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## BOOKSTORE BATTLES STUDENT STORES

**Internationalist managers turn to town for help**

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The recent controversy between a small local bookstore and Student Stores took on a larger dimension at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night.

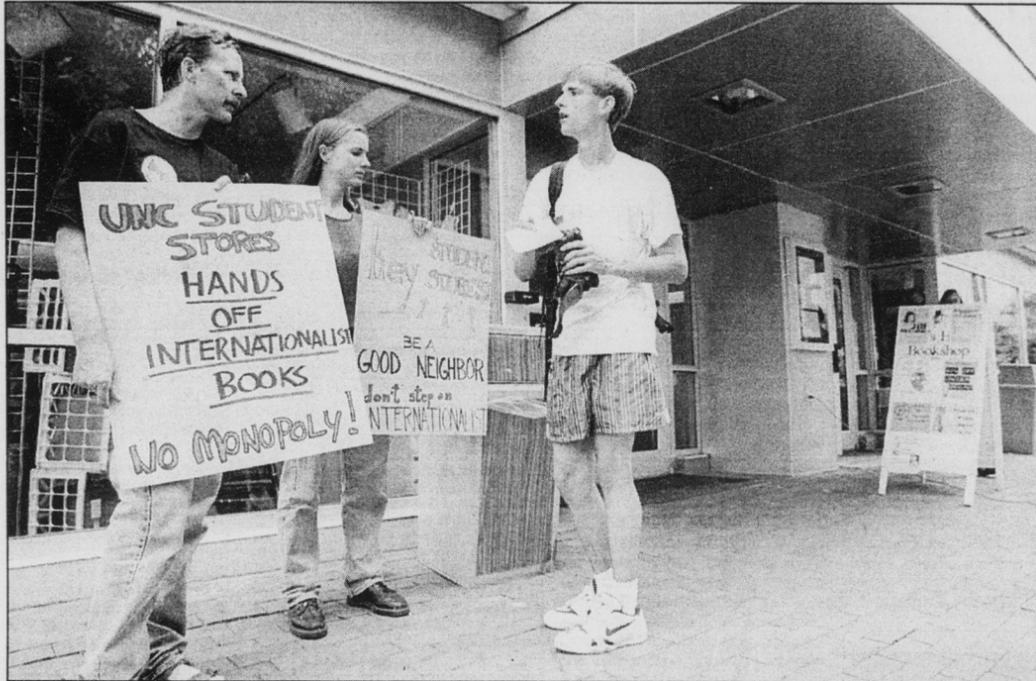
At the meeting, representatives for the Internationalist Bookstore, located at 405 W. Franklin St., asked the council for intervention in settling a dispute between the bookstore and the University.

Co-manager Dorrit Geshuri said the main purpose of appealing to the council was to inform the community of the injustice she said was being done and to attempt to get reparations for the loss of revenue.

"We need to nip this crisis in the bud," Geshuri said. "We want to get a promise from Student Stores not to do this sort of thing again and also some financial compensation. I don't think that is too much to ask."

In a prepared statement read to the council, co-manager Yonni Chapman

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Internationalist Books Co-managers Yonni Chapman and Kelly Kress and freshman Trevor Presler of Lexington, Ky., protest in the Pit on Tuesday. Internationalist workers picketed and passed out literature asking students not to buy certain books from Student Stores.

**Officials say book lists are public records**

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
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Protesters of Student Stores' "underhanded" method of obtaining professors' book lists cannot be granted exclusive license to sell books for certain classes, University officials said Tuesday.

Workers at Internationalist Books, a Franklin Street bookstore, held picket signs and passed out literature asking students not to buy books for certain classes from Student Stores.

"We're just calling for people who could buy their books at International to buy them at International," Internationalist Co-manager Kelly Kress said.

The protesters were angered when Student Stores employees entered their store and copied titles of books that professors ordered exclusively from the Internationalist. Student Stores now carries those titles.

"We would like them to refrain from basically stomping on us," Kress said. Co-manager Yonni Chapman said when he spoke with University officials,

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## Gantt's prime time speech ignored by major networks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt stressed the traditional values of family and responsibility Tuesday night in a prime time speech that was seen by just a fraction of its potential audience.

The speech to the Democratic National Convention was delayed by the addition of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and the decision to push forward the speaking times for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Tipper Gore.

ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN then opted to air commercials and analysis rather than sticking with Gantt. The cable network C-SPAN aired the speech.

"I'm sure disappointed. I wanted my folks back home to see it," Gantt said following his address. "We would have loved to have been seen over national television but we'll take it the way we got it."

Gantt opened by vowing that he would defeat Republican incumbent Jesse Helms in November. He then told delegates in the United Center about growing up poor but hopeful in a Charleston, S.C., public housing complex.

"My parents didn't have much money and precious little formal education.

"But they were rich in the values and dreams of America. They taught their five children that with hard work and perseverance, faith in God, and personal responsibility, anything was possible in this country," Gantt said.

The architect and former Charlotte mayor recounted that he faced racial discrimination as a youth, but prevailed with the help of a strong family and hard work.

He said the promise of a better life can be renewed if Americans "value strong families that struggle to stay together."

Gantt has spoken often about traditional values during campaign speeches this year.

He was labeled a liberal by Helms in their 1990 race, which he lost narrowly to Helms after absorbing attack ads that accused him of backing racial quotas.

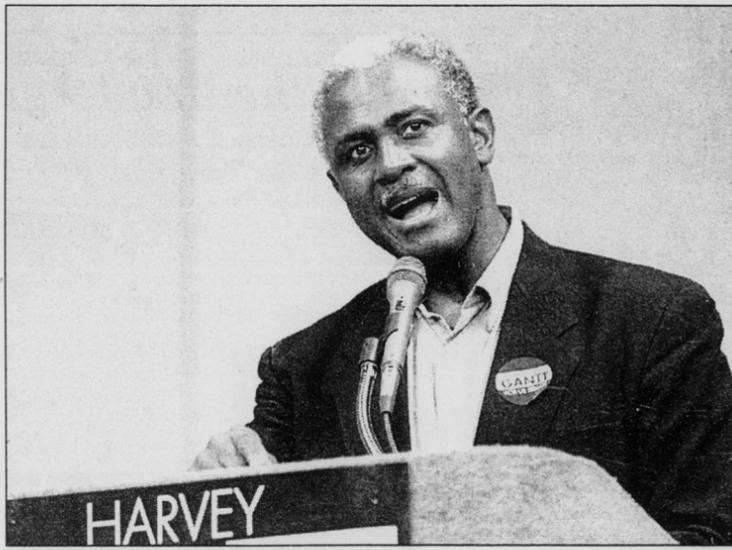
Helms repeated the claim during this year's Democratic Party primary when he ran an ad accusing Gantt, who is black, of supporting "racial preferences" in hiring.

Gantt has said he supports affirmative action programs with reforms on how they are applied.

A spokesman for the North Carolina Republican Party attacked Gantt's decision to speak at the convention despite President Clinton's decision to encourage the Food and Drug Administration to regulate nicotine as a drug.

"Harvey Gantt showed North Carolina where he really stands on tobacco by accepting a featured role at Bill Clinton's convention in Chicago," said spokesman Robert Wilkie.

The Democratic National Committee gave Gantt the most prestigious speaking spot of any other N.C. delegate to the convention.



Gantt spoke at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Tuesday night. He is pictured campaigning for the spring primary, when he defeated Charles Sanders.

## Leaders see unity in education

■ The UNC system, community colleges and public schools team up.

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
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The UNC system, North Carolina community colleges and North Carolina public schools share one common goal: educating North Carolina's students.

The three men at the helms of those education systems, who are longtime friends, say they can reach that goal more easily by working together.

"We no longer stand as three different levels of education," said Jay Robinson, chairman of the state Board of Education.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler spoke of the systems in terms of a circle. "If any part of that circle is weak it weakens all of us."

About 85 percent of UNC-system students attended North Carolina public schools. Most North Carolina public school teachers attended UNC schools, Spangler said. "We turn them into teachers, and they go back into community colleges and public schools.

"It's really a complete circle and it's well done."

Spangler said the University benefits when public schools and community colleges are as strong as possible. "We strengthen our university very rapidly. I've seen the student body and applications get better and better."

But Lloyd Hackley, president of the North Carolina community college system, said the circle was still forming.

Transitions between high schools, community colleges and universities remain rough, he said. "While nobody would think about eliminating (the three systems), everyone recognizes that we need to smooth out and eliminate the gaps,"

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Applications are now available for the Joanna Howell Fund Awards, sponsored by The Daily Tar Heel in the name of one of its writers who died in the May 12 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire.

The Joanna Howell Fund will award biannual prizes of up to \$250 to help an undergraduate journalist produce an in-depth story or photo essay on an issue of compelling contemporary interest. Applications can be picked up at the DTH office in Suite 104 of the Student Union and are due Sept. 6.

## Aldermen delay affordable housing funding vote

BY AMY CAPPIELLO  
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A hailstorm of criticism was aimed towards a 10-unit block of affordable housing in the Merritt Mill Square area within the past week.

The Board of Aldermen were scheduled to vote on the matter of contributing funds to EmPOWERment Inc.'s Merritt Mill Square project Tuesday night but delayed because some issues had not been finalized, Alderman Alex Zaffron said.

"There are some issues EmPOWERment needs to deal with after they look at the building in its current use and comply with the housing codes," Zaffron said. "That's why we delayed the vote so issues could be worked out." EmPOWERment, run by directors

Myles Presler and Termain Kyles, is seeking grants of \$30,000, \$20,000 and \$10,000 from the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council and Carrboro Board of Aldermen. EmPOWERment is trying to salvage the 10 units of affordable housing for the area's low-income workers.

The Commissioners and the council have committed the funds, contingent on the other boards agreeing to contribute.

TaxWatch, a community fiscal interest group, attacked EmPOWERment in an Aug. 19 letter to the Commissioners. In the letter, TaxWatch Chairman Tommy Gardner argued against using tax money for private business ventures.

"This proposal by EmPOWERment Inc. asks you to sink tax money into its private venture, Merritt Mill Square," Gardner stated in the letter. "This tax

money is not being put into public housing which is owned by the government." Issues highlighted by TaxWatch did not raise concerns with some aldermen about the Merritt Mill Square project.

"I think TaxWatch and I have different philosophical ideas about the role of government," Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said. "I think taking care of the health, safety and care of our community is one of our top priorities."

Zaffron said Gardner's letter angered him because of its style, content and tone. "Contained in the letter were personal attacks on the staff of EmPOWERment," Zaffron said.

In his letter, Gardner stated few questions were raised by the elected officials as to Kyles' and Presler's backgrounds. "One has been in and out of UNC as a temporary employee on three different

occasions over the past two-year period," Gardner stated. "This is not to condemn his sketchy work history but rather to raise questions that no elected official thought to ask."

EmPOWERment also made headlines recently as the struggle for a \$50,000 federal HOME grant continued. The money, which is part of an entitlement fund that comes to the county every year, has already been promised to a single-family home project in the Scarlett Drive and Legion Road area.

Executive Director of the Orange Community Housing Corporation Donna Dyer, who developed the 11-home Scarlett Drive plan, said she would not be opposed to the reallocation of funds.

"I do not oppose a reallocation of the money," Dyer said. "If the HOME program wants to do it, they can."

*Work is the curse of the drinking class.*

Oscar Wilde