

**WEATHER**  
TODAY: Cloudy; high mid-80s  
Weekend: Showers; high near 80

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**ON CAMPUS**  
Blue-White Soccer scrimmages Sunday on Fetzer Field: women at noon, men at 4 p.m.

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## The Ringmeister

Jostens representative Andy Bills, a UNC graduate, shows class rings to students outside Student Stores Thursday afternoon. Today is the last day for Jostens' sidewalk sale.

Students cannot buy class rings until they have completed 60 credit hours. Bills was one of many vendors in the Pit on the first day of classes.

## Drama building to house new academic center

By Bonnie Rochman  
Staff Writer

University officials plan to use private funds from the Bicentennial Campaign to help establish the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, a facility designed to foster excellence in undergraduate academics.

Robert Allen, General College associate dean, said Graham Memorial would be renovated to accommodate the center. The Department of Dramatic Art, which now occupies Graham Memorial, is scheduled to move to a planned addition to the Paul Green Theatre.

"The Center for Undergraduate Excellence will be one of the few buildings in the Bicentennial Campaign that will be exclusively devoted to enhancing the academic experience for undergraduate students," Allen said.

The center's design and cost estimate have not been completed, but Chancellor Paul Hardin approved the project in February, Allen said.

Stephen Birdsall, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the center's future hinged on the drama department receiving the funds necessary to add a wing to the Paul Green Theatre.

Allen said the center would sponsor visiting speakers and academic enrichment programs.

"Wouldn't it be great to have a spontaneous 'town meeting' with a panel of experts to discuss issues of concern to the University community, like the situation in the U.S.S.R. right now?" Allen asked.

"It would be possible in other places, but this building would be devoted to things like this," he said.

Allen said he envisioned classrooms with movable chairs so students and faculty could interact on a more personal level.

Seminar rooms, with up to 20 seats, and larger classrooms, with up to 35 seats, would be located in the building. "There is a demand for appropriate classrooms for different classes," Allen said.

A living room in which students and faculty could interact in an informal situation would be built, reminiscent of a time when professors invited students to their homes on a regular basis, Allen said.

Allen said 5,700 alumni were surveyed and were asked how their academic experience could have been bet-

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## Task force says community should crack down on crime

By Peter Wallsten  
City Editor

Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials need more "intestinal fortitude" in fighting crime problems throughout the community, residents and members of a task force on reducing violent crime and drug abuse said this week.

"Chapel Hill is a patient, and the patient is sick," said Mickey Ewell, owner of Spanky's, 411 West and Squid's restaurants. "There is no panacea, no one magic pill to cure it all."

Ewell, one of this year's 12 candidates for four open seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council, called for tougher enforcement of local laws regarding panhandling.

Crime is expected to be one of the main issues during the municipal election campaigns this year. An apparent increase in violent crime in the area, including fights and a shoot-out during a melee at Cat's Cradle this summer, has attracted much attention.

The Task Force on Reducing Violent Crime, Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use, which is headed by John Turner, dean of the UNC School of Social Work, is preparing a report to submit to the town council in October.

Task force members also discussed whether the location of the Inter-Faith Council Community House is to blame for the apparent crime increase.

Some suggested closing the shelter to people convicted of crimes.

"Maybe we need to work with the Inter-Faith Council," said Chapel Hill resident Perry Dowd. "Maybe if they've been in jail, they shouldn't be allowed to stay there. It's not a good scene for family living."

Jane Gold, a Chapel Hill resident, suggested transporting homeless people unable to stay at the shelter out of town so they would leave pedestrians alone. She criticized the administration of the shelter and kitchen and suggested changing the rules governing who can eat there.

Some members of the community were opposed to the shelter's present location at 100 W. Rosemary St., where it has been in operation since 1987. Opponents of the shelter's downtown location have said it attracts people who may be prone to commit crimes.

"If these people are drinking, they'll feed them three meals a day but won't let them stay there," Gold said. "It seems that maybe they need to put them on a bus and take them out between towns and leave them until the next meal. We don't need these people annoying people on Franklin Street."

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But advocates of the shelter charged that some people pass judgments on the people who eat and sleep there.

"I firmly believe the shelter is not the cause of crime downtown," said task force member Jacquelyn Gist, who helped found the original Chapel Hill-Carrboro homeless shelter. "You can't tell somebody is homeless by looking at them. The homeless people tend to be more passive."

Gist, who serves on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said keeping people convicted of crimes out of the Community House will only make matters worse. "You don't want to deny services to people who've been in jail, because then you're really going to be in trouble."

Task force member Margo Crawford, director of UNC's Black Cultural Center, urged the community not to pass judgment on people in the downtown area. Many blacks in the area are scared to walk downtown because they feel alienated, she said.

"There are definite gaps in the community," Crawford said. "The intimidation that you people feel who own this town is one thing. But the people who feel no ownership are intimidated also. I hear people from the black community who feel intimidated and feel they need to carry around armor because they're not wanted. They're harassed."

Some who attended the meeting Monday night said the area law-enforcement agencies should use more creative ways of patrolling the streets.

"I think we should have more undercover police downtown," said Sarah Carter, owner of Airport and Intown Taxi. "We need to do something about putting these criminals away for a long time, and maybe they'll be discouraged."

Ken Jackson, the new president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission, said he hoped the various facets of law enforcement will work more closely to ensure arrests. Convicted criminals should not be allowed to leave prison before their sentences expire, he said.

"If (they) don't serve sentences, the criminal knows he will not go to jail because there's no room."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson, who helped create the task force, said the committee needed to realize problems exist all over the community.

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## Building plans for social work school delayed

By Steve Politi  
Assistant University Editor

The School of Social Work's plans to construct a \$10 million building have been put on hold because the N.C. General Assembly rejected a proposed bond issue to pay for the project.

But Dean John Turner said the school unfortunately has become accustomed to such delays.

"We got caught along with everyone else with the fact that there was a shortfall of funds," Turner said. "If the plans had come along five years ago, we'd be in the building by now."

Funding for the construction was part of a proposed \$600 million bond issue for statewide capital improvements that the General Assembly did not approve.

"The Board of Trustees has approved the location and the exterior design of the building, the technical people have

approved the plans and the drawings are ready to go to bids," Turner said. "We have to have either all construction money allocated or a commitment from the legislature to give the money to us."

Architect William Nichols said construction could be delayed another year because of the lack of state funding. But the legislature has shown interest in the building, he said.

"It's significant that two years ago the legislature appropriated half the money for the project," Nichols said.

But the money was frozen in the spring because of state budget cuts and later taken away, he said.

If the five-floor building is built, it will be located on Pittsboro Street behind Beard Hall. The first two floors would include classrooms and an auditorium, as well as the Family Life and Learning Center. This center would be a first-of-its-kind project designed to

help families track their histories and deal with problems such as divorce, Nichols said.

The third, fourth and fifth floors would provide offices for graduate students and faculty members and student conference rooms, he said.

Plans to construct a new building for the Kenan-Flagler School of Business were also affected by the bond issue. The business school has raised \$18.5 million of the \$30 million necessary to complete the project through private donations.

Turner said the School of Social Work had not asked alumni to make donations to help the project. The school typically uses private donations for scholarships and endowed chairs, he said.

Marie Weil, associate dean, said the school's alumni couldn't donate as much as alumni of other schools.

"It's unlikely that we could get a

major private donor," Weil said. "We just don't have the kind of alumni who have that sum of money."

Turner said he is optimistic that the General Assembly will find the funds necessary to pay for the construction when members reconvene in February.

"I know how the leaders of the legislature are committed to the purpose of this building and seeing it come.

"A lot of people think a new building is a luxury," Turner said. "The school is 70 years old and has never had a building of its own."

Weil said social work classes are held in 10 campus buildings and administrative offices are in four buildings.

No classes are held in the Old Consolidated Building, where the school is centered, she said. "It's not even on many of the campus maps," she said.

The school has been working since 1983 to have a new building constructed.

## Gorbachev dumps foes, promises further reforms

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail Gorbachev purged his government Thursday of the "crude and crafty" men who tried to oust him and promised a renewed push for democratic reform. But his position was immediately challenged by the soaring popularity of the man credited with rescuing Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin.

"Yeltsin! Yeltsin!" tens of thousands of flag-waving, whistling demonstrators shouted on Red Square, just beyond the walls of Gorbachev's Kremlin office. They demanded Gorbachev resign and suggested he go on another vacation.

"Shame!" marchers cried as they

passed the Defense Ministry, whose chief was involved in the failed coup. "Hangmen!" they shouted outside the KGB headquarters. The crowd cheered wildly as five giant cranes toppled a 14-ton statue of secret-police founder Felix Dzerzhinsky. Some also painted a swastika on the KGB building.

Gorbachev promised punishment for

the plot's ringleaders as well as "a proper evaluation of those who waited on the sidelines and refused to oppose" the three-day coup.

President Bush lifted the freeze on economic help to the Soviet Union. Bush also said he sees an opportunity to accelerate the talks leading to independence for the Baltics.

The Baltic republic of Latvia said it was seeking the arrest of the republic's hard-line party leader, who also was denounced by Gorbachev for his support of the coup.

In other fast-moving stories: Gorbachev said he would meet Friday with leaders of the nine republics who support the new Union Treaty. The

Fireworks lit the evening sky over Moscow as the jubilant capital celebrated the coup's collapse.

Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, the Soviet Union's largest republic, tapped into surging Russian nationalism to rally opposition to the coup. On Thursday, a triumphant Yeltsin emerged from the riverfront headquarters he had occupied since the coup began and rallied 100,000 elated supporters to mark the end of "three dark days" of the takeover. Yeltsin told reporters he had agreed to meet with Gorbachev on Friday to discuss the formation of a new "government of national trust."

Gorbachev promised punishment for

as long as there aren't any other expenses," he said, adding that the money from the general account would have to be refurbished.

Beal said a.p.p.l.e.s. student coordinators Tony Deifell and Mike Steiner were talking with UNC officials about obtaining grants or University funding. They also are contemplating fund-raisers to help cover her annual \$20,000 salary.

Deifell and Steiner could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Student Body President Matt Heyd said student government leaders would petition to have the a.p.p.l.e.s. program fee reinstated for the spring semester.

"Spangler will listen to hardship cases, and that is what the a.p.p.l.e.s.

There is enough to last several weeks

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## Fee moratorium hurts a.p.p.l.e.s. program

By Jennifer Mueller  
Staff Writer

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler's moratorium on student fee increases is continuing to cause financial problems on campus.

Because of the ban, the two fee increases approved by students in February were not reflected in the fees paid by undergraduates for the fall semester.

Money from one increase was to have paid a coordinator for the a.p.p.l.e.s. program and to have been used to help student groups offset inflation.

Student fees would have increased by 90 cents to fund the new a.p.p.l.e.s. position.

Howard Brubaker, director of the Student Activities Funds Office, said the lack of funding for the a.p.p.l.e.s.

coordinator could cause serious problems.

Denise Beal had already begun working in Chapel Hill as the coordinator when the moratorium was issued.

"I started work Monday, and Thursday Matt (Heyd) walked into my office with (Spangler's) memo," she said.

Spangler issued the freeze on student fees for all 16 system schools in June, citing this year's 20 percent to 25 percent tuition hikes as the reason for his actions.

The moratorium followed news reports that UNC-CH administrators were considering a technology fee increase of up to \$200 a year that would have been added to the other increases.

Brubaker said Beal now is being paid from a.p.p.l.e.s.' general fund account.

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The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it. — Franklin P. Jones