

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
\$5,000 equipment stolen from Carroll Hall room

A \$5,000 digital videocassette recorder was reported missing Tuesday from 240 Carroll Hall. The equipment was last seen Sunday, reports state. There currently are no suspects, and the crime is classified as a belated larceny.

**WORLD BRIEFS**  
Council adopts resolution for more stability in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution Thursday aimed at attracting more troops and money to help stabilize Iraq and speed its independence — a diplomatic victory for Washington after the bitter dispute over the war.

The resolution's success hinges on whether it generates additional funds for Iraq's reconstruction at next week's donors conference in Madrid, Spain, and whether countries send new forces to Iraq.

In a dramatic shift, France, Germany and Russia — key opponents of the U.S.-led war against Iraq — supported the resolution. But they immediately ruled out any new military or financial help, reflecting ongoing concern about the speed with which Washington would transfer authority to Iraqis.

**Staten Island Ferry crash**  
probe focuses on pilot

NEW YORK — The investigation of the Staten Island Ferry wreck that killed 10 passengers focused Thursday on whether the ship's pilot blacked out and slumped over the throttle before the vessel crashed into a concrete pier.

Michael McMahon, New York City Council member, after a briefing from city emergency and transportation officials, said the crash might have been related to the pilot's health and medication he was taking for a possible blood pressure problem.

The pilot, Assistant Capt. Richard Smith, attempted suicide after the crash by slitting his wrists and shooting himself with a pellet gun, police said.

**New anti-drug ads will**  
promote Ecstasy discussion

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Kate Patton had never heard of Ecstasy before the night of Nov. 14, 1999. That's when two police officers came to her home in suburban Chicago to tell her that her 23-year-old daughter, Kelley, was dead. She had overdosed on Ecstasy.

Patton joined anti-drug advocates Thursday at a news conference announcing new ads aimed at encouraging parents to talk to their children about Ecstasy, known as the "Hug Drug," "X" or "E."

The ad campaign is sponsored by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a nonprofit organization working to discourage substance abuse among young people.

The organization released a survey in which 92 percent of parents interviewed said they had heard about Ecstasy, and an overwhelming majority said they saw the drug as a great risk. But despite those findings, only one in four said they had talked a lot with their children about Ecstasy.

**CALENDAR**  
Saturday

8 a.m. — The Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill will hold a costume sale at University United Methodist Church on Franklin Street.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

# Candidates riled by UNC growth

Forum also touched on downtown

BY SARAH RABIL  
STAFF WRITER

Debate stepped up a notch Thursday night as Chapel Hill Town Council candidates clarified their positions and addressed possible solutions for many of the pivotal town issues addressed at previous forums.

At the forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of

Orange, Durham and Chatham counties, 11 of the 12 candidates discussed solutions to University growth, the boundaries of the rural buffer zone and downtown revitalization. The league forum traditionally is one of the most influential in local elections.

Regarding campus growth, candidates advocated for increased communication between

UNC's Board of Trustees and the council earlier in the planning process.

"We need to act on these issues much sooner than we have in the past," candidate Mike McSwain said.

Candidate Cam Hill suggested that a council member hold a seat on the Board of Trustees to represent local residents. Incumbent Bill



Strom suggested that the two communities work as "equal partners." "UNC speaks with one voice, and they don't have the transparent voice the town has," Strom said. "The University, behind closed doors, creates their plans."

Candidate Doug Schworer advocated for the need to look at former discussions with the University and evaluate their effectiveness.

"We have to keep in mind that we are trying to maintain a world-class university in this town,"

Schworer said.

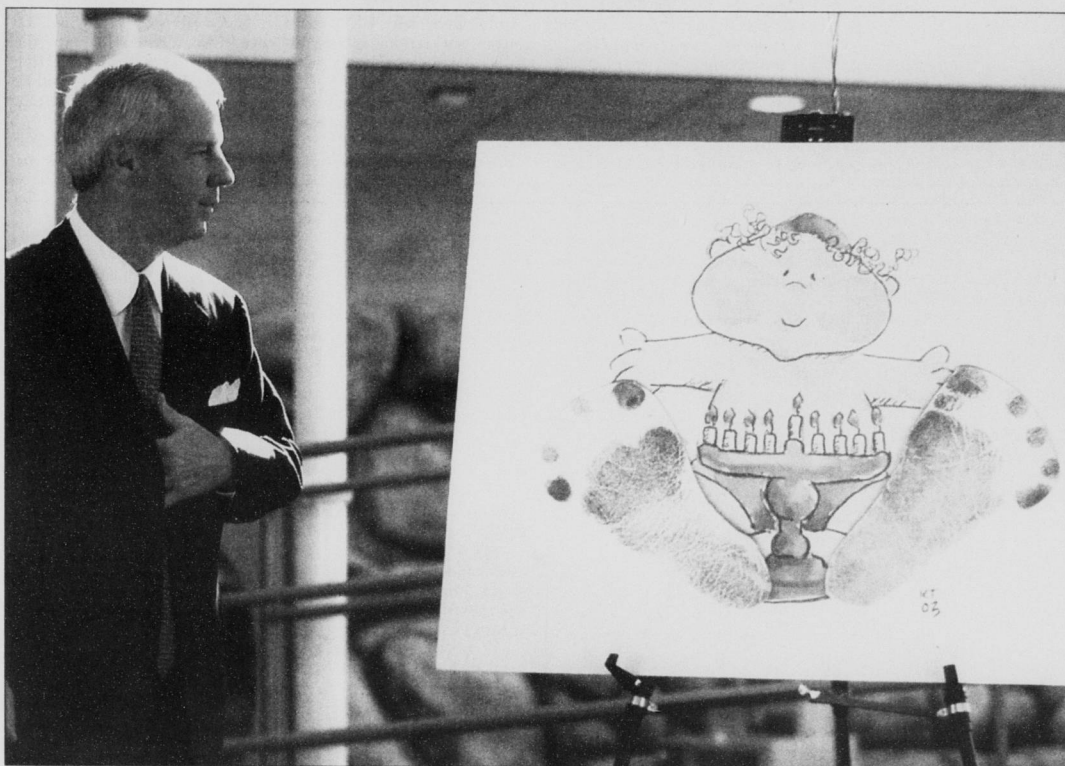
Also, the possibility of the state legislature intervening on behalf of UNC growth was addressed and unanimously deemed a threat that the candidates hope to avoid.

Candidates Schworer, Andrea Rohrbacher and Dianne Bachman all said they do not anticipate any conflict escalating to the point of state intervention.

Candidates addressed steps to

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## THE ART OF CHARITY



DTH/RACHEL SHOCKLEY

Roy Williams, head coach of the UNC men's basketball team, helps unveil this year's Kids Cards designs in the Robbie Page Play Atrium in the N.C. Children's Hospital on Thursday. The Kids Cards project, now in its 19th year, features cards for holidays and all occasions with art-

work by children who are patients of the Children's Hospital. The artwork also is featured on shirts, tote bags, coffee mugs and candy. To make an order, visit <http://www.kidscards.org>. All proceeds from the sale of Kids Cards are used to fund programs for the families treated at the Children's Hospital.

## Police arrest Sutton's worker

Man suspected of armed robbery

BY TERENCE JORDAN  
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill police arrested a clerk from Sutton's Drug Store, located on Franklin Street, early Thursday morning in connection with an armed robbery, according to police reports.

Aaron Spell, 21, was apprehended at 2 a.m. on Henderson Street after he allegedly confronted three people with a knife and demanded money, police reports state. Police charged Spell with one count of felony armed robbery and two counts of felony attempted robbery.

Sutton's owner, John Woodard, expressed disbelief about Spell's actions but would not comment further before speaking to police or to Spell himself.

Spell has been charged with taking \$40 from Kenneth Cundari, 43, of Massachusetts. Cundari was with Gary Borella, 33, of California and Kristen Johnson, 32, of Texas at the time of the incident, but the

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## UNC spurs HIV vaccine testing

BY KELLY OCHS  
STAFF WRITER

A pioneer in his field, Robert Johnston, a UNC professor of microbiology and immunology, has taken a role in the effort to shift HIV vaccine testing from animals to humans.

Though vaccines for human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, have been tested on humans in the past, Johnston's method is unique in its use of a vector virus to carry inactive HIV genes into the body.

The vaccine combines inactive genes from the Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus and disabled fragments of HIV.

Johnston, director of the Carolina Vaccine Institute, said his initial research to create a vaccine for VEE, which sometimes infects humans through mosquitoes, later turned into a discovery that VEE acts as an effective vector to carry other diseases for vaccines.

Nancy Davis, who has worked with Johnston on VEE studies since 1984, said the VEE virus is used as a carrier to transport pieces of another virus into the body. "This virus can be engineered to carry single genes," she said.

Johnston said there is no chance any of the human subjects will contract HIV because all the genes have been disabled. Ron Swanstrom, director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research, confirmed this assessment.

"We wouldn't have gone this far if it wasn't safe," he said, addressing the issue of human testing.

Johnston said there are several different varieties or clades of HIV. The vaccine he is working on was designed to be tested on the clade C HIV type 1, which has infected millions of people in Africa.

While Johnston hopes the vaccine also will work for clade B,

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## Commerce leaders convene at expo

BY SUSIE DICKSON  
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Orange County business owners said Thursday they are optimistic about the revitalization of downtown Chapel Hill despite rumors of business deterioration.

During the second annual Orange County Business Expo hosted by the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel, more than 60 Orange County business representatives gathered to display products and discuss the current state of the Chapel Hill business community.

Some owners cited high rent and a lack of parking as problems facing Franklin Street.

The Orange County Economic Development Commission and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

The county's economic development commission is developing a strategy for revitalizing downtown Chapel Hill, reviewing prior plans and conducting interviews and activities, including the expo.

A wide variety of businesses from all over Orange County attended the expo, including specialty shops, banks and restaurants.

Pam Teshima, co-owner of



DTH/LAUREN PARKER

Regina Church (right) gives Amy Jewett and her son, Joe, a taste of the Crazy Cow Ice Cream House at the Orange County Business Expo.

Aztec Tile and Stone located in Carrboro Plaza, said she hopes that Chapel Hill will be able to rejuvenate downtown business.

"(Revitalization) is important for the economy in Chapel Hill," she said. "The downtown area) is

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7PM at Fetzer Field

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Saturday

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Sunday

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