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Student Congress dipped into its emergency funds Tuesday to help student organizations. Page 2



She's back

Elizabeth Dole makes her second trip to the Triangle today to campaign for her husband. Page 3



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Today's Weather

Mostly sunny; high 70s.
Friday: Sunny; high 70s.

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Runaway charged in youth home assault

■ Orange County Sheriff's deputies are still searching for another suspect.

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Four adolescents ran away from two Orange County group homes early Monday, resulting in the violent assault of one of the home's staff members.

Three of the four runaways were back in custody as of Wednesday, while the fourth remained at large.

One of the runaways, a 15-year-old male, has been charged with breaking and entering and assault with a deadly weapon after Monday morning's escape.

About 1 a.m. Monday, two males, ages 12 and 15, left through the window of a branch of Yes I Can, Inc. group home off N.C. 49 in Mebane.

They then traveled to the company's girls' home about five miles away on Jamaica Road, David Whitted, president of Yes I Can, said.

There the 15-year-old, who had no prior history of violent behavior, broke in the front door and assaulted a staff worker after she refused to give him her keys.

According to the sheriff's report filed on Monday, the victim was beaten in the face and head with a two-by-four and hit with a brick. The victim was also sprayed with a fire extinguisher, according to sheriff's reports.

The staff member was treated at Durham Regional Hospital and released.

The boys left the scene with two girls, ages 13 and 15, both residents at the girls'

home, and were driven to High Point, the older girl's hometown. The two younger runaways then asked the driver to take them back to Orange County, Whitted said.

Whitted said he was concerned with the violent nature of this incident.

"This is definitely the most extreme case I have dealt with," he said. This is the first case of assault involving the program in its four-year history, Whitted said.

He said he believed the two younger adolescents were coerced into running away by the older two, who were acquaintances before joining the home.

As of Wednesday, only the 15-year-old female remains at large.

Security measures at the homes include an alarm system and 24-hour supervision, Whitted said.

The two boys were able to disarm the alarm system and leave through the window.

The on-duty supervisor was in another room completing paperwork when the incident occurred, he said.

Whitted said while he believed this is an isolated incident, he is going to work on developing programs specifically developed to handle youth who run away.

The boys' home has been temporarily shut down so repairs could be made on the windows.

However, Whitted said he expected the home to reopen sometime this week.

When the runaways return to the program, they will face some consequences, Whitted said.

"I am going to do everything in my power to prevent something like this from happening again."

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL



The North Carolina Women's Club Rugby team played Saturday at Ehringhaus field. The club team vies with other club teams across the region and practices every Tuesday and Thursday.

Group to discuss tract zone

■ A committee to negotiate zoning of the Horace Williams property will meet tonight.

BY ALEX PODLOGAR
STAFF WRITER

The Horace Williams Negotiating Committee, a collaborative effort of law-makers, town planners and residents, will hold its first meeting tonight to begin discussion on the long-range development of the Horace Williams tract.

"The committee was designed to work collaboratively with the University to develop a zoning ordinance that the University would volunteer to apply the Horace Williams property," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Richard Franck, a member of the committee.

The University plans to extend its campus to the 1,000-acre Horace Williams tract off N.C. 54. The University must get the town's permission before erecting each building, pursuant to an earlier council decision.

The committee will facilitate communication between the town and UNC-Chapel Hill regarding this future development.

Tonight's meeting will determine the committee's future role and plan a schedule of meetings, said council and com-

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Food service stirs up controversy at UNC campuses

BY JENNIFER WILSON
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The struggle for good food service is no picnic.

For the five historically black state universities in North Carolina, finding acceptable food service has stirred up controversy.

Shaw Food Services has provided food service for N.C. Central University, N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University, Elizabeth City State University, Winston-Salem State University and Fayetteville State University for almost a decade — until last year.

When NCCU's and N.C. A&T's contracts expired, they re-evaluated food services and contracted with different companies.

At a recent meeting, several student body presidents from the five institutions claimed that Shaw Food Services was

not handling the contracts responsibly.

Rasheed Cromwell, student body president of N.C. A&T, said Shaw had not been responsive to the students' needs at N.C. A&T and the students were unhappy with the food quality and variety.

Questions also arose because the president and chief executive officer of Shaw Food Services, N.C. Rep. Larry Shaw, D-Cumberland, has been in public office for one term. The representative's company still contracts with three of the state-owned institutions.

J. Arthur Leaston, North Carolina purchasing officer, said the North Carolina attorney general had determined that no conflict of interest was present.



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Evelyn Shaw, president of Shaw Food Services, said she agreed with the ruling.

"There is no state law prohibiting state legislators from contracting with the state. The attorney general ruled on it," she said. "If there was such a law, about 65 percent (of state legislators) would have to give up their seats."

Evelyn Shaw said the conflict surrounding food service was a socioeconomic issue, not a political issue.

Students at historically black universities want the same kinds of programs available at other schools, but they pay considerably lower rates, she said.

For example, students at N.C. A&T pay \$4.10 per day, or about \$1.30 per meal.

"Students at historically black universities want the same kinds of programs, but the contract has to prove equitable," Evelyn Shaw said. "You cannot go into a store and buy a steak for the price of a

hot dog."

She said the real question was why minority companies were no longer being contracted by historically black universities.

"The UNC system is initiating the idea (that) our 16 universities in the system should be contracted with major companies rather than minority suppliers," she said.

Last year NCCU's five-year extended contract with Shaw Food Service ran out. The university evaluated prospective companies' meal plans and food selection to determine which company would get the new contract, said Joyce Page, director of purchasing at NCCU.

Marriott Corp. was selected, and they have been operating on the campus since the beginning of this school year, said David Witherspoon, director of the

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Congress seats still wide open

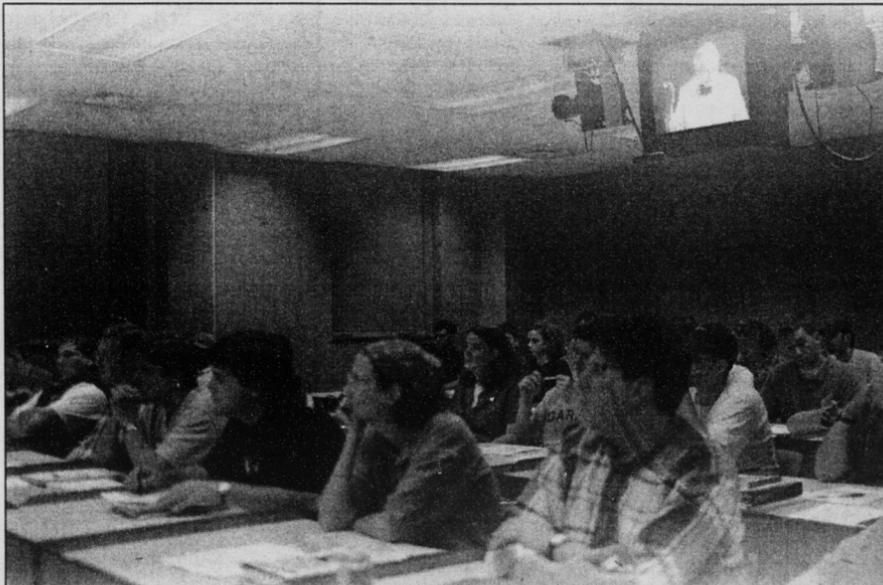
■ The legislative branch is trying to attract the interest of graduate students.

BY JESSICA GALAZKA
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Every other Wednesday night, eight seats sit empty in the basement of Peabody where current members of Student Congress meet, awaiting the election of new legislators into their chamber.

Five of the eight vacant seats are open to graduate students. But many of the graduate students don't even know that seats in Student Congress exist for them, said Kathryn Sherer, chief of legislative affairs.

"It is hard enough to get them to vote, much less run for office," Sherer said.



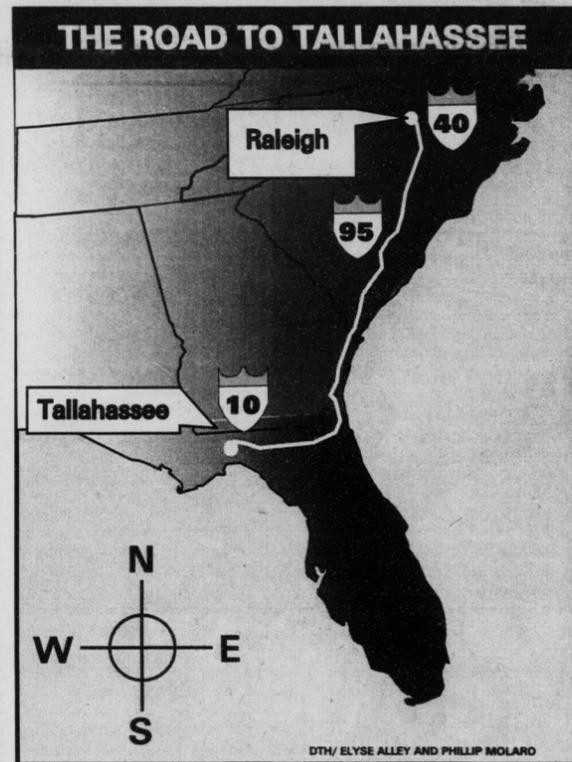
Student Congress meets in Peabody 08 so that its meetings can be televised over the public access channel. The legislative arm of student government is holding elections Oct. 1 to fill eight open seats.

Four of the seats allotted for graduate students went unfilled after the spring election. The fifth vacant seat was held by a graduate student who was not pre-

pared for the political bickering that occurred during meetings and resigned. "Student Congress didn't prove to be what he expected," said Rep. Jason Jolley,

District 16, chairman of the Finance Committee.

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Distance keeps students away from big game in Tallahassee

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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Although the UNC-Florida State football game is one of the biggest of the year, distance will keep many students away from the action.

The ticket sales division of UNC's Sports Information Department reported the 1,600 tickets available to UNC for Saturday's game in Tallahassee, Fla., sold out early last week.

But the 10-hour drive to Florida kept the number of tickets purchased by students at a minimum. The majority of tickets were purchased by alumni and Educational Foundation members.

Football Coach Mack Brown said he felt student support was an integral part of the game.

"Sometimes it's difficult to let students know that we need the support," Brown said. "We need the crowd noise."

Brown said he was excited that some students and the marching band would make the trek to Tallahassee.

"The more people in the crowd wearing Carolina blue, the better," he said.

The UNC marching band is one of the few student organizations that will be attending the game. Acting Director of Bands Jeff Fuchs said the lack of student support expected for the game was exactly the reason why the band was traveling to Tallahassee.

"We're going to try and provide some student support," Fuchs said. "We want to help the team bring back their fourth

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A squid, as you know of course, has 10 testicles.

Graham Kerr, The Galloping Gourmet