

# African culture focus of Unity banquet

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The African Students Association treated UNC alumni, students and parents to a small piece of African culture through food, fashion, poetry and dance Saturday in the Great Hall.

The more than 100 people who attended the banquet saw hours of dedication and hard work pay off in the form of brightly colored traditional clothes, spicy Nigerian beef and fried plantains.

"With programs like these, we hope to give African-Americans — and others who otherwise wouldn't know — a taste of African food and culture," said Ukonwa Kuzi-Orizu, co-president of the ASA.

ASA member Zenitra Smith said, "We

wanted to share a little bit of our culture with the campus community at large."

The audience was made aware of problems existing in Africa through a dramatic interpretation of what life is like during the takeover of a local government. The play began with a disembodied voice telling the audience of the change in control of the government.

"That's all you get sometimes," Kuzi-Orizu said. "You just wake up one morning and hear over the radio someone telling you, 'I have killed your president, now I'm the president and now this is punishable by death and that is punishable by death.'"

Members of the ASA also performed the "Atilogwu," a traditional dance of the Igbo ethnic group in Southeast Nigeria, and Olufunke Moses, a 24-year-old

performance studies major, read three original pieces titled "Color Theory," "Pretty Brown Blues" and "Nine o'clock Post Meridian."

"It was a wonderful event, very cultural," said Traci Currie, dance teacher at The Lord's Church of Chapel Hill and a UNC alumnae. Currie brought several children to the event so they could experience a dance from a different culture.

Marie Sengal, who is originally from Gambia, said, "They showed all the beauty of African dress and music."

Adam Aberra and Eddie Neufville, executive officers of the ASIA, said they were pleased with the turnout and were glad people enjoyed the banquet. "We were trying to promote awareness," Aberra said. "We wanted to give everybody a little taste of Africa."

# Students sell Web wares, go out West

■ Four students made waves with their software and are capitalizing on it.

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Usually students have to graduate from college before they start earning millions of dollars. However, there are some exceptions.

The exceptions are four former UNC students: Jeff Harrell, Mark Elrod, Gene Hoffman and James Howard. The students have already made it big developing their own company, PrivNet, and creating computer software to protect the privacy of people who surf the Internet.

Recently, the students sold their business and software, called Internet Fast Forward, to a California-based software manufacturer and plan on moving to the West Coast to work for the company.

The students first caught the eye of big companies by putting their products on the World Wide Web for beta testing. Beta testing is an opportunity for users to try a company's piece of software free of charge, and in turn providing feedback on the product.

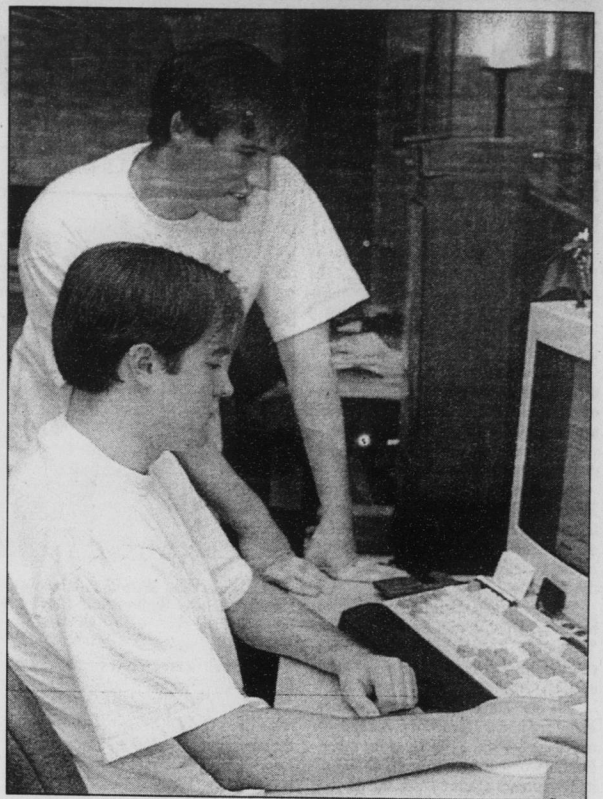
The software blocks advertisements from showing up when users download web pages.

"The benefit of Internet Fast Forward is you save time by not having to download annoying advertisements," said Jeff Harrell, corporate financial officer of PrivNet.

"Almost all of our software is based on bringing our software to the Net. We developed our software on the idea that what you do on the Internet should be your own business," Harrell said.

PrivNet also has created "Cookie Cutters" software which blocks "cookies" from the Web, a method used to track web surfing habits.

"When companies know what sites



Mark Elrod (left) and Jeff Harrell of PrivNet are two of the creators of Internet Fast Forward, a program that blocks ads from web pages.

you are visiting, they can send advertisements specifically based on your interests," Harrell said.

PrivNet's software garnered national attention when first released because of its controversial implications. The New York Times, The L.A. Times and CNN featured the software creators.

"We all were excited. We had a really hot and controversial idea," said Mark Elrod, the head programmer for PrivNet. "Hopefully, we are doing the same thing as Bill Gates (of Microsoft) and Steve Jobs (of Apple)."

"We were ahead of the curve in realizing the problem of advertising on the Web," Elrod said. "That sparked us to start PrivNet, Inc."

Harrell said his partner, James Howard, came up with the idea for the

programs because the Internet was becoming too commercial.

"(James) saw that the Internet was almost becoming like television," Harrell said.

The ensuing success and the sale of their business has stunned the four students who created PrivNet.

"We were bought out in the middle of the development of our products," Elrod said.

The software has created some concern, though. Some critics say web pages that were previously free to access may soon require subscription fees if there is no money from advertisers to pay for them.

Harrell said, "It was a very controversial piece of software and we knew it was going to make some waves."

# Thanksgiving travelers to pay more at pumps

BY KISHMA PATNAIK  
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The annual trip home for turkey will cost travelers in North Carolina more this Thanksgiving weekend.

According to an AAA study, a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline in North Carolina will cost 16.9 cents more than it did last Thanksgiving weekend.

"I have heard very little complaints about the price of gas in reference to last year's price," said David Walker, who is the owner of Walker's BP on East Franklin Street.

Walker said people tend to notice week-to-week changes instead of long-term hikes.

Although local service station owners said the price of gas had not increased in the last two to three weeks, the study reported that the traditional holiday hike came a little earlier this year.

The current average price per gallon,

\$1.201, represents a two-cent increase since Labor Day.

"The price of gasoline is perhaps the purest example of supply and demand," said Donna Emmary, public relations manager for AAA in Charlotte.

Since Thanksgiving is the most traveled holiday of the year, Emmary said, gasoline stations have a higher demand and must pay for delivery more often.

"We try to keep our tanks full," Walker said. When the tanks get just below capacity, they order deliveries immediately to fill them back up.

"And that happens much more frequently during the holiday season," he said.

Emmary said the moderate price increases due to increase in demand would not affect people's plans to travel this Thanksgiving.

"Even when gas prices are very high, we do not see much of a decrease in travel."

Emmary said the 15-cent increase over last year's price only meant \$1.50 more for every ten gallons and was not enough to affect people's travel.

Students agreed the effect would be minimal.

"The price isn't going to discourage me," said Jennifer Moore, a graduate student from Lincolnton.

"Think of how much it would cost you to stay in Chapel Hill and have a decent Thanksgiving meal," Moore said.

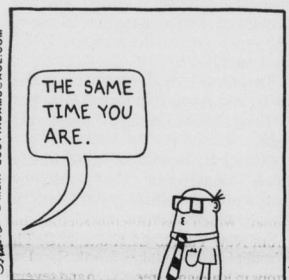
"That would cost much more than the gas. But if the price was closer to \$1.50 or \$2.00 a gallon, then I would question it," Moore said.

Laura Sprengle, a junior communications major from York, Pennsylvania, said the increase wouldn't really have an effect on her plans to return home either.

"If the price were raised a lot so that I couldn't pay for it then I wouldn't go."

"But that's not in the foreseeable future," she said.

Dilbert



## THE Daily Crossword

by Florence C. Adler

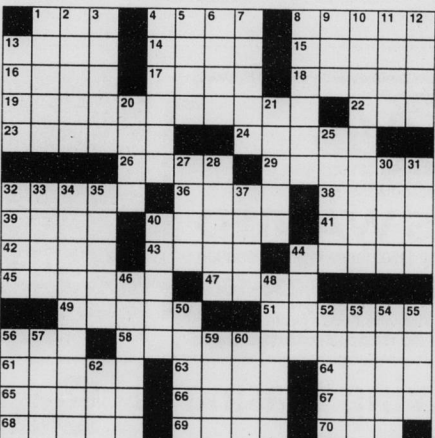
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- 36 Ended
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- 40 Comedian, — Martin
- 41 Ireland
- 42 Corn tortilla
- 43 Biblical weed
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- 47 Trolley
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- 58 Dickens novel
- 61 Picture puzzle
- 63 — monster
- 64 Low female voice
- 65 Reliance
- 66 Sammy Davis' "Yes —"
- 67 Observe
- 68 Entertaining tales
- 69 Meaningful progress
- 70 Make a mistake

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- 1 Shaping machine
- 2 "Tempest" sprite
- 3 Hiding place
- 4 Recommend
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- 7 — boy (acolyte)
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Fran, it has been shown how prepared the town was."

Horton and Karpinos can also take credit for the town's successful handling of events like Halloween on Franklin Street, she said.

"If they do excellent work and work really hard, then they should get the highest amount possible," Evans said. "That's true with all employees."

Capowski said he would vote to give Horton and Karpinos a 5 percent increase because they were doing a good job.

"The town is doing very well because of excellent manage-

ment and legal services," he said.

But the Black Public Works Association has protested the possible salary increases.

The group presented a proposal called the Freedom Budget to the council last summer that called for an elimination of percentage pay increases, said BPWA attorney Mark Dorosin.

The BPWA said the percentage pay increase meant significantly less money for the lowest-paid employees. The association suggested that a flat dollar increase would be more fair, Dorosin said.

"A 5 percent raise is greater than any other worker has gotten," he said.

Dorosin said the BPWA was pleased with the efforts the Town Council has made to remedy pay inequities in the town, but that it needed to do more.

An investigation by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of the town was filed by the BPWA last fall and is in its beginning stages, Dorosin said. The EEOC will investigate discriminatory practices regarding pay, promotional opportunities and training.

## RAMESES

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received information about Mr. Wade."

Fox said he could not give details concerning the tip that led the sheriff's department to Wade.

Fox also said that he could not discuss details of the department's investigation into the incident.

However, Fox said there was no information to indicate that Wade was a homeless person, especially hungry or a UNC student. Wade's first court appearance is Dec. 2 in Hillsborough. Wade, who has no prior criminal record, could serve up to 120 days in jail for cruelty to animals, which is a misdemeanor offense.

UNC Athletic Director John Swofford released a statement in support of the sheriff department's work on the case.

"Our law enforcement officers have done a great job of continuing to follow up on this case," he said. "I know everyone in our department appreciates that and feels badly for what the Hogan family has gone through. Hopefully, nothing like this will ever happen again."

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