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Cloudy, showers; low 60s.
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Students carjacked in parking lot

■ A man armed with a semi-automatic handgun robbed two UNC students.

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Two UNC students were victims of a carjacking and armed robbery in a parking lot at Mill Creek Condominiums located at 700-A5 Airport Road early Tuesday morning.

According to reports, Chapel Hill police responded to a call at 12:03 a.m. that a carjacking and armed robbery had occurred in front of building B.

No injuries were reported, but the thief drove off with the victim's 1993 Jeep Cherokee and approximately \$940 in valuables, reports state.

The suspect approached the victims,

displayed a semi-automatic handgun and demanded the vehicle and other articles. The suspect has been described as a black male weighing between 170 pounds and 190 pounds, according to reports. The victim who filed the police report was a white female.

This recent armed robbery at Mill Creek Condominiums is the latest incident in a series of robberies that have occurred in various apartment complex parking lots throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Four other cases were reported last week, and students numbered among the victims in those robberies at Village Apartments, Sterling Brook Apartments, Foxcroft Apartments and Finley Forest Condominiums. Because of the robbery rash, University Police Tuesday renewed safety warnings to students.

"In light of these very serious recent

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ELIZABETH PARKER
Sophomore from Goldsboro

incidents, it is imperative that students both on and off campus take every reasonable precaution when entering and leaving apartments, residence halls, classrooms and other places," University Police Chief Don Gold stated in a press release.

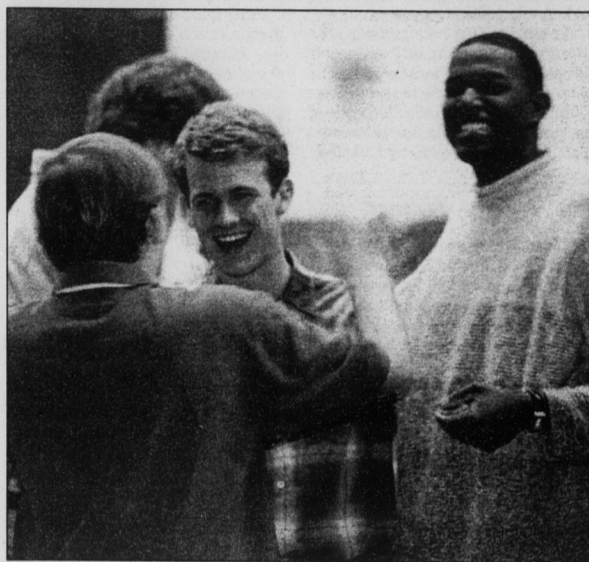
"Students should take safety into their own hands by actively scanning their environment," he said. "For example, while walking to your car, take time to visually overview the entire parking

area. Try not to fixate on one specific spot, such as where your own car is parked."

Lowry Whitley, a senior from Reidsville who lives in Mill Creek, said she usually felt safe walking outside her apartment at night. "The parking lot is usually well lit," she said. "I usually don't think about (being unsafe) when I walk to my car at night."

Ryan Slechta, a sophomore from Winston-Salem who also lives in Mill Creek, said he felt safe at night in the parking lot although it "is not terribly well lit and could use some work."

Elizabeth Parker, a sophomore from Goldsboro and Mill Creek resident, said despite the recent crimes, she usually exercised caution. "I watch myself everywhere on this campus," she said. "I thought Mill Creek was safer than a lot of places, but you have to be careful — it's Chapel Hill."



Franklin Golden (left) and Russell Mahan celebrate after learning they were elected to the senior class offices with 75 percent of the runoff votes.

N.C. House proposes new congressional districts

■ The House and Senate prepare to compromise on redistricting disagreements.

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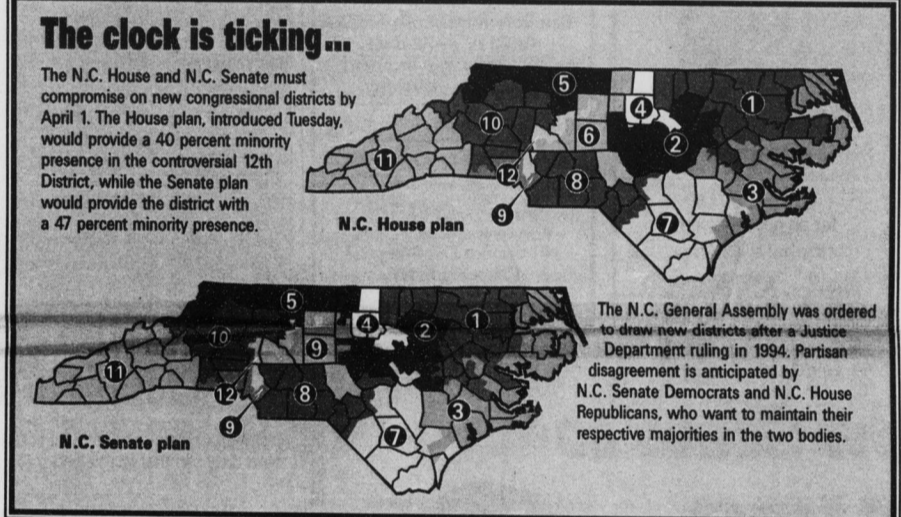
Attempting to please the U.S. Justice Department and N.C. minority groups, the N.C. House of Representatives announced its congressional redistricting plan Tuesday.

The House plan alters most of North Carolina's 12 congressional districts and reshapes the controversial southeastern 12th District as ordered by the Justice Department.

"The House plan still preserves a majority minority district in northeastern North Carolina," said Linwood Jones, staff counsel for the House Redistricting Committee, in reference to the 1st District.

"(But) it would be difficult to actually draw a minority district in the southeast," he said.

He pointed to the differing minority representation in the 12th District, which is at 47 percent in the Senate plan but falls to 40 percent in the House plan,



SOURCE: N.C. SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM'S OFFICE AND N.C. HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

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as the main difference between the two.

The House and Senate abandoned the 12th District as a minority majority district after the U.S. Supreme Court

ruled in 1992 that such "gerrymandering" was unconstitutional.

Partisan politics are still expected to delay a compromise, however, due to the

Republican majority in the House and the Democratic majority in the Senate.

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Golden, Mahan win senior class offices

BY LEAH HANEY
STAFF WRITER

After a long anticipated wait, Franklin Golden and Russell Mahan won the race for Senior Class president and vice president with three-fourths of the votes in runoff elections Tuesday.

Golden and Mahan celebrated their win with about 20 of their supporters after the results were announced.

"We are happy. I think we did what we wanted to do," Golden said. "Obviously we didn't get the numbers of the first election, but we got enough."

Mahan attributed their success to their hard work. "We wanted it badly, we worked hard and hoped for the best," Mahan said.

As expected, voter turnout was lower in the runoff election than in the original, but Golden and Mahan garnered much more than the majority needed to win. Golden and Mahan received 303 votes, while their opponents Mimi Van Wyck and Dan Martin received 101

votes. In the original election, Golden and Mahan received 443 votes, which gave them 49 percent of the total vote. This forced the two week wait and the runoff elections. Results for two Student Congress runoffs and four re-elections were also announced.

Golden said the wait was not easy, but he was thankful for the continued help of their supporters.

"There is definitely a finality to today, but we are grateful for our support and the people that came out for us," Golden said.

Supporter Patrick Brown, a sophomore from Rocky Mount, said the team would be successful in their positions.

"Russ and Franklin are great guys," he said. "They worked hard and will be impressive Senior Class president and vice president."

Mahan said they would begin their work as president and vice president by selecting the Senior Class marshals. He

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Hospital's patient privacy probed

BY KELLY O'BRIEN
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The investigation of how a confidential hospital document turned up at Caffetrio last Wednesday has raised questions about patient privacy and confidentiality.

"It violates ethical standards," said Jeffrey Munson, a member of the ethics department of the American Medical Association.

"It is safe to say this is nowhere close to the standard of confidentiality that patients are entitled to."

Written consent from the patient is required for the release of the medical information. According to the Confidentiality of Patient Information section of the UNC Hospitals Policy and Procedures Manual, records are only to be removed from the Hospital's jurisdiction in accordance with a court order, subpoena or statute, none of which were given in this situation.

The North Carolina Medical Society, Medical Board and Hospital Association were unable to comment on the N.C. statutes on security standards of hospital documents and if UNC Hospitals had violated them.

Associate Medical School Professor Arnold Tein said hospital documents such as the one in question might be duplicated for numerous locations and personnel such as doctors, nurses' stations, the department of surgery, the surgical outpatient department and blood banks. This leaves the possibility of ten to 50 duplicates, he said.

"It's a terribly inexcusable act and should never happen," Tein said. "Confidentiality is a top priority and has to be guarded."

Tein said he felt the privacy of patients was highly disregarded in this case by everyone handling the document.

"It was negligent to leave the document, and it was willfully negligent to bring it to the public's attention," he said. "Patient confidentiality is an absolute right, and patient privacy is sacred as a religious right."

UNC Hospitals are investigating the misplacement of the document. The manual states that disciplinary action, includ-

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Marguerita Ariza, Rosa Solarsaso and Lorenzo Solarsaso discuss problems faced by Latino immigrants. Rosa is enrolled in Chapel Hill High School's English as a Second Language program.



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A targeted community?

BY KATE HARRISON
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Alfredo Reyes Martinez left a familiar culture and language in Latin America to search for a better life.

Seven years later, Martinez, a Carrboro resident, is familiar with American ways and can speak English.

But he and other area Hispanics face a new obstacle. A recent rash of crimes

directed against Durham's Hispanic community has observers worried that similar crimes will move into the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area.

"I hear a lot of people have (been robbed)," Martinez said. "It could be a big problem."

Andrea Bazan-Manson, vice-president of El Pueblo, a non-profit Latino advocacy organization, described the Hispanic community as "very worried."

"There is definitely a new

trend, because we weren't seeing large amounts of incidents of crime against Latinos a year ago," she said.

Katie Pomerans, president of El Pueblo, said criminals invaded homes and robbed Hispanics in the street.

"(The robberies) have caused a heightened awareness about crime in Latino communities," she said.

Carrboro Police Chief Ben Callahan said two armed robberies had involved Hispanic

victims in the past six weeks.

"(They) were robbed while they were standing in a group around an apartment building," he said. "Both groups were Hispanic — whether or not they were singled out for that reason, I'm not sure."

Chapel Hill police officials said Hispanics were targeted because they were less likely to report crimes to the police.

"A large part of the victim-

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AIDS virus finds enemy in 'cocktail'

■ Despite promising results, officials say more research is needed.

BY JONATHAN COX
ASSISTANT STATE AND NATIONAL EDITOR

A comparative AIDS-drug test at UNC ended early when its results became obvious.

UNC Hospitals officials announced Tuesday that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases stopped a national clinical AIDS study when a three-drug regimen proved more successful than a two-drug plan.

Dr. Charles van der Horst, director of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit at UNC Hospitals, said, "In 38 weeks, (the study) showed a survival benefit."

Those in the two-drug group received ZDV, formerly called AZT, 3TC and a placebo. Those in the three-drug group received a "cocktail" of ZDV, 3TC and indinavir.

ZDV and 3TC inhibit an enzyme called reverse transcriptase. The enzyme enables the HIV virus' RNA to convert human DNA into more viruses.

Indinavir, a new protease inhibitor, prevents protease enzymes from cutting proteins to form new viruses.

Dr. Joseph Eron, assistant director of UNC's AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, said

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If a pit bull romances your leg, fake an orgasm.

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