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RALEIGH - N.C. FBI agents and representatives from a national security program launched a new system this usesses against cyberterorism. The National Infragard Program begins and Monday in Raleigh. The program, which has been in affect in Charlotte for about a year, is an internet-based effort to provide compares with protection from computer instants and to keep data secure. We hope to get well over 100 mem-bers in the Research Triangle Park area," Chris Swecker, FBI special agent for N.C. operations, said at a press conference last week. "Eventually, we want to involve inembership throughout the state."

receive security software and will have access to cyberterrorism information from intelligence agencies worldwide. There program will include a secure Web site where members can report

cyber-attacks, find information about previous and recent intrusions, and look for ways to prevent them. ways to prevent them, Swecker said.

Swecker said tight security is neces-sary to prevent hackers from gaining

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access to secure information. He also said it was important that companies are aware of the program's potential benefits. For example, Swecker said the program could prevent a hostile foreign intelligence service from wreak-ing havoc on local banking or telecom-munications commanies

ing havoc on local banking or telecom-munications companies. "If these types of businesses shut down all at the same time, it would be a nation-al threat," Swecker said. "And what's scary is the attacker can be anyone from a 14-year-old in his basement working from a laptop to a hostile foreigner." Doris Gardner, supervisory special agent for the N.C. computer crime squad, said there have been many attacks on companies already. She said that when one business suf-fers an attack or intrusion, it has a neg-

Sine said that when one business suf-fers an attack or intrusion, it has a neg-ative impact on entire industries. "Infragard is not just the Web site," Gardner said. "It's also the networking."

Many businesses rely on each other and are affected by one another, so when one shuts down, they all suffer."

Cyber-attacks are becoming increas-ingly common, but only about 70 per-cent of intrusions are being reported, vecker said.

He said businesses could save them-selves a great deal of trouble if more

attacks were reported. "There are many common elements to a lot of attacks, and they don't just affect one business," Swecker said. "If we get early warning signals, we can help design some things to combat the virus and get information about it." He added that according to a recent survey, three out of 700 businesses reported about \$200 million in losses because of cybercrime.

because of cybercrime. Since the program's installment in Charlotte about a year ago, Swecker said the number of incidents reported in North Carolina has increased.

North Carolina has increased. "Our goal is to create a national and international network to get all infor-mation in and get it back out and edu-cate businesses," Swecker said. But the program's success is depen-dent on individual companies, not the FBI, said Don McArthur, N.C. FBI spe-

rial agent and head of Infragard in Raleigh. "The private industry makes this work, not (the FBI)," McArthur said. "We'll sponsor the program and help out with it, but there will be a

board of directors to regulate it." But Swecker said businesses that want to join must first go through an extensive background check. Infragard membership is not open to individuals.

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FBI Combats Cybercrime in Triangle Advocacy Groups File Suit **Against Hog Corporations**

By Allison Mitchener Staff Writer

Frustrations with the government's efforts to control the corporate hog industry have prompted advocacy groups like the Sierra Club to file suit against several hog companies – starting with those in North Carolina.

Fifteen of the nation's most prominent law firms will represent the groups in class action, civil action and nuisance lawsuits. The first state targeted by the suits is North Carolina, which is one of the

nation's largest hog-producing states. N.C. farmers are allowed to deposit hog waste in large open-air lagoons, which some say are unsanitary and

which some say are unsantary and damage the environment. But hog company officials said they are not intimidated by the environmentalists' efforts and believe the case will fail. At a Wednesday press conference in Washington D.C., Water Keeper Alliance president Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Raine president Robert F. Mennedy Ji. said the federal Environmental Protection Agency and state govern-ment's failure to regulate the hog indus-try has provoked the recent legal action.

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Kennedy said the agency has had problems enforcing the standards set by the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts ever since the EPA's budget was cut in

alf by Congress in 1995. "The only hope of civilizing this ndustry is to confront them directly," he said in a telephone press conference. "The private bar is the only place that

citizens can go for redress." Kennedy added that each law firm

suing the hog industry has donated \$50,000 to aid in the legal actions. He said the lawsuits will attempt to make hog manure lagoons illegal, require the industry to pay fines and

halties and force the industry to remedy any environmental damage. North Carolina recently entered into contracts with Smithfield Foods and

Premium Standard, the country's top two pork producers. Together the com-panies control 75 percent of the hog industry in the state

The contracts require the companies to donate millions of dollars to a trust funding N.C. State University technological research for environmental improvement and development.

Sierra Club representative Scott Dye harshly criticized the corporate hog industry at the conference.

"They are renegades and outlaws," Dye said. "They have ignored the laws and will continue to do so, until we civilize this industry and return a little bit of sanity to rural America."

But Smithfield Foods spokesman

But Smithfield Foods spokesman Jerry Hotstetter said the comments are similar to ones Kennedy made in North Carolina earlier this year. "It was noth-ing new from our perspective," he said. But Hotstetter said the company was not scared by the advocacy groups' team of legal talent. "We've already said that their lawsuits were without merit." Hotstetter cited a Thursday New York Times article that quoted Phil Carlton to support his comments.

York Times article that quoted Fill Carlton to support his comments. Carlton is a former N.C. associate jus-tice currently representing Smithfield Foods in the lawsuits. In the article, Carlton criticized the legitimacy of the lawsuits claiming that they were improperly filed and stretched state law

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Duke Chapel Approves Same-Sex Union Rites

By SALLY FRANCIS Staff Writer

Duke University recently opened the doors of its chapel for same-sex couples, a decision deemed necessary by some and immoral by others in the university community.

The new policy, allowing same-sex couples to celebrate their union, will take effect immediately and might strain rela tionships with some of the religous groups that worship at Duke Chapel.

Ordained clergy permitted to do so by their religions can perform the same-sex ceremonies, allowing rituals that before were permitted only in the Duke Gardens to now take place in the chapel. Duke Chapel's policy has never before permitted same sex unions.

A campus committee, composed of faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, administrators and students concluded that Duke Chapel was a university facility not associated with any particular faith. But 20 different religions worship at

Duke Chapel – including the United Methodist Church, which has a 162-year relationship with the chapel. The United Methodist "Book of

Discipline" prohibits its clergy from conducting same-sex unions and maintains that marriage is only valid when it is between one man and one woman, Bishop Marion Edwards wrote in a response to the announcement

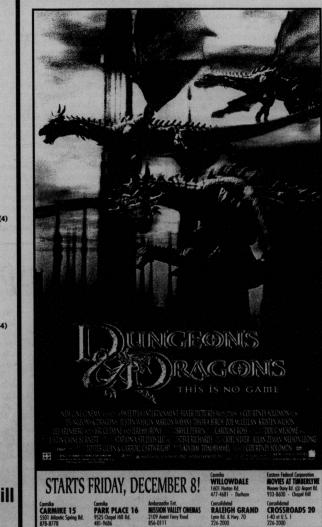
But the Methodist community is partially divided on the issue of same-sex unions. "Some Methodists support amons. Some Methodists support same-sex unions, but the Methodist Church does not," said Meredith Barnes, student pastor of Duke's Methodist Wesley Foundation.

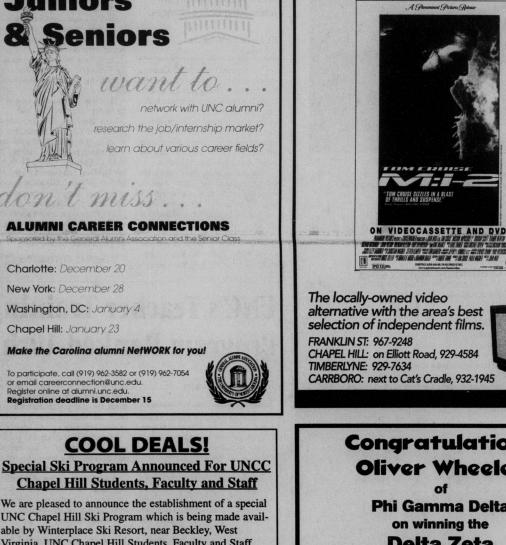
The Same-Sex Unions at Duke Chapel Committee, which began meeting in October, was aware of the Methodist Church's beliefs and longstanding relationship with the universi-ty community, said Episcopalian chaplain, Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, chair-woman of the committee. "The Chapel is not an institution of the Methodist Church," Hodges-Copple said. "There is a history of a relationship, but the (Methodist) Church is not affiliated with

the school in a governing way." Karen Krahulik, director of Duke University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center said the overall response from the university communihas been positive. Krahulik said the LGBT community feels that allowing same-sex unions in the chapel is a fitting step toward a more inclusive campus.

Although the unions will be recognized by some religious groups, they will still be prohibited by N.C. law, which bans marriages between individuals of the same gender.

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