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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### White House Announces Revised Health-Care Costs

WASHINGTON — A week after energizing critics by saying 40 percent of insured Americans would pay more under the president's health plan, the White House said Thursday that the real number was only 30 percent.

White House budget director Leon Panetta, dispatched to Congress to deliver the revised rosier numbers, said the 40-percent figure only took into account what people would pay in insurance premiums.

The 30-percent number includes out-of-pocket costs, such as copayments and deductibles, likely to decrease for many Americans under President Clinton's plan.

"If we fail to pass this plan, 100 percent of Americans will pay higher premiums, because that's where the health costs are going," Panetta said.

### Germans Seek AIDS Tests After Transfusion Scare

BERLIN — Thousands who once needed transfusions now are demanding AIDS tests, terrified they might have been given tainted blood from a company accused of improper testing for the virus.

Berlin's health department said its hot line was being bombarded with calls and similar reports came from around the country, which has been hit by one of its worst health scandals since World War II.

The recent scare is the latest in Germany's monthlong scandal over HIV-contaminated blood supplies. The federal government admitted Oct. 3 that officials had covered up 373 cases of HIV-contaminated blood in the 1980s.

### 3,600 U.S. Troops Leave Station Off Somali Coast

MOGADISHU, Somalia — About 3,600 American sailors and Marines sailed away Thursday in a sign of confidence that security was improving for U.N. peace-keeping troops in Somalia's capital.

The departing Marines never came ashore after arriving as support following an Oct. 3 battle in which 18 U.S. soldiers died.

Somali clan leaders and U.N. officials, meanwhile, met to discuss ways to improve security and defuse tensions.

There now are 7,500 U.S. troops in Mogadishu, the Pentagon said.

### Pro-Military Haitians Call For Strike in Capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Pro-military rightists demonstrated their clout Thursday on the eve of a meeting aimed at solving the political standoff, calling a strike that brought the capital to a near-standstill.

Most businesses were closed, and traffic was reduced to a trickle.

U.N. and Haitian officials said they would meet Friday, with or without the military, to search for a solution to the country's political standoff.

The two-day strike was called by the pro-military Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, or FRAPH, to protest the government's refusal to order that gasoline stored on the island be released for distribution.

### U.S. Economy Improving, Labor Department Says

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy unfurled more flags signaling a stronger recovery — sharply improved worker productivity in the third quarter, increased factory orders in September and fewer new claims for jobless benefits last week.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity shot up at a 3.9 percent annual rate from July through September, rebounding from declines during the prior two quarters.

At the same time, the Commerce Department said factory orders increased 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$255.2 billion, the third advance in four months.

And in a third report, the Labor Department said the number of new claims for unemployment insurance dropped by 10,000 last week to 338,000, the lowest level in a month.

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## Weather

TODAY: Breezy with showers and thunderstorms; high in 70s.

SATURDAY: Mostly wet and cold; high in 50s.

SUNDAY: Mostly clear and cold; high in 40s.

## Residents Speak Out for Gun Control

BY ROCHELLE KLASKIN  
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The anticipated large crowd never made it.

Less than 140 area residents had their last chance to speak either for or against stricter gun-control ordinances in Chapel Hill at the town's final public hearing on the issue.

The decision to enact stricter gun-control legislation now is in the hands of the Chapel Hill Town Council. The council plans to vote on the ordinance Nov. 22.

The council held the hearing at the Chapel Hill High School Cultural Events Center because at the last gun-control hearing in September, town hall couldn't accommodate the more than 300 people who tried to attend.

Participants in Thursday night's hearing only could speak specifically on five proposed ordinances and for only three minutes each. More than 60 residents and nonresidents spoke at the hearing. Chapel Hill residents were 2-to-1 in favor of stricter gun-control ordinances, while out-of-town speakers were overwhelmingly opposed to the ordinances.

Town Manager Cal Horton said the proposed ordinances would not affect crime noticeably in the short run but would aid the police department.

"The principle thing that these ordinances would do, if adopted, would give the police additional tools. They are simply tools to help," he said.

The most controversial ordinance is one that would prohibit the possession of weapons of mass destruction, which are defined as semi-automatic weapons with the capacity of 20 rounds or more.

David McFarling, president of the Durham Pistol and Rifle Club, said he used many of the guns that would be prohibited under the ordinance's definition of mass-destruction weapons for target shooting.

"This ordinance goes beyond the state definition of assault weapons," McFarling said. "I'm a serious firearms enthusiast. Every year, people come out to compete with semi-automatic weapons."

Chapel Hill resident Donald Holloway said the ordinance against assault weapons would be an abuse of power. "The definition is just plain silly," he said.

But those who applauded the council's attempt to enforce stricter gun-control laws said the ordinances would be a start to help curb crime.

Former town council member Joe Herzenberg said he supported all five ordinances.

"Not because it's the solution to violence and crime, but because it's a step in the right direction," he said.

Chapel Hill resident Margaret Taylor said sanity needed to be restored in the use of handguns. "It is possible to take a stand against handguns. It's not political suicide," she said.

Many women said they were against the ordinance that would prohibit the display of small handguns.

Town resident Betty Ibrahim said the ordinance would discriminate against women.

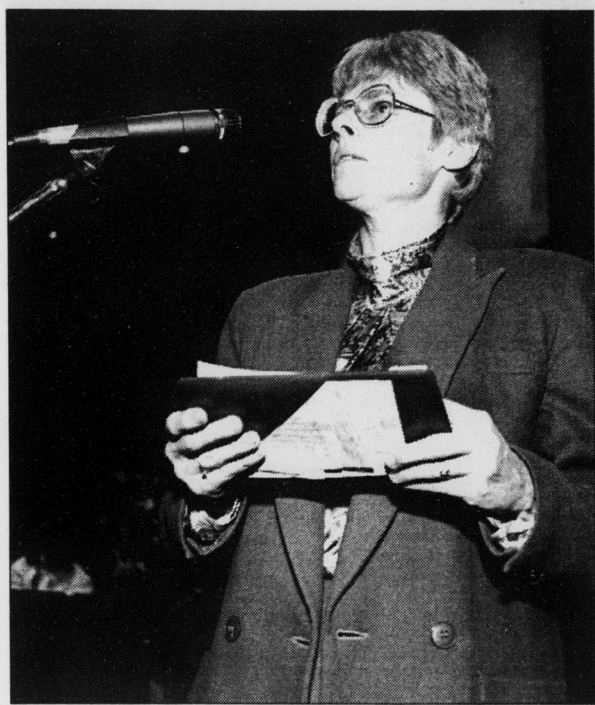
"These are the only guns that we can comfortably and safely use," she said. "You are punishing the innocent instead of the guilty."

But one woman who was in favor of the ordinances disagreed.

Sally Russel, a Chapel Hill resident, said women did not necessarily have a problem handling larger guns. "Even as a young girl, I was able to shoot a gun that almost killed my sister," she said.

Under state law, the town council cannot completely ban handguns within the town of Chapel Hill, but it can prohibit the use and storage of firearms in specific areas. The town will vote on five proposed ordinances that would prohibit:

- The display of firearms by anyone



Chapel Hill resident Lorna Chafe speaks in favor of stricter gun-control ordinances at Thursday night's public hearing in Chapel Hill High School even though she warded off a potential rapist two years ago in Durham.

- The influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Firearms at polling places;
- The display of firearms at public assemblies;
- The display of small handguns on public property; and
- The possession of weapons of mass

destruction off of one's own property. Many council members said they had expected more people to attend the hearing. But Mayor Ken Brown said he expected the smaller crowd.

"Because the discussion was so limited, I expected less of a group."

## Students: Professor's Test Unfair

Pharmacy Students Accuse Professor of Giving Test on Material Not Taught in Class

BY JESSICA FRANK  
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About 25 pharmacy students met with a School of Pharmacy administrator Monday to discuss their dissatisfaction with a professor's teaching methods, which some students said resulted in low scores for the majority of the class.

Students in Professor Philip Smith's core pharmacy course said that almost 40 percent of a recent test was based on material not covered in class.

Gary Pollack, pharmaceuticals division chairman, said the test averages were much lower than those usually received by the pharmacy students. The average test grade in the "Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Kinetics" class was 62.

The course is required for all pharmacy majors.

Pollack said the students were upset because a particular question constituted a large percentage of their grade.

Although the information covered in that question was not taught explicitly, the students could have deduced the answer from previously learned information, he said.

"There seems to be a lack of communication between the students and the professor concerning this," Pollack said.

A second-year pharmacy student who did not want to be identified said the test

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## Hold That Tiger



UNC football player Pat Conneely (55) joins his teammates in applauding the Marching Tar Heels after the band played at a pep rally following the team's practice Thursday evening. For a preview of Saturday night's game, see page 5.

## Speaker Urges Everyone To Make Positive Change

BY JENNIFER AYRES  
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Ordinary people possess energies that, if released, could bring about substantial positive change, Cornel West said to a crowd of more than 400 Thursday night in Carroll Hall.

West, a professor of religion and director of the Afro-American Studies Department at Princeton University, delivered the 1993 Weil Lecture on American Citizenship. The lecture also was part of the Bicentennial Lecture Series.

West, author of six books, including the best-seller "Race Matters," emphasized the power of the individual in modern society.

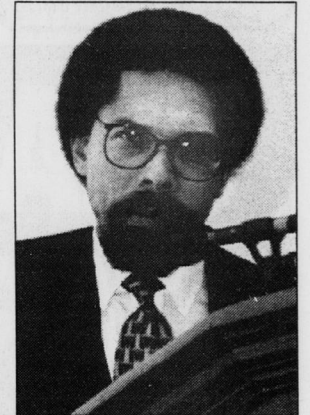
"The definition of a citizen is an ordinary person capable of ruling or being ruled," he said.

But for those in leadership positions, the possibility that any ordinary citizen could be a ruler just as easily as he or she is ruled is frightening, West said.

"Radical democracy is a deeply troubling vision for all elites of any kind," he said. "What is terrifying to me is the degree to which the radical democratic tradition is on the decline."

The United States rapidly is turning into a market culture that promotes buying, selling and advertising, he said.

But continuing a democratic tradition



CORNEL WEST gives the Weil Lecture Thursday night in Carroll Hall.

in a market culture will be hard because in a market culture, citizens begin to act as constituents and not as individuals, he said.

"Trying to cultivate the art of public conversation is a training ground to acting as a citizen."

West discussed four methods for developing public communication in the face of pessimism.

First, citizens must understand their origins and the place their forefathers took in history, West said. "To give the notion of a citizen some substance, we must acknowledge a sense of history."

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## Officials: UNC Must Make Greater Effort to Enforce Greek Rules

BOT Member, Alumnus Say Larger Staff, Honor Court Could Help Curb Violations

BY MARTY MINCHIN  
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Chi Psi fraternity alumnus Donald Beeson and Board of Trustees member Ann Cates traveled nationwide last month to find workable solutions for UNC's risk-management problems within the fraternity and sorority system.

They presented their findings, information from the Greek systems at the University of Georgia and Indiana University that filled a stack of papers and booklets, to the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs at its Wednesday meeting.

The two brought back one central mes-

sage to the committee: The University must become more involved with the Greek system in order for existing risk-management policies to be effective.

"One thing we learned at both schools is that their philosophy is the university is the entity that should develop and enforce policies," Beeson told the committee, which consists of sorority and fraternity members, UNC administrators and fraternity and sorority alumni. "Some recent judicial decisions pointed to the fact that the University needs to be more actively engaged in enforcing policies for fraternities and sororities."

Beeson serves as chairman of the committee.

Risk-management policies for Greek organizations are designed to reduce the risk of lawsuits over alcohol-related accidents that can be traced back to a fraternity or sorority party.

Frederic Schroeder, dean of students and a committee member, said Thursday that he thought the meeting was successful. Schroeder sent a five-page memo Wednesday outlining the state of risk management at the University to local fraternity and sorority chapter presidents, national chapter representatives and house ownership corporation presidents.

"I think there is a very strong likelihood that in the future, the University is going to take on a more direct role in some of these issues," he said. "We've made a tremendous amount of progress in the past two years. Change is an absolute for all of us."

Beeson said he and Cates chose to visit the University of Georgia and Indiana University because Indiana University was considered a national leader in risk-management policies, and the University of Georgia, which once was considered a "party school," had implemented many

successful policies into a large Greek system.

Some ideas the two presented to the committee were: increasing the number of people working directly with fraternities and sororities in the office of student affairs; creating better educational programming for chapter leaders; and making risk-management violations an Honor Code violation.

The University must have the permission of University legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus before becoming more involved in enforcing risk-management policies, Beeson said. "I think that we need to receive that go-ahead for our legal counsel that it is OK to proceed with forming a closer relationship," he said.

Cates said she invited Ehringhaus to speak at the committee's December meeting. Ehringhaus is talking with lawyers from Indiana University and the Univer-

sity of Georgia to find out how those universities are involved in risk management, Cates said.

But Edward Marshall, former Inter-Fraternity Council president, said at the meeting that he thought the committee should include students in any risk-management policy-enforcement decisions.

"I really think we need to get as much student input as possible or else there's going to be some backlash," Marshall said.

On their Indiana trip, Beeson and Cates also met with representatives from the National Panhellenic Council and the National Fraternity Council. Beeson said many of the national fraternities and sororities that had local chapters at UNC were very concerned with the risk-management problems at the University.

Cates told committee members, "The nationals referred to our campus as being targeted, one that needed work on."

Zoo: An excellent place to study the habits of human beings.

Evan Esar