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Local Analysts: No Need to Panic About Economy

The odds are against a recession, professors say, but students still could have trouble finding jobs.

By **BLAKE ROSSER**
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The economic turbulence of the stock market last week concerned some consumers, but UNC experts say it's not time for the country, or graduating seniors, to panic.

When the Federal Reserve Board lowered interest rates last week by a

half-point in response to a slowing economy, many consumers concerned that the cut was too conservative pulled out of the stock market.

But UNC economic and finance professors say that while the economy is not as robust as in recent years, the doomsday projections of some analysts and politicians are misleading.

"I don't see it as a sign of (economic) decline," said economics Professor Patrick Conway.

"The Federal Reserve is an organization designed to stabilize the economy, and it must have seen something in the economy which led it to cut the interest rates.

"It is something that happens because the economy is slowing."

And finance Professor John Pringle said the odds are against a recession.

"I think the recent changes badly damaged consumer and business confidence," he said. "I am concerned, (but) I don't think there will be a recession."

"I think there will be a period of flat growth in the economy because the economy is fundamentally sound. The odds are 60-40 that we will not have a recession."

The professors are in agreement, however, that UNC seniors could face a tougher time finding a job than their

predecessors.

"I don't want to be a pessimist, but the seniors don't face as good of an environment as seniors in the past have," Pringle said. "The students that have not done as well (in school) might be the ones that have trouble."

Conway said he saw both potential harm and good in the seniors' futures.

"The economy slowing down could make it harder to find a job, but not too

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PATRICK CONWAY
UNC Economics Professor

hard because unemployment is at a historically low rate," he said. "The actual interest rate cut is a positive for seniors because it should encourage businesses to expand somewhat, which will keep seniors

on the job market.

"But we won't see the effects of the policy on hiring decisions for another couple of months."

Edward Goode, a senior mathemati-

cal science major from Greensboro, said he is relatively unworried about finding a job.

"As long as the economic problems are not long-term, I'm not really concerned about finding a job," Goode said. "It's not like there are less jobs; the employers just might be a little more picky."

Pringle acknowledged the lack of stability in the job market but said the effects thus far will be mild.

"The students that work hard and have done well in school should do fine."

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Fools' Day Kicks Off Festival

Chapel Hill will start the Art Springs to Life Festival with an April Fools' Day Bash that starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

By **DAVID VELEZ**
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Bands, costumes and a clown will be on hand to entertain children of all ages during Sunday's April Fools' Day Bash, an event set to jump-start the second annual Art Springs to Life Festival.

The April Fools' Day Bash, slated to begin at 1 p.m. and last until 4 p.m., will take place in front of the Franklin Street post office. The entire festival, which will be held in the post office's courtyard area, will be sponsored by the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission.

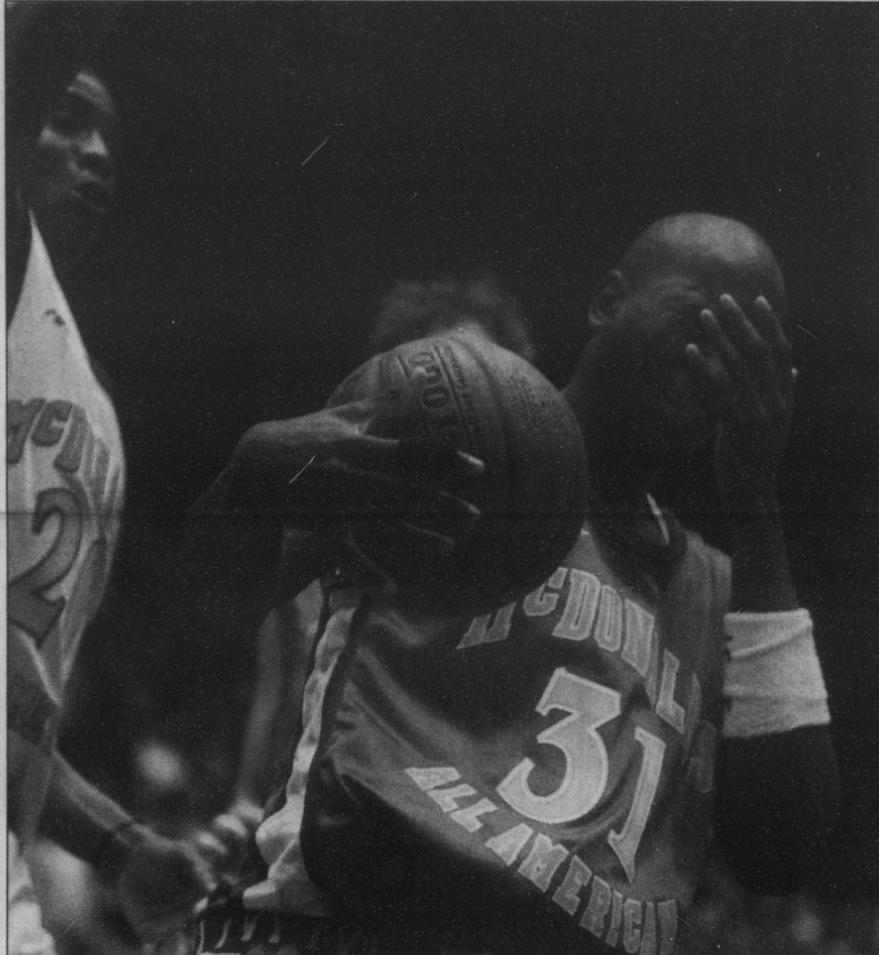
This is the first year that an April Fools' Day Bash will kick off the festival.

Robert Humphreys, the executive director of the downtown commission, said he thinks it will be a good way to jump-start the monthlong festivities.

"I think it is going to be a lot of fun," he said. "There will be something extra for everyone on a pretty Sunday afternoon."

The performers on Sunday will include Kittybox and the Alleycats, Mesmorythm, Hip Hop Nation, Playmakers Magic Trunk, Willie the Clown and saxophonist Parrish

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St. Edward High School senior and UNC recruit Jawad Williams stops short on his drive to the basket at the McDonald's High School All-American game Wednesday after receiving a blow to the face that broke his nose.

Williams' Chance To Shine Cut Short

By **JAMES GIZA**
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DURHAM - Worthy. Jamison. Carter. Rosenbluth. Wallace. Lynch. Perkins. The list goes on and on.

Jawad Williams wants to throw his name into the very large hat filled with the long line of great forwards who have donned Carolina blue.

One of three high school seniors who have committed to play for North Carolina next season, Williams said after Wednesday night's McDonald's All-American game at Cameron Indoor Stadium that he's confident his name will land safely in that cap.

"I see myself being the next one," Williams said. "Not the next Vince Carter, but the first Jawad Williams."

That might sound like Williams has already developed a swollen head. But the only thing swollen about the small forward from Lakewood, Ohio after Wednesday night's game was his nose.

Williams, a starter on the game's West squad, caught an elbow to the face from the East's Dajuan Wagner while preparing to go up for a layin in the paint with 6:22 left in the third quarter, a blow that broke his nose.

He was helped to the bench before leaving the court with 5:42 remaining in the quarter but returned to the bench sev-

eral minutes later, alternately applying a towel and a bag of ice to his nose for the rest of the game, won by the West 131-125.

"I wanted to come back in and play, but the trainer said the best thing for me was to sit out," said Williams, who will have the nose put back in place in about a week and then see if he needs surgery.

Because of his premature exit, Williams clocked only 20 minutes of game time. He finished with 11 points on 5-of-10 shooting, including 1-for-2 from behind the 3-point line, five rebounds, one block and one turnover.

"He's a great player," said East starting center David Harrison, whom Williams has been lobbying to join him in Chapel Hill all week. "It's too bad that he got hurt and didn't really get a chance to show what he can do."

His departure also prevented him from going up against East forward - and N.C. State recruit - Julius Hodge.

"I was a little bit upset about that," the 6-5 Hodge said.

"Me and Jawad, we've been probably hanging with each other the most the whole time we've been down here. And that's my boy. He's real cool with me. But I kind of wanted to dunk on him a little bit. He's a real good player, but I don't think he can guard me though."

"I think he better wake up," Williams

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Study Finds No Racial Bias in Jury Verdicts

By **TANNER BOND**
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The results of a recently released study call into question the widely held assumption that juries' verdicts are affected by racial biases.

UNC law professors John Conley and Bill Turnier and Chicago psychologist Mary Rose conducted a study that found white and black jurors hand down nearly identical verdicts.

The study lasted nearly two years and used 600 actual jurors from Wake and Alamance counties. The jurors passed verdicts after watching tapes of staged trials of vandalism cases that employed lawyers and a judge as well as other stand-ins.

Vandalism was specifically chosen as the crime in this study because it is not closely associated to race nor does it elicit a strong emotional response.

"The first thing we found was that there was no knee-jerk bias," Conley said, referring to the absence of a direct relationship in jurors' minds between the defendant's race and their verdict.

But Turnier said that, despite what seems to be a lack of bias in the study's results, it can not be used to dismiss the presence of bias in the justice system.

"The study doesn't definitively establish that there is no bias," Turnier said. "One thing it does tell us is that in a low-profile traditional case, people of different races reach close to identical verdicts."

When the courtroom was a racially mixed environment, the jury found the same percentage of blacks guilty as whites.

Conley said when the defendant was isolated against a white prosecutor and white witnesses, the jurors seemed to feel the situation was unfair. In such situations, the jury found whites guilty 55 percent of the time and blacks 35 percent of the time.

Conley attributed the disparity between the apparent importance of the defendant's race taken by itself and that of its relation to the racial composition of the courtroom to the idea of racial relativity.

Turnier elaborated, saying when a black defendant stuck out in a courtroom

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UNC Professor Dives Deep in Pacific

By **ANN HAU**
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Secrets of the earth's ancient climate might soon surface from the ocean floor to help provide insight into today's global warming problem.

This August, 115 scientists, technicians and crew members from all over the world will depart from Yokohama, Japan for a two-month-long ocean drilling expedition in the west Pacific Ocean.

And Timothy Bralower, UNC professor and chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences, will co-chair the expedition.

Bralower and two UNC graduate students will join the international team of 50 scientists and technicians and 65 crew members in examining sedimentary rocks that are 50 million to 120 million years old. Bralower and company will drill the ancient samples from a large Pacific Ocean plateau known as Shatsky Rise. Information from the expedition will be compiled to create maps depicting the ancient climates of different ocean basins.

Ultimately, through chemical and paleontological analyses of the deep-sea sediment, scientists hope to determine

Anchors Away

As students savor the final weeks of summer vacation, Timothy Bralower, professor and chairman of the geological sciences department, will embark on a two-month-long ocean drilling expedition. Two UNC graduate students will accompany Bralower and the 112 other crew members.



The 470-foot-long Resolution features a movie theater, gym and library.

SOURCE: TIMOTHY BRALOWER

The 115-member crew will spend eight weeks aboard the Resolution after a departure from Japan in August. The scientists will be studying what ancient climates can tell us about today's.

The members will be expected to work in 12-hour shifts seven days a week while participating in the \$12 million project.

Sediment samples from this Pacific Ocean plateau will be used to create maps showing ancient climates of different ocean basins.



"cruise" unlike any other. The members will work in 12-hour shifts, seven days a week for eight weeks on a drill ship named the Resolution. Members will be able to pass the time on the ship's movie theater, gym or library.

Bralower, who has been on three

other ocean drilling cruises, said time on the ship goes by quickly because of the busy activity. He said the procedures are demanding and exhausting.

The proposal was presented to the

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A recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose yours.

Ronald Reagan