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## UNC worker gets murder charge

Arrested for Food Lion-lot shooting

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James Kenneth Imonti was shot and killed Monday night in front of a Food Lion in Carrboro. The man arrested in the murder was a UNC employee, according to a statement from the Carrboro Police Department.

The police have arrested Garland McRay King Jr., 65, of 900 Sesame Road, and charged him with first degree murder, according to Carrboro police reports.

Imonti, 59, was reportedly King's son-in-law, according to the statement.

King told police he's an employee of the UNC School of Medicine, reports state, and UNC spokeswoman Lisa Katz confirmed that a Garland M. King, age 65, is employed by the School of Medicine.

The shooting came at the end of "an ongoing family dispute," according to the statement.

"You definitely got the feeling

that it wasn't just last night," said Carrboro Police Capt. Joel Booker.

Booker said that it isn't yet clear how both men came to be in the parking lot, which is only blocks from Imonti's home, but that they arrived in separate vehicles.

King had a .357-caliber pistol on his person when he was arrested, Booker said. Imonti had been shot once in the upper back at close range, according to the statement. He later was pronounced dead at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

After the shooting, King was kicking Imonti and screaming profanities at him, said Jahin Ali,

a UNC grad student who was at the Food Lion.

"I saw a big African-American guy yelling at something that was on the ground, and when I walked by there was a guy lying on the ground," she said.

King started pulling on Imonti, as if trying to drag him, and ended up pulling Imonti's pants down, Ali said.

After someone told King to leave Imonti alone, he went to his car, which was parked in a handicapped space, and waited until police arrived, she said.

King was taken into custody

without incident, Booker said. He made a statement to police, said Carrboro Police Capt. Daryl Caldwell, but details weren't released Tuesday.

King was taken to the Orange County jail without bail, pending a first appearance in district court Tuesday, according to police reports.

Carrboro police seized a variety of evidence, including King's car, the pistol, clothing found on the ground near Imonti and assorted items from King's car, as well as

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## Survey shows UNC is open

Says classes allow free expression

BY MARY COLE ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

An overwhelming majority of UNC students indicated on a recent survey that their classroom environments allow for diverse expression of ideas.

A committee specially appointed by the chancellor constructed a survey that was given to 5,000 students in September. The questions asked students about their classroom experiences.

"What the survey shows is that there is a remarkable degree of openness at UNC," said Steve Allred, executive associate provost and chairman of the committee on academic responsibility.

The results of the survey showed that 94 percent of almost 1,000 respondents think instructors "maintain an atmosphere that promotes intellectual freedom and welcomes diverse perspectives."

Allred added that students reported encountering more bias with other students than with professors in the classroom.

Sophomore Brittany Price said her English classes are usually full of free discussion. "I think UNC is tolerant," she said. "You just have to respect others."

The survey also showed that political affiliation is not a predictor of perceived bias in classrooms, a view that many people have about UNC, said senior Matt Hendren, a member of the committee.

The committee was formed after the student advisory committee to the chancellor submitted in March 2007 a "Draft Report on Academic Responsibility," authored primarily by then-Student Body Vice President Brian Phelps, urging the University to examine the atmosphere of intellectual freedom.

Hendren said if students think they will not encounter a welcoming environment in a classroom, then there is a problem.

"The perception of a problem is a problem in itself," he said, adding that students who have a problem are more likely to respond to a survey.

Summer reading books, such as "Approaching the Quran: The Early Revelations" in 2002, have contributed to the outside perception of a bias on campus, Hendren added. That book became a point of contention because some said it violated the separation of church and state. The issue even became a national point of interest.

The survey also indicated that 14 percent of students who responded have experienced or witnessed situations in which the classroom environment hindered the expression of their ideas.

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## MAIN STREET IDENTITY CHANGES AS TOWN GROWS



COURTESY OF NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY AT CHAPEL HILL



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The 1948 view of Franklin Street looking west bears few similarities to the view in 2008, with the post office (right) a constant. Just north of the campus's McCorkle Place, the street is known for the 100 block of college memorabilia stores and restaurants. Chapel Hill's central business district is home to celebrations on Halloween and after major basketball wins.

### Downtown Partnership seeks growth plan tips

BY SARA HARRIS  
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Franklin Street is Chapel Hill's bridge. It is a bridge from UNC to the town of Chapel Hill and a bridge from the present into the past.

The street in the center of downtown is trying to maintain that status as the once small town grows around it.

"We typically grow outwards as a community and neglect those things that have been with us for longest," said Rodney Swink, director of N.C. urban development.

Today, leaders from the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will go to the annual N.C. Main Street Conference in Rocky Mount to learn new and progressive ideas to help maintain Franklin Street's central role, Assistant Director Meg McGurk said.

"This is the heart of downtown and the spirit of downtown," McGurk said. "Going to the conference is really about the professional development of our organization. We want to learn about the new ideas communities that are similar to Chapel Hill have employed."

More than 150 towns, mostly from North Carolina but also from South Carolina and Virginia, will be represented, said Ian Kipp, downtown development manager for Rocky Mount.

The conference will offer ways to deal with the growth and development issues that make preserving the historical aspect of Franklin Street difficult.

As a community grows, the demand for more modern accommodations makes it difficult to protect the history that is embedded in a main street, Kipp said.

"A main street will not be able to host a shopping mall, which demands large parking availability," he said. "But a main street offers an unique shopping experience with

specialty stores that are only found in that area."

Swink said growth does not necessarily pose a problem to a small-town main street as long as history is taken into account.

"Growth doesn't make preservation difficult, but it heightens the need for us to be aware of our history," he said. "Growth doesn't hurt unless we allow growth to take precedent over everything else."

Franklin Street is known for its Halloween celebration and parties following big basketball wins.

Sutton's Drug Store owner John Woodard

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## Labor practices examined

UNC questions New Era factory

BY CAROLINE DYE  
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A UNC committee recommended Tuesday that the chancellor give the New Era Cap company an ultimatum to allow labor rights monitoring organizations into its Mobile, Ala., factory.

The Buffalo, N.Y.-based company produces baseball caps for several major universities. It has refused to allow the Worker Rights Consortium, composed of worker advocacy groups and universities that license their logos, to investigate claims of labor violations in the Alabama factory.

Several UNC students traveled to Alabama earlier this month as part of United Students Against Sweatshops' efforts to raise awareness of reported factory violations.

### Background on the labor dispute

**1999:** UNC creates a licensing labor code to guarantee fair labor conditions for workers producing UNC merchandise.

**2001:** UNC suspends the licensing contract of New Era because of compliance violations at the New Derby, N.Y., factory.

"Any pressure on New Era is positive," said Salma Mirza, an organizer for the campus group Student Action with Workers. Mirza traveled to Mobile with USAS. She is also a member of the University's Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee, which made the recommendation Tuesday.

Derek Lochbaum, director of licensing at UNC and co-chairman of the licensing committee, said UNC is affiliated with both the WRC, whose investigation New Era resisted, and the Fair Labor Association,

**Jan. 19:** Students from 15 universities begin three days of interviewing workers at the Mobile, Ala., New Era factory.

**Tuesday:** The Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee meets to discuss New Era's practices.

another global nonprofit. Lochbaum said that companies typically distrust the WRC because they think it's biased and that student activists typically distrust the FLA because it includes corporations in addition to universities and labor organizations.

"At the end of the day, we all have the same goal," Lochbaum said, adding that all of the organizations usually work in concert.

Mirza said New Era has tried to

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## Top youth brands add sexy intimate apparel

BY ABBEY CALDWELL  
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Abercrombie & Fitch, known for its risque catalogues boasting scantily clothed models, is turning heads again with its new brand of loungewear and intimate apparel, Gilly Hicks Sydney.

In the wake of the rise in loungewear and intimate apparel marketed toward a younger generation, brands like Gilly Hicks Sydney are breeding debate.

The brand's Web site contains nothing but a video featuring frontal shots of young, topless women and back views of young men swimming, lounging and hanging certain delicacies out to dry.

According to the site, the video "shows a lot of skin" and requires its viewers to enter their dates of birth before viewing and seeing "what we're wearing under our clothes."

*"It's just a bit provocative, undeniably sexy, the signature of All-American cool."*

TOM LENNOX, A&F SPOKESMAN

But A&F spokesman Tom Lennox said he does not think the brand is controversial.

"It's just a bit provocative, undeniably sexy, the signature of all-American cool," he said. "If you were to suggest 'irreverent,' I would agree."

The company produces five brands: Abercrombie & Fitch, abercrombie, Hollister Co., RUEHL No. 925 and Gilly

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Senior class president candidate Josh Criscoe, with runningmate Megan Compton, wants to get "back to the core" of senior year. And Michael Miller runs uncontested for Residence Hall Association president.

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### STRONG START

The UNC men's tennis team began the 2008 season with two 7-0 victories against Campbell and N.C. Central. The Tar Heels are ranked 10th nationally.



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### GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG

Eighth graders at A.L. Stanback Middle School elect Barack Obama in a mock primary Tuesday. Teacher Joe Sharp wants to encourage students to become voters later.

this day in history

### JAN. 30, 1986 ...

The Virginia Cavaliers hand UNC its first loss of the season, pushing it from No. 1. This is the second time in three years UNC won its first 21 games to lose the 22nd.

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