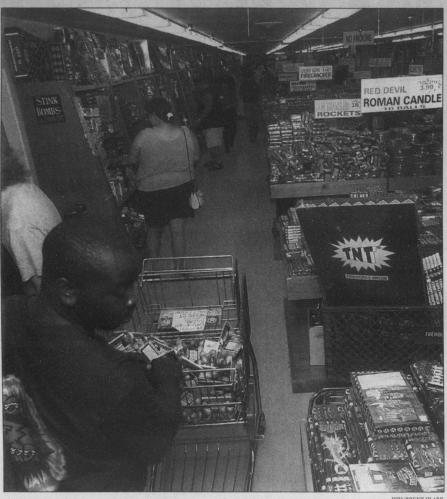
## A SHOPPING BLAST



Shoppers at South of the Border, located just off Interstate 95 across the N. C. border in South Carolina, browse long aisles of fireworks in preparation for Fourth of July celebrations. Many peo-ple travel across the border to purchase fireworks that are still illegal in North Carolina.

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The fiscal year began July 1, but budget writers failed to meet this deadline. They instead passed a two-week continuing resolution, which will keep the state government operating until July 16. "Hopefully we'll do this quickly," Rand said. "People need to know what the future holds.

But the final budget still must gain the approval of Gov. Mike Easley, and he is indicated that will be difficult if a lot tery bill is not included.

"We naturally would like to get a source we can get money from," said Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union, another budget committee co-chair. "A lottery is one of them. I hope we can work out something."

Now some senators are questioning if

the budget will even meet the July 16

"My thoughts are we are not looking at a budget until late July," Lee said. "We cannot leave Raleigh with this budget as shaky as it is."

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the development plan and is expected to vote on the plan in early October. Waldorf said Tuesday that the University's expansion was almost

Tuesday. "I don't expect them to

applaud our decision. I just hope they understand the efforts that went into it."

Some expressed the poor timing of such an influential decision, however.

"Rezoning means the town will have to review the development plan over

the summer," said Ruby Sinreich, town resident. "This is the wrong time to make such a huge decision."

The town will have 90 days to review

REZONING

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"It's clear ... that the town cannot stand in the way of the University's growth," Waldorf said. "We have to permit their growth, but we also supervise their growth."

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# Classrooms Get Atomic Clocks

Some UNC clocks receive signals from the U.S. Atomic Clock in Colorado, making them accurate and efficient.

By EMILY DRUM Staff Writer

UNC students have one less excuse

for being late to class.

This spring, the University began installation into classrooms of a system of highly accurate clocks dubbed "atomof mgmy accurate clocks dubbed atomics" clocks, said Jim MacFarquhar, the director of buildings services.

The clocks will receive signals from the U.S. Atomic Clock in Colorado,

MacFarquhar said.

That clock, operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, is one of the most accurate clocks in the world, according to the NIST Web site.

UNC physics Professor Sean

Washburn said such clocks can maintain time accurate to a billionth of a second. He said the principle behind the atomic clock is that it keeps time by counting the vibrations of light given off by atoms in a glass tube.

Despite the name, MacFarquhar said there is nothing actually atomic about the clocks that UNC installed. "We just have what looks like a stan-

dard classroom wall clock," he said. "(But these clocks) receive a low-frequency radio signal."

MacFarquhar said the idea sprang from former Student Body President Brad Matthews, whose platform included putting a clock in every classroom.

In considering the idea, University officials decided that atomic clocks would best meet their needs, he said. The clocks, powered by batteries that can last up to six years, will also automatically switch themselves over for daylight-saving time.
"We also had to address the issue of

MacFarquhar added.
While some faculty members were

reluctant to have clocks at all, most preferred them in the back of the classrooms. Students wanted clocks in the front, MacFarquhar said. In most class-rooms, the clocks were installed on the side walls.

There is not an atomic clock in every classroom, but UNC has installed more than 300 such clocks.

Though the University chose the clocks for their convenience, the technology is an update for the campus. But some say the accuracy might be irrele-

Washburn said such specific timepieces are not a necessity on campus right now. "There's no immediate need for it," he said. "Humans have no use for clocks that are accurate to a billionth of a second."

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# **Israel to Continue Targeted Killings**

Israeli officials contended their assassination strategy is necessary to counteract Palestinian terrorism.

JERUSALEM - Despite criticism from the United States, Israel decided Tuesday to continue its policy of targeted killings of suspected Palestinian militants

The decision by a small group of ministers known as the "kitchen Cabinet" came after a two-day burst of violence in which five Islamic militants were killed by Israeli forces, a Palestinian taxi driver was shot to death by Israeli soldiers and two Israeli civilians – a shepherd and a shopper – were killed, presumably by Palestinians.

Despite the fighting, Israelis and Palestinians said they were not walking away from the U.S.-brokered truce that went into effect June 13. Each side accused the other of violating the provisions of the cease-fire.

The State Department said Monday that the Palestinians were not doing enough to stem the violence, but spokesman Richard Boucher also reiter ated that the United States was "opposed to Israel's policy of targeted killings

Boucher's comment came a day after

an Israeli helicopter gunship killed three Palestinians, members of the Islamic Jihad group, who were riding in a car packed with explosives.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Dalia Rabin-Pelossof, who attended Tuesday's Cabinet meeting, defended targeted killings and said they would continue if necessary.
"It is a policy of self-defense," she told

Israel radio. "When we know of a terrorist who is a ticking bomb - meaning he is on his way, carrying explosives, to carry out an attack in Israel - it is incumbent on us to prevent it and that is what we do."

Israel army radio went further, saying ministers favored stepping up counterterrorism operations.

Rabin-Pelossof, when asked about

reports that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was weighing a general assault against the Palestinian Authority if the cease-fire collapsed entirely, said: "We have to consider all the existing options."

Israeli Science Minister Matan Vilnai, meanwhile, scoffed at the U.S. criticism.

"I'm not sure they (American offi-cials) really understand the rules of the game," Vilnai told Israel radio. "I would like to see how the Americans would react if a car packed with explosives blew up in the middle of Manhattan.

"I know how they would react, I

know the Americans quite well. It is very hard to understand these nuances

unless you are in the midst of it all."
On Monday, two car bombs explod-

ed in the central Israeli town of Yehud, but no one was hurt. A radical Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, claimed responsibility and said the blasts were revenge for Sunday's killing of the Islamic Jihad activists.

Palestinians, meanwhile, said Israel

was violating the cease-fire.
"Even the American spokesman condemned the Israeli government decision to return to the assassination policy. Therefore, this is the biggest violation of the cease-fire," said Palestinian Authority official Ahmed Abdel Rahman. "The Israeli government does not want to reach any arrangements, unilaterally or with international partic-

ipation, to implement the cease-fire."

The Israeli army, meanwhile, announced Tuesday that Palestinians found the body of a shepherd, Yair Har-Sinai, who lived in the Jewish settlement of Soussia in the southern West Bank. Har-Sinai was shot to death at close range.

After the shooting, the army fired flares to illuminate the nearby Palestinian village of Yatta, Palestinian witnesses said. Tracks from the shooting led to Yatta, said

Zvika Bar-Hai, a settlers' leader. Har-Sinai was the third victim of the violence between Israel and the Palestinians on Monday.

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ness in the area of scholarship is the

breadth of high-quality research," Shelton said. "It's a highly competitive world." Waldrop also said he sees the position

as an important one for the University.
"It is an important post, first of all,

because research is one of the key ingre dients on campus, given the amount of research expenditures," he said. "It's one of the three main missions of the University, along with education and public service."

The proposed Horace Williams Master Plan, which would direct future construction on the University's nearby Horace Williams property, includes extensive plans for research-oriented development of the tract. Waldrop said

he is enthusiastic about the possibility of expanding UNC's research facilities.

"I would like to see growth in the arena," Waldrop said. "I'm delighted to be coming back now because of both

the quality of the University and also as someone who trained at UNC, and now will be able to contribute to UNC."

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#### For the Record

The June 28 article, "Fare-free Busing Factors Into Town Budget," incorrectly reported that a February referendum passed allowing the cost of fare-free busing to be included on tuition. The referendum added to student fees.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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