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## English department to drop 40 sections

By Karen Schwartz  
Staff Writer

About 40 sections in a broad range of English classes probably will be eliminated next year because of University budget cuts.

English Department Chairman Joseph Flora said the department's budget would be cut by 35 percent.

Sections of composition, creative writing and literature classes will be eliminated, and remaining class sizes probably will increase, he said.

Computer labs in Greenlaw Hall also may close or be open fewer hours. "We will have no money to staff those (computer labs)," Flora said.

The English teaching assistants also will suffer, he said. "It looks very grim for us to be able to hire any new positions."

Also, some graduate students will finish their studies this year and leave the University, resulting in a reduced TA staff next year, he said.

Flora said he did not know whether present TA positions would be cut before next year. "It's certainly our priority to take care of the people we already have commitments to."

The reductions will make it difficult for freshmen to meet their aesthetic perspective requirements and may reduce the number of freshmen declaring English as their major next year, he said.

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Senior religious studies major

do," Flora said.

Mac McGee, a film criticism TA, said the increase in class sizes would hurt freshmen. "For a lot of freshmen, English class is the only time they get individual attention," he said.

Terry Mancour, a senior from Durham, said he switched his major from English to religious studies last fall because he could not get enough English classes to fulfill the major's requirements.

He had completed 80 percent of the religious studies major requirements before he could get one English course, Mancour said.

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English Professor Townsend Ludington said the section cuts and increases in class sizes would hurt the

quality of education at the University.

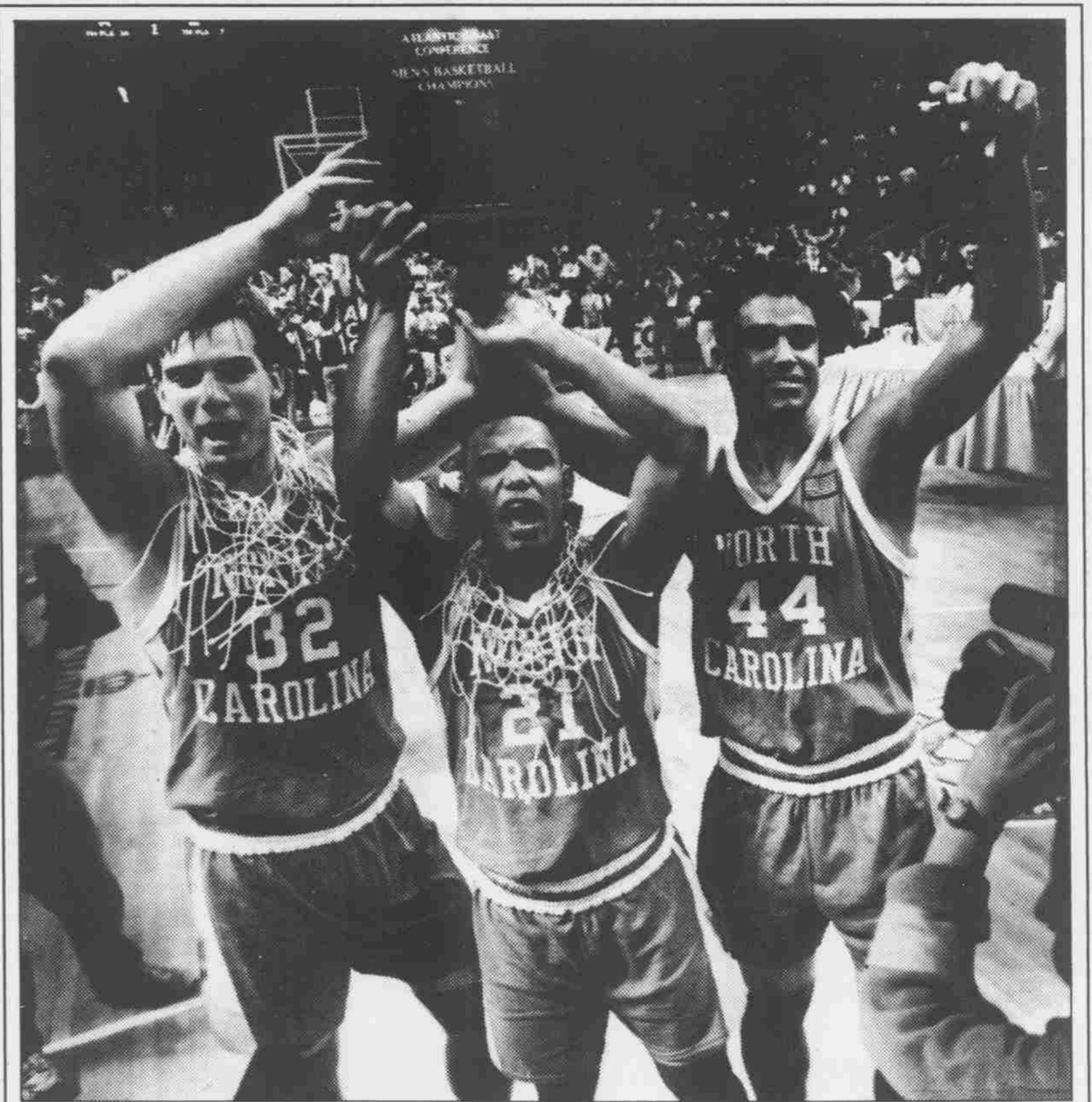
"When you run the numbers up, quality of any kind of instruction is hurt," he said. "A seminar stops being a seminar after 10 to 12 people. A discussion class stops being a discussion class after 18 to 24 people. In large classes you have to cut back on what you can assign."

Carrie Blackstock, an English I TA, said she had already noticed an increase in class size.

Senior Joy Bowers, an English major, said all of her English classes this year had been filled to capacity.

"When everyone is there, five or six people have to sit on the floor," she said. English classes are extremely hard to get and English majors often have difficulty fulfilling their requirements before graduation, she said.

"The teachers have to turn away students, even some seniors," she said.



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### Winners and still champs ...

UNC seniors Pete Chilcutt, King Rice and tournament MVP Rick Fox celebrate after a 96-74 thumping of Duke in the ACC

Tournament final March 10. The win gave the trio its second ACC title in three seasons. See story page 7.

## Hardin decides Griffin victim of discrimination

By Gillian Murphy  
Staff Writer

Chancellor Paul Hardin recently ruled that a University employee was racially discriminated against when he was not given the authority to perform the duties of his job.

Bennie Griffin, a housing maintenance supervisor, filed a grievance in September 1990 because he felt his

supervisors did not give him the authority they gave white employees of the same level.

Hardin's March 7 ruling, part of Step 3 of the grievance procedure, expanded a Step 2 ruling. The Step 2 ruling also found that Griffin was not treated fairly, but did not find the cause to be racial.

The Step 3 committee ruled that Griffin was discriminated against by his supervisor, Dave Maynard. The

committee said Maynard had used derogatory language in reference to Griffin several times and had hindered his job performance.

Alan McSurely, Griffin's lawyer, said any punishment of Maynard would be up to Gene Swecker, associate vice chancellor for facilities management. Swecker said he was not permitted to discuss personnel matters.

McSurely said he thought Hardin's

decision was the first time a chancellor had found for an employee on the basis of racial discrimination since the grievance procedure was initiated.

Susan Ehringhaus, the University's senior counsel, declined to comment.

McSurely said he thought the case represented a "heightened consciousness on the part of the Chancellor and other key persons. The University should be more sensitive to discriminating

practices. We think it was a great victory. It will help all African-American workers on campus."

Griffin said he was acting on others' behalf as well as his own.

"I think any type of discrimination should not be tolerated," he said. "If (I don't act) it leaves it open for open season for those after me."

Griffin also has filed a second grievance, in which he alleges that he and

other employees who supported him were harassed by his supervisors after he filed the first grievance.

McSurely said Griffin had received an oral warning from his supervisor immediately after he filed the first grievance and that it was soon followed by two written warnings. An employee receives two written warnings before

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DTH/Kathy Michel

### Line up to learn

Junior Velma Tucker and sophomore Kimberly Brown help a group of Head Start preschoolers line up to leave Great Hall

after the children learned about Africa and black history and heard African music and legendary African stories.

## Internationalist Books may reopen by April as group considers store's future

Staff report

Internationalist Books may reopen by April 1, according to a member of the Internationalist Bookstore Committee.

Jane Stein, a member of the group committed to keeping the store open, said the bookstore could be operating on a part-time basis by April.

When opened, the store probably will be staffed by volunteers, Stein said. It will operate on an indefinite schedule at first, but may be open for as many as 40 hours a week, she said.

But the group is still considering long-range plans for the store, she said. "We don't know whether it will be

non-profit or not," Stein said.

The group, in conjunction with Sheldon's family members, is debating the best way to operate the store in the future, Stein said.

Internationalist Books, located at 408 W. Rosemary St., was known as a place where locals could go to read alternative

publications and enjoy discussing politics and social issues.

Store owner Bob Sheldon, 40, died last month after being shot while in his store Feb. 21.

Chapel Hill police investigators have not made any arrests or established a

firm motive for the killing.

Meanwhile, a cash reward of \$62,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest in the Sheldon death. People with information are urged to call the Chapel Hill Police at 968-2760 or Internationalist Bookstore Committee members at 933-7729 or 968-0407.

## Iraqi rebels, government blame each other for massacre of thousands in southern Iraq

Associated Press report

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Rebels claimed on Sunday that government forces massacred thousands of people in napalm attacks that left the burned bodies of women and children strewn along a highway in southern Iraq. State-run newspapers in Baghdad

also reported horrific scenes of destruction in two southern cities, saying the bodies of hundreds of people killed by anti-government rioters were on the streets or stacked in hospitals.

None of the claims by the rebels or the newspapers could be verified because few foreign journalists have been

allowed to cover the fighting.

Baghdad Radio said Iraq's National Assembly would meet in a special session Wednesday. The agenda was not announced for the meeting of the rubber-stamp parliament. The session was called one day after President Saddam Hussein promised major political re-

forms once the rebellions were crushed.

The radio also said Izzat Ibrahim, deputy chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, met with army commanders in the northern Tamim province. It referred to him for the first time as the deputy commander of the armed forces but did not indicate

if that signaled changes in the command of Iraq's army, which was crushed in the Persian Gulf War.

Ibrahim also met with Kurdish tribal chiefs at a Baath Party headquarters in the northern Tamim province, the Iraqi

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**WEATHER**  
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TUESDAY: High upper 50s  
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You can't drown yourself in drink. I've tried: you float. — John Barrymore