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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### House Committee Adopts GOP Tax Cut Proposals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Republicans pushed their "Contract With America" tax cuts through the Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday after Democrats declared the package hopelessly flawed and abandoned efforts to change it. Democrats offered a single amendment — to end the tax cuts after five years. After that was defeated, on a 21-14 party-line vote, Democrats offered no further amendments and the committee adopted the package by the same vote.

The tax cuts would cost the Treasury \$189 billion over five years, and Republicans vowed to cover that loss entirely by slashing spending. "Not one single cent of tax relief will be provided unless it is offset by spending reductions," said Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

### Mexico, Egypt Criticized For Reluctance on Treaty

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Egypt and Mexico, both major beneficiaries of U.S. assistance, were attacked on Capitol Hill Tuesday for their reluctance to join the United States in support of an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Ambassador Thomas Graham, chief U.S. negotiator, said Egypt's opposition is based on concern about Israel's nuclear weapons program. He said the two countries are having extensive discussions, and "there is some possibility they will work out something between the two of them." Egypt has been lobbying Arab countries to join it in opposing the extension.

Graham said that Mexico officials "claim they want to keep pressure on the nuclear weapons states to pursue nuclear disarmament."

### Christopher Arranges New Talks Between Israel, Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria — Peace talks between Israel and Syria, stalled for three months, are resuming with the United States playing a more active role in the search for an accord on the strategic Golan Heights.

A weary Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced the resumption Tuesday night after hours of delay, a telephone call to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem and a two-hour meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa. He had already held back-to-back talks with Rabin in Jerusalem and Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus, but the announcement was withheld for seven hours, raising speculation it would be canceled.

### Nine Peacekeepers Die in Accident Outside Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — In a country where they faced constant danger from combatants, nine French peacekeepers died Tuesday when their truck plunged off a treacherous mountain road near Sarajevo.

The deaths of the nine soldiers was part of a dismal day for the United Nations in Bosnia. Its top official ended two days of talks with the Bosnian government and Serbs, acknowledging that a cease-fire was in critical danger. The French soldiers were killed when their truck tumbled about 120 feet off Mount Igman.

It was the largest loss of life for the United Nations in any single incident in three years of peacekeeping in Bosnia and neighboring Croatia.

### 3 Women Killed in Attacks By Extremists in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria — Islamic extremists killed three women on Tuesday, the latest victims of the militants' campaign to free female sympathizers from jail, security forces said.

Security forces said armed men broke into the home of Halima Toumi, 29, in Reghaia, just east of the capital, killing her and Hafida Bouguerra, 25. Armed men killed another woman, identified only as Zineb, 39, and her husband in their home in Reghaia.

Dozens of women have died in the 3-year-old Islamic insurgency that has killed an estimated 30,000 people. But women have only recently been identified as targets, along with journalists, intellectuals, police and foreigners.

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### Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-70s.

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-70s.

## Mayors Consider Bus Merger Judge Bars Man From Internet

BY RYAN THORNBURG  
CITY EDITOR

The mayors of Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham soon might ask the governing councils of the three municipalities to explore consolidating the Triangle's four public transportation services to prevent duplicating services.

While stressing that the plan has yet to be studied thoroughly and considered by the Town Council, Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun said the earliest any unification of services would occur would be in several months.

"The mayors have been looking at it for about a month," Broun said. "But it is definitely still in the exploratory stages right now."

He said the integration of services would most likely consolidate Chapel Hill Transit, Durham Area Transit Authority, Raleigh's Capital Area Transit and the

Triangle Transit Authority. The new service would most likely operate under the auspices of the TTA.

"The largest area of duplication now is maintenance, and of course the consolidation of administration would save some money," Broun said.

Broun said he and Durham Mayor Sylvia Kerckhoff favored a unification while Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzner was neutral but willing to investigate the possibility.

Juanita Shearer-Swink, a senior transportation planner for the TTA, said that while TTA members had thought about such a merger, no formal idea had ever been presented to them.

"We are aware that this is an issue that has become important to the mayors and are looking forward to seeing the decisions the local governing bodies make," Shearer-Swink said.

Neither Swearer-Swink nor Broun said

the four services had any duplicate routes, but Broun did say a consolidation of transit organizations would make the extension of bus service to areas that do not have a public transportation system, like Hillsborough, more likely.

He said he had mentioned the idea to Carboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird, adding that he planned to contact UNC officials if the mayors' plans were explored.

"We certainly will look at the way Carboro and the University figure into the plan," he said.

Although Chapel Hill has the smallest population of any of the municipalities that would enter into the agreement, it does have the highest per capita ridership, Broun said.

The arrangement would mean a savings for Chapel Hill residents, whose tax money goes toward funding the town's transit service.

Chapel Hill Transit serves more than a

quarter of all bus riders in the Triangle and has more total riders than Durham, a city with a service area population more than twice the size of Chapel Hill's.

Broun said he would ask the Chapel Hill Town Council to look at the matter in the next few weeks.

"I definitely won't be asking them to look at it during (tonight's) meeting," he said.

"It may be brought up at the next meeting," Broun added. "I've got to talk to the town manager and see when we'll have time to discuss it."

Talks of money-saving moves could be good news for Chapel Hill bus riders if the council takes the suggestion of Town Manager Cal Horton and increases individual bus fares from 60 cents to 75 cents as part of the 1995-96 budget.

Horton also recommended increasing the price of an annual bus pass from \$189 to \$204.

## Judge Bars Man From Internet

BY RYAN THORNBURG  
CITY EDITOR

A Memphis judge's ruling will keep one Chapel Hill man off the information superhighway for two years as part of his probation for beating a woman after logging on to a role-playing game on the Internet.

David R. Willsey, 22, of 6211 Old N.C. 86 pleaded guilty Monday in a Shelby County, Tenn., court to the aggravated assault of a friend's mother in February. Willsey had been in Tennessee helping his friend move home from Duke University.

The assault on Patricia Simmons, his friend's mother, took place at her home in Memphis in the late evening of May 24 after Willsey and the Simmons had been sitting around drinking beer, playing Internet games and watching a Star Trek movie.

Judge John Colton and Assistant District Attorney Jim Lammey said they believed it had been the Internet role-playing game that had sent Willsey into his violent mood.

"Of course, we can't prove it, but what we seem to think is that his role playing spilled over into reality," Lammey said.

Willsey, who pleaded guilty to the assault charge, told the court he frequently logged on to the Internet through a private service to play the "multi-user shared hallucination" game "Dark Gift." In the game, players at remote terminals play the role of characters who perform violent murders, Lammey said. Willsey's character was a werewolf named Wanda that changed from man to beast.

Lammey said that on the night of the assault, Willsey attacked Simmons in her bed after she had retired for the night. He attacked her with a nightstick before she and her son were able to run outside and call 911, Lammey said. Before sheriff's officers disarmed Willsey at gunpoint, he chased after the victims with a large sword, Lammey said.

Lammey said that Simmons had described Willsey's mood that night as frighteningly different from his normal self.

"She described it to me as looking like Charles Manson," he said. Simmons could not be reached for comment.

Willsey claimed to the court that the nine beers he had consumed that night were what had sent him into the rage. Prosecutors say it was the Internet.

"It sort of corresponds with the way some of these characters in the game act," Lammey said. "Obviously, there was something else involved besides the alcohol, and we are just suggesting (the Internet game) could have been one of the reasons."

The judge agreed with Lammey and

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## Smith Listens to Trainer, Not Players on Injuries

BY STEVE ROBBLEE  
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Dean Smith had seen Rasheed Wallace have problems with his ankles before, usually every couple of weeks during practice.

Wallace would go down in pain, but after a few minutes he'd be fine.

"His ankles — they turn — and usually he bounces back," Smith said during a press conference Tuesday. "It's happened once every two or three weeks in practice where I think, 'Oh gosh, he's out — out of practice any way.'"

"And then (UNC trainer) Marc (Davis) has some magic formula or something, and he comes back out and finishes practice."

But all was not fine with Wallace when he left the ACC Tournament final with Wake Forest Sunday with 7:41 left in the second half. He had suffered a mild-to-moderate sprain of his ankle, according to Davis.

He is still questionable for North Carolina's first-round NCAA Tournament game against Murray State Friday.

Whether Wallace will play is totally up to team doctors, Smith said.

"(Davis) saw Rasheed (Tuesday); he says it's better," Smith said. "(Today) he may let him run some dummy offense, where there isn't any kind of contact. After Thursday's practice, he said he can tell you for sure."

The Tar Heels are lucky they can wait

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## Hoops Bug Bites Even Casual Fans

BY JON GOLDBERG  
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The symptoms: restlessness, nausea and insomnia.

The culprits: countless hours spent trying to dissect the 64-team field and the agonizing over which teams to select for the office or residence hall pool.

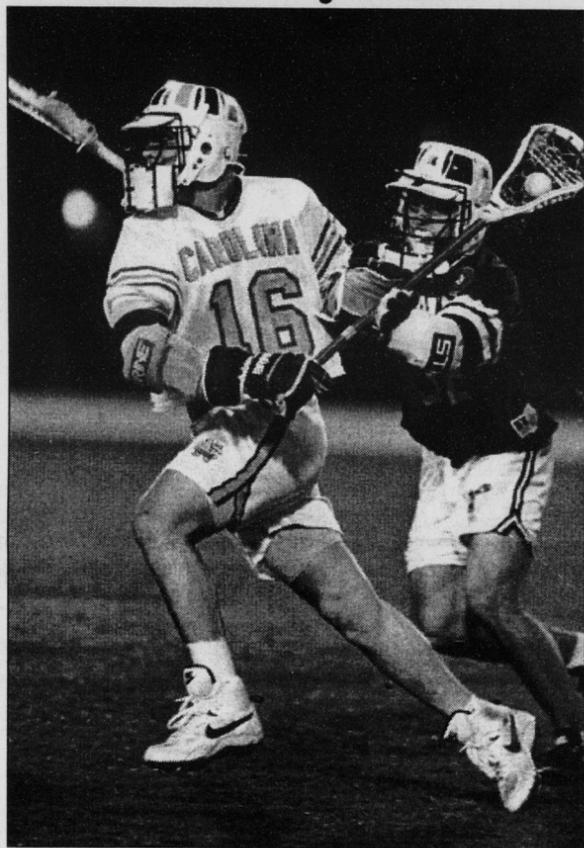
The cure: a prescription of hundreds of hours of college basketball in the next three weeks.

Yes, it's that time of year known as March Madness, when even the most mild-mannered fans go 10 rounds over who will make the Final Four and why Gonzaga has a legitimate shot at the Sweet 16.

"We kind of force people to be involved," said Woody Durham, the voice of the Tar Heels, who covers UNC athletics for the Tar Heel Sports Network. "You can move into the area from outside the ACC, never having gone to any of the area schools, but your neighbors and people you make friends with will eventually force you to take sides. I think it's the same way this month."

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## 'Are We Having Fun Yet?'



UNC midfielder John Solter slides past Lehigh's Craig Brown in Tuesday's triple-overtime lax thriller that the Tar Heels won, 12-11. See story, page 9.

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## Town Alcohol Laws Could Be Tightened

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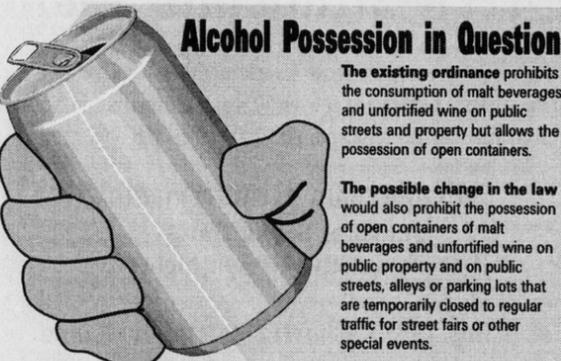
Carrying open containers of alcohol on public streets and property in Chapel Hill could soon be illegal. Streets blocked off for special events, such as Halloween festivities or post-basketball-game street parties, could also be alcohol-free.

The Town Council will decide today whether to ask the state legislature to permit Chapel Hill to pass additional alcoholic beverage ordinances.

"Right now, the law does not allow public consumption of certain alcoholic beverages, such as beer," said Town Manager Cal Horton. However, anyone 21 or over can currently carry an open container of alcohol through the streets of the town.

The problem with the current ordinance, which merely prohibits public consumption, is that a police officer must see someone actually take a sip of the alcohol before a citation can be issued, said Chapel Hill police attorney Terri Gale.

"If an officer sees you drinking in a public place, he or she sees that you are



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violating the public consumption law," she said. "It's very hard to actually enforce the ban on public consumption if carrying an open container is allowed."

Prohibiting open containers of alcohol would make it easier to enforce the existing

ordinance, Gale said.

Most alcohol legislation is controlled by the General Assembly, she said.

"There is a comprehensive alcoholic

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## Kenan Stadium Turf to Get Drainage System Overhaul

Work to Run Through May; Commencement Will Still Take Place on Kenan Field

BY STEPHEN LEE  
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Construction work on Kenan Stadium will not adversely affect Commencement on May 14, Clifton Metcalf, associate vice chancellor of University relations said Tuesday.

As a part of the project, the Kenan Stadium turf, as well as the irrigation and drainage systems, are being replaced.

"The main impact will be on the look of the field," Metcalf said. "It will affect the appearance of the stadium some."

"We will make sure we are doing everything we can to make it attractive and enhance the beauty of the stadium," he said.

Metcalf said that the field would not have the grass sown but that 30 to 40 percent of the field would be covered with a canvaslike cover.

"It will make the soil easier to walk on," he said. "The surface of the field will look the same without the grass."

Metcalf said the grass would be planted after the Commencement ceremony.

"The field will be pretty much back to normal," he said.

Latham Grimes, a senior class marshal, said covering the field would not detract from the stadium's look.

"I don't see that as a problem," he said. "It might not be aesthetically pleasing, but Kenan Stadium will still be attractive."

Grimes said that Kenan was the only possible venue for Commencement. "Kenan's really the only place we can hold it," he said.

He said that as long as the cover was

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## Workshop to Focus on Experiences of Blacks in American Society

UNC School of Social Work Will Host Two-Day Event; First Day Open to Public

BY STACEY EDWARDS  
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UNC students will have the opportunity to attend the School of Social Work's 16th annual Black Experience Workshop on Thursday and Friday.

The workshop will focus on the role of

blacks in American society and on strengthening positive outlooks on future improvements at the University.

The workshop will host a number of scholars, professionals and administrators to study the research, education and human service issues affecting blacks and American society.

Audrey Johnson, workshop director and associate professor of social work, said the workshop provided information that could be taken back to the communities.

The first day of the conference is free and open to the public beginning with a 2

p.m. panel discussion in Union 224 on the portrayal of the black community in census data and how the data can be used.

Panel members will include William Darity, Boshamer professor of economics at UNC, and Cynthia Scurry-Johnson, supervisory survey statistician in the Bureau of the Census in Charlotte.

"I like to give people the opportunity to come out without having to pay; that is why Thursday is free. And that way people have no excuse to miss it," Johnson said.

Following the panel discussion, an open forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanes

Art Center auditorium. The forum, "The African-American Artistry of Art, History and Resilience" will feature Selma Burke, a North Carolina native and renowned sculptor.

The remaining workshops, open only to workshop registrants, will be held at the Friday Center.

Two morning programs will be offered Friday. The first program will trace the journey of blacks chronologically from the period of exploration and slavery to the present and will feature author Sharon Harley.

The second program, "Community Involvement in Sickness and in Health," will be led by Dr. Jerry Johnson, chief of geriatric medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and a UNC medical school graduate.

A "scholar's lunch" will be held in the Trillium Dining Room and will include a presentation by Malcolm X's brother, Robert Little, as well as contributions from other speakers. The luncheon focuses on linking generations and improving self-

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Inside every short person there is a tall person doubled over in pain.

Jeremy Kramer