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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### U.S. House Pushes Toward Approval of Tax-Cut Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a final flourish for the "Contract With America," the House pushed toward passage Wednesday of Republican tax-cut legislation blending a \$500-per-child tax credit with reductions long sought by business. Democrats battled the measure to the end as too generous to the rich.

"Under the Democrats, tax increases were the answer to every question," said Rep. Bill Archer, the conservative Texan who heads the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

President Clinton, who backs a smaller tax reduction, said the GOP's \$189 billion measure marked a return to "trickle-down economics."

A final House vote was expected after nightfall. But the outcome seemed preordained after Republicans prevailed on a midafternoon procedural roll call.

### Burundi Leaders Announce Inquiry Into Massacres

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — The government announced an inquiry Wednesday into reports of ethnic massacres in northeastern Burundi, where the U.S. ambassador said as many as 450 people had been slaughtered in the past two weeks.

The U.N. special representative to Burundi said the death toll still needed to be verified and warned that unsubstantiated reports could fuel ethnic hatred and push the country into genocide.

U.S. Ambassador Robert Krueger said Monday that more than 150 people were massacred in the northeast village of Gasorwe in three days of attacks that began March 29.

### Dismissal of Jury Member Leaves Only 6 Alternates

LOS ANGELES — A sixth person was dismissed from the O.J. Simpson jury today, cutting the alternate pool to only six for a trial that seems to have months to go.

No official reason was given for the ouster of the 38-year-old black woman. However, news reports said she might have had a past experience with domestic violence that she had failed to report on the jury questionnaire.

The woman, an employment interviewer who works with at-risk youth and is married, was replaced by a 44-year-old, single black woman from South Central Los Angeles.

The jury still has nine women and three men; eight are black, three white and one Hispanic. There are now five single jurors, four married jurors and three divorced.

### Informant Says Cult Kept Sarin Stash in Mountains

TOKYO — The cult suspected of releasing deadly sarin gas in Tokyo's subways in March earlier stashed thousands of bags containing the nerve gas in the mountains, an informant reportedly told police.

The diluted sarin contained in the 25,000 plastic bags, similar to those used for intravenous injections, would be enough to kill millions of people, the Weekly Bunshun magazine reported in editions that go on sale today.

Police declined to comment on the report. In raids on cult facilities across Japan, investigators have seized several tons of chemicals and scientific equipment needed to produce sarin.

### Wildfires Destroy 20,000 Acres in Southern N.J.

WARETOWN, N.J. — A wildfire that investigators said might have been set swept through nearly 20,000 acres of southern New Jersey's Pine Barrens and came within 50 feet of some homes before it was stopped Wednesday.

In two days of battle between firefighters and wind-driven flames that raced through parched woods of pine and scrub oak, no houses were destroyed and no injuries reported.

Huge plumes of smoke rose hundreds of feet into the sky. National Weather Service radar showed one plume stretching 20 miles off the New Jersey coast.

Firefighters stopped the fire's spread and hoped to have it under control by evening, although spots are likely to smolder until it rains.

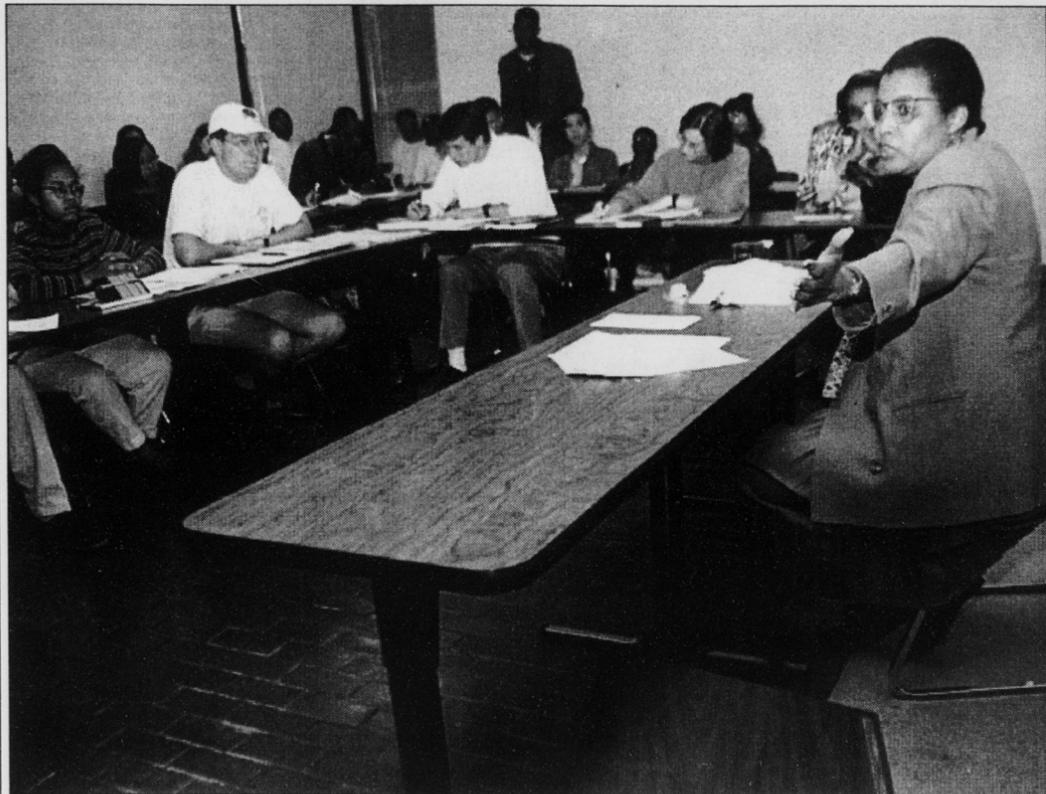
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## Weather

TODAY: Increasing clouds; high mid-60s.

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of rain; high near 60.

# Groups May Get Chase Space After All



Associate Provost Marilyn Yarbrough speaks with BSM members and other student leaders about the temporary relocation of ROTC facilities to Chase 2. Student groups that utilize the space now would be relocated, according to a building use subcommittee plan.

## Provost's Office Changes Stance After Meeting With Students

BY SHARRON SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Associate Provost Marilyn Yarbrough decided to recommend that student groups be allowed to keep their space in Chase 2 after a group discussion on the topic Wednesday night.

A group of almost 50 student representatives from the Black Student Movement, Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship, the Carolina Indian Circle, Student Housekeeper Support Group, and various African-American fraternities and sororities met with a panel headed by Yarbrough to discuss the Navy ROTC's proposed move into Chase 2.

Currently, the Navy ROTC is scheduled to move into Chase 2 from May 1995 until May 1996 while the Naval Armory is being renovated.

"The recommendation is going to be that you get just the space you have now," Yarbrough said to the group of students.

She said she planned to make the recommendation at UNC's Space Utilization Subcommittee meeting Monday. That subcommittee will discuss the fate of the Chase 2 space. Representatives from the student groups will also attend the meeting.

Yarbrough told the group she did not know that the groups used the space to such a great extent.

"We didn't realize when we made the plan that you were using Chase as heavily as you use it," she said.

Yarbrough also said that she had not been aware of previous agreements that had been made with the BSM pertaining to the utilization of Chase 2.

She said that since the 1993-94 records of reservations for Chase 2 had shown very little use by student groups that she had thought it would not be a problem if the Navy ROTC used the space for a year.

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, assistant dean of the Office of Student Counseling, said an oral agreement was made in 1992 with the Division of Academic Affairs when she was BSM president that the BSM would take over management of the space. Designated BSM members were given keys to Chase 2, she said. Anderson-Thompkins also said African-American groups had

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## Town Still Favoring Fare Hike

BY MEGAN HANLEY  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council agreed Wednesday night to consider increasing town fees as part of a 1995-96 budget that would bring no tax increases to Chapel Hill residents.

A possible increase in bus fares was sent to the manager for further consideration. Several council members admitted to having reservations about increasing the fares and asked for additional information from the town Transportation Department.

The federal government is considering decreasing transportation funding by as much as 30 percent and is expected to continue this trend for the next three years, eventually eliminating all support, Chapel Hill Transportation Director Bob Godding told the council.

The lost funding would amount to a \$253,000 decrease in federal subsidies. The proposed fee increase calls for a hike in the current 60 cent fare to 75 cents, a 25 percent increase. Assuming a 5 percent decreased ridership that is expected to occur if fares are increased, this would allow for an additional \$234,600 in revenue.

Town Manager Cal Horton said a large tax increase could be necessary next year if the proposed fee increase were not implemented this year.

"I'd be worried if you didn't increase fees, including bus fees, then what you'll be facing next year will be much worse," Horton said.

University-affiliated riders account for more than 70 percent of passengers. Most of the additional revenue accrued would be from the sale of University bus passes, and the majority of the revenue would therefore go to the University and not to the town.

Several council members expressed concern that the University's Point-2-Point service was to account for decreased ridership and that it was unnecessary competition.

Council member Joyce Brown said the \$204 yearly bus pass fee, a \$15 increase over this year's \$189 fee, would prompt many people to drive rather than take public transportation.

However, while some would-be riders might drive, the lack of parking in Chapel Hill prevents this from being a feasible option for many, Horton said.

The council requested more information on the debt the town of Chapel Hill would have to assume if it decided not to increase the fees.

"There are a number of places where we

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## Auditor's Office Investigating Aune's Allegations

BY MICHAEL HATCH  
STAFF WRITER

Under the direction of a new interim internal audit director, audit reports are being filed on time and allegations about financial mismanagement in the medical school are finally being investigated.

Interim internal audit Director Grady Fullerton said Wednesday that internal audits were now being issued when they were due. "When a report is issued, we send it not only to the department that was audited but also to the chancellor," he said.

Fullerton also said his office was in the process of investigating allegations made by Kirk Aune, a former associate dean of information systems who charged the UNC School of Medicine with financial mismanagement. "We have a whole volume

of stuff, and we hope to have some conclusions within the next few weeks since the audit is still in process," he said.

Aune has alleged that an employee of the medical school was directing University business to computer software companies in which the employee had a personal interest. He also reported that an Office of Information Systems employee had taken a roll of computer cable for personal use.

UNC had not investigated Aune's claims until now. UNC's internal audit process was restructured in September in response to recommendations made by the State Auditor's Office to prevent future communication problems, such as the ones discovered in July by the state auditor.

Former internal audit Director Edwin Capel requested reassignment within the University after it was discovered that he

had failed to file audit reports on a regular basis. The audit director now answers directly to Chancellor Paul Hardin instead of to the vice chancellor for business and finance, who is responsible for the University's financial transactions.

Hardin said having the audit director report directly to the chancellor gave the auditing process more credibility.

"I think the changes were needed," he said Wednesday. "The internal auditor needs the clout of the chancellor's office to get what they need to do done."

Hardin also said he was keeping a close eye on the internal audit office. "I confer with the director (Fullerton) about every week; we keep in close contact," he said.

Fullerton said he was pleased with Hardin's accessibility. "I am pleased that the chancellor has met with me many times.

I feel I have complete access to him."

Fullerton said the new auditing process was a step forward. "I think we are on top of this thing, and it is rolling along fine. This is a good way to run an office; we have plenty of work to do to put things in order, but we were hired to work and that is what we are doing," he said.

Despite the State Audit Committee's recommendation that the internal audit director report directly to a university's Board of Trustees or to the chancellor, only five of the 16 UNC-system campuses have restructured their internal auditing processes. Fullerton, who came out of retirement to fill the position, is the second interim director Hardin has hired since September. Fullerton said he would not apply for the permanent position. "I like retirement too much."

## Granato Elected Speaker For Next Year's Congress

BY WILL SAFER  
STAFF WRITER

Rep. Roy Granato, Dist. 19, will serve as speaker of the 77th Student Congress. The newly elected representatives elected Granato over Rep. Adam Bernard, Dist. 20, Wednesday night by a vote of 23-9, with one abstention.

Rep. Jamie Kilbourne, Dist. 1, was elected speaker pro tem; Rep. Julie Gasperini, Dist. 22, was elected chairwoman of the finance committee; and Rep. Trong Nguyen, Dist. 8, was elected chairman of the ethics committee.

Granato said he would stay far away from "petty political games," keeping, instead, to what he called a "nonpartisan track with no biased opinion."

"I want to bring back respect to the Student Congress," he said. Part of his responsibility, he said, would be to act as an advocate and defender of congress. "Next year's congress will be efficient and effective."

Granato said he was intent on having congress representatives act with more initiative when dealing with University administrators, faculty and their constituents. This includes having a rapport with top University officials, he said.

"Every single one of you (representatives) ... should be able to walk up to the South Building, knock on the chancellor's door and go in to talk with him," he said.

Granato also secured what he said was a great "perk" for next year's congress.

After speaking with members of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies, he said they had agreed to allow the representatives to use their chambers for Congress' biweekly Wednesday night meetings.

"For the first time since the 1960s, we'll be allowed to use the Di-Phi chambers," he said. The debate and literary societies were the first student government of the University when they were founded back in 1795, he said.

As speaker pro tem, Kilbourne said he would be an agent of change for the next congress. He said that he had a plan for improving communication between representatives and their constituents and that it was ready to be implemented.

He said a World Wide Web site page, a kind of information source for use on the Internet, would be set up with information on the representatives and their e-mail addresses. This, he said, would enable constituents to communicate more easily with their representatives.

Kilbourne defeated Rep. Daniel Martin, Dist. 11, and Rep. Steve Oljeski, Dist. 4, for the position.

Gasperini, who also soundly defeated Martin for her position, said she planned to improve the way the finance committee did business.

"The purpose of the finance committee is to crunch numbers and go over different pieces of the budget," she said. "It is not to determine the merits of an organization."

She also said her prior experience on the finance committee made her qualified to be chairwoman.

Nguyen defeated a new representative, Jason Jolley, Dist. 17, for the ethics committee position.

Nguyen said he hoped the committee would handle the issues that came before it better than last year's committee had.

## N.C. House Approves Bill To Require Pledge in Schools

Under Proposal, All Public Classrooms Would Have to Display an American Flag

BY WENDY GOODMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The N.C. House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would require public school classrooms to display the American flag and to begin each day with the Pledge of Allegiance. The bill will now go to the Senate for debate.

The bill requires only public schools to act but encourages private, religious and home schools to follow the procedure as well.

The inclusion of schools other than public schools was due to an amendment proposed by Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange.

"I offered the amendment on the premise that children in our state needed the opportunity to strengthen patriotism and it was hypocritical just to do this in public schools," Barnes said.

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Ken Miller, R-Alamance, said he disagreed with the proposed amendment because he thought the purpose of private schools was not to be interfered with by government.

"The General Assembly doesn't legislate what goes on in the private school sector," Miller said. "Even though the amendment only encourages private schools, (we) don't want to set a precedent for sending legislation to them."

Barnes said her amendment to the bill was intended to provide equal legislation for public and private schools.

"It needs consistency. It is required for one set but only encouraged for the other," she said. "I actually prefer the word encouraged for both because then action wouldn't be forced and it would allow

locals, such as school boards, to make some decisions."

Barnes said she thought this issue was less important than others facing the schools.

"I would rather spend time on student achievement than bills about the moment of silence and the pledge," she said. "It shows there are misplaced priorities, in my opinion. There is too much politics in school already."

However, the debate over whether public and private schools should both be subject to the legislation might not be as important as the debate that could follow the passage of the bill.

Several questions could be raised concerning the bill's constitutionality if it becomes law. In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students could not be required to say the Pledge of Allegiance in schools.

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## Got a Head for News?

The Daily Tar Heel is now accepting applications for desk editor positions and for summer staff. Applicants for fall and summer editor positions should have some journalism experience. No experience is necessary for summer staff members.

Positions are available for photographers, graphic designers and artists, copy editors, cartoonists, and writers. All desk editor positions are open.

Applications are available at the DTH office in Union Suite 104. Fall desk editor applications are due Friday. A sign-up sheet will also be posted for summer staff and for interviews.

Questions? Call Editor-select Thanassis Cambanis at 962-0245.

When angry, count to four; when very angry, swear.

Mark Twain