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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Denny's Attacker Gets Maximum Jail Sentence

LOS ANGELES — A judge gave the maximum 10-year sentence Tuesday to Damian Williams, the black man convicted of viciously beating white truck driver Reginald Denny and attacking other motorists at the outset of last year's riots.

"It's intolerable in this society to attack and maim people because of their race," Superior Court Judge John Ouderirk said.

Ouderirk sentenced black-co-defendant Henry Watson to probation until January 1997 and to 320 hours of community service. Police went on alert Tuesday as a precaution against possible violence following the sentencing.

Some black community leaders and even the chairwoman of the jury that convicted Williams criticized the sentence as unfair. But the city remained calm.

### Miners, Companies Reach Agreement to End Strike

WASHINGTON — Mine workers and coal companies have reached tentative agreement on a contract to end a sometimes violent seven-month strike that kept nearly 18,000 workers off the job in seven states, Labor Secretary Robert Reich announced Tuesday.

The agreement must be ratified by union members and by member companies of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

The strike began May 10 and eventually involved about 17,500 union members in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia.

"With this new contract, the union has reached its goal of establishing an important measure of job security for its members," Reich said in a statement.

### U.S. Energy Department Admits to Secret Testing

WASHINGTON — The government has concealed more than 200 nuclear weapon tests since the 1940s and conducted about 800 radiation tests on humans, some of whom were unaware of the risks, the Energy Department acknowledged Tuesday. "It left me appalled, shocked and deeply saddened," said Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary about the information she learned only recently.

Launching a new era of openness about the weapons programs, the department released summaries of previously secret information about nuclear tests in Nevada, the amount of plutonium produced and currently located at weapons factories, and limited information about government tests during the 1940s and '50s on humans to determine the effects of radiation doses.

### First Black Members Enter South African Government

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Blacks took seats in government for the first time Tuesday to help steer South Africa toward democracy and end 341 years of white domination. Right-wing whites staged a theatrical bid to stress their opposition to reforms by seizing an abandoned fort hundreds of miles away, but their action was dwarfed by the significance of the Transitional Executive Council's first meeting.

Although the council cannot introduce legislation, it can veto government decisions on security, intelligence-gathering and finances. It will serve as a government watchdog until the country's first multiracial elections April 27.

### Seagroves Claims He Shot When He Felt Threatened

DURHAM — Michael Seagroves testified Tuesday that he didn't shoot at four teenagers he caught stealing his motorcycle and golf clubs until he felt threatened, then stopped firing when he felt safe.

"I was just scared to death," said the 37-year-old Seagroves.

The doorbell rang, but no one was at the front door, Seagroves said. On his way back to the bedroom he heard a crash that shook the house, then the sound of voices in the garage, he said. He got a .22-caliber rifle before opening the kitchen door into the garage. Inside were four men, two of whom ran out the garage door. He said the other two started around his car to another door that had been kicked in, then reversed direction and came toward him. That's when Seagroves fired his rifle, he said.

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### Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 50s.

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high 50-55.

## Trustees, Students Discuss Visitation

BY JUDY ROYAL  
STAFF WRITER

Students' rights again came to the forefront of a debate over 24-hour visitation policy during a Tuesday meeting of the Board of Trustees' special task force set up to study the recently revoked pilot program.

The committee, composed of students, University administrators, trustees and parents of UNC students, met to discuss the policy and to begin formulating its report to the BOT in January.

The committee will meet again after the spring semester begins.

Trustee William Jordan suggested establishing a program similar to the one at UNC-Greensboro, where different dorms have different visitation policies, and students can choose a visitation plan.

But others debated what the restrictions

on such a policy would be. Trustee David Whichard said that perhaps freshmen should not have the 24-hour option because they were the youngest students at the University.

Biology lecturer Jean Desaix, a housing advisory board member, said students came to the University at different levels of maturity.

"I'd encourage us to think about how we would define that restrictive group," she said, referring to the classification of older students as freshmen based on credit hours and first year in college.

The BOT voted at its Nov. 19 meeting to revoke a pilot program allowing 24-hour visitation of opposite-sex guests in six dorms, saying they did not know about the policy until it was implemented.

Some trustee members also said they had been flooded by calls from angry citizens, some of whom threatened to with-

hold donations from the school.

Students in Aycock, Carmichael, Craige, Kenan, Mangum and Teague residence halls overwhelmingly voted to implement the policy in September.

At the meeting, Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the University had to give students the right to make decisions involving their own well-being.

Boulton cited a federal law stating that every individual had the right to make his or her own decisions. He said the law was the reason why the University stopped requiring freshmen to live in residence halls but instead guaranteed them dorm rooms if they wanted them.

But Russ Stephenson, a parent of a University student, said he questioned the maturity of younger college students. "I would question whether 18- and 19-year-olds are at a point that they have matured

in terms of social development to make these types of decisions," Stephenson said.

Jordan, however, said parents were of the utmost concern when a student considered living conditions at the University.

"Parents are far more important to me than anyone else," he said.

"Options need to be exercised prior to students coming to the University. Parents need to be informed of what we're doing, and I encourage them to discuss matters with their child."

Trustee Anne Cates said the rights of roommates also should play a prominent role in the decision-making. Most students would not feel comfortable talking to their roommate if they had a concern about visitation in their room, she said.

Al Calarco, associate director of housing, agreed, saying most students were not assertive enough to voice their opinions on what should go on in their rooms.

## School Kids Among Shops To Fill Top of the Hill Hole

BY ANUBHA ANAND  
STAFF WRITER

Some residents call it The Pit of Franklin Street.

But under the squeak and strain of yellow bulldozers, Top of the Hill, the new retail building under construction next to The Gap on East Franklin Street, slowly is taking shape.

Wooden wall frames jut upward from the square pit, and elevator shafts have been poured, but just who will occupy the three-story building and its basement is a partial mystery.

"The only thing I can tell you is that School Kids will be one of the tenants," leasing agent David DeFravio said.

School Kids Records currently is located at 144 E. Franklin St. Owner David Harvey said the new space was something he had been looking forward to for 2 1/2 years.

"Basically, we're moving to double our space," he said. A flood in 1991 ruined the carpets and floor of his store.

"Just a new building will be great," Harvey said.

He said School Kids' old space would become a classical and jazz music store.

The 32,250-square-foot Top of the Hill building, which will be a mix of retail and office space, is scheduled to open next summer.

DeFravio said the top floor would house a restaurant, but added that tenants for the second floor and basement spaces still were being negotiated.

He said the new tenants would make their own announcements, possibly later this week.

"I'll just be glad when it's finished," said

Gap assistant manager Jennifer Thompson.

"I've seen the plans — they're beautiful. I'll just be glad when something besides that great abyss is there."

As a major addition to the busiest downtown intersection, Top of the Hill definitely will change the Franklin Street scene, and many civic leaders are looking forward to that change.

"It's going to be fabulous; we can't wait," said Robert Humphreys, executive director of the Downtown Commission.

"This project will really be in keeping with the downtown look and feel, but it will add a newness."

Humphreys said the new building was a taste of what would be coming to Franklin Street next year.

"By next fall, we're really going to be on a roll," he said.

"The Hector's building will be finished by about the same time, and through the summer, the town will be working on the Streetscape project, (extending from Ham's to Chapel Hill Cleaners."

The Top of the Hill project also incorporates the Streetscape plan, he said.

The Streetscape plan seeks to beautify the downtown by adding sidewalks, lighting, planters and new streetlights — ones that hang from poles rather than on wires extending overhead.

All new developments will have to adhere to the Streetscape plan because the Chapel Hill Town Council added it to the town's Comprehensive Plan.

The new building replaces what once was a Chapel Hill fixture — the old Texaco gas station.

The station became a convenience store about 10 years ago and changed names



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Bob Cox, a construction worker at the site of Top of the Hill on the corner of East Franklin and South Columbia streets, checks the steel supports for the first floor of the new office and retail building Tuesday.

several times, finally settling on the site's current name — Top of the Hill — and the name stuck.

But Humphreys said the gas station had outlived its usefulness, and its location was creating a traffic nightmare.

"Downtown areas don't have little gas stations anymore," he said. "If we don't change, we die."

Joel Harper, Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Chamber of Commerce president, said the building was definitely an improvement.

"Top of the Hill, the Hector's building and The Pavilion (at West Franklin and Church streets) will change the look of Franklin Street, but for the better," he said.

"I can really appreciate the people who say that Chapel Hill is not like it used to be, but even if we stayed in bed all day, things would change."

## Housekeepers' Salaries Comparable in Region

BY JAMES LEWIS  
SENIOR WRITER

Even though UNC housekeepers have complained for years of low salaries, housekeepers and comparable employees' salaries across the state and region mirror their pay at UNC.

In North Carolina, pay scales for state employees are set by the General Assembly.

The N.C. State Office of Personnel has recognized that UNC is in a competitive labor market because it is located in the Triangle area. To reflect this, the Office of Personnel gave UNC the flexibility to elevate the salaries of

workers in lower-pay grades, according to Bruce Runberg, UNC associate vice chancellor for facilities management.

"There was a labor market survey in 1991 for the Triangle area," Runberg said. "(After the pay elevation) comment from the Office of State Personnel was that housekeepers were being paid at or around the prevailing market averages for the work being done."

"It is our understanding that the salaries (of housekeepers) are at least at or above other institutions, including Duke (University)."

UNC housekeepers' pay is approximately 50 cents to \$1 higher per hour than pay for comparable jobs in the area, Runberg said. UNC housekeepers also receive fringe benefits to supplement their salaries.

Most UNC housekeepers are in pay scale 50, the lowest scale on the state's salary schedule. Some also work in grades 51 through 54.

### UNC Housekeepers: A Look at the Men & Women Who Clean Campus Buildings

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TODAY: The Money Factor  
THURSDAY: The Meaning of the Movement

The average base salary for full-time permanent housekeepers employed at UNC is \$14,879. Base UNC housekeeper salaries range from \$13,521 to \$21,281.

Drake Maynard, UNC director of human resources, said these salaries did not take into account several programs that raised the salaries of UNC housekeepers, including the Accelerated Pay Program.

"The Accelerated Pay Program says that we are going to move people in our four lowest salary grades up," he said.

Maynard said employees in grades 50 through 53 underwent work evaluations every six months. If the employee receives a favorable rating, the individual receives a 5-percent raise. He said salaries of employees in those grades usually were brought up to a level of over \$14,500 in about two years.

In addition, Maynard said about 250 of UNC's 400 housekeepers received a 10-

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## UNC to Cut Travel Spending For Gator Bowl, Hardin Says

BY PETER ROYBAL  
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of criticism over the \$600,000 bill for last year's trip to the Peach Bowl, Chancellor Paul Hardin has announced that UNC will offer fewer flights and hotel rooms to University representatives when the football team travels to Jacksonville, Fla., for the Gator Bowl.

Hardin said spending would be curtailed primarily because there was "so much fuss made over it a year ago at the Peach Bowl." Last year some faculty strongly criticized the athletic department for its spending on the Atlanta trip.

"I don't think that was justified because out of the 30 teams that went to bowls last year, we were 21st on the expenditures," he said. "Yet, there were those who felt it was extravagant, and so Mr. (John) Swofford (UNC athletic director) and the Athletic Council have decided to cut back this year."

Swofford recommended the cuts and Hardin approved them, Hardin said.

Savings will come from a shorter guest list and by only offering tickets to some of the people invited, Hardin said. In particular, he expected the chancellor's administrative council, trustees and legislators would not receive free transportation and hotel rooms.

"I'm not even sure it's a wise thing to do, because this is a good opportunity to cultivate people both inside and outside the University community at athletic expense," Hardin said.

Last year, in addition to paying for football players and the marching band, UNC covered travel and hotel costs for several

members of the Board of Trustees, the Administrative Council, the Faculty Council committee on athletics, the Educational Foundation and athletic department employees and their families. In total, UNC took 688 people to the bowl.

Also included in the \$600,000 bill were \$77,000 in bonuses, and \$69,000 in bowl mementos. Swofford and coach Mack Brown each received bonuses of over \$9,500.

Changes came this year when the Athletic Council, a nine-member advisory board of students, alumni and faculty members, told Swofford that UNC should limit spending in light of faculty criticism over last year's bill.

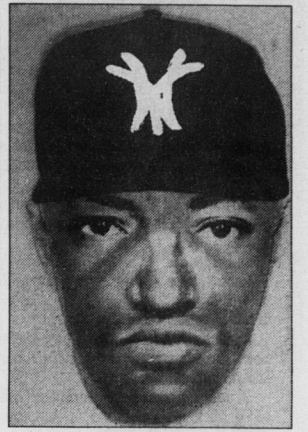
"We all advised that some steps should be made to limit how much money we're spending on the bowl," said Daniel Thornton, a student on the Athletic Council and president of the Carolina Athletic Association. "The athletic department decided to curb the cost and bring a little more money home."

More specific details on the expected cost of the Gator Bowl were not available because Swofford and associate athletic director Jeff Elliott were attending meetings out of town and were unavailable for comment Monday and Tuesday.

UNC will earn \$1.5 million to play in the Gator Bowl, up from the \$1.2 million it garnered at the Peach Bowl. The University returned \$400,000 of its Peach Bowl cut to the Atlantic Coast Conference as part of a revenue-sharing agreement. A similar amount will go to the ACC again this year.

Of this, the athletic department will donate \$200,000 to the chancellor's discretionary fund as part of a five-year plan

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Police composite drawing of suspect in shooting of Durham man

## Detectives Look Into Downtown Shooting

Police Search for Three Suspects in Friday Night Henderson Street Assault

BY JOHN REID BLACKWELL  
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill police released a composite picture Tuesday as part of a search for three suspects in connection with the Henderson Street shooting of a Durham man Friday night.

A Durham Regional Hospital worker notified local police Saturday at 1:40 a.m. that doctors were treating a man with gunshot wounds to the lower abdomen. The victim said he had been shot in Chapel Hill but drove home to Durham before going to the hospital.

The 23-year-old Durham resident, whose name has not been released, told police he was walking toward his car on Henderson Street at about midnight when three black men approached him from behind, according to a Crimestoppers report. When the victim turned around, one of the suspects shot him. The suspects then fled the area on foot, the report states.

According to Chapel Hill police Detective Becky Wilson, the victim did not at first even realize that he had been shot. Wilson said the weapon used in the attack probably was a small-caliber gun.

"He was so scared when it happened, he did not realize he had been shot until he got halfway home," Wilson said. "That reaction is not unusual in victims with penetrating wounds. (The victim) is very new to the area and did not know where to go to get help in Chapel Hill."

The victim was treated and released from Durham Regional Hospital.

According to the Crimestoppers report, one suspect — who police believe did the shooting — was a 20-year-old black man, weighing about 180 pounds and measuring between 5 feet 9 inches tall and 6 feet 1 inch tall.

He was wearing a dark, thick jacket and a black New York Yankees hat at the time of the attack, the report states. The other two suspects are described as black men of similar age and height.

Although police were on patrol in the Henderson Street area Friday night, none reported hearing shots fired.

The suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident's report first led Chapel Hill police to suspect that it might not be true. But Wilson said Tuesday that she had no doubts the victim was telling the truth.

"(The victim) said the shot was not very loud," she said. "It does not surprise me that nobody heard it — that would be consistent with a small-caliber gun. He said it sounded like a car engine backfiring. I have no reason to doubt what he told me."

The police have no leads on the identity of the attackers, but Wilson confirmed that the victim did not know his attackers. Investigators still have not determined a motive for the attack.

"We don't know if it was an attempted robbery," Wilson said. "(The victim) said his first impression was that they were going to rob him."

"They yelled something at him, but he couldn't remember what they yelled, so we don't know what their motivation was."

It is unusual for a single attack to occur without suspects approaching several other people in the same night, Wilson said.

"Normally, the pattern would be not only one person being accosted, but (the

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Disney, of course, has the best casting. If he doesn't like an actor, he just tears him up.

Alfred Hitchcock