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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### U.S., N. Korea Reach Pact In Geneva Nuclear Talks

GENEVA — The United States and North Korea have reached a framework agreement to ease months of tension over the North's nuclear program, the chief U.S. negotiator said Monday.

Robert Gallucci said the draft accord would be sent to capitals for approval and that negotiators hoped to sign the document in Geneva on Friday.

Gallucci said the accord served the interests of the United States, South Korea and Japan and addressed concerns about the past nuclear program of North Korea.

The agreement builds on an outlined accord, reached in August, in which North Korea offered to open up its nuclear facilities to international inspection and scrap its outdated atomic energy program.

### Jordan, Israel Make Draft For Mideast Peace Treaty

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan and Israel initiated a draft treaty Monday to end nearly a half-century of hostility, intensifying pressure on Syria to move toward ending one of the world's longest-running conflicts.

The accord, reached after an all-night session that resolved disputes over water rights and borders, was expected to be quickly ratified by the Jordanian and Israeli legislatures. The Israeli Cabinet approved it within hours after it was signed.

After Monday's ceremony, Israeli President Ezer Weizman said Syrian President Hafez Assad "should look around and see ... He may be the last in line" to make peace with Israel.

But in Damascus, government-run newspapers have said daily that Israel was not to be trusted.

### Haitians Burn Down Home Of New Army Commander

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide preached anew for reconciliation from behind his bulletproof shield Monday, hours after a mob torched the family home of Haiti's new army commander.

Fifteen buildings were set afire and one man killed in the coastal town of Gonaives after a false rumor spread Sunday night that Maj. Gen. Jean-Claude Duperval had led a coup attempt against Aristide.

After three years of army rule, Aristide faces a major challenge in persuading his nation to put aside the desire for vengeance.

At the same time, concern for Aristide's security has practically made him a prisoner of the National Palace.

### Islamic Militants Threaten PLO With Violence, Riots

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — In a growing challenge to Yasser Arafat, thousands of Islamic militants rioted outside the central jail Monday, demanding freedom for arrested fundamentalists.

Mahmoud Zahar, a leader of the fundamentalist Hamas movement, threatened bloodshed unless the 210 activists detained last week after the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier were released.

Palestinian officials persuaded the crowd to disperse after three hours. They released 60 detainees and promised the rest would be home within days.

But a Palestinian commander said the police would soon begin confiscating unregistered weapons, signaling a possible crackdown on Izzedine al-Qassam, Hamas' armed wing.

### Serb Soldiers Hijack U.N. Medical Supply Convoy

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs on Monday commandeered a U.N. convoy carrying medical supplies to Sarajevo, forced it to a Serb hospital and unloaded its supplies, a U.N. relief spokesman said.

Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said it was the first time in the 30-month siege of Sarajevo that an entire convoy had been hijacked and looted.

The hijacking appeared to reflect a growing need by the Bosnian Serbs for basic goods after Yugoslavia — now comprising only Serbia and tiny Montenegro — closed its border to most supplies 10 weeks ago to underline its desire for peace in Bosnia after the ongoing fighting.

## Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny, light wind; high mid-70s.  
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-70s.

## Groups Push for Asian Center

BY STEPHEN LEE  
STAFF WRITER

The building of an Asian-American resource center to promote diversity and educate the University community is in the works.

David Liu, president of the Asian Students Association (ASA), proposed the establishment of a resource center.

"The resource center will provide a helpful place to work together on ventures and share resources within groups," Liu said. "It will be essential to members of the community."

The plans for building the resource center are still in the preliminary stages, and a target date has not been set. Jeff Huang, coordinator of the Asian-American resource center, said the ASA did not need approval from anyone in order to build the center.

Huang said the center would host

multicultural forums and provide students with information about Asian-American heritage and culture. "In the years that come, the center will be a compilation of programs and services," he said.

The resource center would also provide counseling services and an alumni mentorship program along with a library. "This is something we need and can bring to campus," Huang said. "A great number of Asian Americans would like to see it come."

There are more than 640 undergraduate Asian-American students enrolled at UNC, comprising 4 percent of the overall student population.

Rupa Kothandapani, president of Sangam, said the resource center would make the presence of Asian-American students more known.

"Asian Americans have a history of not being treated as a minority group," Kothandapani said. "When (people) think

of minority, they think of African Americans. Having a resource center would help Asian Americans feel comfortable."

Huang said he agreed that the center would help the community realize the unique identity of Asian Americans. "The University tends to look at racial issues as black and white," Huang said. "There is a unique Asian-American identity on campus."

Kothandapani said the resource center could also help Asian students who came from abroad cope with University life.

"For Asians, it could serve as a really strong support base," she said. "It would really help them adjust to Chapel Hill."

Liu said the resource center would be a more effective way to educate the University community than formal programs.

"The problem with programs was things were being shoved down people's throats," he said. "The center would be an environment where students can learn about the

culture on their own."

Because the University is dedicated to multiculturalism, a resource center is a necessity, Liu said.

"We are trying to make the University live up to its purpose of diversity," he said. "I think it's important to realize that the face of Carolina and America is changing. We must understand the various cultures."

Wendy Greenhouse, president of the Korean-American Students Association, pointed out the need for a resource center as a place where Asian-American information could be obtained easily.

"We don't have access to information," Greenhouse said. "It would serve as a place to get information and make people more culturally aware. It is also a place where Asian Americans can meet and get to know one another."

Greenhouse said the resource center

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## Still Only 3 Registered Couples in Carrboro

BY JENNIFER FREER  
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Although Carrboro's domestic partners ordinance has been in effect for a week, the three couples who registered the first day remain the only couples to sign up, town clerk Sarah Williamson said.

The couples — Chuck Morton and Wendy Wenck, Mary O'Melia and Wendy Weber, and John Bloedorn and Keith Wenger — registered Oct. 11, the first day of registration.

Mike Nelson, the Carrboro alderman who proposed the plan, said he had expected only one or two couples to register and that the current registration had exceeded his goal.

"I'm not surprised," Nelson said. "It's a small town, and how many people get married in a week?"

Joe Herzenberg, a member of the Orange Lesbian and Gay Association and a former Chapel Hill Town Council member, agreed with Nelson, saying that he was very happy with the number registered.

"I was surprised and delighted," Herzenberg said. "I didn't expect any couples to register. This shows that people want and need the plan."

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird, who voted in favor of the plan in September, said there had been no goal set for the number of registered couples.

"I was a little surprised at the number registered," Kinnaird said. "It's a brave thing to do."

Carrboro passed the domestic partners ordinance, the first of its kind in the state, on Sept. 20. The ordinance allows unmarried couples, heterosexual or homosexual, to register with the town clerk and gain some of the privileges, such as insurance coverage, previously reserved for married couples.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said the process had happened slowly.

"It's a real commitment, especially for gay couples," Gist said. "I'm happy for the couples. I'm just upset that there are good, decent people who oppose the plan and for some it has caused anger and confusion, and I don't want that."

Some people are not as happy with the ordinance. Paul Stam, a lawyer from Apex, has requested copies of the applications of every couple that registers.

"I don't have to have a reason to see the applications," Stam said. "Anyone can see a marriage license, and this is a public record as well."

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## Car Strikes Cyclist



DTH/KATIE CANNON

Mimi Watson is tended to by members of the Chapel Hill Fire Department and the Orange County Rescue Squad after being struck by a car while riding her bike at the intersection of Colombia and McCauley streets. Watson escaped the accident with only a few bruises and scrapes.

## GPSF Aims to Improve Conditions For University's Graduate Students

BY CHRISTINA MASSEY  
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In an effort to find ways to improve conditions for graduate students at the University, the president and vice president of the Graduate and Professional Students Federation (GPSF) attended a national convention last weekend at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The convention, whose theme was "New Frontiers for Graduate Students," was held Thursday through Monday. It was sponsored by the National Association of Graduate Students.

Ramesh Krishnaraj, president of UNC's GPSF chapter, said the convention was primarily a forum for graduate student representatives from universities across the

country to come together and share ideas.

"The convention offers ways for graduate student associations to gather information, exchange ideas and network," Krishnaraj said. "It gives us an opportunity to get comparable information from other schools on issues that are important to graduate students."

Steve Hoffmann, GPSF vice president, said the main focus of the discussions at the convention had been the issues of health insurance, stipends and diversity.

"The convention gave us access to information about alternate health insurance plans and stipends," Hoffmann said. "It allowed us to find out how to go about helping graduate students in the best ways possible."

He said the convention had allowed

him to compare UNC with similar schools.

"From the discussions, we try to seek as much information as possible from sister schools such as the University of Michigan, Indiana University, the University of Virginia, Florida State University and other schools that we are compared to," he said.

Hoffmann said that UNC compared favorably with these schools in most areas but not across the board.

"We rate very well in the amount of funding that our GPSF receives," he said. "Almost 25 percent of graduate student fees goes to the GPSF, and 45 percent of that goes back to the students. A lot of other schools had no funding for their graduate students. However, we are lack-

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## Drug Bust One of the Largest In Town's History, Police Say

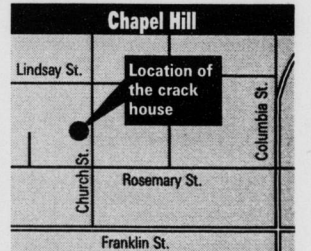
BY MEGAN HANLEY  
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The Chapel Hill Police Department recently made one of the largest drug busts in Chapel Hill history, Capt. Barry Thompson said.

Chapel Hill police officers seized 16 grams of crack cocaine with a street value of about \$2,000 from a house at 409 N. Church St. on Thursday. Ten people were arrested in connection with the incident, Thompson said.

"It's one of the largest ones (drug busts) we've had in a long while," he said. "It's probably one of the largest in crack cocaine."

Police obtained a warrant and searched the premises on the grounds that the dwelling was maintained for possession and distribution of crack cocaine.



DTH/MATT LEBLERQ

Officers conducted the search after they obtained a search warrant. The Police Department applied for a search warrant after a series of controlled substance pur-

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## Phone Service Company May Help Foot Bill for Toll-Free Caroline Number

64 More Lines, User-Friendly Services May Be Available For Fall 1995 Registration

BY KARI COHEN  
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The proposed 1-800 Caroline registration number might be free after all, but students might have to pay the price by listening to a commercial before being able to register for classes.

The University has contacted Voice FX, a service bureau offering toll-free programs, about working with the company to implement the new toll-free phone service at a

lower cost to students than originally had been estimated.

Assistant University registrar Tom Black said nothing firm had been established. "We responded to a cold call," Black said. "I sat in on a two-hour presentation, but we have made no commitment yet."

Philip Charles-Pierre, student government chief of staff, outlined what a possible deal with Voice FX would involve.

If the service, targeted to be ready for use for fall 1995, were to be funded totally by student fees, each student would pay \$14 a year. This fee would include \$2 per semester for Caroline and \$5 per semester for unlimited transcripts.

If an agreement were reached with Voice FX, the cost for each student would be \$10

for the year, with students paying only for access to their transcripts. "We found that students wanted the service but that the finances were a bit too much," Charles-Pierre said. "George (Battle, student body president) and Tom wanted to save students money while providing the service."

The toll-free lines would benefit freshmen registering for the first time from home as well as the entire student body over Winter Break.

The greatest benefit provided by a deal with the service bureau might be the doubling of the number of registration lines from 64 to 128. It is hoped this would reduce the number of horror stories told by students who dialed unsuccessfully for hours while the lines to Caroline were

hopelessly jammed. "The service would benefit everybody," Charles-Pierre said.

As with all good things, however, there is a catch. Before being able to interface with Caroline, students would have to endure a 60-second commercial produced by the service bureau.

"I understand they are progressive, college-oriented commercials for companies such as MCI or Visa," Charles-Pierre said. "Also, two or three times a year, students would get coupons from the company."

He was quick to note that if a student did not want to access the service, he or she could continue calling the old number.

In addition to the extra phone lines, the toll-free number would render Caroline more user-friendly. "The service will be

better with little fundamental changes," Charles-Pierre said. "Instead of hearing E-N-G, you would hear English."

"There's the added possibility of obtaining classroom number and professor information for classes over the phone. Also, students might be able to access final grades through Caroline."

Charles-Pierre said any deal with a service bureau would have to be approved by students, probably through student government or by ballot.

Battle said he hoped to present the proposal to Student Congress by November and have students vote on it in February.

Black stressed that the deal was still preliminary. "It presents a favorable picture, but nothing has really happened yet."

*At age 82, I sometimes feel like a 20-year-old, but there is seldom one around.*

Milton Berle