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## BREAK ON THROUGH



Shoshana Silverman attempts to break through the opposing team's line with all the force she can muster. Silverman is a cast member of Lab! Theatre, a campus drama group that played "Red Rover" as a warm-up activity Tuesday afternoon.

## Report disclaims racism grievance

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
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The University does not have a "white ceiling" holding down the salaries of black groundskeepers, according to a committee studying allegations of racism.

But a report released Wednesday by the Grounds Revision Review Committee stated that employees should have more say in their jobs and opportunities for training.

Alan McSurely, a Chapel Hill attorney representing the 19 groundskeepers who filed complaints this summer, said his clients still believed the University practiced racism but that they would look at the report's recommendations before responding.

"There has been an affirmative action program at the University for white males for years, and that program is alive and well," McSurely said. "The real question is were (the recommendations) the correct remedy for that."

After Chancellor Michael Hooker resolved a five-year conflict with UNC's housekeepers last year, 19 groundskeepers filed grievances in July accusing the University of a history of racism, still reflected in its treatment of black employees.

Committee members did not find that overt discrimination existed, but they recommended several changes — from buying uniforms for the staff and providing more first aid kits to putting groundskeepers on a committee that will recommend a new supervisor for their department.

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MICHAEL HOOKER  
Chancellor

Hooker applauded the report, which Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd will begin putting into practice immediately.

"I am delighted with it and thank the committee," Hooker said. "I think it's a very thoughtful and thorough job."

The committee did not recommend any salary increases for the employees, but Hooker said the recommendations include job training that would give the workers their only sure way to earn more money.

"They would all like to be earning more money," Hooker said. "I'm sympathetic with that. If they are going to rise in income level, they are going to have to do so in virtue of additional training."

Leo Watford, a groundskeeper who filed a complaint, said he and his fellow complainants would read the settlement in the next couple days before they responded.

"I'm very much happy that they responded to me," he said about 10 minutes after his supervisors handed him a copy of the recommendations. "I'll be looking at it today."

## Data fails to explain crashing on campus

Scientists in Colorado and on campus continue to study Tuesday's shaking.

BY ELLIE MCGINNESS  
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Scientists, police, students and faculty are still trying to explain the mysterious campuswide phenomenon that shook windows and disrupted classes Tuesday afternoon.

The loud boom that rang throughout campus just after 1 p.m. is a mystery to most students. Rumors of a sonic boom, a bomb, and an earthquake have been flying around campus.

But UNC geology Professor Christine Powell said she can put most of those rumors to rest.

"We know now that we did not experience a sonic boom," she said. After initial tests at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., the scientists only know that some kind of energy was put into the ground yes-

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## Earthquake researchers study N.C.

BY ADRIENNE BRANCHE  
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Although residents might not always feel them, earthquake tremors shake North Carolina on a regular basis.

Scientists in UNC's Department of Geology study the quakes, which occur about every three years in the Piedmont and yearly in the mountains.

North Carolina lies on many fault lines that were created millions of years ago, said geology Professor Christine Powell.

"They are all over this state and North America," she said. "There is a major fault that runs through Brevard

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## Minority, other student groups hit communication snags

Student organizations appear to be misunderstood by those not involved.

BY MOLLY GRANTHAM  
SENIOR WRITER

The communication breakdown that almost cancelled this year's Homecoming step show illustrates the difficulties student groups can have working together.

Student government's human relations committee wants to find ways to help student groups prevent similar communication problems.

Reyna Walters, a member of the human relations committee, said last week's conflict just reflected old problems.

"Minority student groups on campus have been misunderstood for years and years," Walters said.

"The (Carolina Athletic Association) and (National Pan Hellenic Council) situation just magnified it."

The dispute between the CAA and the NPHC has since been resolved, but has left the NPHC president to question her position on campus.

"Minority student organizations are very misunderstood on campus," said Michele Causey-Dugger.

"This past week just brought the issue to the forefront."

The problem started last week when the NPHC turned down the CAA's first proposal for the funding of the step show, a popular Homecoming event.

But the CAA introduced a new plan Friday night, which the NPHC accepted.

CAA Co-president Charlie Roederer said the problem between the two groups had nothing to do with racial differences.

"Our differences came from a different understanding of the show in past

years," he said.

"It had nothing to do with race relations."

Roederer said he believed the "step show incident" could have turned into a racial issue in some of the students' minds.

Since most CAA members were white and most NPHC members were black.

"I think students thought it was a race issue," he said. "But really it was just a misunderstanding about funding and leadership from past years."

Student government Executive Assistant Bryan Winbush, a member of NPHC who helped negotiate the settlement, said he did not believe that minority student groups are the only student groups on campus that are misunderstood.

Winbush insists that all student organizations are misunderstood by people who are not involved — racial differences just happen to be the scapegoat

most often.

"Black and white differences are the easiest ones to see," he said.

"But differences are across the board."

But Archie Irving, the director of minority student recruitment, said inherent differences exist between minority organizations and other types of student organizations that exist on the UNC campus.

"There are differences in perspectives and outlooks, whether the group is based on race, ethnic orientation or otherwise," Irving said.

"These misunderstandings between groups come naturally. They are natural in everyday human affairs."

Irving said those in a majority of the population have no idea what it feels like to be in a minority.

"People in a majority aren't placed in a status or a number," he said.

"You don't have to stop and think what the factors are."

## Residents reflect on spirit of town while debating future of public art

In the next two to three months, a design for the sculpture should be done.

BY BARRETT BREWER  
STAFF WRITER

Like a New England town meeting more than 50 people gathered inside the Chapel Hill Post Office courtroom Wednesday night to discuss and debate the fate of the first public art piece for the town.

"We are now in the design phase," said Barbara Barnes of the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission.

The public forum was held as a vehicle to share ideas and information on the proposed design of this first-ever project for the town.

Barnes said a design for the sculpture should be ready in two to three months.

Local artist Thomas Sayre, who was chosen to complete the art project, was on hand to interact with residents and to hear their stories about the significance of the plaza in front of the Franklin

Street Post Office where the sculpture will be placed. "I think people spoke honestly, and I learned a lot about what has happened (here)," Sayre said of the residents' emotive contributions.

Two years ago, Sayre raised controversy when he first proposed a town sculpture featuring gun paraphernalia.

Sayre said he wanted the artwork to be a piece that did not draw attention to itself but rather to be an added layer to an already well-composed space.

He said he wanted the proposed sculpture to be reflective of the history of the plaza and possibly to represent the public discourse that had often taken place there.

Residents at the meeting spoke of the numerous events that had occurred at the plaza, including candle light vigils in protest of the Vietnam War, huge celebrations announcing the University's 1957 basketball championship and efforts by various organizations to speak out for civil rights activities.

Roland Giduz, a resident of Chapel Hill for more than 50 years, said the Post Office plaza was the public forum of Chapel Hill.

"This is a place where Chapel Hill has dealt with its conscience continually," he said.

Yet some attendees of the forum were concerned that the theme of violence and guns eminent in Sayre's earlier proposal was a negative and inappropriate representation of Chapel Hill.

Franklin Street business owner Kathleen Lord said, as a local business owner, she was opposed to public artwork that had negative connotations of violence.

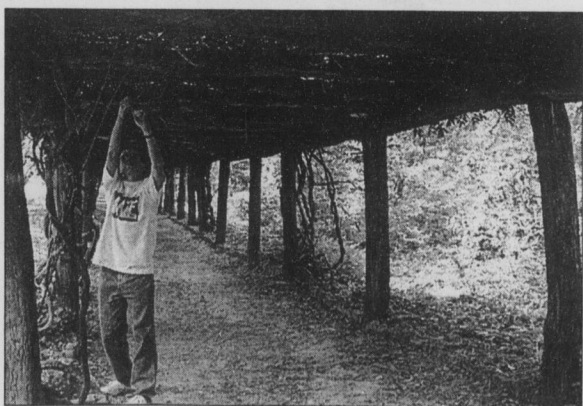
"I think you can show there are two sides to every issue," she said.

"That's the healthiest part of this town that can be portrayed."

Aside from any concerns about the nature and design of the art project, the residents who attended the forum agreed Chapel Hill needed a piece of public artwork and that the plaza in front of the Post Office was ideal.

The Rev. Franklin Bowden of Chapel Hill said having a sculpture in front of the post office would fit well into the identity of the town. "We need a sculpture here; it's in our culture; it's in the air."

## UNRAVELING SUMMER



DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

Gustavo Vázquez, a freshman biology major, removes wires that hold and guide the Coker Arboretum growth to prepare for the fall refurbishing.

*Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.*

Janis Joplin

## INSIDE Thursday

Just can't get enough '80s



Although it's only been a few years, the '80s might seem like a distant memory. But, movies, music and fashion from the decade still play a huge role in our pop culture. Page 5

## From space to Chapel Hill

Students at Guy B. Phillips Middle School are studying satellite images beamed to the school from space. The program is the only one of its kind in the state. Page 2

## Today's weather

Chance of rain  
Mid 80s  
Friday: Mostly sunny,  
High 80s