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# Bush Signs Aid Bill, Approves Use of Force

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed into law Tuesday a \$40 billion package to rebuild after last week's terrorist attacks. He also put his signature to the congressional resolution authorizing him to use military force against those responsible.

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"Our whole nation is unalterably committed to a direct, forceful and comprehensive response to these terrorist attacks and the scourge of terrorism directed against the United States," Bush said in a statement.

Congress passed the legislation last week with unprecedented speed and near unanimity.

Bush also signed legislation expediting benefit payments to injured firefighters and police or to the survivors of public safety officers killed when hijackers

slammed jets into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon one week ago.

Hundreds of firefighters and scores of police officers were killed trying to rescue workers inside trade center towers before they collapsed.

Most of the \$40 billion will go to recovery and other efforts in New York; Virginia, where the Pentagon is located; and Pennsylvania, where a fourth hijacked plane crashed, reportedly en route to Washington, D.C. Bush will be able to spend about half the package with

virtually no congressional restriction.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani praised Bush's support for the city. "We will get everything we need to rebuild to fight back," Giuliani said on CNN's "Larry King Live." "When he came to New York the other day, he could see that New Yorkers are united behind him."

Congress and the White House are also considering legislation that would help bail out the financially strapped airline industry.

Bush thanked the House and Senate

for giving him the power to wage war on terrorists and the prime suspect in these attacks, Osama bin Laden. The president promised to continue to consult with Congress as he plots the United States' military response.

"Those who plan, authorize, commit or aid terrorist attacks against the United States and its interests — including those who harbor terrorists — threaten the national security of the United States," Bush said.

Even as Bush signed the wire, the

U.N. Security Council said Tuesday it had one message for Afghanistan's Taliban rulers: Hand over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and close all terrorist training camps "immediately and unconditionally."

The 15-nation council, whose permanent members are the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France, issued a statement after a briefing on the political, military and humanitarian sit-

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## Firefighters Send Aid to New York

Local firefighters liken their profession to a nationwide fraternity, saying the events in NYC hit "close to home."

By JAMIE MCGEE  
Staff Writer

Toting fire boots with signs taped to them, Chapel Hill firefighters took to Franklin Street on Monday, raising \$29,000 in one day for the victims of last week's attacks.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department has raised more than \$30,000 in the past two days to benefit families of firefighting victims in New York — and the relief effort continues.

Local businesses also have organized efforts to help those in need.

The money volunteer firefighters have raised in the "Fill the Boot Campaign" will go directly to the New York Firefighter 9-11 Relief Fund. Firefighters in New York will then distribute the donations to those who lost family members in the World Trade Center collapse.

Local firefighters brought the campaign to Franklin Street on Monday, attempting to solicit donations from downtown patrons. Donations can now be given at the fire department's headquarters, located at 302 N. Columbia St. Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones said the effort has been tremendously successful, as evidenced by the extent of community outreach.

"The most touching has been the kids," Jones said. "One little girl came in with \$7 and said it was her whole allowance. Some of the University students emptied their pockets along Franklin Street, giving all they had in it."

Jones said it has been a somber week for firefighters nationwide, explaining that the attacks have hit close to home for local firefighters, who consider the

profession "a giant fraternity or sorority." "There are no secret ceremonies, but the tie and connection nationwide is stronger than any fraternity or sorority could hope for," Jones said.

The fire department is not alone in its endeavor. Several area businesses also have made significant contributions to the relief effort.

Ben and Jerry's at 102 W. Franklin St. scooped ice cream for blood donors and volunteers at South Square Mall in Durham during a recent Red Cross blood drive.

Meanwhile, Mary Anne Tickle, a waitress at McAlister's Deli at 205 E. Franklin St. will be joining the rest of the deli's wait staff in donating tips she makes between now and Saturday to the Red Cross.

"I think it's a great thing that we're giving our money away to something that really matters to people who are facing a lot of hardships," Tickle said. "(They are) having to rebuild, fix their lives, and pay for their medical bills."

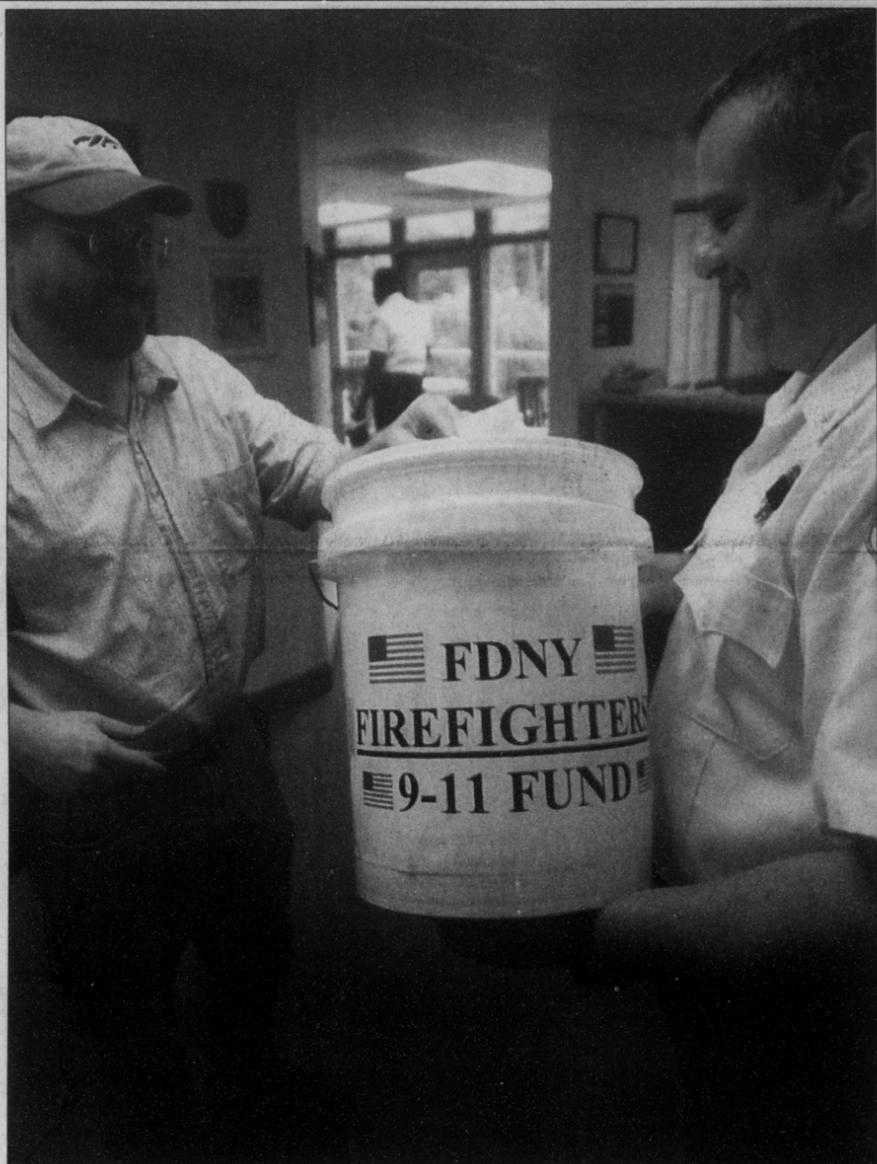
Campenella Cafe and Art Gallery, located at 416 W. Franklin St., will host a benefit to raise money Sept. 23.

There will be a raffle at 4 p.m. for a painting by Campenella's owner, Lottie Campenella, and a candle lighting and prayer at 8 p.m. "I wanted to do something," Campenella said. "Instead of just asking for stuff, we thought they could get something in return, a thank you."

Campenella is among many other businesses in the area that are also giving donations to those in need, including Subway, Spanky's and Bruegger's Fresh Bagel Bakery.

Robert Humphreys, director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission, said he has been impressed with the fund-raising activity. "It is an indication we all want to do something as individuals in this situation,"

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Captain Ronald Taitt holds a donation bucket for Chuck Crews of Chapel Hill to deposit money meant for the New York Firefighter 9-11 Relief Fund. The Chapel Hill Fire Department has raised more than \$30,000.

## FSU Tickets Offered at Dean Dome

Students can present their UNC ONE Card and up to three other valid ONE Cards for a total of four tickets.

By MIKE CALLAHAN  
Staff Writer

UNC students hoping to see this weekend's football game against Florida State will need to get their tickets in advance from the Smith Center ticket office beginning today.

A high demand for tickets for both this weekend's game and the Oct. 6 game against East Carolina University has prompted the Carolina Athletic Association and ticket officials to distribute tickets for these games to students on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CAA officials said students who want tickets should come to the ticket office located at the Smith Center some time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday for that week's football game.

Students need to present their own UNC ONE Card to receive a ticket and

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## Hearing for Development Plan Tonight

University officials plan to ask for changes to the development permit for the area near the Smith Center.

By GRETCHEN DECKER  
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Residents will have one more chance tonight to voice concerns about the University's Development Plan before town officials make a decision Oct. 3.

The hearing is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

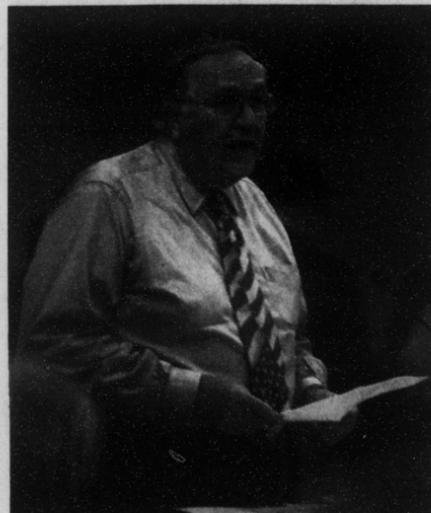
All aspects of the Development Plan, which details campus growth for the next eight years, will be open for discussion. The plan is a part of Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for growth.

Jonathan Howes, special assistant to the chancellor for University relations, will present the Development Plan and answer questions residents might have.

Howes said he expects resistance over an affidavit the University filed Friday, requesting that it be released from zoning restrictions at the Smith Center.

"We have asked the town to vacate the special-use permit," he said. Under a special-use permit approved

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Sen. John Kerr, D-Greene, presents a tax plan aimed at easing a multi-million dollar budget shortfall.

## Senate to Vote on \$1 Billion Tax Hike

By ALLISON LEWIS  
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RALEIGH — The N.C. Senate could vote as early as today on a proposal to increase taxes by close to \$1 billion for two years — an attempt to plug a multi-million dollar shortfall and pass a state budget that is months overdue.

A Senate Finance Committee endorsed the plan Tuesday afternoon. It will now head to the Senate floor, where it must pass two floor votes.

Most of the income from the proposal will come from a half-cent statewide increase in sales tax and the creation of a higher income tax bracket for the wealthy.

The Senate proposal is similar to a House proposal passed Aug. 30 but generates an additional \$300 million in revenue during the next two fiscal years as a result of several targeted tax increases. Unlike the House proposal, the Senate proposal would create a tax on satellite television and increase taxes on some long-distance phone calls. But the primary difference

between the two proposals deals with whether state or local governments will be given the power to initiate the sales tax increase and when the increase will begin.

The House proposal left the half-cent sales tax hike in the hands of county governments, while taking away \$300 million in reimbursements the state now pays to counties.

The modified Senate proposal would initiate the sales tax statewide Oct. 16 and still provide county governments with the reimbursement payments until the end of the 2003 fiscal year.

At that point, county governments would have the option of keeping the half-cent increase or losing millions in revenue.

The N.C. General Assembly has been debating how to fix a multi-million dollar shortfall since February. Legislators still have not passed a budget for the fiscal year that started July 1.

Sen. John Kerr, D-Greene, said it is time to stop cutting programs and state services and raise taxes in order to solve the state's budget crisis. "It's time for this General Assembly to con-

trol its destiny," Kerr said. "We need to do it and do it in a correct and honorable way."

But Senate Republicans questioned why the General Assembly would raise taxes even though the state's total revenue is predicted to grow by \$1.2 billion over the next two years.

Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine, R-Carteret, said the projected revenue growth would cover the state's shortages for the next two years.

But committee Chairman David Hoyle, D-Gaston, said legislators have no choice in the matter. Hoyle, pointing to the low ranking UNC received in the U.S. News & World Report for faculty pay, said the situation will only worsen if taxes are not raised. "(Legislators) simply cannot balance this year's budget without significant cuts in education," he said.

But Ballantine added that legislators could avoid a tax increase by cutting state programs and services.

Ballantine also questioned the amount

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Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.

Walt Whitman