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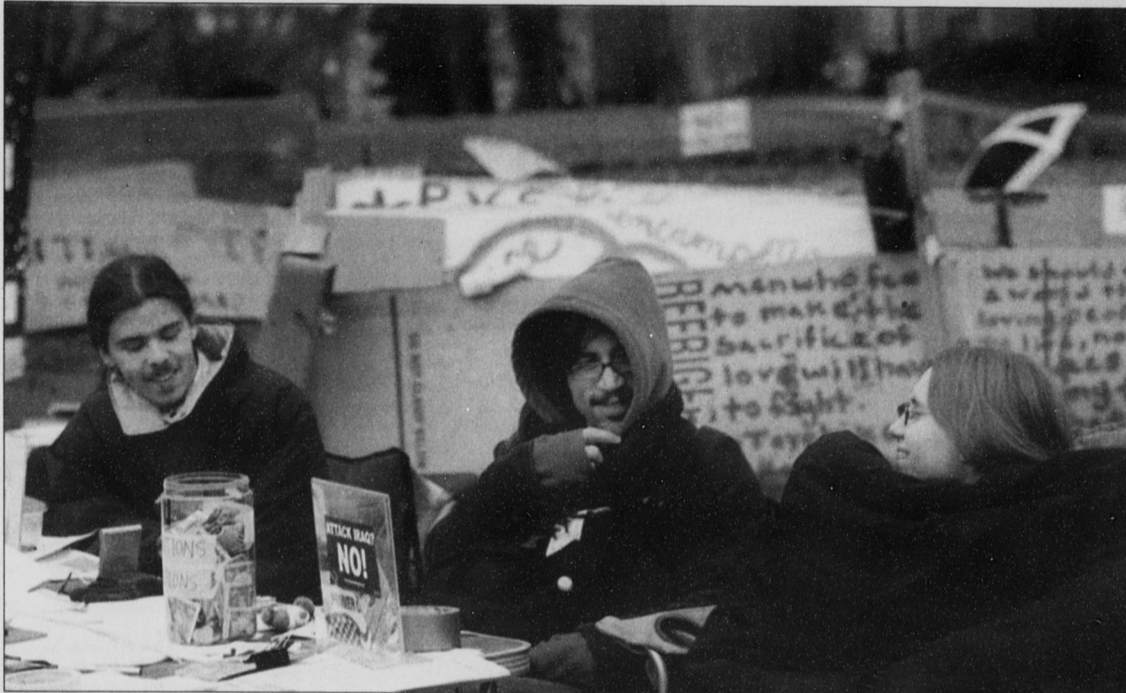
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## ANTI-WAR PROTEST

"It is important to show opposition to war and that Bush is not acting on behalf of the American people." SCOTT O'DAY, Protest Participant



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Freshman Jason Baker (left) sits with senior Ramzi Dattagh and freshman Anna Carson-Dewitt on Polk Place. The three students participated in the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence's peace encampment. On Saturday, the CECV will travel to Washington, D.C., for a peace march.

## LOCAL PEACE MOVEMENT GOES TO D.C. FOR PROTEST

By JOHN FRANK  
City Editor

At 5:30 a.m. Saturday, the nation's capital will be quiet. The endless streams of commuters will be obsolete as the crowded interstates will be mostly empty. It will be a Saturday, and the thousands of government workers who bring Washington, D.C., alive every morning will be at home asleep. But at 5:30 a.m., Franklin Street will be bubbling with energy as nearly 400 people pool outside Internationalist Books to depart for what is expected to be the largest anti-war protest in the nation's capital since the Vietnam War.



UNC students and area residents will flood the modest bookstore — where visitors sit on the floor and a worn-out couch casually discussing policy issues — and board seven churning charter buses bound for the march on Washington. The 400 participants are part of a group of more than 1,500 North Carolinians who will journey to the U.S. Capitol, where the pre-march rally could draw more than 300,000 people. Nearly 200 people from Chapel Hill and Carrboro attended the protest in October that attracted about 100,000 — a turnout officials said was the largest anti-war demonstration in Washington since the Vietnam protests of the 1970s. Local organizers say that the event will be predominantly peaceful but that, as in the October protest, they will be met by counter-demonstrators

who also plan to rally on the National Mall and then boisterously greet the protesters as they march to the gates of the Washington Navy Yard. Nationally and on campus, the peace movement has escalated as military preparations for a possible war with Iraq have been stepped up.

At Internationalist Bookstore, preparations for the march have taken over normal business operations. For the past two weeks, the store has buzzed with energy as people have filed in nonstop asking for information about the bus tickets and the march. With the bookstore fielding nearly 100 calls a day, tickets for two of the buses sold out in one day.

"We haven't stocked the shelves or ordered books in over two weeks," said co-manager Christina Casto. "It has been a little exhausting. You can't finish a conversation without having the phone ring."

One of the buses leaving from Chapel Hill will be filled with Latino residents, a group that in the past has been largely unrepresented at peace rallies.

"I think if we go to war, immigrants' rights will continue to be eroded," said Carrboro Board of Aldermen member John Herrera, a Latino community leader who helped organized the bus. "Our rights are being threatened, and it is in our best interest to join with the peace movement."

With the buses sold out, Casto and others at the bookstore spearheading the local effort are helping to coordinate car pools to the demonstration.

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## Case Outcome May Overhaul Admissions

By ALEXANDRA DODSON  
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Admissions policies across the nation will have to be revamped if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down race-based admissions in a pending case that has received attention even from the White House.

President Bush spoke out against the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's affirmative action policies Wednesday. He said that instead he favors affirmative access programs such as that implemented under his watch as Texas governor at the University of Texas-Austin, which grants automatic admission to the top 10 percent of graduating students at each state high school.

But if the Supreme Court finds in favor of affirmative action or bans only policies such as Michigan's point-based admissions system, UNC will be relatively unaffected, University officials say.

Michigan uses a point system where prospective students receive points for each category they fill out on the application.

Students can receive up to 20 out of 150 points if they are an officially recog-



PRESIDENT BUSH'S STANCE

"The Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards or penalizes prospective students based solely on their race."

nized minority. An applicant would gain 12 points for a perfect SAT score.

Instead of a point system, UNC admissions officers look at factors such as grades, test scores and extracurricular activities, said Barbara Polk, UNC senior associate director for undergraduate admissions.

"We use race as one of many factors," Polk said. "We try to put students in context of their life experience. We do not say 'yes' or 'no' based on race as a sole factor."

Despite universities' caution, admissions policies that use affirmative action have come under fire around the country. Programs like those at UNC that

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## Lack of Women's Voice Won't Silence Issues

By LIZZIE STEWART  
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Although the population of students at UNC is predominantly female, the candidates running for student body president in the Feb. 11 elections do not represent this figure.

All four of this year's candidates are male.

But the candidates do not believe that it will affect their campaigns adversely.

"It would be better if there was a more diverse selection of candidates in the election, but (the lack of female candidates) is not going to affect my campaign in any way," said candidate Sang Shin.

Many of the candidates are planning to include women's issues in their platforms

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Jen Daum was elected student body president in 2002 after running as the only female candidate.

## Enrollment Funds Decision Depends on Leaders, Budget

By INDIA ATRY  
Staff Writer

Budget constraints and shifting leadership make it unclear whether the N.C. General Assembly will commit to funding continually the UNC system's enrollment growth.

The UNC-system Board of Governors passed Jan. 10 a freeze on campus-initiated and systemwide tuition increases for the 2003-04 academic year under the premise that the legislature would include funding for enrollment growth in its continuation budget.

If legislators make such a move, enrollment growth would be funded automatically by the state instead of being considered year to year.

In March 2002, N.C. Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, and N.C. House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, sent a letter to the BOG vowing that they would work to move enrollment growth to the General Assembly's continuation budget.

But Amy Fulk, Basnight's press secretary, said it is too early to predict whether the proposal will come to fruition. Both Black and Basnight still are rallying for the proposal, but Black's term as speaker has ended, Fulk said.

The speaker for the upcoming term, to be elected Jan. 29, will appoint an entirely new committee of budget writers, she said. All of the former writers in both the

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## Officials Ask for Tougher Restrictions



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Bernadette Pelissier, chairwoman of the OWASA board of directors, responds to a question by Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson.

### Some push for stricter irrigation limits

By DAVID ALLEN  
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Local government officials on Thursday sent the Orange Water and Sewer Authority back to tweak its water-use ordinance before it comes to a vote next week.

Town and county officials heard a presentation from OWASA board member Lee Culpepper and then made a handful of suggestions they asked OWASA to address when finalizing its proposal.

In its Water Conservation Rules and Standards, OWASA officials have proposed increasing year-round conservation efforts to mitigate any future droughts by having a

larger emergency supply. They also decided to reconfigure the different restriction stages of the ordinance.

But some of the officials asked OWASA to intensify certain aspects of the standards to avoid the severe conditions brought on by last summer's drought.

The OWASA board of directors has been retooling the ordinance to make it stricter after Orange County's most severe drought in history.

The public was presented with OWASA's proposal in December of 2002. After receiving a great deal of feedback, officials reconvened and made some changes.

They returned Jan. 9 for more public feedback, which they later discussed at a private meeting. That revised draft is what was presented to town and county officials

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Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Martin Luther King