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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Castro Opens Borders of Cuba, Encourages Exodus

HAVANA — Fidel Castro has thrown open Cuba's doors and in effect told his countrymen they were free to leave.

In a 2-hour speech broadcast nationwide Wednesday night, Castro said explicitly for the first time that Cuban authorities would not interfere with people trying to flee the troubled island.

"We told our border guards to make their operations more flexible in respect to illegal exits," he said.

He also said Americans could bring boats to Cuba to pick up family members and buy fuel in this energy-short nation.

Castro lashed out at the United States for its policy of isolating Cuba and blamed Washington for the first large-scale refugee exodus since he had let 125,000 people flee in the Mariel boatlift of 1980.

Democrats Push for Vote On \$30 Billion Crime Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democratic senators, picking off a few Republican defectors, pushed Thursday for a roll-of-the-dice vote on the \$30 billion crime bill after days of tug of war with GOP opponents who vowed to block it.

The stakes were enormous for President Clinton, who lobbied hard to pass the bill.

If the 44 Republicans managed to block the bill — and they only needed 41 votes to do so — Clinton could see one of his highest domestic priorities derailed.

Three Republicans previously indicated their unhappiness with the GOP effort, and Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said he believed three more would vote with the Democratic majority.

Senate to Finish Session Without Health Care Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The exhausted Senate is leaving health-care reform in limbo while it goes on vacation. With just a few congressional work weeks left this year, the break casts further doubt on the fate of the White House crusade.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and other Democrats had vowed to stay until a health-care bill passed. But the latest version of health reform is far from ready for floor consideration, and lawmakers were clamoring to vacation and campaign.

Key senators were asked to be on call throughout the recess while their aides worked on a modest bipartisan compromise that is heavy on insurance reform and deficit reduction but far from the universal coverage sought by President Clinton.

Zairian Looters Raid Goma Airport, Stealing Supplies

GOMA, Zaire — Zairian gangs looted aid supplies after American troops pulled out of a base near the Goma airport Thursday during a day of violence that killed at least three Zairians and wounded 10.

No one was hurt in the raid on the unguarded base, but it created new fears among the 800 foreigners working for 45 aid groups in Goma and further disrupted relief efforts.

Aid workers have urged that U.N. peacekeepers be sent to the Goma region, but no such force is under consideration. A U.N. force is patrolling across the border in Rwanda, but its mission is limited to trying to stabilize that nation after a brutal, three-month civil war.

Delegation Hopes to Stem IRA's Violence Campaign

DUBLIN, Ireland — A delegation of Irish-Americans hopes to prod the Irish Republican Army to call off its violent campaign, the group's leader said Thursday after having arrived in Dublin.

The delegation's plans to visit the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland set off a recent flurry of speculation in British and Irish newspapers that the IRA was about to call a cease-fire.

"We are interested in persuading the IRA through our discussions with Sinn Fein to take actions moving towards an end to violence on their part," said former U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn.

Sinn Fein is the political party allied with the IRA, which has waged a violent campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland for a quarter-century.

The delegation planned to go to Northern Ireland to meet Sinn Fein leaders on Friday following discussions in Dublin with Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 87.
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high 90.

UNC Best Buy Among State Schools

Money Magazine Ranks UNC One of Nation's Top Values, Selective Colleges

BY AMY PINIAK
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

For the third year in a row, UNC ranks as the nation's best value among state schools, according to Money magazine's annual "Your Best Buys Now" issue.

The top ranking was based on in-state tuition and fees. UNC's 1994-95 tuition for in-state students is \$874 and in-state student fees total \$606.

Money's best buys issue, a guide for students and parents, also lists the University as the 12th best buy overall nationwide and third best in the Southeast.

UNC earned fifth place among the country's most selective universities — those where students ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school classes, earned average grades of B+ or better and scored at least 1,200 on their Scholastic Aptitude Tests and 29 or above on their ACT scores.

"The ranking is really a double-barreled compliment," Provost Richard McCormick said. "It shows that first, we have good students who get a first-rate college education, and second, they get it at an extremely affordable price."

The magazine details the nation's top

Money Magazine's Top University Bargains

The Top Public Schools:
Best values considering in-state tuition and fees.

1	UNC-Chapel Hill	\$1,419
2	New College (Fla.)	2,030
3	University of Texas, Austin	1,400
4	University of Florida	1,820
5	Florida State University	1,800

The Nation's Top 100:

1. New College of the U. of South Fla.
2. Rice University (Texas)
3. Trenton State College (N.J.)
4. State U. of N.Y.-Binghamton
5. Northeast Missouri State U.
6. Hanover College (Ind.)
7. Rutgers-New Brunswick
8. California Institute of Technology
9. Spelman College (Ga.)
10. St. Mary's College of Maryland
11. Grove City College (Fla.)
12. UNC-Chapel Hill

The Best of the Southeast:

1. New College of the U. of South Fla.
2. Spelman College (Ga.)
3. UNC-Chapel Hill
4. Wake Forest University
5. University of Georgia
6. Fisk University (Tenn.)
7. University of the South (Tenn.)
8. Hendrix College (Ark.)
9. Centre College (Ky.)
10. University of Florida
11. Florida State University
12. Clemson University (S.C.)

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100 schools based on 16 measures of educational quality, including entrance exam scores, faculty and library resources, instructional and student services budgets, graduation rates, and student loan default rates. Money compared those measures with each school's tuition and fees to come up with a value rating.

Last year, Money ranked UNC as the seventh best buy overall and second in the Southeast. In 1992, the University placed ninth overall and third in the Southeast.

"Because of the previous rankings, we already knew we provided an excellent education at a truly affordable price," McCormick said. "But it's still good to have that confirmation this year. We're

very proud of it."

H. Garland Hershey, vice chancellor for health affairs and vice provost, said that on behalf of the University's faculty and staff, he was pleased with UNC's ranking.

"We've always been concerned about using the resources provided to us to maximize the value to our students, and it appears we've been successful," he said.

Hershey said UNC's top ranking was an example of North Carolina's commitment to higher education.

"To be recognized for providing top value to our students is a positive example of the benefits the state is providing to the young," he said.

McCormick added that the high rank-

ing was a tribute to all North Carolinians. The reason tuition is so low, he said, is that most of the money comes from state taxes.

"Only 10 or 15 percent of students' education is paid for by tuition, and the rest comes from the men and women of North Carolina," McCormick said. "That's where the commitment is, and that contributes to both our excellence and our low cost."

UNC retained its top ranking as the best bargain among public schools even though tuition has increased for the past two years.

"It's important to remember that while tuition does go up and may be a serious problem for students, compared to other

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CAA to Start Nonrevenue Sports 'Blitz'

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
SPORTS EDITOR

For every Eric Montross participating in North Carolina athletics, there's a Temoc Suarez, and for every Jason Stanicek, there's a Sharon Moore.

The Carolina Athletic Association wants to remind UNC students that the University fields 27 varsity sports and not just the big two — football and men's basketball — that everyone knows about.

To increase student attendance at Suarez's men's soccer games, Moore's field hockey games and other nonrevenue sports, the CAA will begin a "Blue Blitz" of non-revenue sports publicity.

"A lot of people know these sports exist but not many have attended a game," said Jamie Seeley, CAA's athletic appreciation director. "We want to let people know there's more to Carolina than just football and basketball."

The CAA plans to target one "Blue Blitz" game for each sport during which they will offer giveaways and create a special halftime show to encourage students to attend. Typically, the targeted game will be one against UNC's archrival in the sport.

Blue Blitz games for fall sports have already been determined. They are:

- Sept. 25, men's soccer vs. Virginia;
- Oct. 19, women's soccer vs. Duke;
- Oct. 30, field hockey vs. Old Dominion; and
- Nov. 8, volleyball vs. Duke.

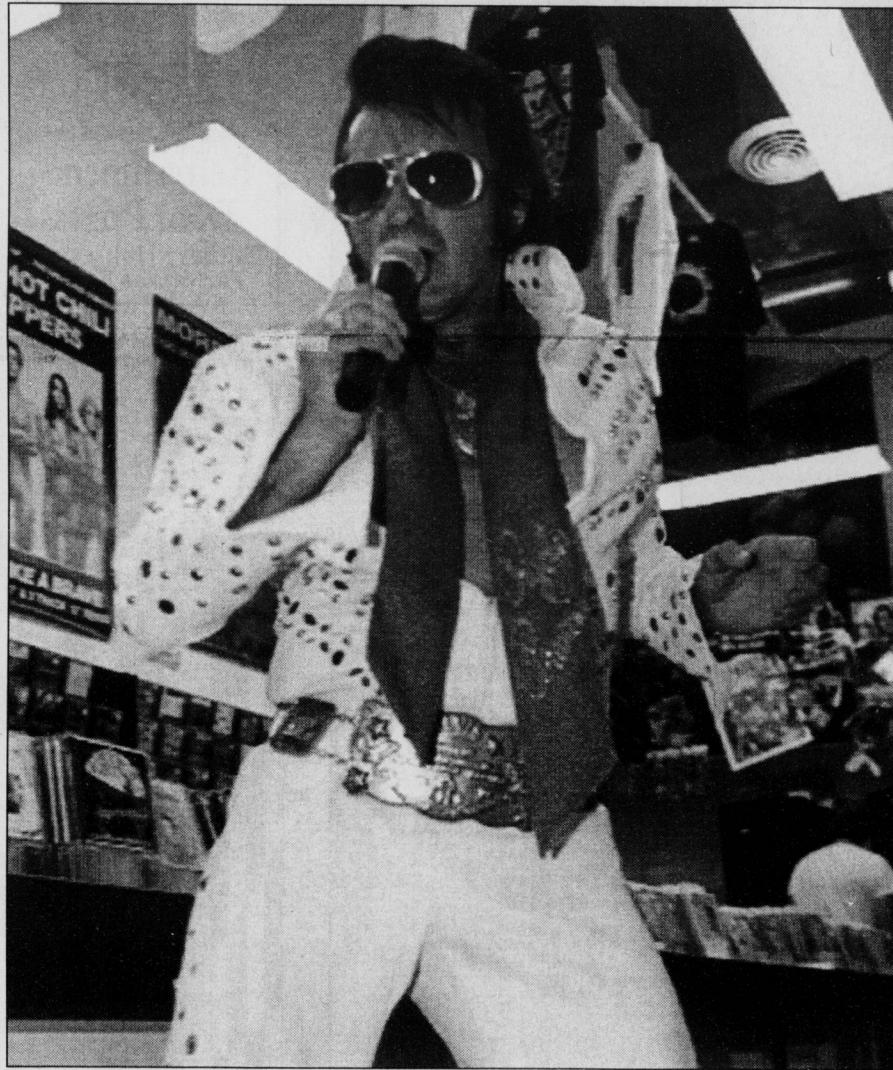
The athletic association also has arranged for the fall nonrevenue coaches to hold a question-and-answer session with students in the Pit in the week preceding the Blue Blitz game. UNC football coach Mack Brown will have two discussion sessions, on Oct. 5 and Oct. 26.

CAA President Jennifer Rasmussen said she hoped the Blue Blitz would give many students their first taste of nonrevenue sports.

Once they give these sports a chance, they'll get hooked, she said.

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The King Lives ... Again



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"Elvis," also known as Ryder Preston, performs a medley of songs as part of a promotional put on by The Record Exchange on Franklin Street Thursday. Customers could have their pictures taken with the King and sample his favorite meal — peanut butter and banana sandwiches. See story on page 3.

Many Students, Too Few Classes

BY ALI BEASON
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As enrollment figures continue to increase year by year, UNC students, instructors, administration and departments are forced to create solutions to space problems and accommodate the rising numbers of students.

Some students, like junior Anita Keller from Woodstock, Ill., are feeling the crunch of a large student population.

Keller said she had trouble getting the biology classes she needed. "The cores (classes) were supposedly full, but once I got in, the professor said it would be okay to stay," she said.

For other classes that were not as easy to get into, students had to go through the department and get on a waiting list before classes started, she said.

Last year's actual enrollment figures

exceeded the projected enrollment figures by 226 students.

As of Wednesday, total enrollment was at 23,563 but a final count will not be in until the second week of class, University Registrar David Lanier said. "People are still registering," said Arlene Rainey of the Registrar's office.

"It's always a guessing game until the second week of class," Lanier said. The total enrollment figure includes all graduate students, undergraduates, and professional school and continuing education students.

According to the current tally, 505 more students attend UNC this year than in 1991.

Junior Eric Barnard from Bear Grass said he was considering taking 13 hours instead of 16 because of the difficulty he was having getting into the crowded 11 o'clock English class that he wanted to add

to his schedule.

"During the prime-time hours, it's hard to get in (to classes)," Barnard said. The only alternative is to go to class either earlier or later, he said. "The only people that want to do those (8 o'clock classes) are freshmen because they don't know how bad it is."

The psychology department is dealing with the increased demand for classes by offering more larger-sized classes. The department is offering more lecture-sized classes to accommodate the high demand for some classes.

Other departments are also dealing with the overflow. "In our department, enrollment has gone up every semester of every year for the past five years," said Barbara Logue, secretary of the chemistry department. According to Logue, the depart-

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Officials Halfway Through Counting Recall Petitions

BY JAMIE KRITZER
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With all of the strife surrounding the effort to recall Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education member LaVonda Burnette, it's a wonder that anyone so closely involved in the process at this point would not have an opinion on the matter.

But, it's true. "Well, I don't live in the school district, so I don't have an interest one way or another," said Pat Sanes, who has been relegated to certifying the 7,257 names gathered in a petition to recall Burnette. "I just have to do all of the names."

Sanes, a deputy supervisor with the Orange County Board of Elections, and

two other deputy supervisors have halted all business at the board so they can try to

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Editor's Note

The Daily Tar Heel wants you. DTH interest sessions will be held at 7 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday in the Union Auditorium for interested students to learn about the paper.

Applications are available in the DTH office, Union Suite 104. Applications for editorial writers are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday. All other staff applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2.

Sometimes you're the windshield; sometimes you're the bug.

Mary-Chapin Carpenter