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Economy slowing down, report says

WASHINGTON — Factory orders for "big-ticket" durable goods fell 1.7 percent in September, the government said Wednesday.

Analysts said the report foretells a production and employment slump in the industrial sector, which has lost 500,000 jobs since January 1989.

"It was another report indicating the economy is slowing down, probably ... that we're in a recession — but probably indicating the recession will be mild," said Elliott Platt, director of economic research at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, a New York securities dealer.

'Bottom has dropped out' for Republicans

WASHINGTON — Less than two weeks before Election Day, pollsters are reporting a nationwide drop in support for Republican candidates. Entrenched GOP Sens. Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota are among the endangered.

"The bottom has dropped out," said David Keene, a Republican political consultant and conservative activist.

"In the last 10 days Republicans have taken a nose dive," said Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn.

"There does seem to be a marked movement toward the Democratic Party, largely because of the fairness issue," said Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa.

The decline in GOP prospects shows up with remarkable consistency in polls around the country. The shift away from the Republicans has dashed the party's hopes of cutting into the 55-45 Democratic majority in the Senate.

Dole leaving for new job, not lack of clout

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, the first member of President Bush's Cabinet to resign, said Wednesday she was leaving for new challenges, not because of a perceived lack of influence at the White House.

Dole, the highest-ranking woman in the Bush administration, said that after 25 years of government service, she was looking forward to her new job as president of the American Red Cross.

She denied reports that she had been frozen out by White House policy-makers. Aides and union leaders have said she had little clout at Bush's Cabinet table, and many labor policy decisions were left to Chief of Staff John Sununu.

Women can give birth after menopause

BOSTON — Older women can now get pregnant after menopause with the help of a method of test-tube fertilization that bypasses one of the seemingly absolute barriers of biology.

With this technique, doctors remove eggs from a healthy donor, fertilize them in a lab dish with sperm and then implant them in the infertile woman's womb.

Its developers say the new method should allow healthy women to routinely get pregnant and give birth after the change of life, even when they are in their 40s, 50s and perhaps 60s.

"The menopausal woman can have a family using this technology," said Dr. Mark Sauer of the University of Southern California, who was among the first to offer the method.

— From Associated Press reports

Statue debate heats up on campus

Sculpture outside Davis Library gets varying reactions

By JENNIFER PILLA
Assistant University Editor

Tensions mounted and debate raged as students continued to express objections and support about a sculpture placed outside of Davis Library Tuesday.

Groups of students and administrators began gathering around the sculpture

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about 11 a.m., when an English class went to discuss possible racial and sexual stereotypes the statues conveyed.

The crowd swelled to about 150 people at one point during the day, and people continued to come look at the statues and discuss them into the evening.

Students argued about the ideas represented by "The Student Body," which was donated by the Class of 1985 and sculpted by Julia Balk. Many students said they felt the statues perpetuated racial and sexual stereotypes already ingrained in society.

Dana Lumsden, a junior from Boston who is leading a group called UNC Community Against Offensive Statues (CAOS), said the group was circulating a petition to have the statues moved to a different site. About 520 people already have signed the petition.

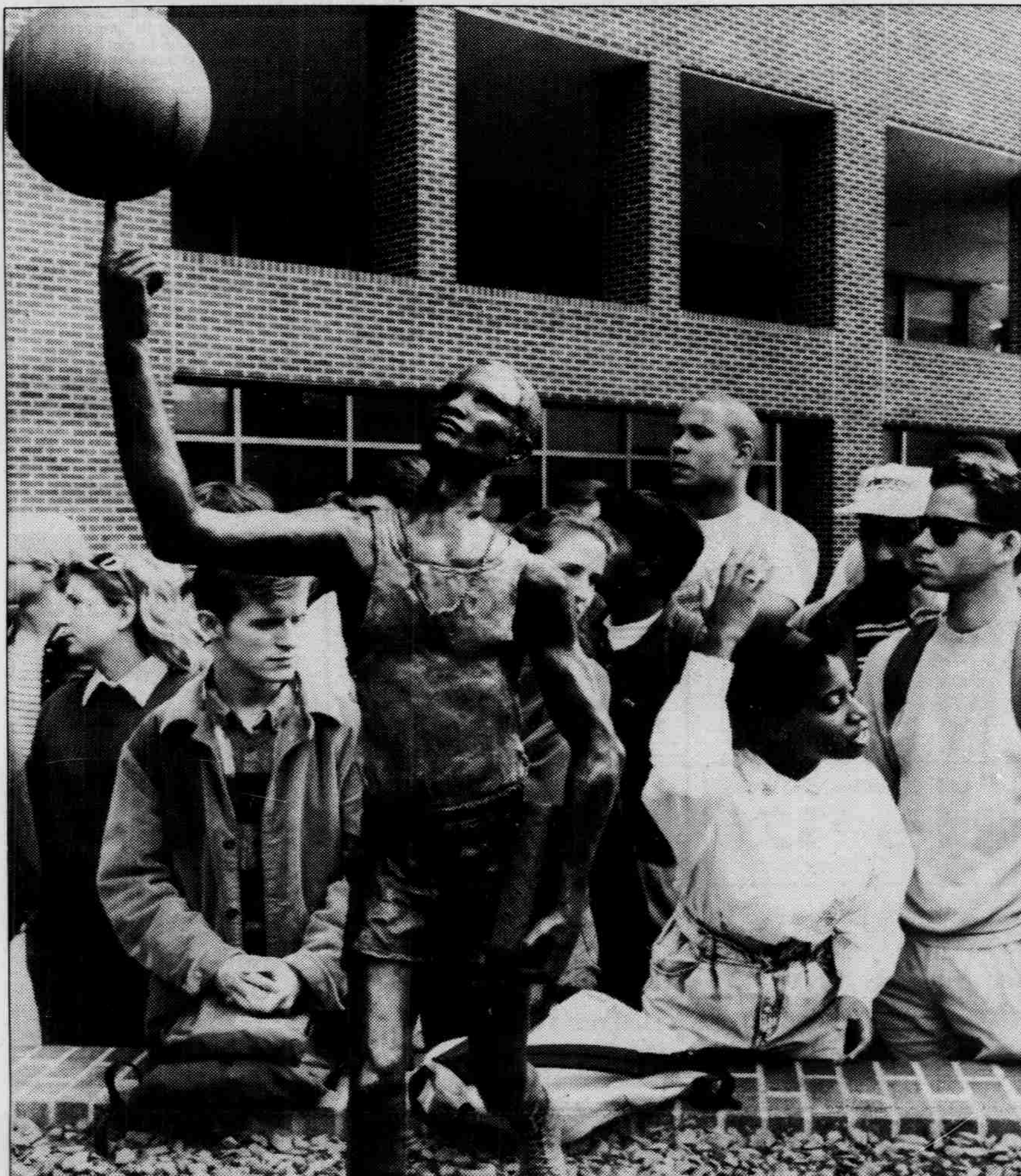
"The discussion we've had is good," Lumsden said. "But there's got to be a certain point when you say 'let's get organized.'"

Chancellor Paul Hardin, Balk and the officers of the Class of '85 will receive the petition, Lumsden said.

CAOS members also will present the petition to Student Body President Bill Hildebolt to take to the next meeting of the UNC Board of Trustees. The trustees are scheduled to vote on whether to approve the statues Friday, he said. The BOT's formal agenda does not include voting on the statues.

Chris Bracey, a junior from Columbia, Md., said he was offended by the

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Students express objections to the statues outside Davis Library Wednesday morning

DTH/Jim Holm

BSM organizes study-in protest against sculpture

By NATALIE A. GODWIN

Staff Writer

Members of the Black Student Movement Central Committee are encouraging students who find the sculpture in front of Davis Library offensive to participate in a study-in today to protest the sculpture.

The group's members discussed the study-in, which will be held in front of Davis, at its meeting Wednesday night.

Sabrina Evans, BSM president, said she personally opposed the sculpture because it did not represent academic life.

She wants the study-in to be a rational statement of how the BSM feels about the incident, Evans said. "I do want to present that African-Americans and women do have an academic life."

The sculptor is entitled to her own opinion about the meaning of the sculpture, Evans said. "However, I am opposed to the erection of the statue as a University structure because I do not feel it represents academic life on this campus. To say that this structure is indicative of our student body is wrong."

"The sculpture seems to indicate that we don't study, but play basketball and walk around with books on our heads." The study-in would contradict these ideas, she said.

"This is a call for everyone — not just the Black Student Movement — but for everyone who finds the sculpture offensive or thinks that the structure does not indicate a true representation of academic life on this campus."

"We want this to be an ongoing protest," Evans said. "Bring people, bring your books, bring your disgust."

Devin Byrd, a freshman from Charlotte, said he would participate in the study-in. "I believe students should support this cause and that it's wrong for the statues to be up for what they represent."

Chris Freeman, a sophomore from Charlotte, also said he would support

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Minority enrollment rises; goal is retention, leaders say

By MATT CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The University's undergraduate minority enrollment has increased 1.5 percent this year from last year's statistics, but the focus needs to be on retention now, leaders of the UNC minority community said Wednesday.

According to a report from Institutional Research, the total percentage of undergraduate minorities at the University increased from 13 percent to 14.5 percent.

African-American enrollment has increased from 9.5 percent last year to 10.2 percent this year, the report stated. This reflects an additional 113 African-American students who enrolled at the University this fall.

The enrollment of Asian-American students has increased by 1 percent, with 94 additional Asian-American students enrolling at the University. The undergraduate Native American enrollment increased this year by .09 percent, or 15 students, and the Hispanic population increased by .15 percent, or 25 students.

Of this year's freshman class, 18

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— Laura Anderson

percent are a member of a minority.

Laura Anderson, Black Student Movement minister of information, said keeping minority students in school was as important as enrolling them. The climate at the University has a great impact on minority retention, she said. "Academic centers here are good and they can be of help to minority students. However, it's the climate that keeps minority students here on campus," Anderson said. "UNC needs to be conscious in its treatment of minorities by hiring more minority counselors, increased hiring of minority professors and expansion of the Black Cultural Center."

"A college campus is a supposedly liberal place. However, the climate of the University is not very warm towards minorities right now," Anderson said.

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said students felt the lack of minority faculty members may contribute to low retention rates for students.

Students comment that classes reflect a lack of minority consideration in the curriculum, students are not well received when researching minority topics and students find that professors don't know about minority contributions in the studied curriculum, she said.

Students also feel there is a lack of minority participation in the senior administration policy-making, Fuse-Hall said.

At some UNC-system universities, minority enrollment has not changed significantly.

N.C. State University has remained constant in its minority enrollment. Richard Howard, director of institutional research, said, "There is no noticeable change from last year's figures."

UNC-Greensboro's freshman class surpassed UNC-CH's African-American enrollment. UNC-G's enrollment was 17.4 percent African-American, compared to UNC-CH's 12.3 percent.

'KKK' painted on University vehicle

By YU-YEE WU

Staff Writer

University police found "KKK" spray-painted on the right front fender of a state-owned car in the Undergraduate Library parking lot Sunday night.

The car, which had been parked in the lot since Friday afternoon, was issued to Academic Computing Services, said an employee of the Motor Fleet Management Repair Authorization department.

William Groves, academic computing services director, said he saw the vandalized car Monday afternoon. The Ku Klux Klan symbol was painted in large red letters, he said.

"They (the letters) were 6 inches to a foot in height, and 1 1/2 feet to 2 feet wide," he said.

University police Maj. Robert Porreca said the police had no suspects.

The police report stated that the car had been stumped on and the windshield smashed. Groves said another state-owned car parked in the same lot had its windshield smashed in a similar manner.

Porreca said he did not think the car vandalism was related to other recent racist and anti-homosexual incidents, such as the defacement of a Harvey Gantt poster in Mangum Residence Hall and anti-homosexual slurs on a Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association Cube announcement.

"There's no way to connect these because they are so widely separated," he said. "I think that it is just childish vandalism."

Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, said he was wary of attributing the incident to racism.

"I have no way of knowing," he said. "It's the work of an unthinking, uncaring person who has little idea of what they're doing to other people."

Sabrina Evans, Black Student Movement president, said she believed this incident was another example of the racist undercurrent on campus that had not been adequately addressed by University administrators.

"The University has got to deal with racism actively and on an ongoing basis. Not reactively, like they have been doing," she said.

Citizens' group continues pressure to make airport private

By PETER F. WALLSTEN

City Editor

A citizens' group announced Wednesday it would continue to pressure UNC to limit the growth of Horace Williams Airport following the University's decision last week to keep the facility public.

Citizens for Airport Planning (CAP), an active opponent of the airport, pushed the University to recommend that the Federal Aviation Administration give Horace Williams a private designation.

"We have tried to suggest ways to make (the airport) safer and more compatible with the surrounding community, and the private designation was a reasonable and workable tool to accomplish this," the group said in a released statement.

The University decided to keep the airport's public designation based on

economic and safety reasons, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Charles Antle said Monday.

By keeping the public designation, the airport will receive two devices helpful to pilots landing in Chapel Hill, he said. The Radio Navigational System (RNAV), which would assist pilots landing in severe weather, will be installed at no cost. Also, the National Weather Service and the FAA will give the airport weather-monitoring equipment with the public designation.

CAP disagreed with Antle's claims that the University would be unable to afford the weather equipment if the airport were private. The RNAV, the statement said, "could encourage more landings under hazardous weather conditions." The statement said encouraging planes to land in foul weather was inappropriate for an airport near

schools and homes.

The Chapel Hill Town Council and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board both requested that the University study the private-use designation. But Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes said he supported UNC's decision.

"I think they've done an exhaustive job of examining that question," he said. "In my mind, they've laid that issue to rest."

Howes said he had always thought the best solution to the Horace Williams issue had been to move the airport to a less dense area, but for now, UNC had made the best choice.

In the statement, CAP outlined its intentions.

First, the group wants to discourage use of runways from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. every day, instead of the University's proposal to discourage use from mid-

night to 6 a.m. The 9 p.m. plan was "originally requested by the University and reaffirmed in a letter from the airport management to pilots as recently as 1989," the statement said.

Second, the statement called for the University to keep the number of planes based at the airport at 43 instead of increasing that number to the maximum of 50.

Also, the group wants the University to consider changing the present "atypical" flight pattern to the more normal left-turn pattern. According to CAP representative Diane Bloom, the patterns were changed to "atypical" sometime before 1975 because, at that time, the northern part of town was less developed than the southern part.

Now the northern end is more developed, and the RNAV system will encourage more transient planes to land

at the airport. Bloom wrote in an additional statement. "The typical flight pattern would be safer and more familiar" to transient pilots, Bloom wrote.

But Howes said the number of transient pilots should not have played a part in the University's decision. "The truth is the amount of transient traffic is about zero," he said.

Designating Horace Williams for private use would have been unwise because the airport would have been unable to receive the new enhancements, Howes said.

"The basic thrust is that I was convinced the private designation would reduce safety rather than enhance safety," he said. "That's where (the University) came down, and that's where I come down. The principal objective is finding a new location for the airport."

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Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere. — G.K. Chesterton