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UNC Students to Join Protesters in D.C.

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In December, it was Seattle. This weekend, it's Washington, D.C.

People from across the country, including more than 75 UNC students, are gathering in Washington to protest Sunday's meeting between the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Both the IMF and the World Bank were established in 1944, with the purpose of alleviating worldwide poverty through economic readjustments, loans and international trade expansion.

But critics claim the organizations have made matters worse. They say IMF and World Bank policies lead to massive deforestation as well as the trampling of human rights and the creation of sweatshop labor conditions,

pushing countries further into debt.

Activists have promoted this week's demonstrations as a sequel to the large-scale protest against the World Trade Organization held in Seattle late last year. UNC sophomore Mary Bratsch is helping organize for this latest round of protests.

"It's a movement that brings together environmentalists, people fighting for human rights, even religious purposes –

and all these people are coming to protest," she said.

Demonstrations by various groups began Sunday and continued Monday with seven arrests. On Wednesday, more than 10,000 union members marched to protest a pending U.S. decision to grant "normal trade relations" to China. Union leaders reject this move on the grounds that China must first end human rights abuses and grant workers

the ability to join unions

In Washington, officials are bracing themselves for the weekend. At George Washington University, city police and school officials canceled classes, banned overnight visitors and required students to carry university identification at all times.

GW freshman John Mayer said the school was going overboard with pre-

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Admissions Plan Heads To Board

The Board of Governors is set to consider boosting admissions standards at all 16 UNC-system schools.

By GAVIN OFF
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UNC-system officials are preparing to consider several new initiatives at Friday's Board of Governors meeting.

Items on the BOG's agenda include raising admissions standards and approving funding for campus construction projects, such as a freestanding Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The BOG will meet today and Friday at the Carolina Inn.

Joni Worthington, UNC-system associate vice president of communications, said higher admissions standards at the 16 UNC-system campuses would be discussed in a committee Thursday.

She said students would benefit from the proposal, which would increase the number of required high school science and math courses from three to four and require two years of a foreign language. "An argument that is very compelling is (that) the more math and sciences you take in high school, the better students do on the SATs and college courses," she said.

Gary Barnes, UNC-system vice president of program assessment first presented the increased standards proposal to the BOG in February.

Worthington said the higher math standards would take effect in six years and the foreign language in four years.

Judith Pulley, UNC-system vice president of planning, said the Planning Committee would also review a report of the ongoing attempt to increase enrollment at seven system campuses.

She said the five predominantly black UNC-system schools, as well as UNC-Pembroke and Western Carolina University, undertook plans several years ago to boost enrollment rates.

At that time, Pulley said the Planning Committee allotted \$12 million to enhance the quality of facilities and enrollment standards at the seven schools. But Pulley said it might still be a few years before results were seen.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president of finance, said the Budget and Finance Committee would discuss several proposals involving campus construction and renovation projects.

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FLIRTING WITH FIRE

Free Love Gives Way to Safe Sex As a Generation Lives With AIDS

By KATIE ABEL
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The announcement stopped daytime television. It made people stop, too.

Just weeks before the 1991 NBA season, basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced he was retiring from the league because he was HIV-positive.

The press conference preempted the soaps on television.

Here was Johnson, an NBA All-Star and at the top of his physical prime, retiring from the game with HIV, contracted through heterosexual activities.

The ripple effect was profound. Professional athletes, the fittest people in the country, could get HIV. Heterosexuals could get HIV. Johnson, with his magical smile and charisma, could get HIV.

At the time, these were not the people Americans expected to have the virus. At the time, people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, were drug addicts, homosexuals and not nearly in the physical condition of an NBA star.

But as Johnson exemplified through the next decade – a time in which he played professional basketball and continued to lead a productive, active life – Americans' perceptions of HIV and AIDS were beginning to change.

Suddenly, groups who hadn't worried about HIV needed to. And gradually, people who were ready to die from AIDS, needed to worry about living with the disease.

The impact on the youth of America was profound. President George Bush named Johnson to the President's AIDS Commission, which attempted to fight the war on HIV with information.

"Safe sex" has become as common an educational catchphrase as "wear your seat belt."

And like refusing to wear a seat belt, if we do engage in risky sexual behavior, it is not from lack of information. But some say that the information hasn't flowed fast enough.

"We haven't acted on it," said Charles van der Horst, associate professor of medicine in the UNC School of Medicine.

A December study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University reported that in the early 1970s, less than 5 percent of 15-year-old girls and 20 percent of 15-year-old boys had engaged in sexual intercourse.

By 1997, the figures had jumped to 38 percent for girls and 45 percent for boys.

"If we delayed sexual activity by three or four years, STD rates would plummet," van der Horst said. "The question is, 'How do you empower girls not to have sex?'"

Van der Horst said the key to preventing early sexual activity was boosting outreach in schools and introducing sex talk at earlier ages.

"I think it has to start in elementary schools as a biology lesson, be reinforced in middle and high schools and then incorporated with behavioral education," he said.

According to a recent Centers for Disease



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Control and Prevention report, 75 percent of high school students are sexually active but less than 50 percent use condoms regularly.

And that tendency toward unprotected sex has led to a sharp rise in AIDS cases among young adults. HIV is now the second leading cause of death among Americans between the ages of 25 and 44, with one-fourth of all new HIV cases occurring in this age group.

New segments of the population are beginning to feel the brunt of the disease – black women in their early 20s are the fastest growing group with AIDS. Two men or women under the age of 25 are infected with HIV every hour of every day of the year.

Even more daunting than the statistics are the symbols that have come to represent the widespread recognition of this modern-day plague.

What began as a local initiative in San Francisco, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has

become an international symbol of awareness.

The quilt's panels of wedding rings and condoms tell the stories of victims such as tennis star Arthur Ashe, who died from AIDS in 1995 and 18-year-old Ryan White, an AIDS activist who died from hemophilia in 1991, but not before becoming the first young face of AIDS.

The teenager's death sparked Congress to launch the Ryan White Care Act, which provides funding, education and health care for AIDS patients. The Clinton administration reauthorized the act in 1996, pledging support of more than \$730 million for AIDS outreach.

Tinseltown's elite now dress up their designer gowns with red ribbons for AIDS awareness. And as Johnson continues his public and private fight against the disease 10 years after his revelation, Hollywood and professional sports are

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Reading Honors Victims

Students and community leaders took part in the Reading of the Names, which ends at noon today.

By HARMONY JOHNSON
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Josef Schlesinger, Ernst Brunner, Pauline Gutmann, Emma Haan.

Most students have probably never heard of these people, but they are among those being recognized during a 24-hour ceremony in the Pit that began at noon Wednesday.

Schlesinger, Brunner, Gutmann and Haan are just a small fraction of the Holocaust victims honored at the fourth annual Reading of the Names.

The 24-hour commemoration, spon-



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Junior Tracy Hager reads the names of Holocaust victims Wednesday as part of UNC's Holocaust Remembrance Week.

sored by the Carolina Union Activities Board and N.C. Hillel, was the cornerstone of Holocaust Remembrance Week, said senior Deborah Long, coordinator of the week's events.

"When these people died in the Holocaust, they were stripped of everything, including their individuality," Long said. "When their name is read,

you are recognizing that individual."

About 300 people were scheduled to read names at the event. UNC-system President Molly Broad, women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf were scheduled to read names, with Waldorf slated

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Old East, Old West Prepare for Women

By JESSICA JOYE
Staff Writer

Department of University Housing officials are scurrying to find rooms for the first female residents of Old East and Old West residence halls.

After housing contracts were submitted last week, officials held a meeting with residents to discuss the most sensible hall areas for women and ways to facilitate the controversial transition, which came about after a series of contentious forums and discussions last spring.

Dean Bresciani, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said the process had been positive so far. "What we found out is that most men were not against women moving in, but ... opposed to being kicked out of their room."

After examining housing contracts, Bresciani said officials found that fewer than half of the men were returning to Old East and Old West next fall.

Bresciani said officials chose the floors with the fewest returning men, placing women on the second floor of Old East and the third floor of Old West.

Most men are simply being moved to a different floor, Bresciani said.

However, not everyone is finding the process to be this easy. Freshman Cutler Andrews is being forced out of his second-floor Old East room.

"Because I'm going to be a sophomore next year, I'm pretty much at the bottom of the rung," Andrews said. "The housing department has been unsympathetic of my situation – they've basically told me 'tough luck.'"

Freshman Jason Kemp is also being asked to move from his Old East room. He said housing officials had been very willing to listen but could not do much.

Most residents described the process as an inconvenience. "I do have a room

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Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

What is the best bar in Chapel Hill?



Go to www.unc.edu/dth to cast your vote.

INSIDE Thursday

Actress Turned Activist

GROWISE has successfully lured Jane Fonda to Chapel Hill. The exercise guru and social activist will talk about women's issues, education and the environment. See Page 2.

Streak Struck Down

The Duke men's tennis team snapped North Carolina's 11-match winning streak with a 4-3 win. Down 0-3, UNC rallied to tie the match, but couldn't complete the comeback. See Page 11.

Today's Weather



Rain;
High 56, Low 40.
Friday: More rain;
High 60, Low 48.

I want to achieve immortality through not dying.

Woody Allen