"We just require that everyone be over 21," she said.

John Cox, a pharmacy student from Mt. Airy who lives in Southern Village, said the complex tolerated students

without targeting them to live there.
"This place does not cater to students," he said. "I don't think they have a problem (with them)," he said.

Loisy Garcia, manager of Foxcroft Apartments, located at U.S. 15-501 bypass, said students were held to the same standards as other tenants.

"If the student doesn't work, we require a co-signer," she said.

Laura Stephens, leasing representative of Glen Lennox Apartments, located at 5 Hamilton Road in Chapel Hill, said the rental policies depended on the

type of student applying.

"We do welcome undergraduate stu-" she said.

"We don't take co-signers for under-

Mamy local apartment complexes are filling up fast for the 2000-01 school year. Here are some of the available apartments that attract students and nonstudents alike. **Southern Village** \$815 (1 BR)

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"It makes it really difficult to go get gas," she said.
"I drive 30 minutes out of the way so

Swaroop Singh, a biomedical engineering graduate student, said he had started carpooling because of the high

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court would reach a verdict.

Cheryl Jones, state chairwoman of MADD, said the organization was satisfied with the increased consequences of drunken driving. "I'm delighted that the district attorney was up-front to consider it as serious as it is," she said. "Just because alcohol is in (a driver's system), they can't say they didn't commit a murder."

Kara Mannix, president of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, said

and use carpooling," he said.

"We have been doing that for the last two weeks, especially when we travel long distance."

But consumers are not the only ones

You have to curtail your car travel

suffering the consequences of soaring gasoline prices. Gandhi said a number of gas stations had recently lowered their rates to comshe thought Thomas Jones should be

held responsible for his actions, but she

disagreed with the use of the death penal-

such an action should be treated as a serious crime," she said. "But capital

punishment is not a valid punishment.'

said that if the crime fell in the category

of first- or second-degree murder, the defendant should be prosecuted accord-

ingly.

He said, "If facts are heinous and they

show absolute disregard, they should be charged with first-degree murder."

But Sen. Thomas Odom, D-Iredell,

"I do feel that the consequences of

bought it for.

"We purchased gas when the prices were high, so we could not reduce the

bat poor business but the prices were dependent on how much the gas station

prices," Gandhi said.
"We are now getting it at a cheaper rate, so we will sell it cheaper."

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Dudly Witt, attorney for Thomas ones, said this ruling was too broad and could be applied to those intentionally speeding who wreck and kill someone.

But Cheryl Jones said someone must be in the act of committing a felony for the ruling to apply, she said. Odom added that Thomas Jones disregarded the consequences and should be charged with a felony. "It does not make a difference if he meant to or not they're dead."

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adhere to the judicial rulings of others.

"The stated purpose of this legislation is to thwart the judicial process," he said. But legislators seemed satisfied with a four-page letter from the attorney gen-eral's office saying the bill was lawful.

Cromer, however, said the tobacco industry's political and financial clout

clouded legislators' judgment.
"I don't think any other industry would have gotten this kind of support," he said. "I think what's going to resonate with legislators is their contributors and

the power of tobacco."

But legislators argued that while the immediate concern was tobacco com-panies and farmers, the bill could be beneficial to other industries, such as

pharmaceutical firms, later.
Following the public comments, law-

makers debated semantic and substan-

tive changes to the bill. Rep. Edward Redwine, D-Brunswick, proposed that the N.C. General Assembly pass a policy statement urging tobacco companies to purchase more domestic leaf.

"I hope that everyone will send a message to our farming families that we are concerned about their situation in terms of quotas."

Gubernatorial candidate Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, concurred with

Redwine's proposal. He also suggested that legislators place a one-year sunset on the bill so they could revisit the issue and see if tobacco compa-

es were complying.
But this plan drew heat from other lawmakers, who argued that the sunset provision might raise other legal issues and cast doubt on the bill as merely a

concession to tobacco companies. "My view is that you're treading on dangerous water if you do that," Redwine said. "(The bill) is to apply

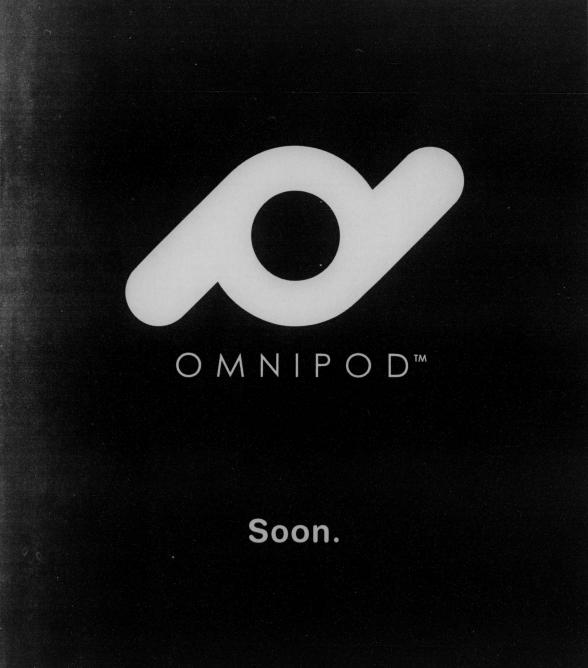
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