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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Clinton Honors Veterans With Praise and Ceremony

WASHINGTON—President Clinton, a college-age foe of the Vietnam War, saluted American veterans Thursday and said the United States must never shrink from what was necessary "to keep our nation secure and our people prosperous." Beginning with a breakfast for leaders of veterans' groups in the East Room and ending with a visit to a veterans' hospital in West Virginia, Clinton devoted the day to paying homage to those who served in the military. "A grateful nation remembers," the president said at Arlington National Cemetery after placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

He called attention to the presence of 17 Army Rangers who took part in the firefight in Somalia, in which 18 Americans were killed Oct. 3. Clinton praised their "great ability, success and unbelievable valor."

### Puerto Ricans Preparing To Vote on U.S. Statehood

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico — Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans sang and cheered Thursday in the final rallies before they cast votes for statehood, continued commonwealth status or independence. Sunday's plebiscite is nonbinding, but Gov. Pedro Rossello told a pro-statehood rally that if that option won, he would start working the next day to obtain approval from Congress for the island to become the 51st U.S. state.

As a commonwealth, Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but do not have voting representation in Congress. Polls indicate statehood and commonwealth status are running neck-and-neck, with independence running a distant third.

### Gas Companies Ordered To Release Fuel Reserves

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A judge on Thursday ordered two American oil companies to release fuel supplies frozen under U.N. sanctions. Shell, the other distributor, said it would refuse to comply with a similar order. Civil Court Judge Henock Voltaire gave Texaco and Esso 24 hours to begin deliveries to independent stations, said Rigaud Duplan, lawyer for the National Petroleum Distributors Association, which sued to free the supplies.

The same order was issued Wednesday to Shell Co. (W.I.) Ltd. But the British company issued a statement Thursday in New York that it would not go along.

### Rabin to Request More Time Before Peace Talks

WASHINGTON—Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin intends to ask President Clinton for more time before moving ahead in peace talks with Syria, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Clinton, who meets with Rabin at the White House on Friday, had hoped for a green light from the Israeli leader for renewed U.S. mediation to settle the Jewish state's 45-year dispute with Syria.

But the Israeli public seems unready to accept compromises with Syria so soon after the agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, said an anonymous U.S. official. Israeli officials say they want to see tangible signs of Syria's willingness for full peace with Israel before agreeing to Syrian demands to cede land.

### S.C. Senators Will Fight To Keep Confederate Flag

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The state Senate's fans of the Confederate battle flag rejected any chance of a compromise Thursday and said they would fight to make sure the banner continued to fly atop the Statehouse. "We do not intend to have our heritage ripped down or to have it tucked away," Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, said.

He and fellow GOP Sen. John Courson of Columbia hinted that they might push legislation next year to guarantee the flag remained flying on the Statehouse dome.

That runs counter to talk earlier this summer about possibly putting a lesser-known Confederate national flag in place of the battle flag. But last month the Legislative Black Caucus rejected that solution in favor of removing the flag entirely.

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### Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high near 70.  
SATURDAY: Partly sunny; high near 70.  
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high low 70s.

## Panel Discusses Environmental Efforts

BY JENNIFER AYRES  
STAFF WRITER

While UNC leads the regional universities in environmental efforts, the University needs to make a stronger commitment, said a panel of faculty, staff and students during an environmental forum Thursday night.

The panel discussed land use, recycling, waste reduction, energy consumption and environmental education in the Lenoir North Dining Hall.

The program, "Recycling is Not Enough," is part of student government's Front Line project, a student evaluation of the status of the University.

John Sanders, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, said that to preserve green space on campus, the UNC

Board of Trustees needed to adopt a formal land-use plan.

"It's inevitable that we lose some of that green space, but we need to make that loss as conservative as possible," Sanders said.

"The problem is, we are running out of buildable space on the main campus between Franklin Street and the bypass," he said. "We will avoid building on these green spaces as long as we can."

Sanders said that in addition to building the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center in Coker Woods, two other projects had been approved in recent years to be built on former green space. The new Kenan-Flagler School of Business will be built next to the Smith Center, and the George Watts Hill Alumni Center already has been constructed next to Kenan Field House.

Student Body President Jim Copland

said, "I think it's important to prevent this type of decision-making from happening again."

Jennifer Heaton, student government's environmental issues co-coordinator, said the key to preserving green space on campus was commitment.

"It's so important to develop a plan and stick to it, or else we'll squander our land away," Heaton said.

But Charles Button, coordinator of the University's recycling and waste reduction program, said he was skeptical of the University's commitment to preserving green space.

"All I hear are words like, 'as long as we can,'" Button said. "Are we really ready to commit to (a land-use program), or will we just do it until some more money comes along?"

But the panel members repeatedly commended the efforts of student groups such as the Student Environmental Action Coalition and its subgroups, including the Tar Heel Recycling Program.

Herbert Paul, UNC Physical Plant director, said he was pleasantly surprised by the success of student environmental activity.

"I really appreciate the efforts of SEAC," Paul said. "I thought it was going to be one of those things that happens and then goes away when the class goes away. That didn't happen."

Darce Killpack, a member of SEAC and co-chairwoman of TARP, said that although individual recycling rates were high, it still was difficult to raise interest in

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## Rights Week To Explore Global Issues

Programs Are 'Jumping-Off Point' For Student Interest in Rights of Children, Other Oppressed Groups

BY JESSICA FRANK  
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Children's rights, gay rights, international oppression, racism, hunger and homelessness are just some of the global, national and local issues that will be featured in the Campus Y's 10th annual Human Rights Week, which begins Sunday and concludes Friday.

The goal of the week is to provoke interest in human rights among the student body and the University community, Human Rights Week co-chairwoman Kiran Purohit said.

"The week should serve as a jumping-off point for the year, to get people thinking about human rights," she said. "We hope it will begin to educate people to take action."

Human Rights Week kicks off Sunday with the annual Footfalls road race, "The Run for Humanity." Also Sunday, various local bands, including Dada Veda, will perform at a free concert at 8 p.m. in Gerrard Hall.

The keynote address focusing on Eastern Europe will be delivered Monday by Andrei Codrescu, Romanian-born writer, poet and National Public Radio commentator, in Hamilton Hall.

Highlights of the week include a viewing of Jacob Holdt's "American Pictures," which was selected as outstanding film of the year at the London Film Festival.

Holdt will lead a discussion after the showing of the film. Through contrasting images of the extremely wealthy and tragically poor in America, Holdt addresses the toll racism takes and its effect on American society.

The week also will feature a letter write-a-thon sponsored by Amnesty International and a slide show and discussion about pornography sponsored by Women Against Rape.

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## Teens, Police Speak Out for Better Understanding

BY KATHRYN HASS  
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The lines of communication between Chapel Hill's youth and town police officers were opened Thursday afternoon at a teen speak-out held at the Hargraves Recreation Center.

Students, ranging from elementary to high school years, attended the speak-out to talk with officers and develop ways to improve relations between young people and the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Chapel Hill police officer Matt Sullivan started the program when he saw a lack of communication between young people in the community and fellow officers. As a Drug Awareness Resistance Education officer, Sullivan had a lot of contact with school-aged kids.

"What I found was that there was a real communication problem, and a lot of people in the community felt like, that unless we fostered some positive relationships and communication with them, that we would be unable to do anything positive," he said.

UNC graduate student Guy Hill, who is working with Sullivan on the project, said the key to a constructive relationship between the two groups was communication.

"We want your ideas, we want what you think, and we want how you feel," Hill told the approximately 25 students who attended the speak-out.

Sullivan told the teenagers that the purpose of the speak-out was for both groups to open up to one another.

"We're going to let the youth of the community — you guys — come out and tell us what the problems are and what we can do to solve those problems and how we can do it better, because a lot of times young people don't get the voice that they need," he said.

The kids then broke into small groups and were able to talk with police officers and UNC graduate students in the School of Social Work about their concerns. Officer Dennis Jordan said he wanted to get the kids' ideas so the police could implement their ideas and make them comfortable in their own neighborhoods.

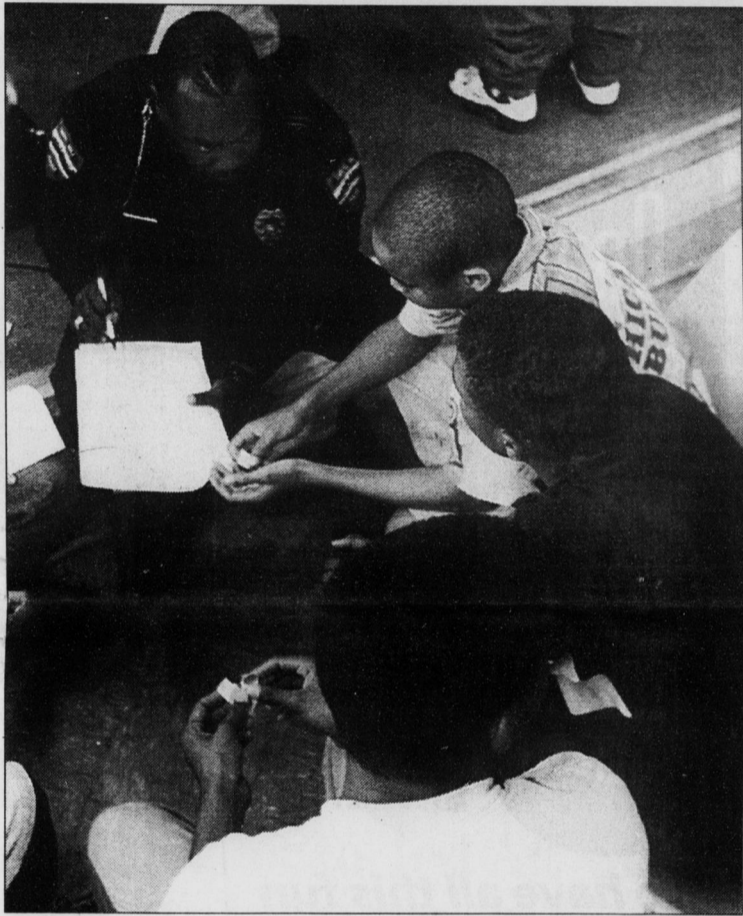
"I want to make sure you feel safe to go and do as you please," he said.

Jordan's group concurred that the biggest crime problems were drugs, and that the police needed to patrol areas better that were known for drug dealers.

"I think there is not enough police," said seventh-grader Jason Rollins.

Another group suggested that the main cause of crime was that teenagers were bored and committed crimes because they had nothing better to do. They suggested that more teen centers with youth programs were necessary to keep young people out of trouble.

School board member-elect LaVonda Burnette spoke at the meeting and encouraged students to stay in school and be active in the community. "I'm living proof that you do not have to resort to drugs or crime to become successful in the community," she said.



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Chapel Hill police officer Dennis Jordan meets with students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools Thursday afternoon during a teen speak-out at the Hargraves Recreation Center.

Jordan expressed his optimism about improved relations between police and young people.

"I have seen that most of the young folks have issues and problems that they haven't felt like they can come to the police and talk about until after it is too late."

Chapel Hill Police Department Sgt. Everette Johnson also was positive about the outcome of the speak-out. "See, we just barely chipped the iceberg

now. Now it's time to put some of this in action, because you'll disappoint the kids if you don't."

Sullivan said he hoped to continue this type of program and to work with young people on a regular basis. "This is only the first of many (programs)," he told the audience. "I hope that as time goes on, we'll gain momentum and you guys will take this message back out to your friends, and next time everybody will bring two friends."

## Students, Veterans Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives

BY STEVE ROBBLEE  
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Dozens of military veterans, ROTC cadets and midshipmen, and citizens paused during a Veterans Day service Thursday to pay respect to those who died in battle and to support troops currently overseas in Somalia and Haiti.

Harold Bunch Jr., the director of the Kenan-Flagler master's of business program and a 30-year Navy veteran, acknowledged during his keynote speech that having to fight on behalf of the United States could always be a concern for college students, particularly those in the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

"I have often thought this type of setting was appropriate for an occasion such as this," Bunch said at the Polk Place ceremony. "This campus, having just celebrated its 200th birthday, has seen young men and women under these very trees ponder their chances of having to fight for the cause of Southern states, fight in both World Wars, Vietnam, Korea or the Persian Gulf. Now the midshipmen and cadets with us today join their ranks as they shoulder our burden of carrying the flag to Somalia, Haiti or the next hot-spot threat to free thinking or personal liberty, wherever they may be."

Bunch said World War II made more of an impact on his life than any other historical event after his father and uncles returned from the war.

"I remember being taught that the Purple Heart, worn by veterans, was something to be revered above all other badges of honor," he said. "This is our time to recognize that freedom is not free. It has been dearly won for us through the service and the sacrifice of very special American men and women."

Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for University affairs, led a prayer for the soldiers who had died or were missing in action.

"We pray for their families and their safety, because we as a nation gain at the expense of the service and the absence of our loved ones," Wallace said. "We pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price for our personal freedom."

Bunch took time during the Veterans Day ceremony to recognize a sometimes-forgotten portion of the armed service — women.

"It is significant to note that not all the fighting was done by men," he said. "Each of these wars was marked by significant numbers of women veterans in our armed forces. This is National Women's Veterans Recognition Week and the occasion today to unveil an addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial honoring our (women) veterans. I, for one, look forward to seeing that portion of that moving memorial the next time I visit our nation's capital."

Tracey Gordon, an Air Force ROTC cadet lieutenant colonel, said she was

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Cadet Maj. Tony Lee (center), UNC Army ROTC platoon leader, stands watch over Veterans Day ceremonies in Polk Place on Thursday. This Veterans Day was the first time Army ROTC had a representing formation at the annual ceremony on campus. The observance included recognition of several UNC veteran alumni.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Benjamin Franklin