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## O'Connor in running for Pitt presidency

**Staff report**  
UNC Provost Dennis O'Connor said Thursday he had interviewed for the presidency of the University of Pittsburgh, but that he has not been actively seeking a position at another school. O'Connor is one of five finalists for

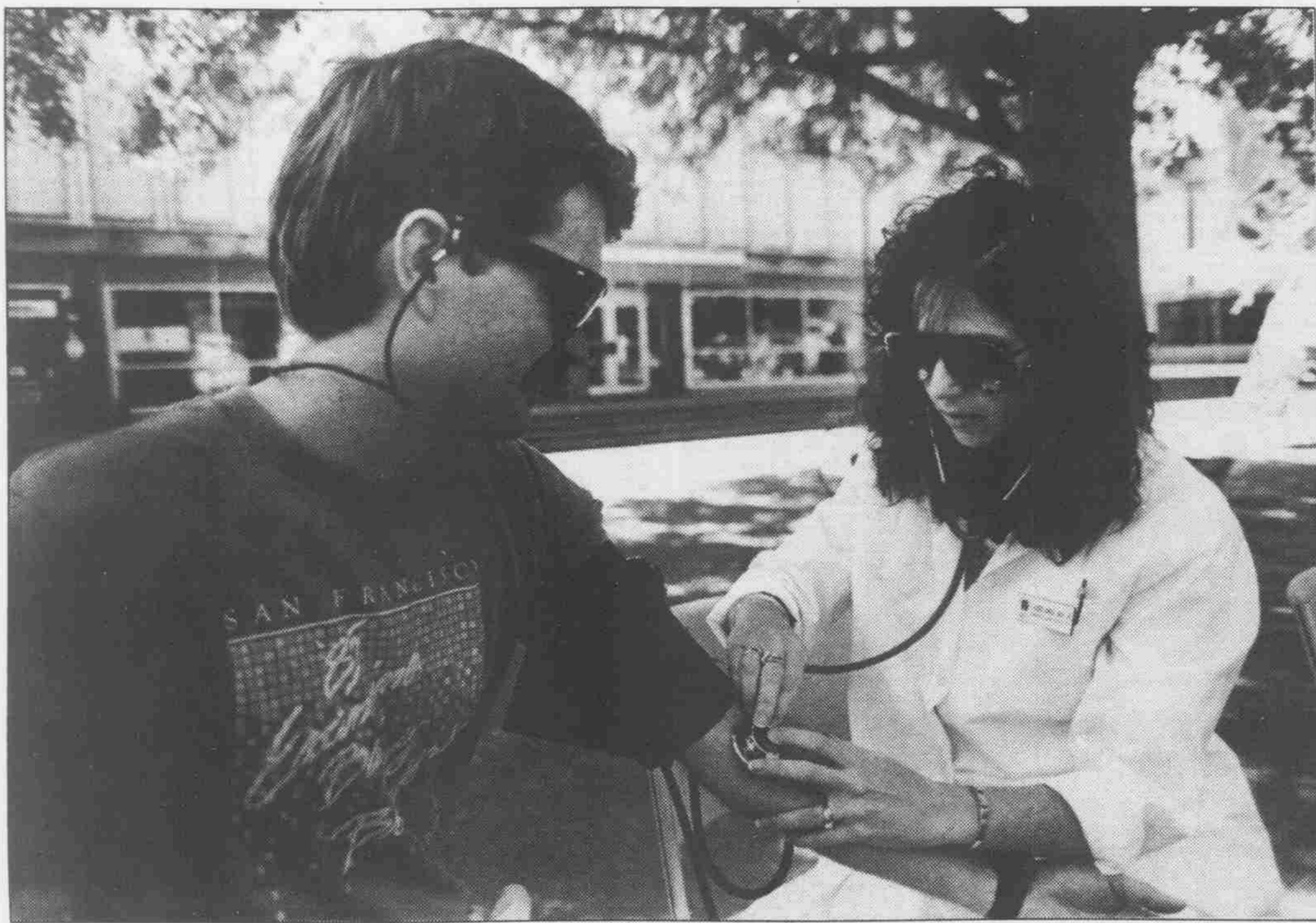
the position, which University of Pittsburgh officials expect to fill in May. "My wife and I were invited to go to the University of Pittsburgh to talk about the position of the presidency," he said. O'Connor, who was in Pittsburgh Tuesday and Wednesday, said he did

not know if he would hear from Pittsburgh officials. He said he turned down interviews at about 12 schools in the last few years. He decided it would be interesting to visit the University of Pittsburgh to see what an urban university was like, he

said. But he has returned and is concentrating on UNC's problems, he said. It is not uncommon for universities trying to fill positions to ask administrators at other schools to interview, he said. Some university administrators and

faculty members may agree to interviews more readily when their schools are faced with budget problems, he said. "I think that when institutions are in a state of some financial constraints, some institutions certainly know that," O'Connor said. "One needs to think

that academics are not immune from economic forces." O'Connor was appointed provost in November 1988, four months after he was named acting provost. Before that he had served as vice chancellor of research and dean of the graduate school.



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### Pressure's on

Mark Thompson, a graduate in the School of Business, has his blood pressure checked by Jackie Jones, director of nursing, in the Pit Thursday afternoon. The free blood pressure

screening was offered as part of the "Thank Goodness I'm Fit" health fair, sponsored by the Wellness Resource Center and Carolina Dining Service.

## Dispute not evident in murder-suicide

**By Nancy Johnson**  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Police say they still have no leads on a motive or evidence of a serious dispute before a murder-suicide that occurred on Franklin Street early Monday morning.

Derrick Cherome Noell, 20, of Chapel Hill, shot and killed 20-year-old Veronica Lashonne Foushee and then committed suicide early Monday morning in the parking lot of University Square on Franklin Street in what police have said was a domestic dispute.

Foushee died at the scene of the crime, and Noell was transported to UNC Hospitals where he later died. Both died from a single gunshot wound to the head, fired from a .44-magnum.

Capt. Ralph Pendergraph said

Thursday that active investigation of the incident had been closed and that witnesses had "confirmed a general lack of information" about the incident.

Published reports have said Noell shot Foushee as she was attempting to get into her car after refusing to speak with him, but Chapel Hill police said they had no evidence to confirm the information.

Witnesses at the scene who knew both Noell and Foushee said the couple had been involved in a relationship and had a child, but police also said they had no official information about the couple's relationship.

Chapel Hill police investigated their records for any information reported prior to the incident that may have foreshadowed problems between Noell and Foushee, but the records contained

no such evidence, Pendergraph said.

"Basically, our conclusion was that we had not had any contact before the incident," he said. The police had never received calls about domestic disputes between the couple, he said.

Pendergraph contacted the Orange-Durham Coalition for Battered Women to relay information about the incident.

Despite this incident of violence, the police have no immediate plans of increasing security in the area, Pendergraph said. Young people often gather at University Square on weekends to socialize with their friends, but the incident should not be considered typical for the area, he said.

"This incident, I think, does not reflect the character of the area," he said. "This was an incident between two people. They could have been anywhere."

Considering the large number of young people that congregate in the area, it is not as big a problem as one might think, Pendergraph said.

"I don't think you'll find that that area is as big a problem as similar areas in other cities," he said.

The Chapel Hill police have two or three foot patrol officers within walking distance of the area at all times, Pendergraph said.

"We have probably the heaviest security there," he said. University Square also employs security guards of its own.

Foushee graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1988 and was employed at Wendy's Restaurant on 15-501. She had previously been employed at UNC Hospitals. Noell attended Chapel Hill High School as a sophomore in 1988 and was employed at UNC Hospitals.

## Speaker thinks 1991 civil rights act will pass

**By Mara Lee**  
Staff Writer

The Civil Rights Act of 1991 will be passed this year in the U.S. Congress, despite a possible presidential veto, said Julius Chambers, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Chambers, a UNC law school alumnus, spoke to a full auditorium in a speech sponsored by the UNC School of Law Class of 1990 Thursday night. He received a standing ovation as the keynote speaker of the William P. Murphy Distinguished Speaker Endowment at the Institute of Government.

The anti-discrimination lawsuits filed after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been losing ground since 1975, he said. "Reagan and Bush have further limited us. They would reverse much of the progress we have made."

The 1990 civil rights bill was not radical and had support from both parties, Chambers said. But President Bush vetoed the bill, and the Senate's attempt to override it failed by one vote. "The (Bush) administration was never serious about enacting the civil rights bill or making a compromise," he said. Chambers mentioned the recent opposition to minority-based scholarships by the U.S. Department of Education as part of the movement toward racially motivated campaigning.

"What we see in the administration today is part of an overall plan to make race an issue for political gains," he

said. "When Bush ran for president, I don't think he did anything different than what Helms did for the Senate. We haven't really spoken."

Chambers gave several reasons why the new bill may pass, including the Persian Gulf War. "For many Americans, life at the front was less grim than at home and chances for advancement more substantial," he said. Thirty percent of the ground forces in the Middle East were African Americans.

The U.S. Supreme Court formerly ruled that it was the employers' responsibility to prove that alleged discriminatory hiring practices were necessary business practices. But in 1989, it put that burden on the claimant.

Under Bush's proposals, employers only would need to demonstrate that the discrimination was due to customer preference.

"A bank could hire all white tellers. It could argue that most of its customers were white and it would lose some of its customers, some of whom might be nervous about an African-American teller handling their money," he said.

The bill is not a quota bill, he said. "Nothing in the amendment shall be construed as encouraging hiring quotas," he quoted the bill as stating.

The bill provides legal standing for gender discrimination cases. Bush has insisted on a \$150,000 cap on all damages, compensatory and punitive, even in intentional discrimination. Bush's proposal also stated that damages must



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Julius L. Chambers speaks about the Civil Rights Act of 1991

be argued before a judge, not a jury. "The administration concedes that its proposal will probably violate the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution," Chambers said. "But it's not going to budge. It tells them that we will encourage employers to erect barriers."

Chambers said the fight against prejudice was not yet won. He cited a

recent survey that showed most whites believed African Americans were lazy, incompetent and didn't want to work.

The Civil Rights Act of 1991 was the first bill introduced during this House session, but hasn't been put on the Senate floor yet. But if the bill receives public support, it will be passed by October, he predicted. "I remain optimistic."

## Supply center relocation may decrease costs

**By Burke Koonce**  
Staff Writer

A decision made by University administrators to move the faculty and staff supply center could save departments money, Central Warehouse Supervisor Joe Smith said Thursday.

The center now is located in the basement of Student Stores. It will be moved July 1 to a location on Airport Road.

Most departmental purchases will have to be from the state-funded Central Warehouse after the move, he said.

But UNC departments will be able to purchase items cheaper at the warehouse than other office supply businesses because the warehouse merchandise is bought with state contracts that often guarantee lower prices, he said.

Central Warehouse also has a lower operating costs than Student Stores, which allows them to offer some items at a lower price than the stores, he said. "I think we can save the departments money," he said.

Gregory Morton, Student Stores associate director, said the store had to be financially self-supporting, and therefore could not operate as inexpensively as Central Warehouse. "We pay our own way," he said.

Student Stores offers a wider, but sometimes more expensive, selection of student and office supplies, he said.

Because faculty and staff purchases are expected to decrease, the store will begin gearing itself more toward students, Morton said.

The Student Stores' sales totaled about \$2.6 million last year, he said. About 20 to 25 percent of the sales were to faculty, staff and departments, he said.

"We'll be doing a lot of work to get ready for this transition," he said.

Smith said Central Warehouse officials hope to take over most of the 20 to 25 percent of purchases usually made by faculty and staff at Student Stores, he said.

The University will transfer several UNC Student Stores employees to Central Warehouse to expedite the move.

University departments will find dealing with Central Warehouse convenient and efficient once the program is fully underway, he said.

"I think it's going to take a while for departments to pick up on the change," he said.

Smith said he hoped departments would take advantage of the Warehouse's delivery service.

"If you call this morning, chances are you'll get it this afternoon or tomorrow," he said.

New catalogues to help departmental personnel place delivery orders by telephone will be printed this summer, he said.

Central Warehouse eventually could expand its line of office supplies to the scope carried by Student Stores, he said.

"I want the departments to know that we can give them the same type service, equally or better," he said.

## UNC to award honorary degrees at '91 ceremony

**By Heather Phibbs**  
Staff Writer

When the graduating class of 1991 receives diplomas at Commencement May 12, three distinguished people with ties to the University will receive honorary degrees.

CBS News Correspondent Charles Kuralt will be one recipient of an honorary doctor of letters degree. Kuralt attended UNC from 1951 to 1955, but never received a degree. He dropped his classes the last term of his senior year to serve as editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

Federico Gil, Kenan professor emeritus of political science at UNC, and Archie Green, professor emeritus at the University of Texas, also are scheduled to receive honorary degrees.

Ann Woodward, chairwoman of the University's honorary degrees and special awards committee, said, "They are being recognized by the University for their outstanding achievements."

Faculty members, trustees, alumni and students in early fall nominate people they think should receive honorary degrees, Woodward said. The honorary degrees and special awards committee members make the selections from these nominations.

Three to five honorary degrees are awarded each year, Woodward said. Three degrees were awarded during last year's Commencement exercises, she said. Recipients must attend the UNC Commencement to receive the degrees.

After 34 years with CBS, Kuralt remains active with his "On the Road" series and anchoring CBS' "Sunday Morning" program.

"On the Road," begun in 1967, has won him such honors as the George Foster Peabody Award three times, nine Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Missouri Honor Medal for Lifetime Accomplishments in Journalism.

Kuralt was named "Broadcaster of

the Year" in 1983 by the International Radio and Television Society. He details his travels in two of six books, "On the Road with Charles Kuralt" and "A Life on the Road." The former was named a 1985 best seller.

Kuralt, a Wilmington native, was a member of the orders of the Old Well, Graill and Golden Fleece while at UNC.

The University honored Kuralt with a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1972. He was inducted into the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame in 1981 and spoke at UNC's 1985 Commencement.

Kuralt could not be reached for comment Thursday.

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SATURDAY: Cloudy; high near 60

#### ON CAMPUS

SpringFest, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday on Connor Beach. Six bands will be featured. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED!

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Only dead fish swim with the stream. — Unknown