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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Irish Prime Minister, IRA Make Peace Commitment

**DUBLIN, Ireland** — After their first face-to-face meeting, Ireland's prime minister and the leader of the IRA's political partner made a joint commitment to peace Tuesday.

The talks angered Protestants and got a cool response from Britain, where Prime Minister John Major also had a run-in with hard-line Protestant leader Ian Paisley. Paisley accused Major of "shouting and interrupting" him during the 10-minute meeting.

The two sessions mirrored divisions over bringing peace to Northern Ireland despite a cease-fire declared by the Irish Republican Army, which has been fighting to end British rule of the province.

### German Leader: Abortion Issue Must Be Dealt With

**CAIRO, Egypt** — Abortion is a fact of life and despite the hot debate surrounding it, must be dealt with by an international gathering on population control, Germany's interior minister said Monday.

The minister, Manfred Kanther, is leading efforts to ease contention at the U.N. population conference, which exploded into controversy long before it opened Monday.

The Vatican and Muslim fundamentalists oppose abortion provisions in the proposed plan of action that participants will be asked to sign, and the Vatican is pushing to remove all references to abortion.

Compromise language reportedly being considered for the plan of action would remove all references to abortion or "pregnancy termination."

### 100 Cuban Refugees Being Transported Into Panama

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — About 100 Cubans being housed at the Guantanamo Naval Base were being flown to Panama on Tuesday, the first such group to depart the facility since it was opened to Cuban boat people last month.

The initial group agreed to leave for Panama voluntarily, but State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said it was not clear whether volunteers would be available for all future transfers of Cubans to Panama.

He refused to speculate on what the United States would do with the Cubans if the six-month time limit established by the Panamanians expired without any agreement on where they would go next.

One advantage for the United States is that it is cheaper.

### Rwandan Soldiers Moving Into Uncontrolled Sectors

**KIGALI, Rwanda** — Tutsi-led troops began trickling Tuesday into southwestern Rwanda, where a half-million Hutus have sought U.N. protection in the only part of the country the new government does not control.

The former rebels, seeking to consolidate their victory, have promised they will not tolerate reprisals against Hutus for the slaughter of an estimated 500,000 people during three months of civil war. Most of the victims were civilians from the country's Tutsi minority.

But there have been reports of retaliation against Hutus in other parts of Rwanda, and U.N. officials worried that frightened Hutus might flee to already crowded refugee camps in neighboring Zaire.

### Nigerian Leader Declares Absolute Military Power

**LAGOS, Nigeria** — Flexing his muscles after defeating a pro-democracy strike, Nigeria's military ruler on Tuesday banned newspapers, made it easier to keep opponents in jail and decreed that his regime had absolute power.

Thousands of Nigerian oil workers ended a two-month strike on Monday, caving in to the military government of Gen. Sani Abacha.

They went on strike to demand that Abacha surrender power to Moshood K.O. Abiola, who is widely believed to have won the annulled 1993 presidential election. Abiola is in jail awaiting trial on treason charges.

Pro-democracy activists responded to Abacha's decrees with frustration Tuesday.

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## Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high low 80s.  
TUESDAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-80s.

# Senior Class to Give UNC New Job Database

BY ERICA LUETZOW  
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Classes have hardly begun, and already the senior class officers are asking their classmates to focus on what they want to leave behind.

Fund raising for the Senior Class Gift of the Career Search database begins with the Senior Class Gift Kickoff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in The Pit.

Mike Crisp, senior class president, said the database was valuable because it helped students with job searches, identifying ideal companies and making contacts.

"You can search by any variable," Crisp said. "The biggest advantage is that the Career Search is often updated. It's light-

ning-fast, up-to-date and includes current names."

Students using the new database can research more than 260,000 potential employers and find companies that match their own specific geographical or size preferences. Through the Career Search system, students also can download the names and addresses of appropriate people to contact



Senior Class President MIKE CRISP says the database contains more than 260,000 potential employers.

with employment inquiries.

Sanjay Premakumar, co-chairman of the Senior Class Gift Committee, said students should get involved in the campaign because of the gift's wide benefits.

"(The database) is really exciting, and I think it is something everyone will benefit from," Premakumar said. "We are just trying to get more people involved."

Fund raising for this year's class gift will be organized differently from past campaigns in order to involve more of the senior class, Crisp said.

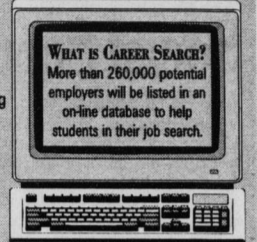
"It will be a one-year, cash-driven campaign instead of a five-year pledge campaign," he said. "We also will not have to

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## Senior Class Gift Kickoff Celebration

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. today  
The Pit

Come to the free blowout to begin fund raising for the Senior Class Gift: Career Search. Feast on popcorn, bagels, pizza, drinks and win T-shirts and other prizes. Participants include: The Clef Hangers, George Battle, BSM Gospel Choir, football players and other campus representatives.



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# Carrboro Takes Sides On Domestic Partners

BY ALISON BAKER  
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Almost 80 concerned residents crowded the Carrboro Town Hall on Tuesday night for a passionate public debate on the controversial domestic partners proposal.

It was a divided room as supporters vied both for and against the controversial proposal, the first of its kind in the state, which would provide unmarried couples the same financial benefits as married couples. The ordinance will be put to a vote Sept. 13.

Carrboro resident Mike Miller said the proposed ordinance unfairly excluded family members who lived together.

"The proposal is less about family and more about sex," he said. "It defines family in terms of who you have sex with."

But Doug Ferguson, a member of the Orange Lesbian and Gay Association, said passage of the proposal would promote family values and help break down social pressures that forced people into unhappy relationships.

"By allowing same-sex and opposite-sex couples to enter domestic partnerships, you will ensure traditional American relationships by ensuring that those people who enter into them do so out of love and not out of pressure from the committee," Ferguson said. "You will allow them to strengthen their commitment to each other by making a public declaration."

The domestic partners ordinance seeks to register domestic partnerships for Carrboro residents. Couples would be required to pledge that they share the same

residence and "the common necessities" of life. The proposal would also require that the financial disclosures of the town's elected officials be required of domestic partners of town employees, as well.

Susan Johnston, a lesbian mother concerned for her children's welfare, spoke in support of the health coverage the plan would provide for family members.

"As a mother of a child with chronic ear infections, ... I don't know what I would have done without health insurance," she said. "Enabling a town employee to buy one insurance policy instead of two might mean the difference between taking a child to the doctor or not, between a child being healed of an infection or a child having permanent hearing loss; it might mean the difference between a person getting preventive care and getting regular checkups or letting a disease develop that goes undetected and becomes life-threatening."

Carrboro resident Dave Lohse said the proposal represented the town's present ideals. "Carrboro reflects a diversity of humanhood," he said. "That is a large reason why so many of us love to live here."

"I think that it is eminently fair to offer to all of Carrboro citizens the same rights and privileges that only some of them currently enjoy," Lohse added.

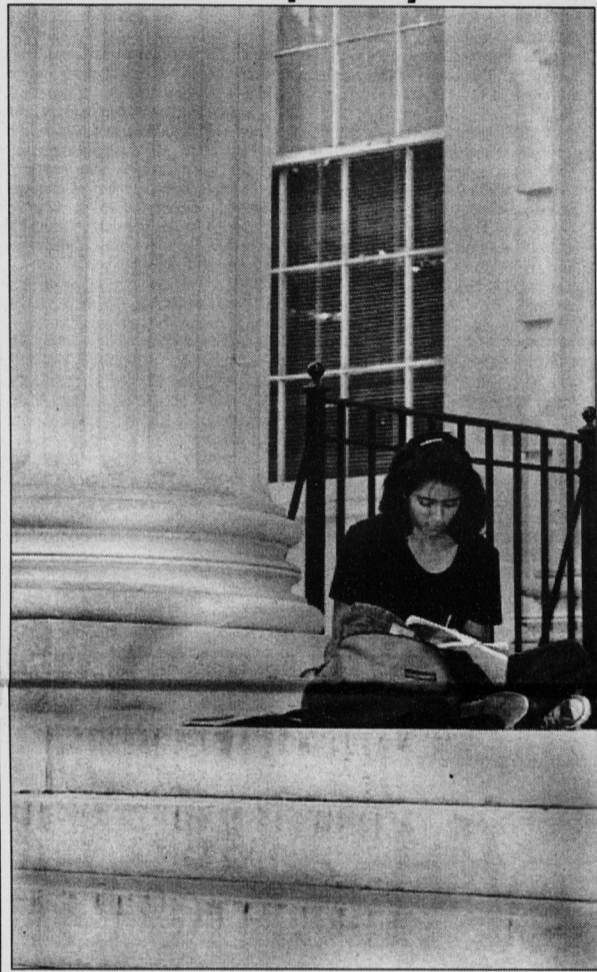
To The Rev. Gary Webb of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Carrboro, opposition to the proposal is both legal and moral. "The cohabitation that you are seeking to give official recognition to is against North Carolina law," he said.

The reverend added that the passage of the ordinance would make all involved accessories to the fact, a crime he said would be subject to the same legal action as the crime itself. Earlier Tuesday, Webb had said it was his duty to the church to oppose the ordinance. "We don't want people to have to face the wrath of God," he said. "That's the purpose of our church."



Carrboro Alderman MICHAEL NELSON has said the ordinance will provide financial benefits to unmarried live-in couples.

## Sun, Steps, Study?



Mina Gokal catches up on her studies in front of Wilson Library on Tuesday after the holiday weekend. Many students could be found enjoying the late afternoon sun around campus after a rainy Labor Day.

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# Capel's Job Reclassified In January

BY MARISSA JONES  
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Internal Audit Director Edwin Capel's job classification was changed in January to better reflect his duties, according to UNC records.

Connie Boyce, manager of the employee records division of human resources, said records indicated that Capel's job had been reclassified on Jan. 10.

The job reclassification — and the raise that came with it — was not the result of a promotion, she said.

"UNC-system administrators reviewed his job and determined that it should have been classified higher considering the duties," Boyce said. "But it wasn't considered a promotion."

Boyce said she could not release the amount of the increase in salary that Capel had received because such information was private rather than public. Capel's current salary is \$61,458, she said.

Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor of human resources, confirmed that Capel's raise had been a result of job reclassification.

"The state recognized his job at a higher level," she said. "And salaries reflect job classifications."

Charest said UNC-system administrators had upgraded the classification of N.C. State University's auditor at the same time they had reclassified Capel.

Most auditors in the 16-school system do not run operations comparable to UNC-Chapel Hill's, she said.

"Only a couple of them are at the level of UNC-Chapel Hill's because of the size, etc.," she said.

Boyce said Capel's job had not changed status since the January reclassification.

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# University's Black Enrollment Jumps

BY PETER ROYBAL  
STAFF WRITER

This year's freshman class made Provost Richard McCormick a happy man even before it arrived on campus.

Because of increased minority scholarship funds and recruitment efforts, 440 black students enrolled at UNC — the second largest number of black freshmen in the University's history.

In a state whose population is 22 percent black, 12.6 percent of UNC's freshman class is black, up from 10.5 percent last year.

While McCormick concedes that the number of historically black colleges in the state makes it unlikely UNC will reach 22 percent black enrollment any time soon, he thinks the increase is important.

"If the University is going to continue to be academically excellent, it has got to become even more diverse than it is now," he said.

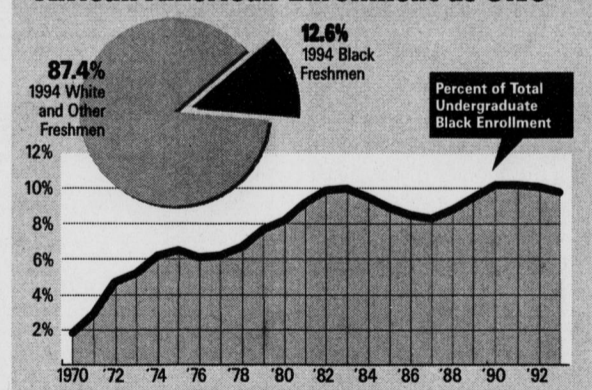
As many other schools across the nation embrace this belief, competition for qualified minority students has become intense and UNC has to compete for its share of the pie, McCormick said.

"There is a tremendous amount of competition for minority students, African-American in particular," he said. "If we're going to attract and retain the best, we have to recruit hard."

UNC's minority recruitment program includes admissions office visits to minority students from every N.C. county and some out-of-state students, and offers several scholarship programs, including one which pays for the bulk of a college education.

Admissions representatives visit about 90 percent of North Carolina's high schools and have attended college information fairs in Virginia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina

## African-American Enrollment at UNC



SOURCE: INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

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and Georgia, according to Sha-Ron Jones, assistant director of undergraduate admissions.

"We seem to be the most popular (college at the fairs)," Jones said. "A lot of students are interested in Carolina, being the flagship institution of the state. We have a strong liberal arts program, good campus life and we're affordable."

Visits to other schools are funded through the Undergraduate Admissions Office and the Office of the Provost, Jones said.

In addition to visiting schools, UNC has expanded the 25-year-old Project Uplift, which last summer brought 1,400 black and Native-American rising high school seniors to campus for a taste of life at UNC. According to Jones, Project Uplift is a very successful program, and the majority of

those who attend apply to UNC.

Students are selected for the three-day program on the basis of class rank, course selection and SAT scores, Jones said.

UNC also has some minority scholarships, both merit- and need-based, that make the University more attractive to minorities.

One is the Pogue Scholarship program for in-state minority students, which this year provided 22 freshmen with \$6,750 each. This makes the Pogue one of UNC's largest scholarship programs.

The Pogue scholarship is funded by the Pogue endowment and by Student Stores revenue.

The University has two other need-based scholarships, funded by the General As-

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# Two Area Businesses Faced Robberies Over Weekend

BY JAMIE KRITZER  
CITY EDITOR

Chapel Hill police are still investigating two local armed holdups that occurred within 24 hours of each other Friday — one of which ended in unusual circumstances at a local movie theater.

Police do not believe the two crimes are related.

"At this time, we don't think they are related," Det. Marvin Clark said. "Normally, it's not something we can determine until they get caught."

The first incident started when a man entered the Circle K convenience store on Ephesus Church Road at about 3 a.m., demanded that the clerk on duty give him the cash in his register and threatened to use a gun, according to police reports.

The clerk gave the man about \$20 that was in the register and the robber left. "We're still working on the case," Clark said.

"We're running down what leads we have so far and still looking for leads at all that we can come up with."

The suspect in the Circle K robbery is described as a black man in his mid-30s, 5 feet 8 inches tall with black eyes and brown hair.

Nearly 20 hours later and several miles away, an attempted robbery ended, ironically, leaving the assailant with less money than when he started.

A ticket taker at Movies at Timberlyne, located off of Weaver Dairy Road, saw the man wandering around the parking lot several hours before the holdup.

The man first walked up to the booth at about 7 p.m. and asked if he could get a ticket for the "Little Rascals" movie.

But the ticket attendant told him that movie only played during the afternoon and the man walked away.

About an hour later, the man was back, only this time to purchase two tickets for a later showing of "Forrest Gump."

After turning around outside the box office, the man came back and bought another ticket for the movie, the ticket taker said.

"Then he asked me to give him all the money in the (cash) drawer," the ticket attendant said.

"I didn't really believe him at first. Then he crammed a bright yellow plastic bag in the window and told me to fill it up."

The attendant said she had tried to get a panic button under the counter and had attempted to stall the man's demands. "He kept telling me to hurry up," she said.

Then he pulled out a small handgun and shoved it under the ticket window.

"I had the money in my hand and I was frozen," she said.

"(The gun) sounded like plastic when it hit the window, but I didn't want to find out for sure."

That's when the ticket attendant decided to split with the money in her hand. "I have no idea why I ran. All I was thinking about was getting out of there."

The robber dropped his three tickets, valued at \$16.50, and ran away as the attendant fled into the lobby of the theater.

Theater employees in the lobby tried to get a profile of the man, who fled the theater area toward a trailer park behind the building.

The attempted robber is described as a black man with a deep voice in his mid-20s, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 160 pounds.

Living is entirely too time-consuming.

Irene Peter