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## Prisoners released by new government

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A group of 151 prisoners, some jailed for political offenses, was freed Tuesday after being granted amnesty by the country's caretaker government, officials said.

The government announced the amnesty on Saturday for thousands of prisoners jailed without trial or convicted by martial law courts under deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

Prisons Inspector Gen. Abdul Matin said 750 prisoners would be released by the end of the week from the Central Jail in Dhaka.

Those freed Tuesday were greeted at the jail's gate by relatives who presented them with garlands and bouquets, witnesses said.

The caretaker government agreed Saturday to release 3,683 prisoners who were convicted by Ershad's martial law courts before the old ruler gave up his military title and became president in 1986.

## Stun-gun bill aimed at Florida schools

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Teachers would be able to use electric stun guns to protect themselves from students under a school security measure being introduced in the Florida legislature.

The bill was filed last week for this year's session, which begins March 5. The same bill passed the state House last session but failed in the Senate.

One of the co-sponsors, state Sen. William Bankhead, cited the increase of crime in his city of Jacksonville and elsewhere in the state. In 1987, 293 juveniles with firearms were arrested in Jacksonville, and 437 were arrested in 1988.

"It would provide some measure of comfort," Bankhead said of the proposal. "Teachers sometimes come in early and stay late and deal with some pretty unruly populations."

Stun guns, small enough to fit in a person's hand, emit a powerful electric shock when pressed against skin or clothing.

In most cases, they knock a person out for a few moments, but dealers warn that they could harm someone with a weak heart or other health problems.

## Troop actions persist in Soviet republics

RIGA, U.S.S.R. — Soviet commandos stormed a Latvian police academy Tuesday and seized weapons from cadets, and thousands at a Communist Party-led rally roared for a pro-Kremlin group to take power in the republic.

In Lithuania, a military helicopter circled the republican parliament and workers dug a long trench behind the building to protect it from Soviet tanks. A government official said 80 people were missing since Sunday's assault on the republic's television tower.

Fourteen people are known to have been killed in the attack; 230 were injured.

About 5,000 Kremlin loyalists also rallied in the Estonian capital of Tallinn, condemning the separatist Estonian government.

Tensions remained high in the Baltics, where Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has been striking back at pro-independence forces he says are violating the Soviet Constitution.

— From Associated Press reports

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# Trustee wants race-blind admissions

By STEVE POLITI  
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A decrease in the percentage of white males from North Carolina in UNC's freshman classes has prompted a member of the Board of Trustees to call for a race-blind admissions system.

John Pope, a Raleigh businessman and member of the BOT, said a race-blind admissions system would be fair to all UNC applicants.

"I think the benefit (of race-blind admissions) is that it's fair to all groups," Pope said. "I don't think the system we have now is fair as far as sex and race. It definitely favors the female and the minority, and the result is a student body that underrepresents the male student."

In 1987, there were 944 in-state white males in the freshman class, making up

29.8 percent of the class. That total dropped to 846 in 1990 or 26 percent of the freshman class.

Over that same period, the number of African-American males in the freshman class increased one-half of 1 percent.

Anthony Strickland, UNC assistant director of admissions, said changes in the University's enrollment reflected changes in society.

"As a state school, we reflect what is going on in society," Strickland said.

The number of minority students admitted tends to change from year to year depending on several factors, Strickland said.

"The numbers jump around quite a bit," he said. "We are seeing a large proportion of all minorities in the population (as a whole). I haven't

checked the statistics, but I understand they will also show that white female enrollment has had a similar decline."

Earl Phillips, BOT chairman, said the present system used by the admissions office is fair to all applicants.

"It should be race-blind and sex-blind, and I think it generally is," he said. "I think it is absolutely blind to all those subtleties and it admits the very best applicants. Unlike private universities who are influenced in a variety of ways, UNC is not."

Pope said a race-blind admissions system would create a student body male/female ratio similar to the North Carolina ratio. "The results would be a 48 to 52 percent male/female ratio," he said. "To my knowledge, Chapel Hill is the only state university with a 60 percent female student body."

N.C. State University has the same admissions system as UNC, but is producing much different results, Pope said.

"With the same system, N.C. State has only 36 percent female," he said. "Why the disparity?"

Kay Leager, NCSU associate director of admissions, said the percentage of females at NCSU has increased considerably over the last 10 or 15 years.

"There has been a gradual increase from year to year," she said. "N.C. State simply offers a great deal of majors that are traditionally of male interest."

Strickland said Native Americans and African Americans received special consideration from the admissions office, but race isn't the only factor weighed when admissions personnel review an application.

"People from some geographic ar-

ees, social and financial conditions, will do better on some tests," he said. "Some areas generally do better than other areas. We take that into consideration."

"Some people feel we have to admit people from certain areas or of certain races. The only structures we have to go by are class size and in-state and out-of-state ratios. Everything beyond that is comparative in nature."

Pope said the percentage of white male UNC students would keep decreasing if the system didn't change.

"Few people realize that only one out of four students are white males from North Carolina," he said. "The ratio will stay the same or keep going down. There's no desire to change the ratio they have. It will be even less than one out of four with more female students and more minority students."

# Committee's list said to exclude new statue site

By SHANNON O'GRADY  
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The relocation site for "The Student Body" sculpture was not among those recommended to Chancellor Paul Hardin by the University Buildings and Grounds Committee, a committee member said Monday.

The committee recommended at least five alternate sites for the controversial sculpture, said Gretchen Diffendal, a Buildings and Grounds Committee student member. Hardin's choice, the enclosed garden between Hamilton and Bynum halls, was not on the list, she said.

Hardin asked the committee last fall to suggest alternate sites for the statues, which drew criticism from students who said the statues projected racist and sexist stereotypes.

John Sanders, Buildings and Grounds Committee chairman, refused to discuss the committee's recommendations. "We made our recommendations to the chancellor, and I do not feel

free to discuss it," he said. "Whether it was on or off the list is not material."

Bill Massey, associate vice chancellor for University affairs, said Hardin considered all the sites recommended by the committee before making his decision.

"We did get recommendations from Buildings and Grounds, but it was not their charge to determine whether a site was good or appropriate," he said. "We studied several of their recommendations and found that they would not be suitable locations."

Hardin asked Massey and Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, to review several sites over Winter Break, Massey said. "The site we recommended to him was the one he eventually chose," he said.

The site between Hamilton and Bynum was considered for the original placement of the \$65,000 sculpture, which was a gift from the Class of 1985,

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## Busiwork

Senior business majors Dana Cockrell and Ruth Moseley discuss spring rush activity information for Delta Sigma

Pi business fraternity in front of Carroll Hall Tuesday afternoon.

DTH/Cheryl Kane

# Registrar pleased with Caroline's successful debut

By SOYIA ELLISON  
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Caroline has been operating relatively well despite the fact that 1,400 people were dropped from their classes for failing to pay their bills on time, said David Lanier, University registrar.

"I think it's gone very smoothly," he said. "I think we've got 1,400 students who are upset who got their classes canceled, but I think we've got about 20,000 students who are fairly happy."

The due date for students to pay their bills was Dec. 20, but officials in the Registrar's Office waited until Dec. 31 before canceling classes of students who had not paid, he said.

"We checked on the 20th, and there were over 5,000 students who had not paid their bills," he said.

Dropping students from classes opened up about 6,400 spots, he said.

Termain Kyle, a freshman from Asheville, said he was dropped from his classes because he did not know that students with financial aid were sup-

posed to sign the tuition-and-fees form and return it to the office.

"I know at least 12 people in my dorm alone who had their registration canceled when they got back to school," he said. "Everything has worked out, but the last four or five days have been insane trying to get classes."

Justin Brown, a freshman from Baltimore, also was dropped for not turning in his tuition-and-fees form.

"Why wasn't I informed before I was dropped?" he said. "If they're going to have this incredibly hard punishment, then they should do a better job of informing you."

Lanier said he was considering notifying students that they were going to be dropped before it actually happened, but it would be very expensive.

He also is looking for solutions to the problem of the number of students who didn't receive their course packets on time, he said.

Requiring students to pick up their packets in Woollen Gym instead of

mailing the packets to students over Winter Break is one alternative, he said. But there is no plan to change the system now. Distributing the packets in Woollen Gymnasium would cost about \$1,000, he said.

Other improvements include adding more telephone lines and allowing graduate students to register first. Sixteen telephone lines, at a cost of \$23,000, will be added to the existing 32 lines by March if possible, Lanier said.

Graduate students also will be able to register one week before seniors, which should make it easier for the graduate students to register and cut down on the volume of calls during the seniors' week.

Although the telephone system now is open to any student regardless of their year classification, Caroline has been able to handle the heavy volume of calls, he said.

"We opened on Jan. 9, and it was super busy on Wednesday and Thursday," he said. "It was busier than any other time we used it."

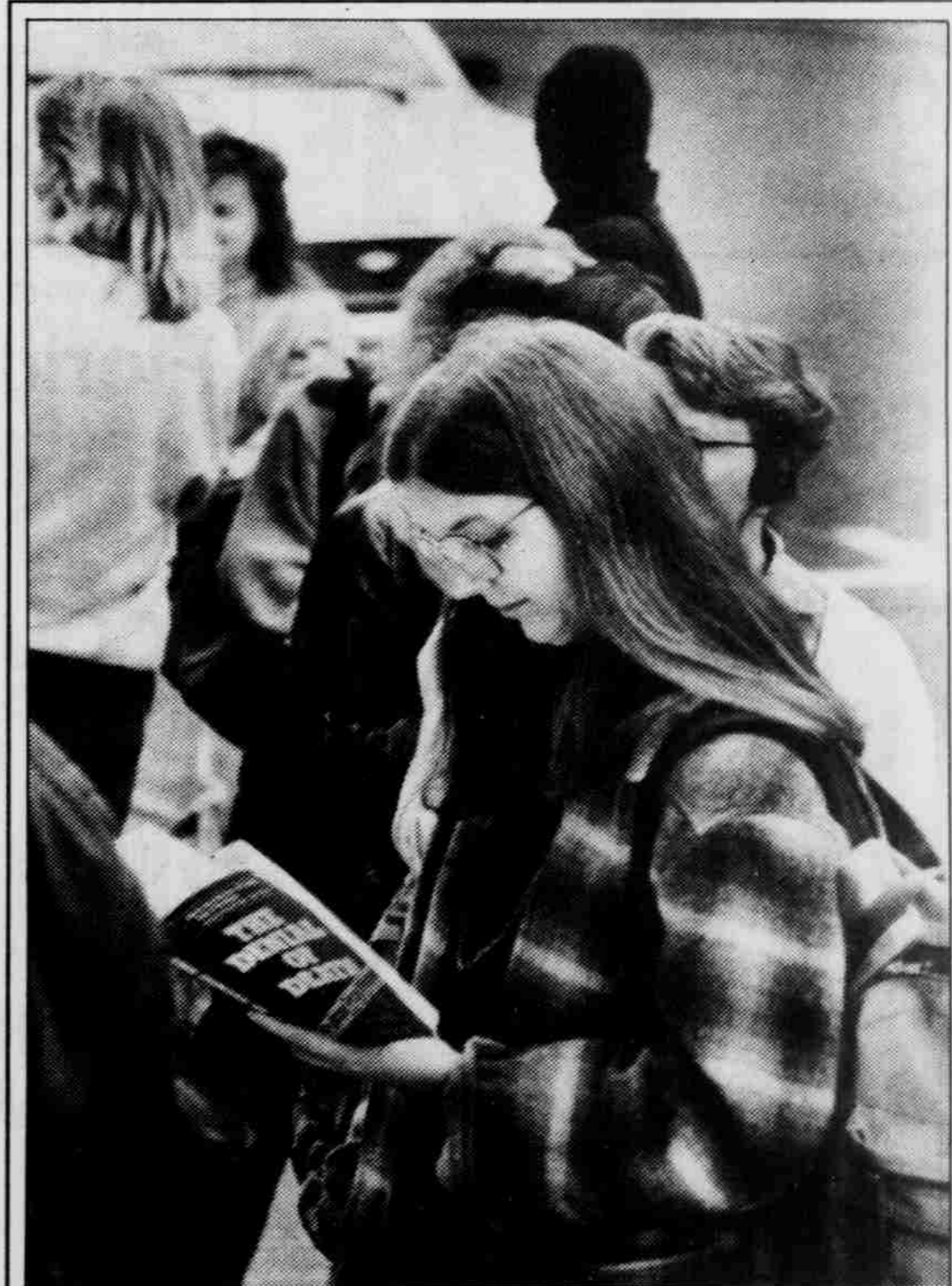
About 1,700 people have registered since Jan. 9, and the system has averaged between 6,000 and 7,000 course transactions per day, he said.

The biggest concern of Registrar's Office staff was the number of departments accessing the system at once, he said. During the first two days the com-

puters moved slowly, he said.

John Florin, geography department chairman, said he thought the system was working well.

"I think the class statistics (from Caroline) we have are more accurate," he said. "It's a whole lot better than Woollen Gym registration."



## Line of credit

Sherry Hamby, a psychology graduate student from Fairfax, Va., waits in line outside the cashier's office at Bynum Hall Tuesday.

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