# AT&T supervisors become operators, strikers sit

By RANDALL PATTERSON

The supervisor of American Telephone & Telegraph's North Carolina operators said Tuesday that management is becoming accustomed to the jobs of striking employees, while a Raleigh union leader said strikers were prepared to wait indefinitely for a resolution.

The Communications Workers of America ordered its 155,000 members across the country to walk away from their jobs at 12:01 Sunday morning when negotiations on a new three-year contract for AT&T employees settled nothing. Federal mediators entered the discussionns

Bill Lloyd, AT&T's traffic manager of operator services in North Carolina, said about 75 percent of the state's union members were on strike, but for the most part, longdistance service had been unhindered.

"If we are talking about direct dialing, the strike has no effect," he said. "but for the 10 percent of the traffic that has to be attached to operators there have been slight delays."

Lloyd said AT&T's managers were getting used to their jobs as operators.

"We are just about operating as

The strike does not affect local telephone service, which is provided by local phone companies that are not affiliated with AT&T after federal courts fragmented the Bell system in 1984.

AT&T provides long-distance service to about 80 percent of the

Sunday night attempts to reach an operator were met with a recording asking that the caller wait if their call was urgent. Tuesday night, repeated rings brought no response.

The president of CWA local 3611 in Raleigh said the strikers would

"We're going to get our feet in the dirt and get ready for a long one," said Wallace A. Weaver. Weaver said not all of the members

in Raleigh were striking. "There are 150 operators, but

about 20 are scabbing," he said. CWA disagrees with AT&T on three main issues. The fundamental stopping point is AT&T's demand to

be allowed to make changes in the job classifications of systems engineers. CWA believes those changes will result in 50 percent pay cuts for those being classified as wire pullers.

CWA is also fighting to preserve cost-of-living adjustments in salary that reflect the inflation rate, and piecework incentive pay for the 20,000 manufacturing workers.

# Sinking students get degrees

By NANCY HARRINGTON

Students who fail the University swim test but have made a reasonable effort in trying to learn how to swim, can be granted a waiver and graduate without fulfilling the requirement, according to the physical education department.

"We encourage students to take the beginning swimming courses,"said Linda Eggebeen, aquatics director. "If students give it a reasonable try, and this doesn't mean enrolling in the class and showing up for only two days, then they will be given a waiver.'

A students can also waive the swim test requirement by presenting a written statement from his physician or the Student Health Service indicating that there is a medical reason why he can't take the swim test, Eggebeen said.

The swimming test is required of all UNC students, according to Eggebeen. It consists of jumping into the pool, swimming 50 yards using any stroke and continuing to stay in the pool for a total of five minutes.

No student has been denied graduation because of failure to complete the swim test, Eggebeen said. About a dozen students fail the test each year.

"I've had people call me the week before graduation saying they haven't passed the swim test," Eggebeen said. "We let them go through the (graduation) ceremony and then come in in the summer to take the course."

The test is given three times a year on a group basis, according to Eggebeen.

The swim test was developed at UNC during World War I when the

Navy decided that everyone in the Navy should learn how to swim, Eggebeen said. Because UNC was a strong supporter of Navy ROTC, it adopted the measure.

The physical education department reaffirmed support for the swim test requirement in 1981, according to Eggebeen.

Because of the increase in recreational activities centered around the water, and because a majority of drownings occur within 50 yards of safety or when help was available within 5 minutes, the department has continued to support the swim test Eggebeen said.

Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and an estimated 60 percent of the population can not swim well enough to save their own

### Bill to restructure debt of farmers awaits vote

By ROBERT N. CARVER

Help for Tar Heel farmers may be on the horizon with a bill that is pending a Senate vote.

The bill, which would urge the Farm Credit System to allow the restructuring of farm debts by farm-credit institutions, was passed by the House of Representatives unanimously May 14.

The bill, co-sponsored by N.C. 4th District Rep. Bill Cobey and more than 100 other legislators, proposes farm-debt restructuring on a two-tier plan. The first tier would contain the principal and the amount of interest a farmer could afford to pay. The remainder of the debt would be

placed on the second tier and the farmer would be charged a lower interest rate.

The measure is having its desired effect, said Cobey's press spokesman Steve Long, in a telephone interview Tuesday. The system has begun work on its own plan and may put it in motion before the Senate vote. "Congress would prefer that the FCS (plan restucturing) on its own," he said.

If the FCS does implement its own plan, the bill would become unnecessary. Long said he expected the Senate to move rapidly on the measure sponsored principally by Rep. Lindsay Thomas, D-Ga.

## Female police chief quits city force

From Associated Press reports

PORTLAND, Ore. - Penny Harrington said Monday she has resigned after serving 16 months as the first woman to lead a U.S. big city police department.

Harrington, 44, told KGW-TV today the she submitted her written resignation to Mayor Bud Clark Sunday afternoon.

She said Clark would announce her resignation at a 3 p.m. news

Harrington said she resigned because of the findings of a commission that has investigated her reorganization of the police bureau, as well as the relationship she and her husband, police officer Gary Harrington, had with a suspect in a drug trafficking case.

Harrington told KGW that the commission's report concludes she lacks leadership and management

She said she was "disappointed in the whole mess from beginning to

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management of the bureau.

She said she plans to take 30 days off and would not return to the police bureau where she has served for 22

Harrington had filed more than 40

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