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## Iraq will release 4 American hostages

BAGHDAD — Iraq said four American hostages it described as elderly and sick would soon be freed. It said the move was in response to a plea from a private group.

Information Minister Latif Jassim, at a Baghdad news conference, did not say exactly when the four would be released, but said it would be soon.

He did not disclose the names of those to be freed, but later, the official Iraqi News Agency identified them as Randall Trinhah, Dr. Abdul Kanji, Raymond Galles and Michael Barnes.

The report did not give their ages or hometowns.

It said that they were being released in response to a petition from a group called the Arab-American Reconciliation Society, and that a delegation from the group would accompany them back to the United States.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman welcomed the news and said the embassy was seeking details from Iraq's foreign ministry.

"It is good news, our top priority is to get Americans out," said the embassy spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Price increases spark Romanian protest

BUCHAREST, Romania — Thousands of Romanians took to the streets Thursday to protest price increases that doubled or tripled prices on a wide range of goods.

About 2,500 demonstrators occupied the main downtown square in Bucharest and about 10,000 people demonstrated in the central city of Brasov, demanding that a partial deregulation of prices be rescinded.

Some deputies also raised objections to the government's economic reforms at a special joint session of the bicameral Parliament. The session postponed until next week a vote on Premier Petre Roman's request for special powers to impose temporary value-added and income taxes.

The Commerce Ministry said the new price policy, which officially took effect Thursday morning, would double prices for clothes, public transport and furniture, among other items. The prices of footwear and leather goods were to triple, and the cost of some foodstuffs was to increase as well.

Essential foodstuffs, energy and rents remained protected for the time being.

## Bhutto ouster makes Sharif prime minister

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Nawaz Sharif, the architect of ousted Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's stunning election defeat, was poised Thursday to head Pakistan's fifth freely elected government in 43 years.

Sharif, a wealthy 41-year-old industrialist with humble beginnings, was nominated by the Islamic Democratic Alliance to be the next prime minister.

But a militant group in Ms. Bhutto's home province of Sind warned his election would bring protests and demonstrations.

Sharif led his party to a landslide victory over Ms. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the elections on Oct. 24, winning 105 of the 217 seats in the National Assembly, the policy-making lower house of Parliament.

— From Associated Press reports

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"As ye sow, ..."

Gary Birdsong and Laura Hartsell, a sophomore from Charlotte, argue about God's divinity and the sins of

man in the Pit Thursday afternoon. A crowd of about 70 people gathered to watch the heated debate.

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# Marriott food services continue to lose money

## Dining service in the red for 5th straight year

By MATTHEW EISLEY  
Staff Writer

Despite a 16 percent increase in sales last year, Marriott Corporation's Carolina Dining Services is operating in the red for a fifth year because of inadequate facilities, a relatively small customer base and competition for food sales.

"From a performance standpoint, Marriott has struggled here, as have other food service providers over the last few decades," said Chris Derby, director of Carolina Dining Services. The difficulty lies in making a profit while serving a reasonably priced product, he said.

"What we have seen is a steady reduction in our losses," he said. "We see a light at the end of the tunnel."

Derby would not say how much money Marriott has lost since it replaced ARA Food Services as the University's primary food service contractor in 1986. James Cansler, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and chairman of the Food Services Advisory Committee, said four things historically have made food service at the University a losing venture:

■ The lack of a compulsory student food service program. Campus residents

are required to purchase at least \$200 a year on a meal card, but other students are not.

"This campus does not have a mandated (customer) base, and state law prohibits subsidization from the University," Cansler said. "(Food service) doesn't have the basis to be self-supporting, yet it's required to be."

■ Food service contractors have high labor costs because the University requires them to provide generous benefit programs to employees. The University's requirements are among the most liberal in the nation, he said.

■ Inadequate facilities, especially Lenoir Dining Hall. "Our facilities are grossly inadequate, which means that the food service contractor has very high overhead and a low volume of business," he said.

■ Competition for food sales. "The food dollar on this campus is spread over a large number of competing organizations," he said. Competitors include the Student Stores, UNC Hospitals, the Athletic Department, the Carolina Inn, caterers from throughout the Triangle region and, soon, the Alumni Center.

Marriott would like additional

campus business, but there is still room for competition, Derby said.

"I don't think you need a monolithic food service provider on campus," he said. "But you need to decide what (demands) you want your food service contractor to serve."

Rutledge Tufts, director of auxiliary services, said the University would invite food service companies to bid on a new three-year contract next spring.

Derby said Marriott would bid aggressively to renew its contract. "Overall, I feel good about our position on campus," he said. "But I'm certainly not being complacent."

Marriott's bid will project profitability within three years, just as it did in 1986, he said.

"I think the University wants a contractor that is solvent. You wouldn't go into a business projecting a loss in the long term," he said. "We have enough confidence that we want to stay here."

The food service committee wrote a long-range food service plan two years ago that concluded that University food service would not be profitable until the customer base was enlarged, competi-

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# Halloween assaults taint nocturnal fun

By ASHLEY FOGLE  
Staff Writer

Halloween in Chapel Hill brought tricks as well as treats for area residents and businesses celebrating Wednesday night.

According to University police reports, three assaults marred the evening's festivities. Jeremy Forsythe, a Cary resident, was struck by an unidentified assailant wearing what was described as a Phantom of the Opera costume. About five other people, also in costume, were with the attacker, the report stated.

Two other assaults, which police said are related, occurred on campus at McCorkle Place.

Jeremy Foy, a Chapel Hill resident, and Thomas Vickers, a Carrboro resident and N.C. State University student, were attacked by a group of 12 to 15 males described as "skinheads" by Uni-

versity police reports.

Foy allegedly was sprayed in the face with an unidentified substance from a water gun by one member of the group. The substance caused his eyes to burn, Foy said. He was taken to UNC Hospitals for treatment.

Foy said he and friends were walking from a residence hall to Franklin Street when the incident occurred.

"One of my friends was walking up ahead of the rest of us, and I saw him get hit by these guys," Foy said. "I tried to help him, and next thing I know this little midget guy sprayed me in the face with I don't know what. Mace, I think. My face felt like it was on fire. Then the ambulance came and took me to the hospital where I stayed from 9 p.m. until 2:30 this morning."

Vickers was hit by a "skinhead,"

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## Success of Union Station helps offset some of corporation's campus losses

By MATTHEW EISLEY  
Staff Writer

The popularity of the Union Station snack bar helped Marriott Corporation post a 16 percent overall sales jump on campus last year, said Chris Derby, Carolina Dining Services director.

Marriott sold more than \$850,000 in food and drinks at Union Station between its opening in January 1989 and March 1990, according to a CDS financial report.

That represented about 15 percent of Marriott's total business on campus, outstripping sales at Chase Dining Hall, the Carolina Court and the South Campus residence hall snack bars, the report said.

Union Station's sales have increased moderately since the annual report was compiled last March, Derby said.

"Location is the key to that," he said. "It's in a heavy traffic area, and it's got the longest service hours of any of our operations on campus."

Two register lines were added this fall to the four already serving Union Station, and speedier service should attract more business, he said.

Union Station's sales were primarily responsible for the 16-percent increase in sales during March 1989-March 1990 over the same period a year earlier, he said.

Union Station also is bringing in new customers, including off-campus residents and North Campus residents who buy snack food there, Derby said.

"It's a piece of new business. The Union Station is another location from the residence hall snack bars. We think they don't compete."

Union Station, growing meal-card pizza sales and increasing sales in South Campus residence hall snack bars helped counter plummeting sales in Carolina Court, the lower level of Lenoir Dining Hall, Derby said.

Carolina Court's hours have been reduced in response to a 24-percent drop in sales since the 1988-89 school year. The Court, where about \$540,000 worth of food and drinks were sold during the 1989-1990 school year, now closes at 2:30 p.m. It previously closed at 7:30 p.m.

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# SARR sponsors march to protest racial acts

By MATTHEW MIELKE  
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A small but spirited group of students marched from the Pit to South Building Thursday to voice their disapproval of recent acts of racism on UNC's campus.

Arms intertwined to represent unity, members of Students for the Advancement of Race Relations (SARR) and other concerned students participated in the march to present Chancellor Paul Hardin with a petition signed by 1,678 students.

The petition offers a three-part resolution concerning racial incidents on campus. Two of the resolutions demand an official investigation policy for hate crimes and encourage members of the campus community to report hate crimes to the Dean of Students' office.

The third resolution requires that all students take at least one course about oppression, which should include a mandatory race-relations workshop for freshmen.

SARR member Brian Branton suggested at the march that all freshmen, even those who placed out, should have to take an English course because most discuss race relations.

Lori Marks, SARR co-chairwoman, presented the resolutions to Elaine Goldenthal of the chancellor's office. Hardin was unable to receive the petition because he was out of town.

Goldenthal said Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, would have received the petition and listened to the students' concerns, but the marchers arrived at South Building later than scheduled.

Hardin created a Committee on Community and Diversity about three weeks before the march.

Birshari Greene, SARR co-chairwoman, said the group hoped to meet with Hardin about the committee.

Marks said the group was encouraging students to continue signing petitions, and had set its goal at 5,000 signatures. Group members formulated the idea for a petition at last week's rally against hate crimes.

Charla Campbell, a senior from Jamestown who participated in the march, said she thought many students on campus were apathetic about the recent acts of racism. Many students "don't think that it is their problem."

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# University freshman attacked by 3 assailants on Cameron Avenue

A UNC freshman from Durham was assaulted by three black males in the early morning hours of Oct. 20, according to University police records.

The victim, Culley Carson, said Thursday that he was walking on Cameron Avenue near Swain Hall when four black men in a white Ford Escort GT drove by him slowly and shouted

vulgaries.

When Carson declined to participate in the suggested vulgarities, three of the men got out of the car and approached him, Carson said. One of the attackers had his arm underneath a trenchcoat and appeared to have a weapon, Carson said.

The three men pushed him around

and shoved him down, Carson said. When Carson tried to stand up, one of the men slapped him across the face and made a racist comment, he said.

The men left when another car approached the area, he said.

University police Maj. Bob Porreca said Tuesday the investigation of the

attack was inactive because there had been no leads. Investigations are not closed technically until an arrest is made in a crime, he said.

No similar incidents have been reported to the University police, Porreca said.

Carson said he believed a double

standard existed in attention given to racial attacks.

"I feel strongly that had this been the reverse situation, had I been black, and there had been four white guys getting out of the car that a lot more attention would have been given to it," he said.

— From staff reports



SARR members march to South Building to protest recent racial incidents Thursday afternoon

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A closed mouth gathers no feet. — Unknown