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"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss is one of the banned books on display this week at the Bull's Head Bookshop. In 1989, the book was banned from a California school district because it allegedly attacked the forestry industry.

Bookshop Offers Banned Books

Bull's Head Bookshop offers a 15 percent discount on all banned books this week to foster freedom of choice.

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Bull's Head Bookshop will celebrate Banned Books Week this week by selling banned books from around the nation to reaffirm the First Amendment. The campus bookstore will participate in the national event by selling books from compiled lists of books that have been banned from public schools and libraries across the country. The sale at the bookshop started Sept. 24 and will last until Oct. 2. Banned books will be 15 percent off sticker prices as well, bookshop publicist Ryn Nasser said. Employees usually try to do something different each year, she said. "Last year, (journalism professor) Chuck Stone gave a speech on censor-

ship, and this year there will be a First Amendment display for people to sign," she said. Nasser said the display would then be sent to the N.C. General Assembly to emphasize the students' feelings on the First Amendment. Nasser said people were curious about the books that had been banned and wanted to see what the fuss is about. Bull's Head manager Erica Eisdorfer said books were banned everywhere. "(That) can be a dangerous precedent to set," she said. Eisdorfer said books had been banned for ridiculous reasons. "Harriet the Spy" was banned because it taught children to be impudent to parents," she said. "The Diary of Anne Frank" was banned because it was decided as a real downer." Nasser said they had been getting a good response because people enjoyed reading why books had been banned. "It's really amazing, and the sale has been going well this year," Nasser said. Eisdorfer said, "Every year, we try to make a big deal about it because the

issue of censorship is important." According to the 1998 Banned Books Resource Guide, banned books included works such as "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," a book critics thought advocated violence and presented a racist view of white people. Other books were banned for advocating immoral lifestyles. For example, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl was banned in Boulder, Colo., because the book "espoused a poor philosophy of life." And "Tarzan" was banned because critics said he was living in sin with Jane. "A Light in the Attic" by Shel Silverstein faced a similar fate because it encouraged children to break dishes instead of drying them, the guide states. Eisdorfer said Banned Books Week represented the reason why people were lucky to live in the United States. "Your right to read what you want is one of the most vital and important rights that you have." The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

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fully informed of the process via e-mail and campus mail before the trials. Redmon, who is in charge of implementing the trials, said it would be help-

ful to observe the small, controlled student government test group first. Patel said student government would assist Redmon in evaluating several aspects of the new Web registration. He said cabinet members wanted to make sure students would have a clear concept of the new registration process,

and would try to predict any potential questions students might have. "The role of student government is to give support and feedback," he said. Redmon said that although trials would be carefully evaluated before other students have the chance to use on-line registration, she hoped to move to full-scale implementation of the service as soon as possible. The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

Israel, Palestine: West Bank Issue Nearly Resolved

President Clinton wants the two leaders in Washington to finalize the agreement on returning land to Palestine.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday he and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had achieved a breakthrough on a long-elusive deal to turn over more of the West Bank territory, and President Clinton asked them to return next month to iron out a final deal. "I believe that we all agreed that we have made progress on the path to peace," Clinton told reporters after an hourlong session with the two leaders in the Oval Office. Clinton described the event as "a significant narrowing of the gaps between the two parties across a wide range of issues." Secretary of State Madeleine Albright steered clear of claiming a breakthrough on any of the tough issues, including how much land Israel would relinquish and what the Palestinians would do to curb terrorism. "This process needs to be speeded up," Albright said. She and U.S. mediator Dennis Ross will go to the Middle East for more talks with the two leaders around Oct. 6. About a week later Arafat and Netanyahu will return to the White House to once again visit with the president. The two Middle East leaders flew to Washington on Monday following talks that lasted late into Sunday night with Albright in New York.

After their three-way session in the Oval Office, Netanyahu and Clinton were holding a one-on-one meeting, and Clinton is to meet Arafat separately on Tuesday. "I think we're getting close to finalizing an agreement and it's time for the leaders to meet," Netanyahu said on NBC's "Today" show before the White House meeting. In his remarks to reporters, Clinton did not mention details. Earlier, Israeli diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was agreement that Israel would withdraw from an additional 13 percent of the West Bank. Three percent would be turned into a nature preserve and kept under Israeli military control, with Israeli and Palestinian construction prohibited. "There is still a substantial amount of work to be done until a comprehensive agreement can be reached," Clinton said. In the Oval Office, Clinton stood between Netanyahu and Arafat facing a wall of cameras and correspondents yelling questions over each other. Clinton hushed the reporters once for a question. Both Netanyahu and Arafat looked straight ahead, stone-faced, as Clinton spoke. Arafat's eyes roamed tentatively as he took in what his interpreter was saying. Netanyahu only briefly looked at Clinton as the president noted the "very unusual commitment" both Mideast leaders were making to negotiating peace. Albright watched from the edge of the crowd. She paused as Netanyahu, then Clinton, left the room. Arafat stopped, guided her ahead of him and walked with her. He turned back and gave a small nod to reporters before he disappeared through the door.



Federal Reserve Board To Cut Interest Rates

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policy-makers are expected to cut interest rates for the first time in nearly three years on Tuesday, acting on Chairman Alan Greenspan's alarm about a deteriorating world economy. The question, private economists said Monday, is how much success any cut would have in containing a financial crisis that so far has proven unstoppable and now threatens more countries. "A Fed rate cut will help undergird a deteriorating global economic situation. But it isn't a magic bullet," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

Georges' Driving Rains Cause Massive Flooding

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Hurricane Georges glowed into the Gulf Coast on Monday and then parked there, weakening to a tropical storm but pouring rain at an inch-an-hour pace for what could be a long and ruinous stay. Winds dropped to just over 69 mph, six mph below hurricane strength and down from a high of 110 mph. But that was little comfort to the thousands who huddled in shelters from Florida to Louisiana and were expected to remain there for days. "In some areas, there's water to rooftops and 4 to 5 feet of water in many other homes. I've never seen anything like it in more than 50 years," said Jackson County administrator George Touart, after a tour of Pascagoula, where 15 inches of rain fell overnight. — Associated Press

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to wait until the last minute to find out exactly how much it would cost to go to college, Barnes said. But Broad said the BOG always had the option of proposing the tuition rate, citing the board's thought that the legislature would set tuition rates at a lower level. Broad said tuition rates had increased at an average rate of 8 percent

each year over the past decade, with a 3 percent increase from last year. Despite the below-average increase from last year, Barnes said the proposal could not guarantee that tuition rates would remain so low in the future. Currently, the goal of the proposal is to try to keep the increase in tuition rates as low as possible, he said. But despite the lack of guarantees, Broad said the proposal was the best bet for the UNC system. "I think this is a healthy sign that the university (system) as a whole has considered this issue carefully and considers this the best way to go."

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PANHANDLING

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she said she felt similarly about the issue. She works at a restaurant called The Grill, also located on College Avenue and said the biggest problem came from people who wanted to buy food for panhandlers instead of giving them money. "The people will order the food and pay for it, but they won't wait until it's ready," Speck said. "As soon as the people leave, the panhandlers will tell us to cancel the order and give them the money."

Wilmington is facing a similar situation, in that UNC-Wilmington officials and local business owners disagree about the severity of the problem. Elizabeth Hall, the public information officer at UNC-Wilmington, said panhandling was not a major problem. But Tony Bonino, the general manager of Good Time Charley's, a restaurant on the UNC-W campus, said he felt differently. "If the managers take it upon themselves to keep the panhandlers from staying in front of their businesses, it can be kept under control," he said. "But it's still a huge annoyance." Bonino said signs posted around Wilmington discouraged students from giving money to panhandlers. Police officials said most cities had similar ordinances for controlling panhandling. Mark Torberry, crime prevention officer at the University of Virginia, said panhandling was not illegal, but harassing people or panhandling under the influence of drugs or alcohol was. "You can't arrest someone for panhandling, but nine times out of 10 you can arrest them for something else that is related to it."

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