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## Jam session

Stuart Cole, Tony Mayer and Greg Bell, members of Waffle and Rudder and the Good Ole' Chicken Wire Gang Boys Band, harmonize in front of the Peace Village in the Pit on a

cloudy Wednesday afternoon. The band performs at parties and has been together for more than a year.

## NAACP assails local Rite AID's display practice

By Ashley Fogle  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has asked Rite AID officials to remove hair care products for African Americans from the front of the store.

UNC's Black Student Movement began boycotting the drug store in December after an employee told a customer that the products were placed there to discourage theft.

"A woman was told that the products were put behind the counter because blacks tend to steal," said James Britian, president of the local chapter of the NAACP. "This discussion was obviously something of a racial nature."

Britian said Wednesday that he had contacted Rite AID corporate offices a week before but had received no response. Any further action by the NAACP will depend on Rite AID's response, he said.

Britian said he hoped Rite AID would respond by removing the products from

the front of the store or by putting all hair care products in one location.

Ray Doering, a Rite AID corporate spokesman in Harrisburg, Pa., said the company had not made a decision about moving the products.

"We're trying to put together a formal statement from our operational people," he said. "Hopefully we will have something tomorrow that will spell out the view of the company. I'm really trying to make sure we're all on the same page around here."

Britian said the NAACP would not tolerate any racist gestures or racial overtones. "If you consider a person for what race they are, it's racist. The message they are sending, to me, is that black people couldn't find their way down the aisle, that they can't read."

Ethnic hair care products are not stocked in the same place at other area Rite AID stores, he said.

"If (the placement of the products) is indeed based on research or what the manufacturer recommended, why aren't

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## \$400 meal plan credit rescinded for new resident assistants

By Elizabeth Byrd  
Senior Writer

While next year's resident assistants will be exempted from the probable 8 percent rent increase that will affect the rest of the campus, first-time RAs are facing a cut in previously offered compensation.

To fight a \$1.2-million gap in the housing budget, department officials have decided not to offer first-year RAs

the \$200-per-semester meal plan advertised as part of the remuneration package, administrators and area directors said.

Elimination of the meal card for new RAs was chosen as a more viable alternative to raising their room rent, said Larry Hicks, associate director for business affairs for University housing.

"We had to look at ways of trimming \$1.2 million from our expense wish list," he said.

"Quite frankly, we just found ourselves in a crunch," he said. "There are only so many avenues you can take; everything got hit hard."

The RA application for 1990-91 listed the following as remuneration for RAs: a single room for \$710 a semester, pay of \$4.50 an hour for 17 hours per week (totalling about \$3,100 a year) and a \$200 meal card each semester.

But when RA applicants received job offers Monday, they found that the

meal plan would be given only to those who were returning to the job.

L.D. Newman, interim associate director of University housing, said she didn't think anyone would turn down the job simply because of the loss of the meal plan.

"I would be really surprised," she said.

When a student rejects an RA position, it is usually because he or she did not want to live in the area assigned, she

said. In the past no more than two students a year have turned down an RA job, she said.

Because potential RAs have until Feb. 27 to accept their positions for next year, it is too early to know how many students will accept the job offers.

"So far we've only had one person question (the change in policy)," Newman said.

But Lin Min Kong, who was selected as an RA for next year, said she had not

realized when she read the letter that she would not receive the meal plan that was originally offered.

The letter did not state explicitly that the meal card policy would no longer be offered for first-time RAs.

After listing the rent and payment compensation, which were the same as had been described in the application booklet, the letter read: "RAs who served

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## Senior gift pledges exceed goal

By Adam Ford  
Staff Writer

More than \$355,000 has been pledged by the 1991 Senior Class for its class gift, which will establish a much-needed endowment for the UNC library system.

The amount exceeds the class's goal of \$350,000 said Andrew Herman, senior class gift committee co-chairman. The senior class of 1990 pledged \$345,000.

Herman said the money could only be used by Davis Library. But because the University's libraries are covered

by one budget, the gift will free funds for use in other libraries.

The money from the endowment will be concentrated in undergraduate areas. It probably will be used to fund undergraduate research materials and increase the technology budget of Davis, Herman said.

About 50 percent of the 1991 seniors made pledges and quite a few students still are waiting for more information, he said.

Forty to 50 senior volunteers called classmates Sunday through Tuesday and asked them to pledge.

The volunteers requested \$200 from

each senior to be paid in increments over the next five years.

"The seniors realized what a substantial impact our gift would have on the University and wished to truly give something back to UNC," Herman said.

"The effort reflects very well on the class."

Bobby Dabal, senior class gift committee co-chairman, said, "I couldn't be happier. The response was phenomenal — there were very few people who said no."

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## State worker may identify victim

By Nicole Peradotto  
Staff Writer

An employee of the state prison system may have recognized the name of a man who has remained unidentified since the alleged hit-and-run accident in October that claimed his life two weeks ago.

"Someone in the prison department has matched last names," said William Brinkhous, an investigator with the state medical examiner's office. "There's a chance that the now deceased shows the same name as a prisoner in the North Carolina Correctional Facility ... The prisoner may be the dead man's son."

Although Brinkhous would not reveal the prison employee's name, he said the worker thought she recognized the last name as being the same as a man who was an inmate at the time of the accident.

Brinkhous said that nothing was definite, and he was following up on the information.

The victim was walking on the shoulder of Interstate 40 Oct. 18 when he identified himself as Nathaniel Reyes to a state trooper, said N.C. Highway

Patrol Trooper J.R. Jarrett.

The trooper was presumably the last person to speak to the man before he was found unconscious later that night on the side of the interstate, near the New Hope Church Road exit. No identification was found on his person.

The victim, a brown-eyed, gray-and-black-haired Hispanic man in his mid-to late 50s, died Feb. 9 of pneumonia at UNC Hospitals, said Thomas Clark, associate chief medical examiner.

Brinkhous said that in cases of unidentified victims, examiners collect identification information about the victim using X-rays, dental photographs scars and photographs. He also said distinguishing characteristics, such as tattoos, help.

The victim had tattoos on his arms and chest, including a heart-shaped design that read "Tomasa," the name "Freida" and the initials "JBP."

"In this case, because he was unknown prior to his death, I photographed and fingerprinted him while he was still alive," Brinkhous said. "These fingerprints were sent to the State Bureau of Investigation."



Possible hit-and-run victim

The SBI could not identify the fingerprints, so they were sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. FBI officials

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## Former student's disappearance unsolved

By Ashley Fogle  
Staff Writer

The mother of a former UNC student reported missing Feb. 10 has asked the Orange County Sheriff's Department to help search for him.

Anthony Cartnail-Bates, a 20-year-old junior from Hillsborough, was last seen the morning of Feb. 10 when he checked out of a motel in Hillsborough, said his mother, Mary Bates.

Bates said she did not know why her son left or where he went.

"I can't say if he was running away,

or from what," she said. "I know he was troubled, but I don't know about what."

Bates said she notified the Orange County Sheriff's Department about her son's disappearance.

Officials from the sheriff's office could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Frederic Schroeder, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Cartnail-Bates withdrew from the University in mid-January. Schroeder said he had little information about the man's disappearance.

Bates said her son moved out of his

room in Old East Residence Hall on Jan. 15 and had been living at home since then.

"I think he was just ready to quit," she said. "He had talked about going back to school, but I wasn't pushing

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## CBS vice president seeks release of journalists

By Dacia Toll  
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CBS Vice President Don DeCesare arrived Wednesday in Baghdad to work personally toward the release of correspondent Bob Simon and his three-man crew, who are currently being held hostage in Baghdad.

"We are trying to talk directly with Iraqi government officials instead of through intermediaries," CBS spokesman Tom Goodman said Wednesday. "Instead of publicly condemning the Iraqis, we are appealing on a personal level for the release of a few innocent men."

"CBS is doing absolutely everything we think possible to free our boys," Goodman said.

Simon and his crew disappeared on Jan. 21 when they were reportedly picked up by an Iraqi military jeep patrol in a remote part of the Kuwaiti border. Cable News Network reporter Peter Arnett first discovered that the four journalists had been taken to Baghdad where they are supposedly being held near the former residence of the U.S. Embassy Marine guards.

"Although we are not sure of their exact whereabouts, we have every indication to believe that they are being treated well and are safe at least for the time being," Goodman said.

After weeks of rumors and unsubstantiated reports, CBS received definite word of the journalists' safety this week, Goodman said.

Comforting reports about the treatment of the newsmen were tempered by the ominous announcement that Hussein personally would determine the fate of the crew.

The U.S. Department of Defense has placed several restrictions on reporters in the Persian Gulf area. After openly criticizing these limitations, Simon left in a four-wheel-drive vehicle near the Iraqi border with producer Peter Bluff, cameraman Roberto Alvarez and sound man Juan Caldera.

Arnett reported that three of the crew were wearing military uniforms to pass by Saudi checkpoints in the guise of American soldiers. Goodman would not confirm that they were in uniform, but he did say they had split from their military pool and were out on their own.

"We hope that the Iraqis realize that

the four are journalists and not combatants, and were simply there to cover a story," Goodman said.

Some journalists say the circumstances of the CBS crew should not interfere with the rest of the media's coverage.

"We cannot let what happened to them deter us from pursuing the war story," said Doug Ballin, news director at WRAL television, the local CBS affiliate.

Simon and his company can fall into one of three categories: innocents who could be released, prisoners of war or spies. Goodman confirmed that an Iranian-born journalist, Farzad Bazoft, was hanged in Baghdad last year after being found guilty of spying while on assignment for a British newspaper.

Faculty and students of UNC's journalism school have mixed feelings on media coverage of the Persian Gulf War.

"Journalists are allowed only limited exposure to issues and geographic areas," said Susan Ross, a visiting lecturer in the UNC School of Journalism and

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## Elections complaint dismissed

Staff Report

The chief justice of the Student Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a complaint against the elections board that was filed by a Student Congress candidate after she was disqualified from the Feb. 12 election.

The Elections Board had disqualified Latasha White, a candidate for District 17, because she failed to include mention of a campaign poster in a financial report to the board. White appealed the case to the court.

In her petition, White stated, "I didn't pay anything for it. Therefore, I didn't think I had to (report it)."

Asa Bell, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, said he dismissed the complaint without presenting it to the full court because White failed to state in her petition how the elections board violated any laws.

Mary Jo Harris, Elections Board

chairwoman, said candidates were told during a mandatory candidates' meeting before the elections that their financial forms must include all gifts or items received at a reduced cost.

The candidates also were told they must provide a reasonable estimate of how much the gifts or reduced cost items cost, Harris said. White was at the mandatory meeting, she said.

White said she was being penalized for not reporting one sheet of typing paper hung on a wall, and vowed again to protest the disqualification.

White said she had to leave campus the day after the election to attend the funeral of her maternal grandfather and was not able to correct her financial report.

"Rules are made to make things run smoothly, not to penalize people for extenuating circumstances, and this is definitely that," she said.

*Nobuddy ever fergits where he buried a hatchet. — Kin Hubbard*

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