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## N. Graham Street gunman at large after police chase

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Two people suspected of threatening bar patrons with a gun led police on a chase from outside a North Graham Street bar to Royal Park Apartments in Carrboro on Tuesday night.

The suspects eluded police after their 1988 Acura Legend went off an embankment and struck an apartment building and they ran away.

The incident began at The Village Connection, a bar at 107 N. Graham St. in Chapel Hill.

"We got a call around 11:50 last night that someone at The Village Connection was threatening to shoot someone," said

Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman.

Cousins said the officer in the Chapel Hill police substation on North Graham Street responded to the call and arrived in time to observe a man and a woman run out and drive off in an Acura Legend toward Carrboro.

The officer followed the car to Royal Park Apartments, where it slid off an embankment, hitting an apartment building, Cousins said. No one in the building was injured.

The suspects got out of the car and ran. When police searched the car, Cousins said they found a .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun and numerous rounds of ammunition lying on the seat.

Police blocked the entrance to Royal Park Apartments while they searched for the suspects and turned people away who tried to enter the complex.

"We have some information as to who the suspects are," Cousins said. She added that the police were still working on making an arrest, but they expected to do so soon.

The suspects are wanted for delay and obstruction and for disturbance by threatening people with a handgun.

Tuesday night's incident is not the first time The Village Connection has been the scene of altercations involving handguns. In September, a shooting in front of the bar took the life of Chadrick Alfred Morrow of Chapel Hill.



Campus Y HYPE and Shakti for Children volunteers visited the South Estes Community Center on Wednesday. Their program presented the children with interactive games and a chance to "create your own country" art project.

## Former UNC chancellor to fill in as Alabama university president

Paul Hardin will take over at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Paul Hardin, chancellor emeritus of the University and a current professor in the School of Law, was named acting president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham on Wednesday at a press conference in Birmingham.

"This request to serve as interim presi-

dent caught me by surprise," Hardin stated in a press release. "It's a wonderful strong institution with a world of potential for even greater excellence, and I'm honored to have an opportunity to serve as acting president for what will be probably a fairly short period."



Chancellor Emeritus PAUL HARDIN said his move would be a "sentimental homecoming."

Kellee Reinhart, director of university relations for the University of Alabama system, said Hardin would begin his term as interim president Jan. 1. Hardin will fill that position until a permanent successor is named.

From 1988 until June 1995, Hardin served as UNC's seventh chancellor. He was president of Drew University in Madison, N.J., from 1975 to 1988; Southern Methodist University in Dallas from 1972 to 1974; and Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., from 1968 to 1972.

Reinhart said UAB chose Hardin as

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## Students envision their perfect world

A Campus Y program allows kids to express their vision for a better society.

BY LESLIE QUIGLESS  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine the luxury of creating Xanadu, your own perfect world where anything or anybody you want is in, and anything or anybody you don't want is out.

You'll have to settle for the snooze button today.

But children at the South Estes Community Center were able to think about it for a while Wednesday when Shakti for Children, a nonprofit organization in Durham, and Helping Youths by Provid-

ing Enrichment (HYPE), a subgroup of the Campus Y, collaborated to bring Xanadu to them.

"Xanadu gives children an opportunity to express their vision for a better world and society," said Teju Omolodon, the community outreach coordinator for Shakti ("empowerment" in Hindi) for Children. "We feel that when children are empowered, it makes them better connect with the world and the people in it."

Children who participated in the program viewed slides of children from various countries, including Brazil, Africa and India. Omolodon said the slide show showed the children the positive side of other cultures.

"There are a lot of negative images on TV, and kids don't often see positive

images of children from around the world," she said. "We begin with the idea that the world is a big place, but either way, their culture and their way of living is just as valid as our culture and our way of living."

Russell Hendrix, co-chairman of HYPE, said programs like Xanadu and HYPE gave children self-esteem and increased their awareness of the world around them by stressing culture.

"The kids we deal with have wonderful potential, but the self-esteem is not there," he said. "Once they come to realize how wonderful they are, they begin to blossom."

Laura Harrison, resident council assistant for the community center, said

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## Critics claim hog farming simply stinks

Hog farmers hope to adapt to tougher standards for environmental impact.

BY ANDREW PARK  
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Eastern North Carolina stinks. At least, that's what critics of the state's burgeoning hog industry will tell you.

Most of the 13 million hogs marketed this year by North Carolina farmers were raised in the flat rural counties down east on farms where thousands of pigs crowd into a few barns, produce a lot of waste and create an odor that can overpower their neighbors.

Whitley Stephenson, a Smithfield hog farmer, jokes that he doesn't think the odor on his farm is any worse than the rest room in the Smith Center during a basketball game.

But other complaints about the environmental impact of hogs have taken a more serious toll on farmers.

First, environmentalists targeted the industry for polluting streams and rivers with hog waste. Then, state regulators put more restrictions on farmers to try to stanch that pollution. Then, to add insult to injury, Hurricane Fran came along, knocking out power supplies and turning hog barns into what Stephenson called "little hell holes."

Add volatile feed prices and diseases that can kill young pigs suddenly, and you have a high-risk, but profitable business.

"The people in the pig business in North Carolina went into it for one reason: profit," said Stephenson, who raises 80,000 hogs a year on farms in Johnston, Wayne and Cumberland Counties. "It's



Farmer Whitley Stephenson inspects the barns where his hogs are "finished" before they are taken to market. Stephenson grew up on a farm east of Raleigh, where his father raised pigs for 30 years.

a business just the same as a business in Raleigh or Chapel Hill."

The hog farmers got to be enemy No. 1 of environmental groups in 1995, when a lagoon collapsed in Onslow County, spilling millions of gallons of hog waste, much of which eventually drained into tributaries of the Neuse River. The spill prompted state inspections of hog farms and the discovery of numerous violations of safe farming practices.

Later that summer, millions of dead fish floated to the top of the Neuse, and the finger pointing began. Scientists from UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University and the state Division of Water Quality determined that excessive nitrogen levels had fed massive growths of algae that eventually suffocated the river.

One source of the nitrogen was the animal waste from the lagoon and washed into the water. Runoff from farms that

were using hog waste as fertilizer added to the high levels. Both sources indicated problems with the state's large hog population.

"They're not keeping an eye on the cumulative impact of how many hogs are in the river basin," said Joe Rudek, a scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund in Raleigh.

Scientists call hog farms "nonpoint" sources of nitrogen, because the nitrogen comes from spills and runoff.

Environmentalists would like to see the same scrutiny given to nonpoint sources of nitrogen that is given to "point" sources, such as municipal wastewater treatment plants.

"It's easy to pick on a sewage treatment plant," said Linda Gintoli, who studies the Black River for the Nature Conservancy in Wilmington. "When you have a specific point, you can monitor it

and you can control it. When you have a nonpoint source, it becomes very difficult to evaluate it."

Despite the distinction, point source contribution will likely have to be reduced as well, Gintoli said. But farmers still see a double standard at work when regulators compare their runoff with what is deposited by huge point sources.

"Raleigh's allowed to dump (gallons of) what I get fined for spilling a few drops of," Stephenson said. "If anybody's really sincere about cleaning up the river, they can't go around pointing fingers."

The hog industry has taken much of the heat because of how quickly it has grown into North Carolina's second-biggest farm product. The state ranks behind only Iowa in pork production nationwide. And much of the \$1.5 billion

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## Academic advising at UNC ranks lowest across system

BY HOLLY HART  
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When UNC-Chapel Hill freshman Lindsay Rader arrived on campus this fall, her academic adviser did not offer her the support and guidance she had hoped for.

"I was kind of disappointed with I first came here," said Rader, a biology major. "My adviser didn't tell me I need to take Chem 11, so I'm already behind and may have to take summer school."

Across North Carolina at UNC-Pembroke, junior Hattie Hammonds offered a different advising experience. "My adviser is very knowledgeable," she said. "We go over my grades, my progress and my future."

In a Board of Governors' report released Friday, UNC-CH ranked last among all UNC-system schools for satisfaction with academic advising of graduating seniors.

The report, which summarized the results of graduating senior surveys conducted in 1995 and 1996, described steps UNC-system universities had taken to improve their advising systems during the last year.

Over the last year, UNC-CH increased its satisfaction rate by almost 3 percent to 47.4 percent but remained more than 36

percent behind top-ranking UNC-P.

Associate Dean of the General College Donald Jicha denied the accuracy of the report. "We do a survey every spring of freshmen, and the results are nowhere near those numbers," Jicha said. "We have a 93 percent satisfaction rating from freshmen over the last two years."

Lynn Sizemore, a freshman business major, had a better advising experience than Rader. "My adviser has been really helpful getting me my classes," Sizemore said. But she added, "She couldn't tell me a whole lot about the individual classes."

Heather Knorr, a junior communications major from Gastonia, echoed Sizemore. "My first two years, I usually knew what I wanted to take, so it was fine. But when I got into my major and got an adviser in that department, he didn't know anything."

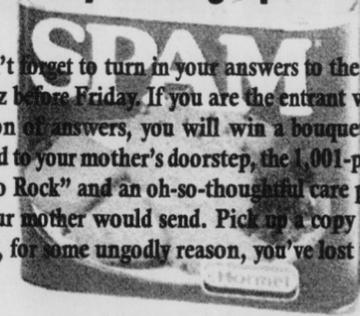
Jicha said the statistics from the BOG report didn't reflect the advising situation at UNC-CH. "The graduation rate here is the highest in the system, and there's something responsible for that," he said. "I think advising has a lot to do with it."

The University is trying to improve its program through a computerized au-

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## Desperately seeking Spam haiku

Don't forget to turn in your answers to the Diversions' Big Quiz before Friday. If you are the entrant with the best collection of answers, you will win a bouquet of flowers delivered to your mother's doorstep, the 1,001-page "Rough Guide to Rock" and an oh-so-thoughtful care package that only your mother would send. Pick up a copy at the DTH office if, for some ungodly reason, you've lost yours.



We are all born mad. Some remain so.

Samuel Beckett