

## Martin joins meeting of state leaders

From Associated Press reports

Problems that will affect states in the next few years are being debated in Hawaii this week with Republican Gov. Jim Martin and Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan on hand to discuss their ideas.

They're joining forces during a meeting of the Council of State Governments, of which Martin is vice chairman.

Martin, who is likely to become the council's next chairman, will at times serve under Jordan, who chairs the council's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

"It's a very bipartisan meeting," said Laura Bingham, who helped plan Jordan's trip. "They're dealing mainly with important issues that elected officials are going to deal with for the next three to eight years, things like the rural-urban imbalance, health care, the environment."

In addition to hearing from some nationally recognized "futuristics," representatives of different states will begin compiling policy papers on various subjects, Bingham said.

"We're trying to get a think-tank of elected officials to put forward some policy options for some suggested solutions," she said. "Senator Kenneth Royall (D-Durham) and Mississippi Representative Charlie Capps have produced one of the better policy papers. They are dealing with the rural-urban balance in the economy. By December we hope to publish a report."

Karen Rotterman, a spokesman for Martin, said he is a member of four committees, including Jordan's.

As the vice chairman of the council, "it's important that he serve and keep up with developments," Rotterman said.

The council meeting, in conjunction with the Western Legislative Conference, is expected to draw about 800 legislators from the western United States as well as council members that include many governors, lieutenant governors and secretaries of state, Bingham said. But the meeting, which began Sunday and continues through Wednesday, marks the first time Martin and Jordan have both been out of the state since they took office in 1985, she said.

That leaves Sen. J.J. "Monk" Harrington, D-Bertie, in charge in the event of any emergencies.

"Technically, when the governor and lieutenant governor are out of state the president pro tem of the Senate is the officer in charge," Bingham said.

Harrington said he planned to stay near home for the next few days, but he added, "I don't think there'll be much of anything happening."

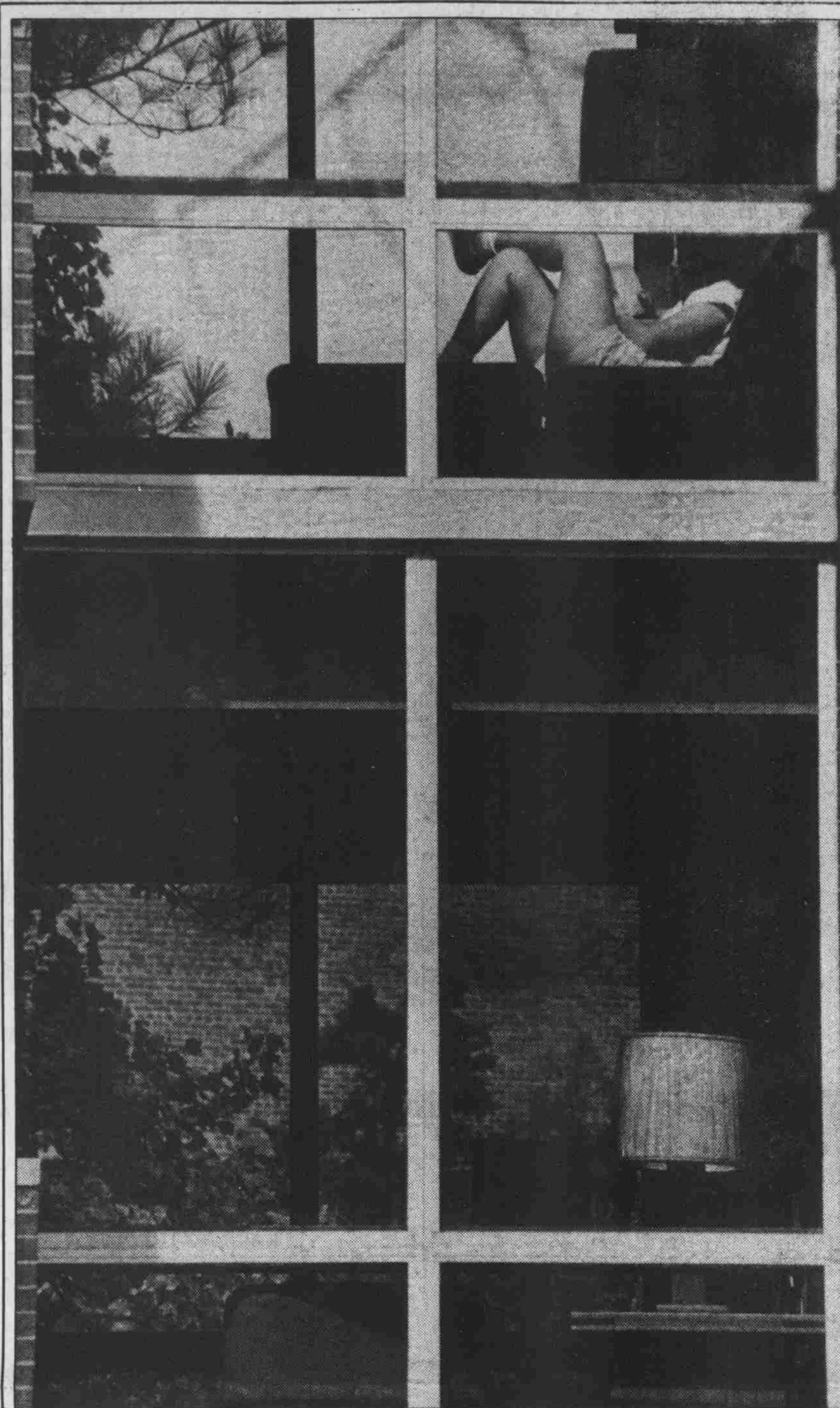
## Lifeguards

"Historically, lifeguard positions have low minority involvement," Secrist said. "We are willing to work towards seeking ideas in diversifying our staff."

Clark Charlton, director of aquatics, said the pool and Hargraves Recreation Center day camp employed 20 to 40 people this summer. Of four black employees, none were lifeguards, he added. Although the town has had black lifeguards in past years, Charlton said no blacks applied for the positions.

"We agree in a community such as Hargraves that minority lifeguards are needed," Charlton said.

Charlton said each year staff members advertise at UNC and try to recruit applicants at North Carolina Central University. Recruiters are looking for people with Red Cross



### Upstairs, downstairs

Darlene Robke, a sophomore political science major from Cape Hatteras, reads a literature

book Monday afternoon on the third floor of Carmichael Residence Hall.

DTH/Charlotte Cannon

# Habitat program offers a solution to housing crunch

By KATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

For Mahlon Williams, the American dream has come true. With a little help from his friends, Williams, a Carrboro resident, now owns a home for his wife and six children.

With the high cost of buying a home, such living arrangements seemed impossible. But a group called Habitat for Humanity made the dream a reality.

Habitat for Humanity, formed near Plains, Ga., in the early 1950s by Clarence Jordan, has had a Chapel Hill branch of the program since 1984, according to the Rev. David Stanford of The Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church.

The Habitat group cooperates with the working poor in a partnership to provide moderately priced housing for them. To qualify for the program, a family must meet eight requirements, which include a steady, reliable income between \$8,000 and \$18,000 per year, a dependable character and 100 hours of work spent helping to build someone else's home. After a family's home is built, a requirement of 600 hours spent on the family's home or someone else's home is required.

Williams, 36, became involved with the group through his church, not thinking he would benefit himself. He and his wife, Veronica, were surprised when their names were chosen as the first family in Orange County to receive help from Habitat. Their house was finished Sept. 19. Their current home is an older house that needed repairs. The home was donated to the Habitat for Humanity program.

"I think it's a necessary program,

### Village Views

especially in this area," Williams said. "The average home (in the area) is \$150,000."

Williams said that he had rented several apartments at a steep price, but wanted the security of owning a home.

"There's a sense of fulfillment," he said. "When we found out, we were ecstatic. I had rented several places but there's no sense of ownership, no control. I wanted to be in control."

Habitat for Humanity is unique because members actually construct homes from modular units or fix up old houses. The labor is free. Owners work out a mortgage based on one-fourth of their incomes. The mortgage is subsidized by the federal government up to \$315 per month. So far, more than 500 families in Orange County have applied for help.

"Affordable housing is crucial in this area," said Stanford.

The city of Carrboro is helping out with the program to a great extent. The town has sold six lots to Habitat for \$10 per lot. Access Inc., which operated a drug rehabilitation program on 72 acres called Chestnut Oaks, donated the land to Habitat when the rehabilitation program went out of business.

Students can get involved in the Habitat program through Campus Y. The committee for Habitat for Humanity is co-chaired by Sandy Sanford and Chris Garrett. Garrett says no special skills are needed to work for Habitat, although carpentry or woodworking skills would be helpful.

## Honor code

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School of Business Administration, will present "Ethics in Business" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in 101 Greenlaw.

Jack Donnelly, assistant professor of political science, will present "Power and Morality in Foreign Policy" at 8 p.m. Thursday in Gerard Hall.

The purpose of the lectures is to show students that the faculty is involved with the honor system, Hood said.

"The honor system is a joint enterprise of the students and the faculty," Hood said. "It's only fair to include them (the faculty). They're in it just as much as we are."

The Student Judicial System will have a table set up in the Pit this week to answer questions about the honor system.

Hood said it's important for students with questions to ask them and clear up any misunderstandings about the system.

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"There are some white children that use the pool," Williams said. "We don't want to see any child — regardless of race or ethnic background — drown."



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