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Mostly sunny; low 70s.
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Students question Columbus Day celebration with protest, speeches

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Everyone knows that in 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. But they may not realize the point one activist group was trying to get across in the Pit on Monday.

"You give honor to a man that ruined our lives."

This is how Tammy Stegall, a freshman from Macon and a member of Unheard Voices, described the observance of Columbus Day, a holiday honoring the day Christopher Columbus landed in North America.

Unheard Voices, a division of Carolina Indian Circle, gathered in the Pit on Monday to protest the celebration of Columbus Day and its implications.

The demonstration began with the reading of a proclamation written by

Carolina Indian Circle in October 1991.

"The Carolina Indian Circle does not think it is appropriate to celebrate a time and event that marks the beginning of death and oppression of millions of their ancestors and relatives," said Carmel Paleski, a sophomore from New Haven, Conn., and a member of the group.

"We mourn the continued oppression of indigenous political, social, economic and spiritual institutions that is still being perpetrated by the descendants of the European invaders," Paleski said.

The demonstration was also designed to show that Native American culture is still alive, said Linwood Watson, a senior from Kenly and a member of Unheard Voices.

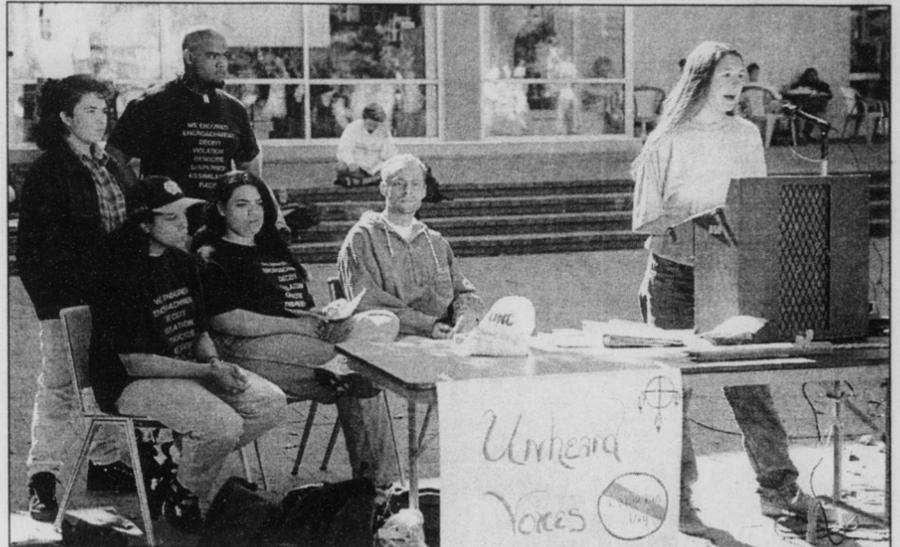
Traditional music, dancing and prayer highlighted the demonstration. Stegall, Christie Chavis, a freshman from High Point; Norman Chavis, a senior from

Sophia; and Chasity Oxendine, a freshman from Fairmont, also read from Native American authors to express the group's opinions. Unheard Voices also offered an open microphone for anyone to share their views.

Student opinion on celebrating Columbus Day was mixed. Some students said the group was emphasizing the negative aspects of relationships between Native Americans and other races, especially whites.

"I think it's good that they are expressing their feelings about Columbus Day," said Shirley Chong, a freshman from Fayetteville. "I don't think it's right for them to approach it in a negative manner."

Nicole Forbes, a freshman from Boston, Mass., agreed with Unheard Voices. She said celebrating Columbus Day was similar to "celebrating genocide."



Members of Unheard Voices, a division of Carolina Indian Circle, protest Columbus Day in the Pit on Monday. Students read a proclamation stating Christopher Columbus' arrival began the oppression of Native Americans.

"A woman wants an abortion like an animal in a trap wants to gnaw its leg off."

Mimi Every, director of Pregnancy Support Services

Constantly balancing patient confidentiality, complex laws and intense emotions, health providers in local abortion clinics are ...

Looking past the politics of abortion



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Top 5 Campus Issues

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll of 395 people on campus from Sept. 10 to Sept. 15 to determine which of 24 issues were most important to the University.

- 1 Schools and education
- 2 Crime
- 3 Abortion
- 4 Balancing the budget
- 5 The environment

Catherine doesn't mind her work, even if it means looking into the eyes of sad, confused women.

They come to her asking for guidance in making a decision that has been politicized by the national debate on abortion.

Catherine works at A Triangle Women's Health Clinic, the only abortion clinic in Chapel Hill. The clinic sees an average of 40 to 50 women each week, several of whom are college students.

The women who enter the clinic's homelike atmosphere are often unsure of their next move.

"There are so many fears and thoughts going through these girls' minds that they need someone to just be there for them when they come in here," Catherine said. "We try to make patients feel as comfortable as we possibly can."

Even activists on the other side of the abortion debate say it is difficult to watch patients deal with the decision.

"A woman wants an abortion like an animal in a trap wants to gnaw its leg off," said Mimi Every, director of Pregnancy Support Services, a Christian-based, nonmedical group located on

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Franklin Street.

Every's group, which encourages abstinence, offers free pregnancy testing and counseling both for pregnant women and women who have terminated pregnancies.

"We do indicate to (a woman) that we feel abortion is not in her best interest," said Every, whose group doesn't provide abortions. "We tell them that if they choose abortion, it's very permanent. They can't change their mind."

A Triangle Women's Health Clinic also offers free pregnancy tests and free follow-up appointments, in addition to abortions.

Catherine said counseling sessions provided an important service since women are immediately presented with the available options—everything from adoption to abortion.

Counselors ask patients to look at the whole picture, not just at abortion, Catherine said.

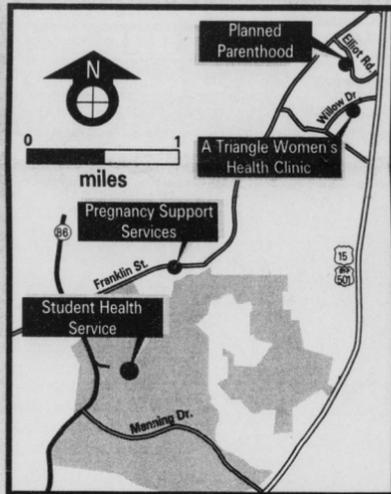
But she added, "Once they've made the decision to have an abortion done, then we think they shouldn't have to sit around and wait."

The clinic requires patients to submit a birth control plan before they leave, so they will not be trapped in the same position again.

Women are also given the phone numbers of workers at the clinic in case

Women's services, support

Although only A Triangle Women's Health Clinic performs abortions in the Chapel Hill area, many other offices that provide counseling services and pregnancy tests are within driving distance. The sole abortion clinic sees about 40 to 50 women each week, many of whom are college students.



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they need to talk to someone.

Both groups said the most important part of the process dealt with this one-on-one discussion.

A woman needs someone who won't judge her and someone who is com-

passionate, Every said.

Some patients have not made a decision about their unplanned pregnancy and others have already terminated the

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Town's charm not marred by chain stores

Franklin Street may have changed, but it remains an integral part of Chapel Hill.

BY STACEY TURNAGE
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Next time you venture onto Franklin Street, imagine how it must have looked 20 years to 30 years ago. You would've been among endless tables of crafts, leather goods and incense.

For a stretch, look back 50 years when incoming students descended on Franklin Street for all their college necessities because there was no mall.

It was its own quaint little village with a special charm that kept businesses there.

Many fear the Franklin Street of yesterday has disappeared, and with it the charm and Chapel Hill's hometown feeling.

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said he felt the present day Franklin Street, despite its modern-day commercialism, still added to the town's charm.

"The Franklin Street of today has everything to do with the charm of Chapel Hill. Most communities would love to have a vibrant, active downtown like Franklin Street," he said.

Harper said it was hard to define what charming was and where Franklin Street fit into that definition, because it was always evolving.

"It's a different kind of charm than what was present in the '50s and even the '80s, and in the year 2006, it will be charming still, but in a different way than today," Harper said.

Some people fear the addition of several national chains on Franklin Street causes the street to lose its quaintness. However, small business owners such as Missy Julian-Fox, owner of Julian's, and Shelton Henderson, owner of Shrunken Head Boutique, said they were not concerned by the attraction of big business.

"I like to see different (businesses) come through. Besides, Franklin Street has not changed," Henderson said.

Julian-Fox, who spent her childhood working with her father in Julian's, said she realized new businesses were bound to make their mark on the downtown.

"I know that Franklin Street will not always be the way it was when I grew up on it, and that is okay as long as it retains a value and a purpose," Julian-Fox said. Julian-Fox said she wished students would rethink their shopping habits before they dismissed Franklin Street and headed to the nearest mall.

"In traveling all over the world, I have never found a place quite like Franklin Street," she said. "I love the village atmosphere and charm, but we all have a responsibility to maintain it."

Henderson said no matter who you asked in the state, they always knew where Franklin Street was. "Franklin Street is 'the street,' the only street that people drive for 100 miles or farther just to walk down."

Council to hear proposal to move McDade House

BY MARY-KATHYRN CRAFT
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A task force will offer a way to save the McDade House from demolition when it presents suggestions at Wednesday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting.

Terri Swanson, chairwoman of the task force and member of the Historic District Commission, said the group agreed that moving the house from its current location behind University Baptist Church on Franklin Street to across the street was the best option.

University Baptist owns the property where the house is located, but it wants to use this property to build an addition.

Swanson wrote a letter to Mayor Rosemary Waldorf that explained the house would be bought and moved by Tom Heffner, a local real estate appraiser.

According to the letter, if the town leases Heffner the property, he would move the house across Franklin Street to Municipal Lot 5. He also planned to fully restore the house and landscape the surrounding property.

Despite worries about the structural stability of the house, council member

Mark Chilton said moving it was not an impossible plan.

"We would take a look at (the task force's plan) and consider financial implications and opportunity cost to the town to give up a space," he said.

Chilton said he thought the building was important to the town's history and should be preserved if possible.

"It is a significant building," Chilton said. "If we can find a way to reasonably (move) it without a great cost to the town, then we should look into (the task force's plan)."

Swanson said the Historic District Commission, the Chapel Hill Preservation Society and University Baptist Church agreed moving the house was the best solution to prevent demolition.

"Since we can't keep (McDade House) on its original site, which is what we would like to do, we had to come up with alternatives," she said.

Swanson said she expected the council to refer her letter's suggestions to the town staff. "We would like the process completed as quickly as possible, but I have been told it might take a couple of months for it to come back on the council's agenda."

Sexual harassment suit costs Duke \$600,000

The lawsuit will not affect Duke University's sexual harassment policy.

BY CHARLES HELLWIG
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Duke University felt the sting of sexual harassment last week when a Durham jury awarded more than half a million dollars to an employee who sued the school.

A jury awarded Sarah Joan Watson \$605,100 in damages, holding both Bobby Dixon, her former supervisor, and Duke accountable.

Duke has to pay \$100,000 in damages for personal injury stemming from Watson's emotional trauma and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Dixon will have to pay \$5,000 in damages and \$100 for an assault charge. Watson had asked for more than a million dollars in combined damages.

Watson, currently a Duke Hospital cafeteria worker, alleged in her case that Dixon grabbed her and rubbed against her, drew suggestive pictures of her and physically assaulted her when she worked for him in the Duke Sterile Processing Plant.

Watson's attorney said Duke was responsible for the harassment because

Dixon was not fired and the policy was inadequate. Dixon denied Watson's allegations, and his lawyer questioned her truthfulness.

The jury also issued a stern statement to Duke as part of the decision.

"The jury would like to suggest that Duke University change and improve its policies regarding sexual harassment and reporting thereof, as well as improving its training of employees on the same."

"It was evident that no one completely understood the policy," the jury stated in a memorandum released with the decision.

Duke officials say the verdict will have little effect because the university has changed its policy on sexual harassment since Watson first filed the lawsuit in 1992.

Myrna Adams, vice president for institutional equity at Duke, dismissed the impact of the decision on the current policy.

"The jury's ruling will not necessarily prompt the university to modify its harassment policy," Adams said.

"Policies are always subject to review and our policy itself calls for periodic review."

School officials will not say that the lawsuit triggered a new policy, but Duke did make major changes two years after it was filed.

"In June of 1994, our sexual harass-

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JURY STATEMENT

in sexual harassment case

ment policy was revised significantly, with major changes from the old policy," said Al Rorsiter Jr., director of Duke News Services.

"These changes were a result of a long process of examination and study," he said.

Judith Scott, UNC's sexual harassment officer, said the decision would not likely have any effect on UNC.

"We always take a look at what we've got, and anytime there is new information or events relating to sexual harassment we examine it."

"But as I understand it the policy at Duke is quite different from ours and, therefore, this shouldn't have any effect on our policy."

I married beneath me. All women do.

Nancy Astor