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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### House Passes Brady Bill By 238-189 Majority Vote

WASHINGTON — Responding to public fear of street crime, the House approved the Brady bill Wednesday that would require a five-day wait and a background check on people who want to buy handguns. The House voted 238-189 for the bill and sent it to the Senate.

The House also approved Brady last year, but it failed after being attached to a larger crime bill blocked by Senate Republicans. This time, it is being kept separate in the hope the Senate will send it to President Clinton, who has promised to sign it.

"We need to stop these thugs from getting these guns rapidly, and if we pass the Brady bill, we will do that," said Rep. Lucien Blackwell, D-Pa.

### Mexicans Stand By Gore Following NAFTA Debate

MEXICO CITY — New hopes that the North American Free Trade Agreement will be approved set off frenzied trading on the Mexican stock exchange Wednesday.

Mexicans declared Vice President Al Gore the winner of Tuesday night's free-trade debate with NAFTA opponent Ross Perot. Even their anger at Perot's suggestions that Mexicans all live in poverty gave way to satisfaction that the Texas tycoon had been put in his place.

"NAFTA opponents are using arguments without much substance," said Trade Minister Jaime Serra Pache.

Within its first four hours, the Mexican stock exchange had soared more than 72.34 points to 2,026.18, slightly under the record of 2,029.06 set last month.

### Hunt Supporters Plead Guilty to Phone Charges

RALEIGH — A former state Supreme Court justice and another former law partner of Gov. Jim Hunt pleaded guilty Wednesday to reviewing transcripts of cellular-phone conversations involving Hunt's gubernatorial opponent.

Phil Carlton, the former justice, and Charles Lane, both members of the law firm Poyner and Spruill, pleaded guilty to reviewing cellular-phone conversations late in Hunt's 1992 gubernatorial race against former Republican Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner.

The office said the government was unable to establish that the transcripts were used for "tortious or illegal conduct, or for commercial gain or advantage."

### Jury Acquits Virginia Man Of Marital Sexual Assault

MANASSAS, Va. — John Bobbitt, whose wife cut off his penis in retaliation for alleged sexual abuse, was acquitted Wednesday of marital sexual assault. The jury rejected the argument that she "struck out at the very thing that harmed her."

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated about four hours before returning the verdict.

Bobbitt's wife, Lorena, will be tried Nov. 29 on a malicious wounding charge. She faces up to 20 years in prison, as her husband had on charges of marital sexual assault.

John Bobbitt, 26, jumped from his chair and hugged his lawyer, Gregory Murphy, then buried his face in Murphy's shoulder as Bobbitt's aunt shouted, "Oh Lord, thank you!" Lorena Bobbitt, 24, wasn't in court.

### Norplant Contraceptive Overpriced, Groups Claim

WASHINGTON — Family planning groups and a lawmaker accused a U.S. drug company Wednesday of profiteering on Norplant, the implantable contraceptive. The company said its \$365 product was cheaper than birth-control pills.

But Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said Norplant was developed with extensive government support and sold for \$23 in some Third World countries. He said the actual cost to Wyeth-Ayerst laboratories might be as little as \$16. "Thousands of women are not getting access to the drug because they can't afford it," Wyden said.

Dr. Amy Pollack of the Association of Health Services Professionals said the failure rate was less than four per 10,000 with Norplant compared to 300 per 10,000 for women on the pill.

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### Weather

TODAY: Sunny, mild; high in 60s.  
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 60s.

## Students Accept Coker Site for BCC



John Bradley, Black Student Movement president, answers questions at a news conference Wednesday about the decision to accept Coker Woods as the site for a free-standing black cultural center.

BY MICHAEL WORKMAN  
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Student leaders representing several campus groups announced Wednesday that they had decided to support the construction of a free-standing black cultural center on the Coker Woods site.

The announcement by leaders of the Black Student Movement, the Campus Y and the Student Environmental Action Coalition ended speculation that students would continue to campaign for the Wilson-Dey site, located between Wilson Library and Kenan Labs next to Dey Hall on the main quad.

The University's Board of Trustees voted in July to build the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center on the Coker site, located between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower, sparking protests from students who believed the site was too far from the main quad of campus. Some students also raised environmental concerns, saying a building on the Coker site would destroy plants and wildlife.

But on Wednesday, the students said the location of the building was less impor-

tant than what would go on inside it.

"Wherever it's placed, the programs and things that come out of it will draw students to it," BSM President John Bradley said at a news conference in the current BCC, located in the Student Union.

"If it means that we have to build it on a site that's less acceptable, ... we want a building, so we'll build on this site," Bradley said.

Caitlin Reed, SEAC co-chairwoman, said the group still opposed the site but was unwilling to stand in the way of construction "as long as the process remains open to student and community input and proceeds in an environmentally and socially just manner."

In a statement read by Bradley, the students also called for a "positive response and itinerary" by Chancellor Paul Hardin by Wednesday.

After reading the statement, Bradley said the groups expected fund raising to begin immediately and wanted Hardin to commit to a "guaranteed time-line" for further BCC planning.

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## Judge Dismisses Grievance

### Housekeepers Vow They Will Appeal the Decision Made Wednesday in Wake County Superior Court

BY STEVE ROBBLEE  
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Wake County Superior Court Judge Henry Hight on Wednesday dismissed a suit brought by UNC housekeepers against the University 2 1/2 years after a grievance was first filed by housekeepers.

"We'll definitely appeal that (ruling)," said Alan McSurely, a Chapel Hill attorney representing the housekeepers. "There's no legal basis for doing that that I know of. And I'm sure it will get overturned in the appeal, but that will take another six months."

The case came before Hight because University lawyer David Parker appealed Administrative Law Judge Brenda Becton's Oct. 11 decision to allow the housekeepers to sue as a group. Parker argued that the Office of Administrative Hearings and Becton did not have jurisdiction over the case. McSurely said the case now would go to the N.C. Court of Appeals, but lamented the fact that an ultimate decision in the case would be delayed.

"The (N.C.) Court of Appeals, I am confident, will uphold Judge Becton. But it accomplishes the purpose of continuing the hearing during the time of the continuum."

The housekeepers' grievance was filed in 1991. It alleged that the University discriminated against the housekeepers based on race with regard to pay, training opportunities and unfair supervisory practices. It went through three steps of the UNC grievance process before Becton agreed to hear the case in October.

The possibility of a lengthy appeals process has concerned many members of the UNC Housekeepers Association, and they have adopted the slogan, "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied," to express their dissatisfaction with the appeals process.

Marsha Tinnen, a housekeeper who filed the initial grievance with the University in 1991, said Wednesday that she would continue fighting the University but could not speak for others.

"I can say for myself that I am (determined to go on). I don't know about other people on the (housekeepers') committee," McSurely said he did not hear about the decision until about 5:30 p.m. and thought all the housekeepers had not heard the decision Wednesday.

"We haven't had a chance to really get everybody together," McSurely said while discussing the case in Bingham Hall before a UNC student production titled, "I Have My Story To Tell." Part of the performance was based on interviews with housekeepers about their experiences. Parker said he did not know much detail about the judge's decision, only that he

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## The Intimate Reopens Its Downtown Doors

BY JAY TAYLOR  
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A Chapel Hill institution returned Wednesday after a 14-month absence.

The Intimate Bookshop, which was destroyed in a fire last September, reopened at 119 E. Franklin St. and many people — from all over the Triangle — came out to welcome it home.

"People are excited that we're back," employee Rebecca Ashburn said.

Ashburn, who moved to Chapel Hill only two months ago, said she could tell the store was a special place to many local residents.

"I've had several people say to me, 'This is where I used to spend my lunch hour—I'm so glad you're back,'" she said. "It seems to belong to the community more than to any owner."

The store is celebrating its grand opening through Nov. 20. Events will include visiting authors, door prizes and special savings on books.

The celebrations began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday night.

"We had a nice turnout," said owner Wallace Kuralt. "We invited some of the old staffers and the fellas who worked on the building. Enough people wanted to buy that we opened the registers to contribute the money to our literacy fund."

The new store has been redesigned and expanded, but Kuralt, a UNC alumnus, said he tried to maintain the feel of the old store and was pleased with the results.

"I'm tickled," he said. "It's different, but it seems to have the same character. People seem to like it."

The store was busy all day, filled with book-lovers of all kinds. On one aisle you would find a retired couple; on another, a student wearing a faded baseball cap, carrying a backpack. A local businessman stood on the next. All were taking their time, soaking up the shop's atmosphere.

The new building is bright and spacious, with large windows in the front. It



Patrons browse through The Intimate Bookshop on East Franklin Street at its grand reopening Wednesday. Wider, more open ceilings and stairwells give the Intimate a new look. The bookshop, which has been under reconstruction for about a year, offered discounts and gave away door prizes to celebrate the reopening.

resembles its predecessor in many ways, with wood floors and creaking stairs. The hardback books still are shelved on the first floor, and paperbacks still are on the second.

But the newness was apparent, as workers finished painting the second floor. The building also has a third floor, which con-

tains office space and conference rooms.

The new store has 7,000 square feet of space for books alone, compared with a total of 7,000 square feet in the old store.

Karen Bronson, a regular customer at the old Intimate Bookshop, noticed the expansion.

"(The new store is) colorful, with a lot

more shelf room on the sides to display the books," she said.

Kuralt said the store tried to display one-third to one-half of its books in stock. Displaying so many books invites a great deal of browsing in the store. Customer

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## Congress Gives Phoenix \$600 To Help Magazine Rise Again

BY HOLLY RAMER  
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Student Congress voted Wednesday to appropriate \$600 to the Phoenix student news magazine.

After amending the proposed bill to increase funding, passing a second amendment to decrease funding and making a third motion to vote on the original proposal, Student Congress voted 19-9 to appropriate \$50 for fund raising, \$450 for printing and publicity, and \$100 for photography supplies. One member abstained from the vote.

Phoenix representatives said they needed the funds to restart the magazine, which suffered from financial mismanagement in the past. Phoenix Editor Stephanie Siebold said the funds would help the magazine move toward self-sufficiency.

"It's the ultimate goal of any publication to become self-supporting," she said. "The problem is, if you're not an established paper, you can't expect to be self-supporting from the start. It's hard to get advertisers."

Siebold said she was pleased with the final decision, but some members of Student Congress had not focused on the most important issues in making their decisions.

"I think certain members just did not want the Phoenix to be funded," she said. "Throughout this process, there has been

constant nit-picking by certain members who refused to recognize us as a new group. They dwell in the past."

"Certain members seemed to be most concerned with the past, (but) what is important should be why I am qualified to be an editor."

But Rep. Jonathan Jordan, Dist. 1, said he was not impressed with the new Phoenix staff.

"I have a very bad feeling we're throwing money down a hole," he said. "I'm not sure what they're doing, and I'm not sure they do either."

Other congress members said the Phoenix should prove they deserved the funds.

"Whether or not they can ever get this off the ground is questionable," said Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11. "Let them prove through several issues that they are accountable."

But Rep. David Barnes, Dist. 4, said the Phoenix had proven itself with the first issue.

"I believe they have been responsible," he said. "True to their name, the Phoenix has risen again."

Rep. Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, said funding the Phoenix would not encourage the magazine to become self-supporting. Although Cohen said several campus publications had been successful without stu-

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## Wiesel Urges Remembrance of History's Lessons

BY ANNA BURDESHAW  
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History has a way of repeating itself, Nobel Prize-winner Elie Wiesel told a sold-out crowd of 1,600 Wednesday night at Memorial Hall.

Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner who now works for human rights causes, offered his ideas to the audience about how to improve both the Jewish and the human condition.

"I believe that it is from the insight of my Jewishness that I can try to attain universality, not the other way around," Wiesel said.

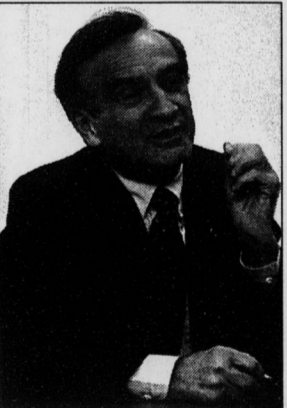
Biblical history provides insight about many of today's problems, suggesting that modern man can benefit from studying historical events, such as the war between Cain and Abel, he said.

"Everything that is happening now has already happened before," Wiesel said. "Not only do we learn that brothers can kill each other, but that everyone who kills, kills his brother."

Wiesel added that there was much that humanity could learn from Judaic history and the perspective of Jews in the modern world.

"What is the Jewish condition if it is not the human condition?" he asked. "Only our enemies have tried to say that the Jews are different, that they are not part of the human condition."

Although Wiesel condemned hatred directed toward Jews, he added that anti-Semitism was not different than other types



1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor ELIE WIESEL

of hatred.

"Anti-Semitism is growing, but you know I believe those who hate, hate everybody," he said. "Hate is like a cancerous cell — it starts somewhere, but then it spreads. Those who hate will always find a target; they will always find someone to hate."

Wiesel said the best way to prevent future wars was to educate young people about the atrocities of the past.

"When you teach students the value of memory, that is the best means, the best

instrument to sensitize," he said. "Memory is the best shield against hatred."

But memory also can be the cause of hatred, Wiesel said. The war in Bosnia is an ancestral war caused by people remembering the wrongs committed against their families in the past, he said.

Wiesel, who traveled to Bosnia last Thanksgiving, said it was the most disastrous area in the world today.

"Sarajevo is today the most tragic city in the world," he said. "It has been under siege for 18 months. I went there last year, and I will never forget it."

Although Wiesel said he did not know the solution to ending the strife in Bosnia, he did say the world needed to stop ignoring the situation there.

He suggested that the "great" leaders of the world hold a summit meeting in Sarajevo inviting the presidents of the five republics of the former Yugoslavia. They should be forced to reach an agreement, he said.

"We can't afford to say we don't know what's happening there," he said. "It's not there, it's here."

Despite his concern about the war in Bosnia, Wiesel said he was optimistic about other areas of world concern, especially the peace plan recently signed by the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian nation.

"I am terribly optimistic with regard to the Middle East," he said. "For years, everybody moved except for the Middle East. Now, all of a sudden, the Middle East

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Whatever happens to one people affects all people .... The planet is very small.

Elie Wiesel