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Advising Roll-out Readied

Officials say the Carolina Advising Initiative, slated to start July 1, will increase adviser accessibility.

By ASHLEY STEPHENSON
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In past years, some freshmen have spent their first days at UNC sitting and sweating in a crowded room waiting to receive a manila folder with their adviser assignment tucked inside.

Once the semester is under way, they trek to Steele Building, first to sort through papers and sign up on the appropriate list for an adviser appointment for spring registration, then to wait in long lines to get a signature and a Personal Identification Number.

As second semester sophomores, they make the familiar walk again to find they now have a different adviser, located in their departments or professional schools. Only now, as old pros, these students run in, snatch their PINs and only see their advisers when absolutely necessary.

But preliminary plans unveiled Tuesday in the Carolina Advising Initiative promised to change this all too familiar depiction of advising at UNC.

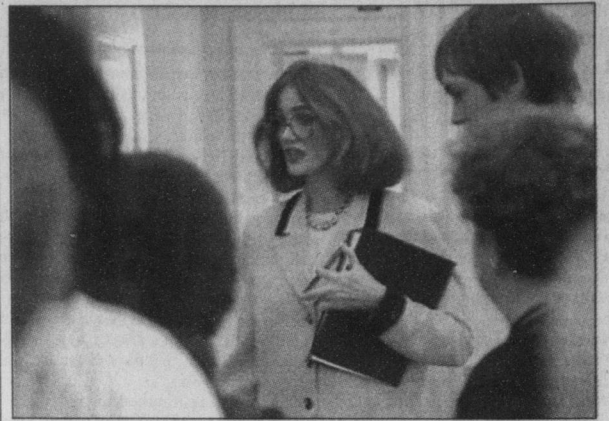
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies Bernadette Gray-Little and Aaron Nelson, coordinator of local relations and an academic adviser, presented a sketch they said would make advisers more available and eliminate the hassle of changing advisers midway through students' academic careers.

As UNC's advising system exists now, freshmen first receive an adviser in the General College. Once they declare

a major, usually as a sophomore, their records and new PINs change hands as they receive another adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Carolina Advising Initiative, which was drafted in the fall as part of former Student Body President Reyna Walters' administration, calls for the hiring of eight full-time advisers that students will keep for their entire four years at the University. "We have integrated the advising between Steele Building with the different departments and pro-

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Susan Ehringhaus, general counsel for the University, tells students that they cannot protest in the chancellor's office.

AS MANY AS 25 DIE IN THE DEADLIEST SCHOOL SHOOTING IN U.S. HISTORY

2 Gunmen Attack Colo. High School

Officials say the assailants might have killed 25 people before ending their attack by shooting themselves.

Associated Press

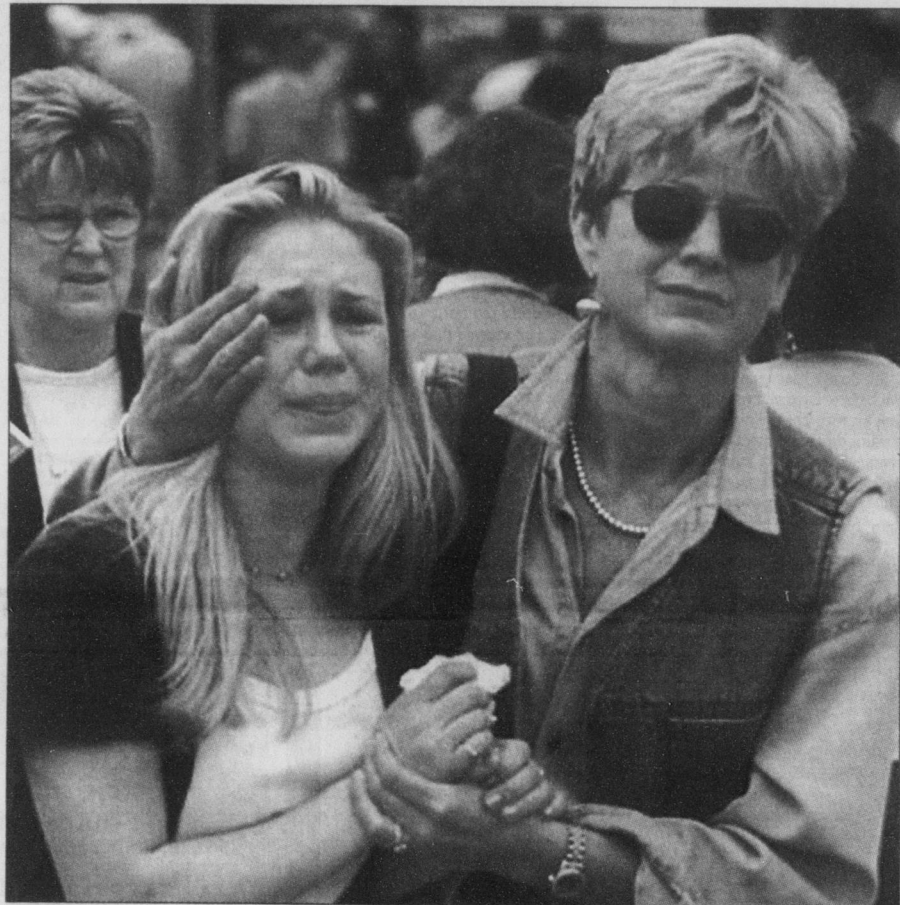
LITTLETON, Colo. — Two students in black trench coats swept through their suburban high school with guns and explosives in a horrifying suicide attack Tuesday that might have left 25 people dead. Several students said the killers were gunning for minorities and athletes.

It was by far the bloodiest in a string of school shootings that have rocked U.S. communities over the past few years. "One of them opened his cape and had a shotgun. Finally I started figuring out these guys shot to kill, for no reason," said student Nick Claus. They "didn't say anything. When he looked at me, the guy's eyes were just dead."

The gunmen — both juniors at Columbine High School in this Denver suburb — were found dead in the school library with self-inflicted gunshot wounds and what appeared to be bombs around their bodies, sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

"It appears to be a suicide mission," Sheriff John Stone said.

Students said the gunmen, whose



Fran Allison, right, comforts her daughter Brooke, left, after they were reunited following a shooting Tuesday morning at Columbine High School in Denver, Colo. Two young men opened fire in the suburban high school.

names were not released, belonged to a clique of outcasts called the "Trench Coat Mafia" who wore long black coats, boasted of owning guns and disliked

blacks, Hispanics and football players. Davis said the motive for the attack was unknown and school officials had no reports of trouble from the students.

The sheriff said 25 people might have been killed, students and teachers alike.

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Students Stage All-Night Sit-in

Students say they plan to stay in South Building until the chancellor agrees to their sweatshop demands.

By ANGELA MERS
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Bookbags, sleeping bags, pillows and laptop computers filled the lobby of South Building Tuesday night as students camped out in protest of the University's ties with companies reported to have labor sweatshops overseas.

Members of Students for Economic Justice and other students waited in South Building throughout Tuesday afternoon and night for a scheduled meeting with Acting Chancellor William McCoy to demand that he take action to require full disclosure in the location of factories making University apparel.

The sit-in comes on the heels of similar protests at Duke, Georgetown and other schools with lucrative apparel contracts. Students have asked that schools to back the disclosure of their overseas factory locations to the public so that they can ensure workers for companies such as Nike are being treated fairly.

Several students were told McCoy was out of town and he would meet with them at 9 a.m. when they marched in just after noon on Tuesday. The students, some of whom participated in a sit-in at Duke University two months ago, decided that they would spend the

night in the building's lobby.

At 5 p.m. administrators went home and University Police arrived to man the locked door of the building all night. But the protesters could come and go.

Supporters came in and out during the afternoon and evening offering food. Pepper's Pizza donated two pizzas, and philosophy Professor Bernard Boxill dropped off a pie. While the hours passed by, students talked about their strategies, e-mailed professors telling them they would not be in class and watched videos about similar protests.

Marion Traub-Werner, a member of SEJ, said students would continue to stay in South Building until the chancellor agreed to their demands. "A continual presence in South Building shows that students are committed to pushing this issue forward until the University makes a real commitment," she said.

The students' proposal demands that the University send letters to all of its apparel licensees and requires the full disclosure of these licensees' factory locations. SEJ member Kea Parker said previous codes endorsed by UNC did not require the full public disclosure.

"It is important to know the location of factories so outside, independent human rights groups can randomly go in and inspect them," she said.

The proposal also demands that the University participate in living wage studies of areas where factories are.

SEJ member Trevor Presler said he was afraid the University would not make a decision until the summer when there were not many students on campus to protest.

"The decision will be made over the

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Cheating Incidents on Rise

A nationwide study found that cheating on college campuses had drastically risen since the 1960s.

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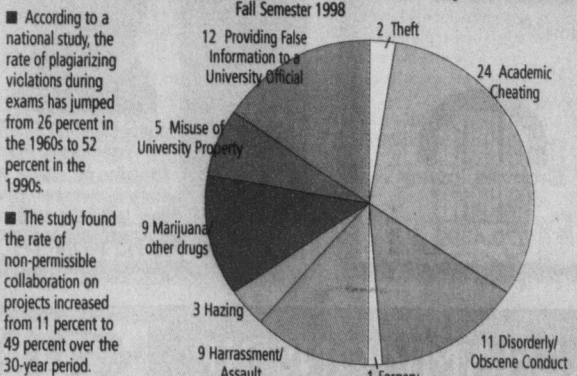
Almost 10 years ago, Charles Johnson, a UNC chemistry professor, noticed that the test scores in his introductory course were remarkably high. Johnson suspected academic cheating and implemented a preventive system of distributing two variations of the same exam to ensure that people would not cheat.

His suspicions were confirmed on the first test with the new system. Johnson noticed a 20 percent drop in the class average and became a firm advocate of the method. Though many teachers implement similar tactics to curb cheating, recent statistics compiled by Rutgers University Provost Donald McCabe, a leading expert on the subject, indicated that cheating rates had risen over the past 30 years.

Breaking the Code at UNC

Cheating was the most common violation of the Honor Code last semester, keeping with a nationwide trend of increasing numbers of cheating instances on college campuses.

Possible Honor Code Violations Reported to the Student Attorney General's Office
Fall Semester 1998



SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON STUDENT CONDUCT

Emily Thorn, the judicial programs assistant at UNC, attributed the rise to a change in times. "It's sort of disturbing," Thorn said. "I believe people going to school today are not the same as the students going to school back then. Perhaps there was less pressure for them to succeed academically."

In 1993, McCabe conducted anonymous survey of nine undisclosed, moderately selective public universities comparing cheating statistics from 1963 and 1993. He found increases in the rates of several kinds of academic dishonesty.

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NATO Jets in Belgrade Hit Milosevic's Offices

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO jets struck a Belgrade high-rise building holding the offices of Slobodan Milosevic's ruling party early this morning, and the alliance accused Serb forces of flushing out ethnic Albanians hiding in the province's hills.

The attack touched off a huge fire in the building in New Belgrade, across the Sava River from the heart of the nation's capital. There was no immediate word on casualties or injuries, but local media said up to 50 people might have been inside.

U.S. helicopters and troops were headed toward Albania in a new phase aimed at boosting the alliance's ability to attack Yugoslav ground forces and stop their campaign to rid Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian majority.

NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said Serb military and paramilitary forces were shelling hills where ethnic Albanians had fled, marching the refugees on roads and putting them on trains to the border, then closing the frontier to them.

"What we are seeing as we study these movements of people is a kind of

safari operation ongoing by the Serb security forces against the Kosovar Albanians," Shea said.

He told reporters at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, that the alliance was investigating reports of 700 ethnic Albanian boys as young as 14 being used either as "human shields or as blood banks for Serb casualties."

Refugees also said as many as 700 men were used as human shields last week near the town of Orahovac. There was no independent confirmation of the report.

The accusations came as the alliance continued its four-week assault on Yugoslavia, hammering targets in a dozen towns and cities Tuesday and early Wednesday.

Firefighters rushed to the scene of the New Belgrade attack to battle flames leaping from the upper floors.

Media reports said at least three missiles struck the 20-story structure, known as the Business Center Usce, which housed several offices owned by the Yugoslav President's Socialist party.

The privately owned broadcasters TV Pink and BK, whose headquarters were also in the building, were knocked off the air.

INSIDE Wednesday

Athletes in Action

Members of the UNC basketball and volleyball teams joined Special Olympics athletes in the sun Tuesday in an effort to encourage students to volunteer for the Games this summer. See Page 5.

MJ's Shinn-anigans

Michael Jordan is likely to buy a half interest in the Charlotte Hornets, but he and owner George Shinn are reportedly in disagreement about how much Jordan should pay. See Page 11.

Today's Weather

Partly sunny;
Upper 70s.
Thursday: Partly sunny,
Lower 80s.

Get a Job

The Daily Tar Heel will hold an interest meeting today for anyone who wants to work for the weekly summer paper at 6 p.m. in Union 208. Potential staffers should also sign a sheet in the DTH office, Union 104.

Injuries may be forgiven, but not forgotten.

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