3 p.m. at tarheelblue.com.

The basketball game also will run on a tape delay on Tar Heel Sports Network stations Saturday at 8 p.m.

Updates from the football game will be shown on the Smith Center's video boards during media timeouts, and the end of the football game will air on the boards after the basketball game is finished.

But football coach Butch Davis provided a solution of his own: stay home and turn on the TV. "Just use that split picture stuff."



FOOTBALL: 3:30 P.M.

SATURDAY