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## Black leaders touting year-long celebration

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Residents who want to celebrate Black History Month could have a hard time finding the party.

Although February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, many local groups, including organizations on the UNC campus, have opted to preempt their celebrations, arguing that black history should be celebrated every month.



Carrboro Alderman Hilliard Caldwell said he agreed with the sentiment that there should be an emphasis on black history all the time.

"We shouldn't forget that black history is part of the American history and something that should be in our minds all months," he said. "It's absurd just to celebrate it one month."

Mavis Gragg, co-president of the Black Student Movement at UNC, said Black History Month served a great purpose but should be recognized year-round. "I think (Black History Month) still has historical significance, but at places like UNC, black history should be learned and celebrated everyday," she said.

Gragg said everything the BSM sponsored was special every month and not just limited to February.

"This way an individual doesn't have to wait for February to roll around to learn black history," she said. "They can learn and celebrate it everyday of their life which is evidence that we've come along way since the initiation of Black History Month."



Carrboro Alderman **HILLIARD CALDWELL** said black history awareness should be promoted throughout the year.

Ty Johnson, publicist for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, said the BCC recognized Black History Month, but not aside from any other month to celebrate and learn about black history.

"The programming for February is planned with the same intensity as those planned in any other month of the year," Johnson said. "We believe every month should be black history month."

One place in Chapel Hill, Hargraves Community Center, has scheduled a number of special events to celebrate Black History Month. The activities include a dance exhibit by the Africa Dance Troup on Feb. 18 and weekly movie screenings that feature films about the American Civil Rights Movement. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc. and Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the events.

### FABRIC SOFTENER



David Acherbaugh of the National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws explains what qualities of hemp make it a viable alternative to conventional fibers like cotton.

## Clinton addresses bipartisan efforts, education reform

■ The hour-long speech derided a budget amendment, but called for stronger efforts at campaign-finance and welfare reform.

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WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton, declaring that Americans "want us to be partners, not partisans," challenged Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday night to give the nation's schools a big spending increase while balancing the budget by 2002.

Recycling popular ideas from his campaign, Clinton identified education as the top priority of his second term and said Americans should have "the best education in the world." He challenged communities to measure their students against national standards to lift achievement in math and science.

The president's proposals would boost education spending by 20 percent to \$51 billion for fiscal year 1998. The increase — including the cost of tax breaks for college — would total 40 percent by 2002.

The president lectured the Republican-led Congress to "complete the unfinished business of our country" — balancing the budget, enacting long-stalled campaign finance reform and reopening last year's welfare law to restore benefits to legal immigrants.

In a 60-minute speech, his tone was both conciliatory and challenging, calling for racial and political harmony but also pressuring Congress for action. He was interrupted by



President **BILL CLINTON** combats Republican groans and O.J. Simpson verdict to deliver State of the Union speech.

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## Outcome of state lottery debate in the cards

BY SARA DEMANIGOLD  
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N.C. residents hoping to hit the jackpot had better keep driving to nearby states for the time being, some legislators predict.

The N.C. General Assembly has voted down 11 bills to call for a referendum on a statewide lottery during the past decade. And representatives expect to debate the same legal and moral issues during this session.

"One (bill) will be introduced as it has been in the last several sessions," said Dana Simpson, special assistant to N.C. House Speaker Harold Brubaker, R-Randolph.

"The speaker expects any bill to originate in the Senate," Simpson said. "Once the Senate passes it, the House

will then take a look at it."

Lottery bills calling for a referendum passed the N.C. Senate in 1989, 1991 and 1993, but failed during the last session. Lottery legislation has never made it through the House.

Representatives expect a lottery bill for a public referendum to originate in the Senate as in past years.

"It is hard to say what will happen with the new assembly," said Julia White, communication director for Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight.

"Sen. Basnight personally does not approve the bill but will not condemn anyone who votes for it."

However, it remains unclear whether the General Assembly can legally call for a referendum.

"Legislative power resides in the

General Assembly," said John Sanders, professor emeritus of the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute of Government.

He said the legislators had to decide the issue rather than passing it to the people.

Bill Brooks, executive director of the N.C. Family Policy Council, said, "Voters can't vote (on the lottery) because they don't have the authority, only on constitutional and bond issues."

And the N.C. Supreme Court has never addressed the issue, Sanders said. Although the legality remains unclear, many North Carolinians worry that a lottery will bring unfavorable consequences.

"More money comes out from those with lower incomes," Brooks said. He said educated people understood the low odds of winning the lottery.

And the state could lose out from lost revenue sales and the problems of compulsive gambling, he said.

Brooks said, "In North Carolina, that would be condemning 150,000 adults to be compulsive gamblers."

"Costs to the state outweighs the benefits." Despite these concerns, some state leaders see benefits in a lottery.

"I really think the lottery will balance the regressive nature of the tax," said John Dornan, executive director of the Public School Forum.

Dornan said the revenue generated from a lottery would have the potential to make a real impact.

Lottery officials in Georgia agreed.

"The lottery has raised almost \$1.7

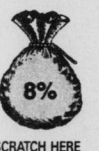
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### Lot-o-money

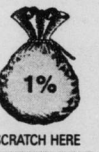
North Carolinians spend \$75 million on lottery tickets in Virginia and \$5.3 million on Georgia lottery tickets in Georgia every year. While some state legislators oppose the implementation of a North Carolina lottery, other people argue that the money generated in neighboring states by North Carolinians should be spent in North Carolina.



Percentage of Georgia lottery total sales contributed by North Carolinians:



Percentage of Virginia lottery total sales contributed by North Carolinians:



DTH/ ELYSE ALLEY AND JESSICA GODWIN

## Candidates visit issues for Sangam

■ Each candidate was given three minutes to speak during the forum.

BY NAHAL TOOSI  
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Student body elections candidates learned how to say a lot in a short time Tuesday night.

A candidates' forum hosted by Sangam, the South Asian Awareness Organization, gave candidates three minutes to discuss their platforms and reasons for running.

Student body president candidates said student government should be more responsive to students.

"Governance is you and you and you participating in the decisions that affect your life," said Student Body President candidate Andrew Pearson, a junior from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Student Body President candidate Mo Nathan, a junior from Cary, said his experience in student government differentiated him from other candidates.



DTH/MARGO HASSELMAN

Candidates for the Carolina Athletic Association co-presidency Charlie Roederer and Jason Reynolds (left) and Beth Stern and Brian Whitley answer questions about diversifying Homecoming Court at Sangam's candidate forum.

"I've seen student government as a vehicle by which student concerns can be addressed," Nathan said.

Nathan also advocated a zero-tolerance policy for racism on campus.

Student Body President candidate

Shawn Fraley, a junior from Lexington, said the Campus Y and student government should work together on issues such as race relations and a free-standing black cultural center.

"We need to bring both of those

forces together," Fraley said.

CAA Co-president candidate Jason Reynolds, a junior from Raleigh, said he and his running mate Charlie Roederer

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## 'Glass ceiling' perception still alive among students

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON  
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The University reported last fall that female faculty members do not face a glass ceiling, but an open letter to the administration asks that officials make sure they're not just looking through it.

Student government members wrote the letter after completing a survey that challenges the earlier report. The Office of the Provost conducted a survey in October which claims that a glass ceiling does not exist for women in the faculty.

Sarah Manekin, chairwoman of the Human Relations Committee, which conducted the survey, said the committee informed many students and faculty of the contents of the provost's study, and they perceived a lack of gender equity in the faculty. "We are not disputing the study, but are rather showing our support for gender equity in the faculty and in the faculty salaries," Manekin said.

Christine Williams, a member of the committee, said the study was necessary. "Regardless of what the numbers say, there's still a perception, and that means there's a problem," she said. "I think the (previous) study doesn't exact-

ly say 'There is no glass ceiling,' but it only lists statistics that show an improvement."

Manekin said the committee has written a letter expressing its concerns about gender issues within the University and plans to have students sign it and send it to Chancellor Michael Hooker.

Committee member will circulate the letter throughout Greek houses, classrooms and residence halls and will send it in two weeks. The letter will further the steps already taken at UNC to achieve gender equity, Williams said.

"We want to make sure the chancel-

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### Grilling out

If you have a beef, tonight's the time to really grill us.

The Daily Tar Heel will hold a reader's focus group at 7 p.m. tonight in South Gallery. We want to hear what readers throughout the community want to see on these pages.

Call Susan Hazeldean at 962-0245 to join the fun.

*We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled.*

Al Capone