

N.C. unemployment rate declines

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The number of jobless people in North Carolina continued to decline during the month of September, with unemployment rates falling in 91 of the state's 100 counties.

According to figures released on Oct. 30 by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina (ESC), the state's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for September was 3.5 percent, down from 4.2 percent in August.

The national percentages were 5.8 percent in August and 5.7 percent in September.

The Triangle's September unemployment rate, which fell from 3.1 percent to 2.6 percent, was the lowest for any of the nine large urban areas in the state.

Orange County's unemployment rate fell from 2.7 percent to 2.0 percent. This was the fourth lowest rate in the state. About 1,020 people were without jobs in Orange County, out of a total labor force of 50,570.

Unemployment in North Carolina has been decreasing since around 1984, according to Lisa De Maio

Brewer, director of public information for the ESC.

"North Carolina has a stable, growing economy and is a safe place for business," she said.

Brewer said that more and more businesses locate in North Carolina because of a good labor supply. She also said that North Carolina's tax rates and employment security laws make the state attractive to businesses looking for a place to locate.

The Triangle is doing especially well because of the success of local high-tech businesses, she said.

Walker Biggs, the veterans' employment representative and assistant manager for the Chapel Hill Job Service, said that new businesses like Big Star and Harris Teeter are responsible for some of the new jobs in Chapel Hill.

Biggs said that the majority of available jobs are in the service industries; fewer openings exist for college graduates.

Chapel Hill's low unemployment rate illustrates the chronic labor shortage in this area, Biggs said. The lack of workers, especially in the skilled trades, will continue through

Unemployment rates for North Carolina's nine metropolitan statistical areas

City	Sept. %	Aug. %
Asheville	3.4	3.9
Burlington	3.4	4.9
Charlotte/Gastonia	3.2	3.6
Fayetteville	4.4	5.2
Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem	3.0	3.7
Hickory	2.7	3.4
Jacksonville	2.9	3.1
Raleigh/Durham	2.6	3.1
Wilmington	5.2	5.7

Source: Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

the end of this century.

Employers will need to come up with innovative recruiting methods, and increase their use of automation to meet the challenge, he added.

Other major North Carolina cities

that experienced a drop in unemployment rates were Charlotte, 3.2 percent; Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem, 3.0 percent; Fayetteville, 4.4 percent; and Wilmington, 5.2 percent.

Falwell resigns from Moral Majority

By AMY WINSLOW
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To devote more time to religion, the Rev. Jerry Falwell resigned Tuesday as president of the Moral Majority, a conservative political organization, a Moral Majority official said.

Jerry Nims, PTL's chief executive officer when Falwell headed PTL, will take over as president of the Moral Majority.

"Jerry Nims is certainly no stranger to the organization," said Charlie Judd, executive spokesman for the Moral Majority.

Falwell, who founded the non-profit organization in 1979, will remain as a board member.

Nims, Falwell and the rest of the PTL board resigned in early October after a bankruptcy court allowed PTL creditors and contributors to file their own reorganization plans for the

debt-ridden ministry. PTL board members said they feared the new plan would allow an opportunity for debanked PTL founder Jim Bakker to return to the ministry. Bakker turned the ministry over to Falwell amid a sex-and-money scandal.

The Moral Majority acts as an educational organization and a lobbying group, Judd said. The group addresses social issues such as pro-family and pro-life from a conserva-

tive political aspect, he said.

No changes will be made under Nims' leadership, Judd said.

By leaving his Moral Majority post, Falwell can concentrate on preaching and raising money for his own television ministry, a Falwell representative said. Falwell will remain at his post as chancellor of Liberty University, a small liberal arts college in Virginia.

Program helps teen mothers go to college

By MYRNA MILLER
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Teenage mothers in Orange County wanting to attend college have an added incentive to do so.

The Orange County Adolescent Parenting Program, a unit of the Orange County Department of Social Services, began working with the Greater Triangle Community Foundation last year to provide scholarships for young mothers who wish to further their education.

"The purpose of the Orange County Adolescent Parenting Program is to help young parents to stay in school, to delay a second pregnancy and to teach them parenting skills," said Kathy Putnam, parenting

program coordinator.

The program, open to girls from ages 14 to 16, has established requirements that the young women must fulfill in order to qualify for a scholarship, Putnam said.

"They must complete all of the program's goals, mainly those of achieving their high school degree and of experiencing no further pregnancies in high school," she added.

Putnam said there are 12 teens participating in Orange County's parenting program. Seven other counties have set up similar programs.

But Orange County is currently the only county with money available for

a scholarship fund, she said.

The Greater Triangle Community Foundation, a Durham-based organization that manages charitable funds, handles the distribution of the \$19,000 scholarship fund, which was established by an anonymous donor.

"The scholarship is one-time and pays for two years of in-state tuition, fees and books," Putnam said. "The fund will pay tuition up to and equal to that of UNC's."

Shannon St. John, executive director of the Greater Triangle Community Foundation, said the scholarship is guaranteed to all the girls that complete Orange County's parenting program.

One Orange County student has

completed the Adolescent Parenting Program and received a two-year scholarship.

Jennifer Battle of Chapel Hill, 18, joined the parenting program in 1986. She said she received \$483 for this semester to help pay for her expenses at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro.

"The program and the scholarship fund helped because at first I didn't think I had a way of going to college even though I wanted to," Battle said.

Putnam, commenting on the benefits of the program, said, "I think the college fund has provided a concrete incentive to help mothers complete high school, and will help them become self-supporting."

Union South sponsors charity tournament

By JENNY CLONINGER
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The South Campus Student Union in Chase Hall is sponsoring a doubles pool tournament on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. to benefit the Burn Center at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

Interested students may register for \$3 per team in the Student Union on

North Campus or upstairs in Chase Hall. Dave Johnson, the coordinator of the tournament, said that on Monday and Tuesday, students will also be able to register around noon in the Pit.

Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. The winners will receive a meal for two from Four

Corners, a T-shirt from Johnny T-Shirt, a sweatshirt from Blue Heaven, a meal for two from Mariakakis, a \$10 gift certificate from UNC Student Stores, two movie passes each from the Carolina Theater and albums from Record Bar. The second-place team will receive two free pizzas from Domino's Pizza.

All prizes were donated by local businesses.

Johnson said the South Campus Union, called "Union South," has two main reasons for sponsoring the competition: to support the Burn Center and to promote awareness of the Union South.

Johnson said a doctor at the center told him the center always needs money, since 30 to 40 percent of its patients can't pay for the services offered.

Ginsburg decides to bow out of Supreme Court nomination

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A key Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee warned Sunday that a delay in the selection of a new Supreme Court nominee might prevent President Reagan from placing a conservative choice on the high court.

Judge Douglas Ginsburg, the president's second choice for the high court seat vacated by retired Justice Lewis Powell, announced Saturday that he had asked Reagan to withdraw his nomination. Ginsburg said his views on law had been "drowned out in the clamor" over his past marijuana use.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., praised Ginsburg for acting quickly in requesting that his name be withdrawn and said he would like to see the committee adhere to the same hearing schedule for a new nominee as the one planned for Ginsburg.

IRA suspected in bombing

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland — A bomb killed 11 people and injured 55 Sunday at a Remembrance Day ceremony for Britain's war dead in the worst Irish terrorist attack in five years.

The huge explosion transfigured the solemn pageant, which recalled the thousands of Ulstermen who died for king and country in two world wars, into a horror scene of bloodshed and destruction.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, but police said

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it bore the hallmark of the Irish Republican Army.

Iranian missiles hit Baghdad

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran said it fired two surface-to-surface missiles into Baghdad Sunday. Iraq reported that at least one missile exploded in a densely populated neighborhood, killing a large number of civilians.

The attack came as Arab leaders convened a summit in Amman, Jordan, to seek a united stand behind Iraq in its 7-year-old war against Persian Iran.

The missiles, fired less than an hour apart during the evening, hit Iraq's state-run television and radio headquarters and the capital's central communications center, said Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Iraq's official news agency, also monitored in Nicosia, said at least one missile exploded in a heavily populated residential district, killing "a large number of innocent civilians, including women and children."

Sunday's twin missile attack was launched a few hours after Iran said in a military communique that Iranian jets bombed an economic target in northeast Iraq and Iranian artillery pounded Basra and other southern Iraqi cities.

Publication chain buys Chapel Hill Newspaper

By BRIAN LONG
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The Chapel Hill Newspaper will have a new owner as of Jan. 1, 1988. New York-based Ottaway Newspapers Inc. bought the paper Thursday for an undisclosed amount.

Ottaway is the community newspaper division of Dow Jones & Co. Inc., publisher of The Wall Street Journal. With the addition of The Chapel Hill Newspaper, the chain owns 22 newspapers in 12 states with a total daily circulation of 580,000.

The sale takes effect Jan. 1, said Orville Campbell, The Chapel Hill Newspaper's publisher. Campbell retained ownership of Colonial Printing Co., a general printing business located next door to the newspaper.

Campbell, speaking by telephone Friday, would not disclose the terms of the sale. But James Shumaker, editor of the newspaper from the 1950s until 1972, estimated its value at \$6 million.

Campbell did say that Ottaway was not the highest bidder. But he added that the newspaper's stockholders decided to sell to Ottaway because of its community-oriented

style and its reputation for taking care of its employees.

Campbell said Ottaway would make few personnel changes at the newspaper, and that most employees would be able to retain their positions with the paper.

Ottaway will name a new publisher soon, but Campbell will remain with the paper as a consultant for the next five years and will write a weekly column.

Dow Jones and Ottaway officials met with The Chapel Hill Newspaper department heads Wednesday evening, and toured the newspaper plant Thursday morning, Campbell said.

"I'm certain Dow Jones will be a strong, supportive corporation," he said.

The newspaper began publication in 1923 as The Chapel Hill Weekly. The paper became The Chapel Hill Newspaper in 1973 when it switched to daily publication. Campbell, 67, has been publisher of the paper since 1954.

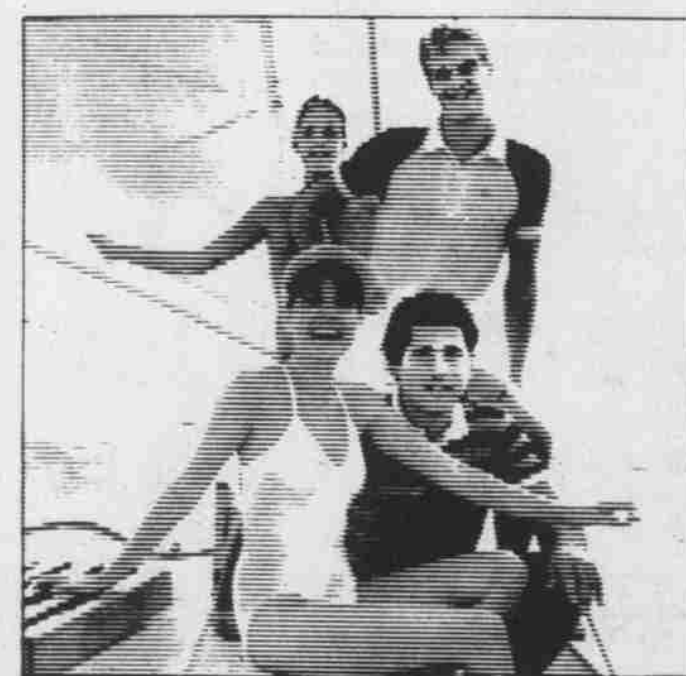
The paper, published Sunday through Friday, has a daily circulation of 5,300 and a Sunday circulation of 6,400. The paper employs 55 people.



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