

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Hundreds of basketball tickets still available

About 800 tickets are still available for the Jan. 11 men's basketball game against Georgia Tech.

Distribution of the remaining tickets begins at 8 a.m. today at the Smith Center Box Office.

Students can receive as many as two tickets by presenting two UNC ONE Cards. Cards used during Saturday's distribution will be denied.

Carolina Athletic Association President Sherrell McMillan said the number of student tickets available for each game varies because of season ticket packages.

Extra student tickets are being offered for the game against Georgia Tech because that game was not included in the package, he said.

CITY BRIEFS

UNC employee appears in court on child porn charges

A UNC employee arrested and charged with six counts of second-degree sex exploitation of a minor appeared in court Friday.

Matthew Barton Savage, 35, was arraigned at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

According to court records, Savage was informed of his rights and signed a waiver dismissing a state-appointed attorney.

Savage will be seeking his own attorney.

Savage's trial date has been set for Dec. 11.

Pinehurst resident robbed at Franklin St. parking lot

Peter M. Kennedy, 21, of Pinehurst was robbed at 4 a.m. Saturday in a parking lot at 100 W. Franklin St., reports state.

Kennedy was knocked down by multiple people, who then stole his wallet and Caterpillar boots, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The incident remains under investigation.

WORLD BRIEFS

Arafat says he is ready for peace talks with Israel

JERUSALEM — Following an Israeli offer, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Sunday that he is ready for peace talks, while about 6,000 Palestinians returned to their jobs in Israel for the first time in a month.

In an abrupt turnaround last week, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said contacts already were under way with Palestinian officials, adding, "We are ready to enter negotiations at any time."

Sharon previously had conditioned talks on a crackdown on violent Palestinian groups responsible for attacks on Israelis.

Asked about Sharon's remarks, Arafat told reporters he would accept an offer for talks.

Talks on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan have been stalled for weeks because of Palestinian bombing attacks and Israeli military operations, along with the Palestinians' inability to form a stable government.

Arafat often has said he is ready to talk peace, but Israel and the United States are boycotting him, charging that he is tainted by terrorism. They insist on dealing with an empowered prime minister.

Minister: Too early to tell if OPEC will cut production

DOHA, Qatar — Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Sunday that it was too early to say whether the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will decide at next month's meeting to cut crude production — a move that could raise prices.

Ali Naimi told reporters that OPEC members, who meet in Vienna, Austria, on Dec. 4, are focusing mainly on the stability of the international market.

He made the comments after a meeting of the oil committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

In September, OPEC lowered its output ceiling by 900,000 barrels a day to 24.5 million barrels, starting this month. The cartel now is focused on maintaining stability, Naimi said.

CALENDAR
Tuesday

8 p.m. — Join the Women's Affairs Committee of student government in Carmichael Ballroom for a free self-defense lesson and discussion on rape crisis prevention. Presentations will be given by the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and SafeSkills.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Project aims for closure in killings

BY EMILY VASQUEZ
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GREENSBORO — The barrage of gunshots fired by the Ku Klux Klan lasted 88 seconds, killing five and wounding 10 in the Morningside community in Greensboro on Nov. 3, 1979.

The violence has come to be known as the Greensboro Massacre.

Twenty-four years later, the full truth behind the killings, the subsequent police and FBI investigations and the proceedings of two criminal trials remain points of controversy in the community.

Though many Greensboro residents long have forgotten the incident, victims of the tragedy claim that significant misconceptions prevail due to media coverage and

political and police rhetoric.

These misconceptions, they say, hinder the Greensboro community's race relations and development of a healthy social consciousness.

They are calling for a landmark review of the tragedy to be conducted by a truth and reconciliation commission, similar to the reviews that took place in South Africa after the fall of apartheid and in Peru after the violence of the Shining Path.

Those attacked in the massacre were participants in a rally and march organized by the Workers Viewpoint Organization — activists with communist beliefs who long had pushed for the unionization of mill workers in the area.

When Klan resurgence threatened to divide workers along racial

lines and hinder unionization efforts, the WVO began to speak out against the KKK.

The WVO, which later became the Communist Workers Party, received criticism based largely on its political ideologies. Some media reports also stated that the group provoked or even "invited" the Klan to the altercation.

Organizers of the march say they were not informed that the Klan would come to Greensboro on Nov. 3 and that the police gave a copy of the march permit to a member of the Ku Klux Klan, Eddie Dawson.

Testimony delivered during the civil suit found that police had Klan members under surveillance before the incident and were aware that

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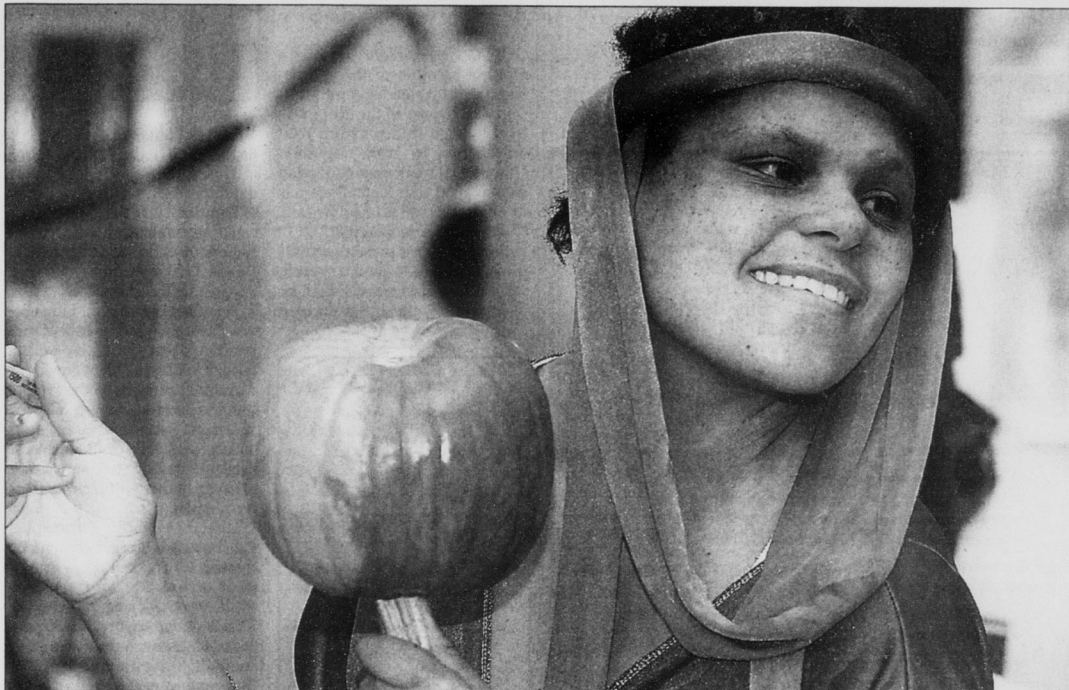
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**KLAN KILLS FIVE
FEDS, CITY AID RACISTS**

Bloody Saturday

A headline in the Southern Struggle newsletter proclaims the 1979 attack by Ku Klux Klan members known as the Greensboro Massacre.

PUMPKIN PRINCESS



DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Emily Wiley paints a pumpkin Sunday afternoon in Carmichael Ballroom at a Halloween costume party sponsored by Carolina Campus Civitan volunteers for a group of developmentally challenged adults and adolescents. Participants were allowed to paint the pump-

kins with Halloween messages and take them home. The event, attended by about 75 participants and volunteers, also featured a dance. The Halloween party is Campus Civitan's largest and most expensive event of the year. For the full story, see page 4.

Honor Court guilty pleas up

Rise attributed to expedited hearings

BY ANDREW SATTEN
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Honor Court officials say the number of guilty pleas is on the rise this year, several months after court officials rewrote UNC's Honor Code and instituted a new process to expedite hearings.

Between May 1 and Sept. 15, 46 cases proceeded through the Honor Court. Recently released statistics reflect the new push to reduce the number of backlogged cases, said Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain.

"The statistics show that the new Honor Code is successful," Slain said. "We are able to hear more cases and allow students to take responsibility for their actions."

Slain said the statistics are evidence of an increased number of

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Divided diocese forecasts losses

BY DORA P. GONZALEZ
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The Episcopal Church consecrated the openly gay Rev. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire on Sunday — a move that is causing religious ripples in churches nationwide.

But church leaders in the Chapel Hill area say their churches have not been affected severely by that decision, or the concurrent one that blessed same-sex marriages.

But for this year's donation pledges, the Diocese of North Carolina, which includes the Chapel of the Cross Church on Franklin Street, expects a 20 percent decrease in revenue, in part due to Robinson's consecration.

The Associated Press reported a loss of \$1.1 million for the diocese, which is the largest in the state.

North Carolina Bishop Michael B. Curry, who voted in favor of Robinson's consecration, was not available for comment.

Combined with the current eco-

nomie situation, the community's response to Robinson's appointment is cutting deeply into the diocese's overall funds, said the Rev. Stephen Elkins-Williams, a rector at Chapel of the Cross.

But the collection plates at his church have not taken a big hit.

Elkins-Williams said that because of the high level of education in Chapel Hill, people tend to be more open and understanding about the church's recent decisions.

"However, two people have told me that they are transferring to other churches, he said.

"I say church is not for like-minded people. It's a place to share faith and where opinions are respected."

Elkins-Williams made it clear that his community is doing better financially than other churches in the diocese.

He said that if donations continue at their current rate, Chapel of the Cross should match year's

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House OKs \$87B for war efforts

BY DAN PIERGALLINI
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The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill late Thursday approving President Bush's request for \$87 billion in funds to be used for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Both chambers of Congress previously had enacted legislation concerning reconstruction funding, but House and Senate negotiators reconciled the differences between the two chambers' versions of the bill late last week.

The Senate is expected to pass the bill today and send it to Bush for approval. About \$65 billion of the funding will be used to pay for military expenses, \$20 billion will be used for Iraq rebuilding efforts and \$1.2 billion will be used for reconstruction in Afghanistan.

One debate in the House that stalled the bill's passage concerned whether the money for Iraq should be given out as loans or grants, particularly after an international fund-raising effort raised \$13 billion in loans for Iraq.

Most politicians have said they think the United States has a responsibility to rebuild Iraq, but many have different opinions on

the president's reconstruction plan.

"Recognizing America's responsibility in Iraq cannot mean giving a blank check for President Bush's failed policy that has been marred by special-interest giveaways, disdain for our allies and the absence of any serious forward planning," stated presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., in a press release.

He added that the Bush administration should provide a long-term budget for reconstruction spending and a plan for establishing a stable government in Iraq.

But John Hood, president of the Raleigh-based John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank, said the substantial amount of funding provided by the aid package is a necessary follow-up to the recent U.S. military campaign.

He said the costs of the package and the war are less than the benefits reaped by removing Saddam Hussein from power. "The countries that offered loans know very well they are unlikely to be repaid unless Iraq's debt is significantly restructured," Hood said.

Iraq has about \$150 billion in outstanding debt stemming from war reparations the country has

owed to Kuwait since the first Gulf War. The debt also comes from numerous purchases Hussein made while in power.

But some critics are questioning the merits of rebuilding Iraq, given the United States' poor track record in such efforts. "Past U.S. evidence does not show we can successfully rebuild Iraq," said Charles Peña, director of defense policy studies at the Cato Institute, a nonprofit public policy research foundation.

"Since the U.S. has now eliminated the threat that Hussein posed, there is no longer any compelling reason to stay in Iraq."

He added that the presence of U.S. troops in Iraq is problematic because soldiers are a magnet for foreign fighters and are fueling animosity with Iraqis who do not want to be occupied, he said.

Peña said the United States should give power to Iraq and let its citizens choose their own government without demanding any standards or controls. He said he thinks a less-than-democratic government would not necessarily be hostile to the United States.

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Recent graduate's future is a work in progress

Looks to take 1 year off, focus on art

BY KRISTIN BECKER
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Sunlight reflected the colors of the changing leaves outside, the smell of sawdust perfumed the air and music played quietly in the background at Leigh Suggs' new studio space Friday afternoon.

The recent UNC graduate moved into her new space in Blecker Street Studios, located in Carrboro, at the end of September. Although it's still a work in progress, Suggs is excited to have the studio, which she is sharing

with another recent graduate.

"This is where I want to be. It's a conducive place to work," she said.

Suggs has spent time building and painting the walls that separate her space from others, but she described the studio's atmosphere as an open one where "anybody and everybody" can come by to look at her work.

"It's a nice community. Everybody here is new, and there isn't a clique yet," she said.

Though Suggs wants to continue to make improvements to the space, she said she prefers to work on her projects when she has time.

"I want to have a body of work separate from school or work, without guidance or authority," she said. While Suggs has kept her full-

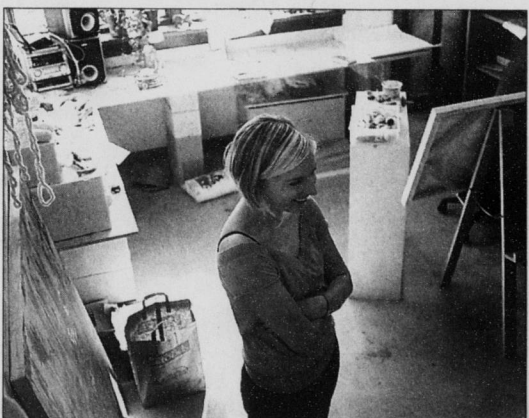
time job at Uniquities on Franklin Street, she spends time in the studio two nights a week and on Thursday and Friday, her days off. One of her projects will serve as a submission for an exhibition, "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands," sponsored by The Women's Center in Chapel Hill.

The exhibition will raise money for the center while simultaneously giving local female artists an opportunity for exposure. The deadline to submit slides of work is Dec. 1.

"This is still kind of new for me — being picked for a show," Suggs said.

December also would be the last opportunity for Suggs to apply to graduate school, but she has decided not to return to school next fall. Instead, she will continue to amass an independent body of work she

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DTH/ANDREW SYNOWIEZ

Recent UNC graduate Leigh Suggs spends two nights a week at her new art studio space, located at Blecker Street Studios in Carrboro.