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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### U.S. Forces Stay Neutral As Clans Fight in Somalia

**MOGADISHU, Somalia**—Militiamen loyal to Mohamed Farrah Aidid, engaged for months in a guerrilla war with U.N. forces, clashed with an old rival Monday in fighting that broke a 19-month-old truce.

U.N. officials said at least 10 Somalis were killed and 45 were wounded in fierce battles around Aidid's stronghold.

The battles began when Ali Mahdi's supporters tried to cross the Green Line for what was touted as a peace rally.

Spokesmen for Aidid's faction had warned Ali Mahdi's followers not to come into their stronghold, and accused Ali Mahdi of trying to disrupt a truce Aidid ordered Oct. 9 in his battles with U.N. troops. U.N. and American troops stayed out of the fray.

### U.N. Envoy Urges World Leaders to Help Haitians

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** — U.N. envoy Dante Caputo urged international statesmen Monday to come to Haiti in 48 hours to protect lawmakers against political terror and salvage a rapidly unraveling plan for restoring democracy.

Caputo made the desperate appeal just five days before ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was scheduled to return under the terms of a U.N. peace plan.

Premier Robert Malval canceled a trip to Washington to meet Aristide because he did not want to raise expectations that Aristide would return on time, Information Minister Herve Denis said.

### Ukrainian Lawmakers Fail To Support Disarmament

**KIEV, Ukraine** — Ukraine's President Leonid Kravchuk and leaders of Parliament avoided setting a timetable for nuclear disarmament Monday, despite appeals from Secretary of State Warren Christopher for compliance with past pledges.

Kravchuk promised to put the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty before the Parliament for ratification in November. But he did not promise approval, even after Christopher offered at least \$330 million in U.S. economic assistance this fiscal year.

Leaders of Ukraine's parliament cited instability in Russia as a reason not to dismantle all their nuclear warheads or to become a non-nuclear nation right away.

### Egyptian President Visits Clinton at White House

**WASHINGTON** — Amid extraordinary security, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak gave President Clinton an upbeat assessment of Middle East peace talks Monday, predicting quick resolution of differences between Syria and Israel.

Clinton appeared more cautious than Mubarak about prospects for the peace talks. Clinton said he and Mubarak agreed on a need to implement the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organization accord that promised Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the city of Jericho.

Under death threats from Islamic extremists, Mubarak was accorded unprecedented security precautions. Traffic was barred on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, and massive concrete barricades stood in the way in case anyone tried to break through.

### Durham Teen Hospitalized After Robbery, Shooting

**DURHAM** — A 16-year-old's life hung in the balance after a gang of masked robbers dragged him from a car, beat him and shot him in the back of the head. The robbers got \$3 from him.

The youth, Steven L. Crain Jr., was on life support at Duke Medical Center after being shot about 1:23 a.m. Sunday.

A teenage companion was robbed of \$21 and hit with a gun on the head. He managed to get in the car and drive away.

Family members of Crain's companion, who requested anonymity for him out of fear of retaliation by the robbers, said Crain had agreed earlier to meet the teen at his job to drive him home.

The robbers told the youths to get out of the car, or they would be shot.

The robbers later knocked Crain's cap off and taunted him about his shaved head, using racial epithets against Crain, who is white.

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## Weather

**TODAY:** Breezy, cloudy, 100-percent chance of rain; high in 60s.

**WEDNESDAY:** Variably cloudy, 30-percent chance of rain; high in 60s.

# Spangler Deal Brings New Criticism

BY PHUONG LY  
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UNC-system President C.D. Spangler recently invested \$38 million in the second-largest gypsum-wallboard manufacturer in the world, and some state and University officials say they are worried Spangler has his hands too full with his public and private responsibilities.

Spangler, who is one of the state's wealthiest individuals, and his family have purchased about 2 million shares of stock, or 10 percent of Charlotte-based National Gypsum Co. through Spangler's company, Golden Eagle Industries Inc. of Charlotte. The company offered Spangler a spot on its board of directors when it learned of his investment, and Spangler officially will join the board Sunday, company spokes-

man Allan Cecil said. UNC Board of Trustees member Walter R. Davis said Sunday that Spangler's extensive business obligations made him a "part-time" president of the 16-campus university system.

Spangler needs to devote his full attention to university concerns, such as UNC-CH's slip from national rankings, rather than dividing his time between business pursuits and university duties, Davis said. "You can't run a university system and a big business at the same time," Davis said. "When you invest that kind of money, it's going to take a lot of your time."

Two years ago, Davis resigned from the UNC Board of Governors, a position he held for 10 years, citing Spangler's management.

Spangler owns stock in NationsBank

and serves on the board of directors of BellSouth Corp.

Forbes magazine recently ranked Spangler 220th out of 440 in its annual listing of the nation's richest individuals. His net worth this year is \$475 million, up from \$390 million last year, according to the Forbes ranking.

Spangler said Monday that he did not want to comment on the investment on National Gypsum because it was a family investment.

Spangler, who has been system president for almost eight years, said he had no comment on whether his business pursuits were taking his time away from his public duties. In the past, he has said he had little to do with the day-to-day functions of his family's business.

He said Monday that he saw no conflict

of interest between his public and private pursuits.

The state Board of Ethics has told Spangler in the past to be careful in his public and private duties to avoid both legal problems and the appearance of conflict of interest.

N.C. law states that government officials can invest in companies and serve on their boards. But officials cannot make legal contracts with a company for the state boards that they serve on if they own 10 percent or more of the company.

W. Travis Porter, vice chairman of the Board of Governors, said that as far as he knew, Spangler's business pursuits benefited the university system and were not a conflict of interest.

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UNC-system President C.D. SPANGLER and his family recently made a large investment in Charlotte-based National Gypsum.

## A Watchful Eye



Matthew Hanley, a senior from Clayton, reads outside Person Hall on Monday afternoon while a statue appears to look down on him. Hanley read there because the statue was "pleasant to look at, (and) not distracting."

# Council Sets Date for Gun-Control Hearing

BY ROCHELLE KLASKIN  
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The next round of the gun-control debate will be Nov. 4, when the council will hold a hearing to receive public comment on possible local firearm regulations.

The council met Monday night to set a date for a formal debate on more stringent gun control in Chapel Hill and for Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos to present two additional ordinance proposals.

Karpinos explained five ways the town council could control violent crime through gun control:

- Prohibit the display of any firearm by any person consuming or under the influence of alcohol or any other impairing substance on town streets, sidewalks, alleys and other public property;
- Prohibit the display of any firearm at polling places;
- Prohibit the display of any firearm at any public assembly in Chapel Hill on public streets, sidewalks, alleys and other public property;
- Prohibit the display of any small handgun that is "easily and ordinarily carried concealed" on the streets, sidewalks and alleys of the town; and
- Prohibit the sale, possession storage, use or conveyance within the town of any weapon of mass death and destruction, to be defined to include assault and certain semi-automatic weapons.

The manager had recommended that the public hearing be held in the cultural arts auditorium of Chapel Hill High School Nov. 9.

But because not all council members would be able to attend the hearing, members changed the date to Nov. 4. Town council members hope to have the hearing at the auditorium, but will have to check with school officials.

The town also considered having a forum to hear public comment about whether the town should lobby the N.C. General Assembly to seek a public referendum changing the state constitution to enable more restrictive statutes and local ordinances controlling guns.

Council member Mark Chilton said that the forum was postponed indefinitely because the N.C. General Assembly only took up controversial issues in odd-numbered years.

He said it would be premature to have a forum because the Assembly could not take action in 1994.

Council member Art Werner said he was concerned that if the council combined the public hearing with the forum, residents would not address the specific local resolutions.

Werner said he also feared it would just be a repeat of the Sept. 7 public hearing, which was emotional and disorganized. "I think the forum opens it up to the broad gun discussion."

## Town Manager Recommends Rejecting Class On Gun Safety

BY MAUREEN TURNER  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council was scheduled to discuss a proposal Monday night to use town-owned facilities for firearm training — a proposal that the town manager recommended rejecting.

The request, submitted to the council in late September by David McFarling, president of the Durham Pistol and Rifle Club, Inc., requested the use of Chapel Hill classrooms for a National Rifle Association Home Firearm Safety Course.

Town Manager Cal Horton, who reviewed the proposal, recommended in a memo to the council and Mayor Ken Brown that it be rejected.

Horton cited philosophical inconsistencies between the proposed program and the council's history of gun-control efforts.

"It's clear from the council's policies and ordinances that it is their objective to reduce the possession and display of handguns or any kind of guns," Horton said Monday.

Such a course also would violate a 1992 town ordinance prohibiting firearms in town buildings, said Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos.

The course, according to McFarling's proposal, would not include shooting firearms but would use unloaded guns and non-firearm bullets provided by the instructor to teach students about loading, safety, care and storage.

Karpinos said that while the town ordinance did not explicitly state that only operable firearms were banned, the town still was considering amending the rule to include all guns — whether operable, inoperable or facsimiles — to ensure against possible legal problems.

"My understanding from court cases is that, absent some specific definition, the courts would not consider toys or facsimiles to be included (in the ban)," Karpinos said.

Council member Art Werner said Monday that Horton's proposal to deny

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# Students Begin Final Push for Bonds

## Student Government Effort To Include Fliers, Posters In Support of Bond Issue

BY ERICA LUETZOW  
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On the Nov. 2 ballot, students will have more to vote on than just local government candidates.

In an effort to pass a bond issue on the ballot that would grant more than \$33 million to UNC, student government is working to encourage all registered students to vote for the UNC-system capital-improvement bonds.

Lainey Edmisten, student government-state relations coordinator, said the 16 UNC-system campuses would use \$310 million of the \$740 million bond package to finance building projects at the schools.

Because the bond would greatly benefit UNC, all students should vote, Edmisten said.

Student government hopes to increase awareness of the bond by distributing fliers and posters and talking with students in

residence halls and student meetings, Edmisten said.

"We're working on some publicity for the bonds," Edmisten said.

"We're doing a big publicity blitz to get people to vote."

Organizers are investigating the idea of an on-campus polling site to increase voter participation, she said.

It is particularly important for all registered students to vote for the bond because it will show the legislators in Raleigh that the students care about their university, Edmisten said.

The bond will both improve the quality of education at UNC and also indirectly benefit the state as well, Edmisten said.

At UNC, the money would be used for improvements and additions to many campus buildings, such as the Lineberger Cancer Research Center, and for a new building for the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

"We've got a lot of pending projects critical to the long-term success of the University," said Jim Copland, student body president.

"It's totally in the student's self-interest to vote for it."

Even students who don't support the

specific projects in the proposal should vote for the bond issue because the bond money will allow other University needs to be addressed, Copland said.

Copland said that because money for the capital projects would have been secured through the bonds, it might become easier for other University needs to be addressed.

"It will be easier for other building projects to get funding," Copland said.

As a result, other University financial requests involving faculty salaries, library needs and financial aid are more likely to be met by the General Assembly, Copland said.

Now is a good time to issue bonds, Copland said.

"It's the ideal time to have a bond because the interest rate is very low," Copland said.

"As a fiscal matter, this is something the state can very easily manage without a tax increase."

The bond package also includes funding for construction projects at the state's community colleges as well as money for a clean-water initiative valued at \$145 million and funds for the state park system.

# California Student-Fees Ruling Won't Affect University Groups

BY PETER ROYBAL  
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UNC student groups deemed political or ideological by some students can continue to receive mandatory student fees and will not be affected by a February California Supreme Court decision that allows individual students to choose which organizations they will fund.

Former Student Congress Rep. Charlton Allen and current Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, said Monday that they would support a decision like the one made in Smith vs. University of California Regents so individual students could dictate that their fees would not be used to fund organizations such as Bisexuals, Gay Men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, a group

Allen considers political. "If people have a philosophical opposition to a group's mission, they shouldn't have to fund it," Allen said.

But the U.S. Supreme Court's early October decision not to hear an appeal of the Smith case means N.C. precedent, which permits use of mandatory student fees for groups some consider political or ideological, has not been changed.

The N.C. precedent was set in 1974 when Robert Lane Arrington and five other UNC students filed a suit charging that their First Amendment freedoms had been violated because their student fees paid for The Daily Tar Heel, which proposed views contrary to their own.

The court ruled in favor of the paper. "The disbursement of funds derived from

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WILLIAM VANALSTYNE  
Duke Law School professor

mandatory student fees to and for the benefit of the DTH creates the possibility of censorship by (Arrington)" and therefore is a violation of the paper's constitutional rights.

Betsy Bunting, who represented the University in the 1974 litigation, said the DTH case had been cited in other student-

fees cases around the country.

William Vanalstyne, Perkins Professor of Constitutional Law at Duke Law School, said he wasn't surprised the U.S. Supreme Court didn't address the case because its state outcome was consistent with other decisions the court had made, but agreed that the Smith ruling would only apply in California.

Vanalstyne compared the collection of mandatory student fees to fund political or ideological groups to state bar associations that required lawyers to pay a fee to practice and then used the dues for "propaganda purposes you find repugnant," like advocating pro-choice legislation.

"The government effectively taxes you and spends your money for ideological propaganda purposes," Vanalstyne said.

At the University of California, the Associated Students, who lost their bid to reverse the Smith decision, are preparing a proposal to collect mandatory fees and then allow students to get a refund for categories of groups they don't want to support, said Sarah Swan, University affairs advocate at the university.

Swan said she thought the alternative — developing a definition of a political group — would destabilize student government.

Allen said he would favor a system where students could apply for a refund of their fees that went to groups they did not support. He said student government would distribute money to groups for students who didn't apply for a refund as they did now.

*My dear, I don't care what they do, so long as they don't do it in the street and frighten the horses.*

Beatrice S.T. Campbell