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## Bush says Democrats delaying agreement

WASHINGTON — President Bush resumed his attack on congressional Democrats today, saying they had delayed a budget deal that would avoid deep spending cuts. Congressional leaders, however, expressed optimism that a compromise may be near.

While Bush spoke at a campaign breakfast for Republicans in Minneapolis, leading lawmakers said progress was being made in the 4-month-old budget negotiations.

"We're a little bit in the precincts of reaching a conclusion, rather than at the wrap-up stage," said House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash. "They're basically there outside of capital gains," said Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass. "Get rid of that darned thing, we're home free."

Bush has eased his demand for a lower capital gains tax rate, the major obstacle to a budget pact.

## Bush asked to exempt airlines from layoffs

WASHINGTON — The airline industry Thursday asked President Bush to exempt air traffic controllers from furloughs if a budget agreement isn't reached by Monday.

"Your action would ensure continuity in the day-to-day operation of our air traffic control system," Robert Aaronson, president of the Air Transport Association of America, said in a letter to the president.

Aaronson said traffic controllers, maintenance technicians, safety inspectors and weather personnel are "vital to the safe and efficient operation of the nation's air traffic control system."

"This is essential to protect the overall public interest as well as the continuing viability of the nation's airline industry and the many other industries which depend on it," he said.

One administration official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the air traffic controllers were likely to be exempted even if an agreement isn't reached.

## Iraq tightens grip on captive foreigners

Western governments reacted with outrage Thursday to Iraq's threat to execute diplomats who shelter foreigners, but Baghdad sought to portray it as a misunderstanding, saying the warning was aimed at its own citizens.

Eight weeks to the day after Kuwait was overrun by Iraq, its exiled emir addressed the United Nations General Assembly, decrying the "rape, destruction and terror" inflicted by Saddam Hussein's armies and appealing for a withdrawal of Iraqi troops.

But Iraq tightened its grip on the conquered emirate, ordering Kuwaiti nationals to apply for Iraqi citizenship.

Oil prices advanced again Thursday, briefly breaking the \$40-a-barrel mark, a day after President Bush ordered the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to fight soaring prices.

International finance officials, meanwhile, expressed new concerns about long-term financial consequences of the Persian Gulf crisis. The head of the World Bank said he might be forced to call on wealthy nations to boost their support for the international lending institution by early next year.

— From Associated Press reports

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# University may control dorm phones

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON  
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Students soon may be reaching out to touch the University.

Herbert Paul, Physical Plant director, presented two new University-controlled phone options to members of the Residence Hall Association Thursday night. Members voted unanimously to support the options.

Under both options, the University Physical Plant would administer residence hall telephone service. UNC would lease the telephone services from

Southern Bell.

The Physical Plant presently handles all University telephone services except residence hall service.

One option Paul described would include connection and local charges in the dormitory room rent, while under the second option students would receive a separate telephone bill.

Under Physical Plant operation, telephone service would not cost students more than what students pay now under Southern Bell and possibly would be less, Paul said. If adopted, the new ser-

vice would begin in the fall of 1992.

Granville Towers would not be included in the new service because UNC does not own the Granville buildings, he said.

Students' long-distance service would be provided by a carrier service contracted by the University. UNC would solicit bids from all of the long-distance services and offer a contract to the one with the best service at the least cost, he said.

"(Cost) would be guaranteed to be 10 percent less than AT&T, maybe more,"

Paul said.

Students must apply to have long-distance service but would not have to pay for the application fee.

Although students would not have a choice in the selection of a long-distance carrier, the 10 percent discount would make up for their lack of choice, Paul said. The University could offer the discount because the volume of long-distance calls would generate large profits.

Roommates could choose to have their long-distance bills split between

callers, Paul said. Each occupant would receive an authorization code to use when placing a long-distance call. Each roommate would receive a separate long-distance bill.

"Students wouldn't have the hassle of who made the call," Paul said. "Students would have to apply (for authorization codes)."

Although students would not have the option of plans such as AT&T's Reach Out America, Paul said he thought

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# Most housekeepers expected to receive raises

By BETH MAJOR  
Staff Writer

Evaluations indicate that about 74 percent of more than 400 University housekeepers will receive merit pay raises based on evaluations, said Charles Davis, housekeeping superintendent.

Some members of the housekeeping staff complained Tuesday about problems with favoritism and bias in the new merit pay system.

Herbert Paul, director of the Physical Plant, said favoritism did not influence the evaluations, although any time

people conduct evaluations there is a chance of encountering biases.

"We have stressed to them (supervisors) that they need to be fair in these evaluations," he said. "If in fact someone has a complaint of bias, we need to know about it."

Davis said the housekeeping staff still were not satisfied with their salaries, despite the potential pay increase. "The biggest complaint is that most (housekeepers) feel, and rightly so, that they do not get paid enough regardless of these raises."

Employees must compensate for 60 to 70 vacancies in housekeeping, but the pay does not reflect the added work, Davis said.

"I would like to see extended raises

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# Housing prohibits building metal lofts

By MARCIE BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Sturdy Boy metal lofts were not approved for construction in University residence halls.

After several days of inspection, the University housing department decided the lofts were not safe enough for residence halls, and the department will not include metal lofts in its loft policy, said Wayne Kuncl, director of University housing, Thursday.

Maintenance staff assembled a sample loft from Sturdy Boy in the basement of Teague Residence Hall Friday to test its strength, accessibility and safety, he said.

"We do not feel the loft meets our guidelines based on the maintenance

staff's inspection of this particular loft," Kuncl said. "We do not want to generalize this to all of their (Sturdy Boy Loft Co.) products."

The prototype the company sent to the housing department was the same loft offered to students in the ad supplement in the summer edition of The Daily Tar Heel.

Gretchen Diffendal, Residence Hall Association president, said she agreed with Kuncl's decision not to accept the metal loft.

"Dr. Kuncl told me that because the lofts are all metal, they can conduct electricity," she said. "This is a definite concern, but its (the decision) not just

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# Hundreds expected to protest budget cuts

By NANCY WYKLE  
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Students and University staff members will protest the University budget cuts and proposed State Personnel Act layoffs Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Pit.

The protest will take place while members of the Board of Governors, Board of Trustees, General Alumni Association, General Administration and N.C. General Assembly are eating lunch in the Student Union.

"It's a rare chance for us to present to them our feelings about what's going on," said Matt Heyd, Student Congress speaker.

The Order of the Bell Tower is holding the lunch for the UNC vs. N.C. State football game.

Graduate students, University staff employees and student leaders have been "networking quietly" for several weeks, said Student Body President Bill Hildebolt.

Hundreds of people are expected at the protest, he said. Student Environmental Action Coalition and staff employees have been particularly effective in getting people involved, he said.

The protest organizers have tried to keep the event quiet, Hildebolt said.

"We didn't want it to be splashed across all the papers," he said. "We want to catch them a little off guard."

Speakers will not be present at the meeting and most of the demonstration will consist of picketing, he said.

# Streak tradition renude at UNC despite warnings from officials

By SHANNON O'GRADY  
Staff Writer

About 10 naked men were seen running through North Campus with bags over their heads Wednesday night, said women living in Kenan and McIver residence halls.

Some spectators said the incident might have been a continuation of the traditional Lewis Streak, which University administrators have tried to abolish because it violates the sexual harassment section of the Student Code.

McIver resident Tracy Soles said she saw the streakers. "I don't think it was offensive," she said. "Last night, I thought the dorm was falling down because all the people were running downstairs to see it."

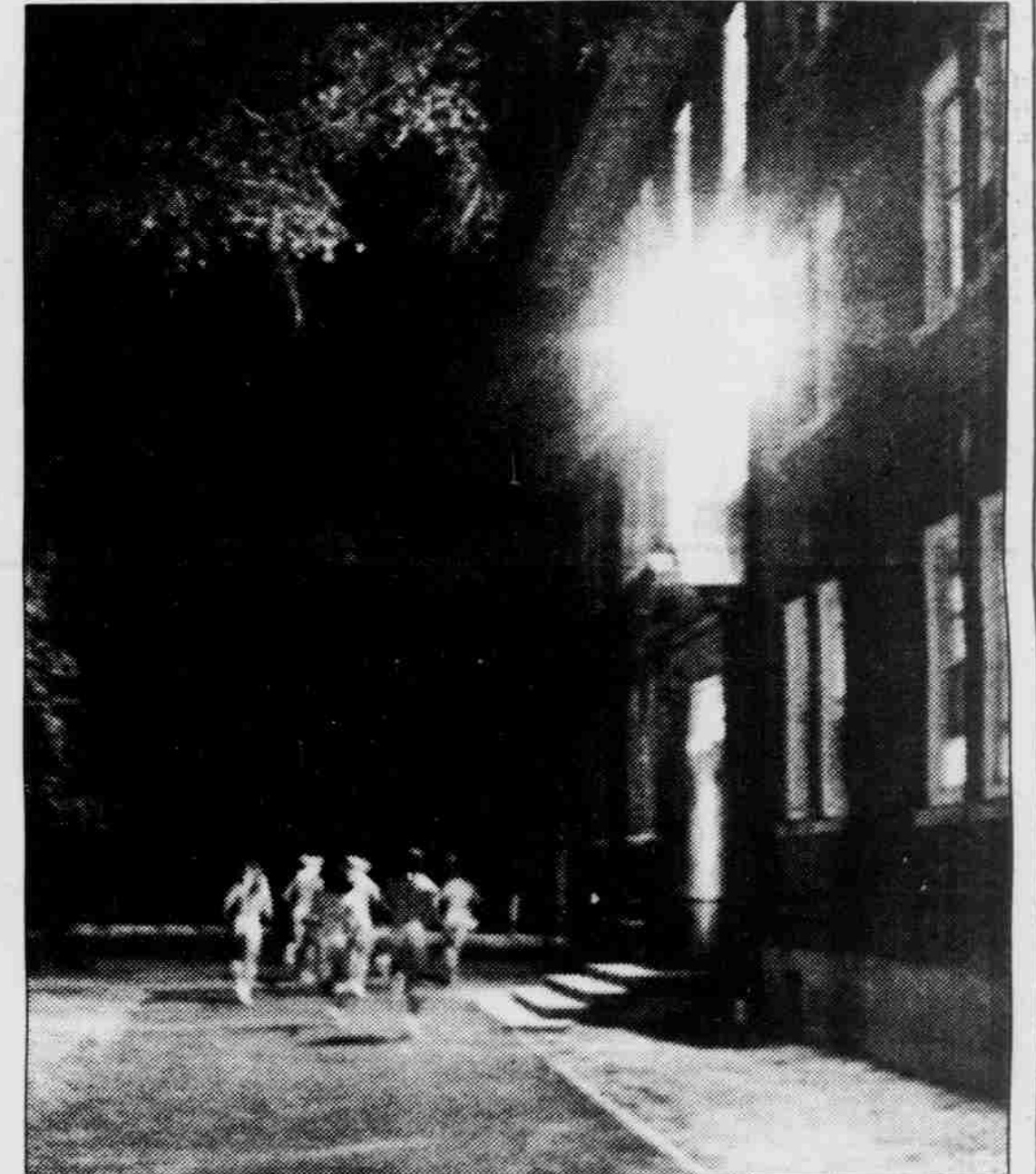
Kenan resident Amy Smith said she also witnessed the streak. "It was funny," she said. "I looked over at McIver and Alderman and all I could see were girls flying out of the doors."

Ruth Ann Woodley, another McIver resident, said she heard the streakers chant, "We're the boys from Lewis." After they chanted, they ran around the porches of McIver, Kenan and Alderman residence halls, she said.

Although viewers associated the incident with the Lewis Streak, University officials said they were unsure who the men were.

"I know that males were apparently streaking, but there is no information that they were Lewis students," said Wayne Kuncl, housing director. "We don't know who the people are at this point."

Gretchen Diffendal, resident hall association president, agreed with Kuncl that Lewis residents probably did not participate in the streak.



A group of men streaks through North Campus Wednesday night

"So far, all indications show they were not Lewis residents," she said. Jim Weaver, area director for Olde Campus where the streak took place, is responsible for compiling a report about the incident to submit to the

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# Drug abuse indiscriminate in choice of victims touched by traumatic consequences

Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of articles examining the issues of drug abuse on campus and across the nation. Please see the related story on page 4.

By ERIC LUSK  
Staff Writer

Drug abuse — thought by some to be common only in the ghettos and poor neighborhoods of America — exists even in professional environments, including such "esteemed" fields as law, medicine and politics.

"Addiction is an equal opportunity employer," said Larry Pittman, a counselor at the Carolina Manor Treatment Center in Lumberton. "It affects all genders, all races and all nationalities."

"We treat everybody from the destitute to lawyers, physicians and families of famous politicians."

Lee Dogoloff, executive director for the American Council for Drug Education, said more than 70 percent of the drug users in this country are employed. For this reason, a growing number of businesses now sponsor drug-free workplace programs designed to help abusers deal with their addiction without the hazard of losing their jobs.

Such programs can benefit both



companies and their employees. While drug users may feel uneasy about admitting they have a problem, it's cheaper for the user and the company to deal with it now and break the abuse cycle, said Ray Rappold, a UNC geography professor.

Permanent full- and part-time University employees who admit they have substance abuse problems can receive monetary assistance from one of two UNC-approved health plans, said Mike Lewis, a UNC employee relations officer.

Under either of the two plans, employees can receive full coverage for up to 30 calendar days of in-patient care and partial coverage for out-patient care.

"The key is the employee needs to come forward and say, 'Help,'" Lewis said. "Upon successful completion of the program, employees can come back

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## Idolized

Rock star Billy Idol, now recovered from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident earlier this year,

performs to an enthusiastic crowd in the Smith Center Wednesday night.

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