

Police tie rape of student to three other area rapes

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A UNC woman was raped Saturday morning in the Airport Road area in Chapel Hill by a suspect who police believe committed three other rapes in that area — two in the past month.

Lt. Ralph V. Pendergraph said the rape occurred Saturday at about 1:30 a.m. The woman was taken to N.C. Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released, he said.

Pendergraph said the police believed the same suspect committed all four rapes because of the similarity of the attacks. He said a knife was used

in each assault, and all the attacks took place in the area north of Rosemary Street, south of Estes Drive, and in the vicinity of Airport Road. All four victims, including two UNC women, were alone at the time of the rapes, he said.

The description police have of the suspect is vague, Pendergraph said. He is described as a black man in his 20s or 30s, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 170-185 pounds, and usually clean-shaven.

People with any information may call the Chapel Hill police department at 968-2760. Callers do not have to give their names, Pendergraph said.

UNC files suit against IRS to regain taxes

By RUTHIE PIPKIN
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UNC has filed suit against the Internal Revenue Service to regain almost \$5 million in back taxes and interest.

UNC paid the taxes on university-owned water, electric and telephone utilities' earnings from 1971-1977 and on the \$44 million sale of the utilities in 1977, said Wayne Jones, UNC's associate vice chancellor for finance.

State utilities are tax exempt, Jones said, and as a state agency, UNC claims its utilities should not have been taxed.

UNC provided utilities to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and the IRS holds this taxable as business unrelated to the function of the state, Jones said.

"The problem is not with utilities generated for ourselves, but (those) unrelated to our purposes," Jones said.

"If we billed the Housing Department for utilities, this was excluded," he said. "If we billed a faculty member living in a house on Franklin Street, this was taxed."

UNC contests that total university consumption should include the students and employees provided with off-campus service, said Jones.

UNC also claims the "doctrine of intergovernmental immunity," which bars the federal government from taxing any part of a state, exempts the University and all its components.

"We feel we should be upheld on our first claim that any utility operated by the state is not subject to tax without ever getting to our other two claims,"

Jones said

Assistant Attorney General George W. Boylan, UNC's representative in the lawsuit, said the suit was filed only after UNC had exhausted its administrative remedies.

After the assessment was first filed, Jones said, UNC pleaded the case to the IRA district director but was rejected, Jones said.

UNC paid the taxes in 1982 to prevent mounting interest, then filed for a refund and was turned down again, he said.

The next step was to file the suit. "The fact that the IRS had gone to the trouble to do the assessment and come up with the statement showed they would not be ready to give up without an argument," Jones said.

"We were not really surprised when they didn't give the refund."

Activities Board selects chairmen

The Carolina Union Activities Board has announced its new committee chairmen for 1984-85.

Union President-elect Terry Bowman said he is pleased with the new line-up. "I think the best word to describe these people is energetic and enthusiastic. They're going to do something and they're going to do it well," he said.

Bowman said a student's will to be committed weighed more heavily than previous experience in the decision-making.

He said that of the 11 new chairmen, four had no Union experience.

"We needed people who didn't have a lot of other commitments," he said. "Although we're not a very visible organization, we put in about 15 hours a

week, and that doesn't include the programs we attend."

The new chairmen will begin their terms of office at the end of April, Bowman said. The Activities Board uses a transition period system so that the old chairmen can have time to help out those who are coming in.

The new committee chairmen are Tori Ralston, film; Tommy Williams, forum; Elaine Shen, gallery; David Zubkoff, human relations; Susan Fowler, performing arts; Rah Bickley, public relations; Christy Thomas, publicity; Bill Wilson, social; Lucy Blackford, special interest classes and Amy Fonville, special projects.

— MELISSA HOLLAND

Bar closed for not paying rent

Harrison's Restaurant and Bar, located on Franklin Street, was shut down by the Orange County Sheriff's Department Monday, March 12, due to a writ of ejectment filed by the landlord.

Sergeant Charlie Burnette, who served the civil papers, said the landlord filed the eviction notice because Harrison's owed several months of rent.

Harrison's is now padlocked, Burnette said. The owners have 21 days to remove their property, he said, or the landlord can take the property and sell it to obtain the back rent.

Harrison's is owned by DPS Corporation, which leases from Bob Simpson, owner of Towne and Campus. Both DPS and Simpson refused to comment because they are still negotiating.

Apartments offer conveniences for the handicapped

By TRACY HILTON
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Adelaide Walters Apartments, a new 24-unit apartment complex designed for the elderly and handicapped, is taking applications for occupancy beginning in April.

"Anyone who is an Orange County resident and is handicapped or over 62 years old may apply," Martha Branscombe, president of Community Housing Alternatives, said.

The apartment complex, of 605 Airport Road, was designed for the convenience of the elderly and for use by handicapped or frail people, she said.

All the apartments can be made safe for elderly tenants to help them maintain independence, and safety devices are available for the handicapped, Branscombe said. All the doors are wide enough for wheelchairs. Also, kitchens can be equipped with working counters that can be adjusted up or down for

easier use. Bath bars can be put into the bathrooms, she said. "We also have elevator service throughout the building, and there is a ramp available in case of any breakdowns."

Each apartment is equipped with individual controls for cooling and heating, a carpeted living room and bedrooms, and a full bathroom and kitchen.

Branscombe said the location is convenient to downtown shopping. "We're only two blocks from Columbia Street, so people can walk to the middle of town

easily," she said.

The apartments are available to people with a low- to moderate-income, and rent will be a maximum of 30 percent of individual incomes, Branscombe said.

"We hope that this project will be the beginning of many facilities for the elderly and handicapped," she said.

Applications and further information are available at the Department of Aging offices at 410 Caldwell Street Extension, telephone 968-4478.

Health Fair will bring free clinic to University Mall

The 1984 Health Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at University Mall. It is organized by the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations and is part of National Health Awareness Week (March 22-April 1).

"It's part of a national volunteer effort to make an impact on the health and well-

being of Americans," Karen Tager, a UNC graduate student and local coordinator said.

The Health Fair consists of 11 tests, such as blood pressure, vision, hearing, and anemia, "to make people more aware of their own health," Tager said. All are free with the exception of a blood chemistry test.

The local sponsors are WRAL and Winn Dixie. Two hundred volunteers from UNC and the community will administer the tests. "I should emphasize that the health screenings do not in any way replace a physical examination given by a physician," Tager said.

The Health Fair at University Mall, only one of hundreds being held across the

country, will also feature exhibits. For example, the Burn Unit at Memorial Hospital will present an exhibit on how to treat burns.

Anyone over 18 can participate; it is even a required project for the School of Nursing. "It's a good self-assessment tool," Tager added.

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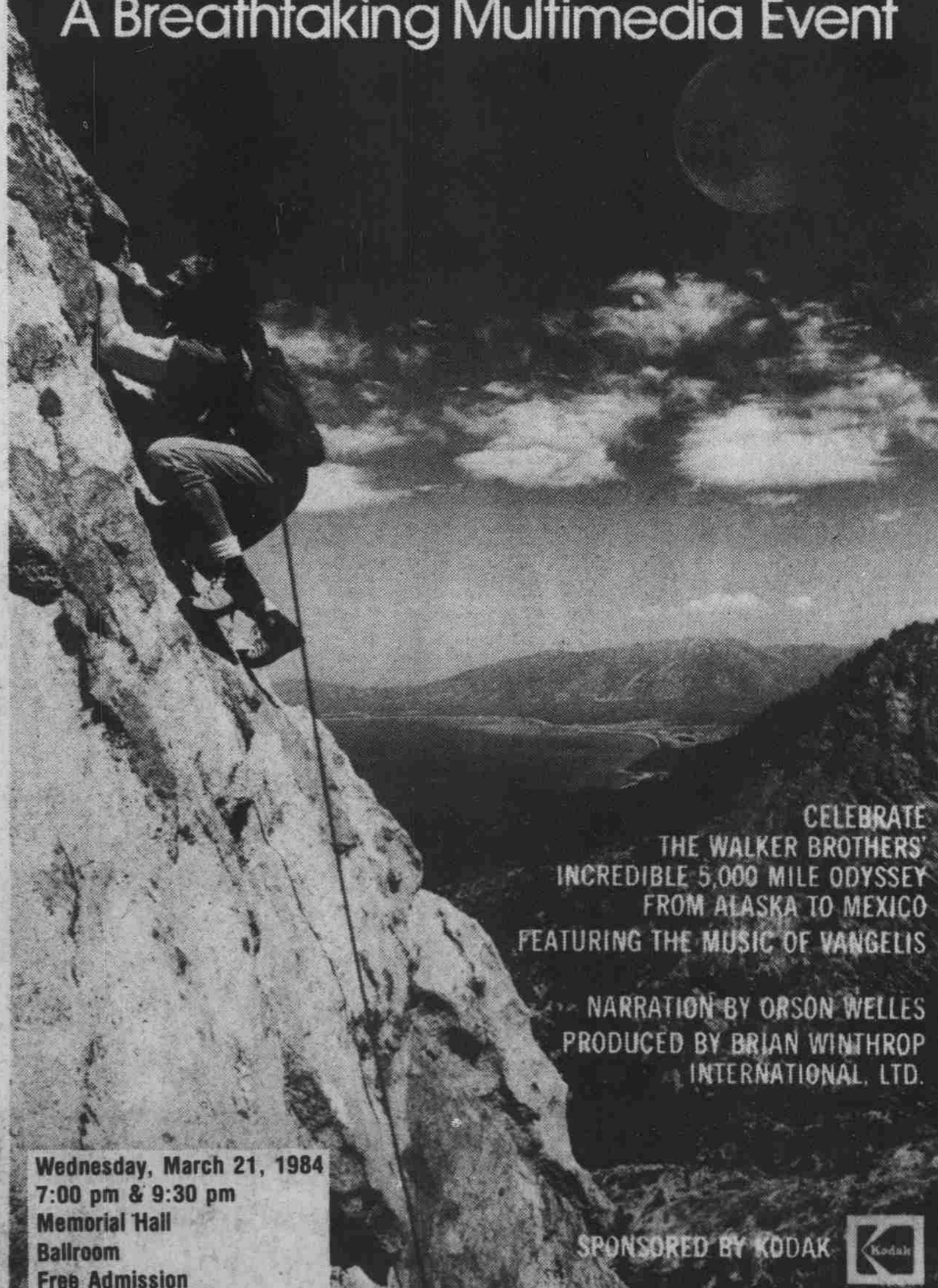
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