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 TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 60-65
 WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-60s

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 • Jon Michael Spenser speaks on "Theology of Rap Music," 7 p.m. in the BCC for Alpha Phi Alpha's Black Uplift Symposium.

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TAR HEEL TIPOFF
 The Carolina Athletic Association and the UNC basketball team to hold special midnight practice

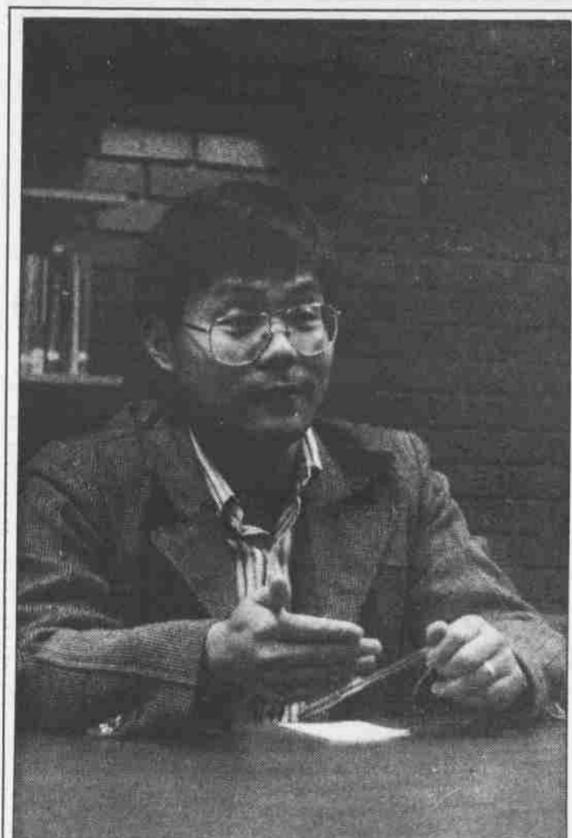
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SUPPLIES MISSING
 Student Television and University officials are miffed over the disappearance of \$4,000 in STV equipment

sportsline
Men's Tennis VICTORIOUS: North Carolina freshman Darryl Wyatt defeat University of Alabama-Birmingham's Christian Paul, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 to take the flight B singles title in the 25th Annual Southern Collegiate Tennis Championships held at the University of Georgia. Wyatt was seeded eighth.

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Weigao Wu speaks about Chinese rights violations at Newman Center Monday. DTH/Missy Bello

Speaker: Rights violations still occur in China

By Leila Maybodi
 Staff Writer

Although the present Chinese government is becoming more liberal in economic reform, it still is "cracking down" on political dissension, a Chinese graduate student said during a discussion with a local Amnesty International group Monday.

Weigao "Willie" Wu, a UNC sociology graduate student, gave an informal talk about ongoing human rights issues in China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989.

Wu was the guest speaker at the local chapter meeting of Amnesty International, held at the Newman Center. Nine members of the University's Amnesty International chapter attended the meeting, although the gathering was not exclusively for members.

"As a Chinese, I'm always concerned about human rights issues in China more than the average American," Wu said. "Well-being of people comes after (the Chinese government's) own interests."

Despite the human rights violations that occurred in Tiananmen Square, Wu said it was especially important to focus on the ongoing human rights issues in China.

"The situation now in China I see is even more important to address," Wu said.

Chinese citizens believe that the nation's problems are caused by the recent collapse of socialism, Wu said.

"People in China, instead of attributing today's disorders to the decades-long existence of socialism, they attribute it to decline and collapse of socialism," he said.

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Panel OKs free-standing BCC

By Gary Rosenzweig
 Staff Writer

The working group charged with establishing a concrete design for a new or expanded black cultural center made its first definitive statement on the issue Monday, voting to support a free-standing center named after late UNC professor Sonja Haynes Stone.

Members of the panel said they hoped the student coalition for a free-standing BCC would participate in the panel now that the group had documented its support for the architectural nature and name of the new BCC.

The 14-member panel also passed a resolution stating that several members of the group would attempt to meet with coalition leaders to talk about establishing communication between the groups to discover the views, missions and programs that the BCC Advisory Board has in mind for the new center.

But Margo Crawford, BCC director, said after the Carolina Inn meeting that the coalition would wait for Chancellor Paul Hardin to agree with the panel's resolution before officially meeting with the panel.

Chancellor Paul Hardin was unavailable for comment Monday night.

McCormick said Hardin would not be surprised by the panel's decisions, but the provost added that he could not speculate whether Hardin would take any action now.

"I don't think that he was intending to react to the working group's work until it is all done," McCormick said.

Two members of the panel said they disagreed with the direction that the panel was taking.

Richard Williams, a 1975 UNC graduate, announced that he was considering resigning from the panel because he was frustrated with what the group was doing.

"I don't see the need to rush and make a statement," Williams said. "The committee should only do what it has been charged."

Although Williams at one point said he would resign, and Wendell Haynes urged the committee to accept the resignation, McCormick convinced Williams to wait until the next meeting to decide whether he would resign.

Charlie Higgins, UNC student body vice president, voted against the resolu-

tion supporting the free-standing building.

Higgins said that while he was not opposed to a free-standing BCC, he thought the panel needed to study the issue further.

"There are many difficult — perhaps more difficult — questions surrounding the new black cultural center than whether it is to be free-standing or not," he said.

During the meeting, most of the members of the panel spoke about why they felt a free-standing building was necessary, and many said the center would have symbolic as well as functional advantages.

John Turner, former dean of the School of Social Work, said that "it would be repeating almost 10 years of discussion" to debate the nature of the new BCC further.

Panel members also debated the possibility of combining the cultural center and related academic programming under one roof. Members of the coalition have suggested that the building also could house new African and African-American studies departments. Currently, the two programs are consid-

ered curricula rather than departments.

The first of three resolutions that the committee passed showed conditional support for the free-standing nature of the BCC. Several members of the panel insisted that the resolution point out that the panel was against separatism.

After several changes, the final resolution stated: "With consideration of the adequacy of space and location consistent with the program and functions of the Black Cultural Center, and with the understanding that both program and mission of the center ensures inclusion versus separatism, our preference is for a free-standing center."

The resolution was passed 10-1-2 with Higgins voting against it and Williams and doctoral student Patrick Rivers abstaining.

A motion was made to add to the resolution that the center would be named after Stone, but the amendment was never voted on. Instead, a second resolution, designed specifically to accommodate the coalition, was approved that read, "We support the establishment of the free-standing Sonja Haynes

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Jewish students celebrate High Holy Days

Fall break scheduling poses dilemma

Holidays a time to reflect on religion

By Chris Lindsey
 Staff Writer

Some Jewish students at UNC say they are upset because Fall Break falls a day after Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, forcing many students to choose between attending class and celebrating the religious holiday.

"The University could have done a better job of planning," said Gerri Baer, a sophomore from Fayetteville.

Yom Kippur begins at sundown Tuesday and lasts until sundown Wednesday.

Baer said she thought the University could have scheduled Fall Break to start Tuesday, the day before Yom Kippur, or to end Wednesday, so Jewish students and faculty would not have to miss a full day of classes Wednesday.

Registrar David Lanier said the University did not consider religious holidays when planning the University calendar.

"We don't take that into consideration," he said. "In our bulletin, we state that we don't recognize religious holidays in planning the calendar. We only look at state holidays."

But Baer said schedulers should bear in mind that some students must miss class when a religious holiday falls on a school day.

"Some students have to decide whether to miss classes or be a regular student and go to class," she said.

Rona Schwartz, president of the Hillel Foundation, said some students might feel uncomfortable asking professors

for the day off.

"If anything, students might be frustrated by going to their professors to say they are not going to class because of the holiday, and their professors think they are cutting out just to leave early for Fall Break," she said.

Larry Bach, director of the Hillel Foundation, said he didn't think the schedule conflict was a big issue.

"It's not a major issue," he said. "I don't think it's a situation where the Jewish students who number 500 expect the University of 23,000 students to change its schedule."

Schwartz agreed that Jewish students at UNC understood that the University did not have a large Jewish population. "When Jewish students come to UNC, they know there is not a large Jewish population, so they don't expect special privileges," she said.

Schwartz pointed out that University events often were planned during Jewish holidays, and Jewish students could not attend.

"If anything, it's frustrating," she said.

Bach said Hillel would host services at 7 p.m. Tuesday and all day Wednesday at Chapel Hill High School in coordination with Judea Reform Congregation.

Adding confusion to the scheduling problem, the Carolina Week by Week incorrectly reports that the Jewish Holiday starts at sundown Wednesday.

Baer said that because of this mistake, some professors might have scheduled exams on the holiday.

By Maria DiGiano
 Staff Writer

For the past nine days, Jewish students have been celebrating the High Holy Days, which began Sept. 27 at sundown with Rosh Hashana and will end Wednesday at sundown with Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and the days that fall in between, called the Days of Awe, are the most important and widely observed Jewish holidays.

"Even if (students) don't come regularly, they come to this," said Larry Bach, program director for Hillel, the Jewish student organization on campus.

Rosh Hashana is the celebration of the Jewish new year, and Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement.

"Rosh means head, Hashana means year, so it is the 'head of the year' or new year," said senior Rona Schwartz, president of Hillel.

The holiday actually marks the beginning of the seventh month of Tishrei on the Hebrew calendar, which is based on the lunar calendar. Other "new years" are celebrated throughout the year, such as a new year for trees in February and the new year in the actual Hebrew calendar in late March. However, Rosh Hashana is considered the most important new year observance.

Many traditions surround Rosh Hashana. A ram's horn, called the Shofar, is blown to announce the new year and then blown again to announce the end of the day. Apples and honey, which

represent a sweet new year, are eaten throughout the week along with round Challah bread, which symbolizes the cycle of the year.

After Rosh Hashana ended Sept. 28 at sundown, a period of introspection called the Days of Awe began. At sundown Tuesday, the Days of Awe will climax with the beginning of Yom Kippur.

"It is not just coincidence that the two holidays are 10 days apart," Bach said. "The two days (Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) are connected."

Yom Kippur, which ends Wednesday at sundown, is the Day of Atonement for sins committed in the past year.

"The image throughout the period is of God as an accountant of life, inscribing our deeds into the Book of Life," Bach said. "It is written on Rosh Hashana and then sealed on Yom Kippur."

Schwartz said Yom Kippur was a time for reflection.

"It is a spiritual time of being close with your religion and your family," said freshman Rachel Burton.

Fasting on Yom Kippur is part of the reflection period. By ignoring bodily needs, namely food and water, those who fast hope to get in touch with their spiritual needs. "Traditional Jews do not even brush their teeth," Bach said.

For Jews, Yom Kippur is the only time of the year to ask forgiveness for their sins. But it is not an individual confession.

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Activist to speak on Native-American issues

By Yi-Hsin Chang
 Features Editor

"He will shed light, not on 500 years of oppression since Columbus, but on 500 years of survival."

This is how Kenric Manor, president of the Carolina Indian Circle, plans to introduce Native-American activist Vernon Bellecourt at 7 p.m. today in Hamilton 100.

Bellecourt, who is on a speaking tour that includes stops at Wake Forest Uni-

versity and the University of Chicago, will speak on Christopher Columbus, team mascots and other issues confronting Native Americans.

He, along with other representatives of the Native-American community, will visit the United Nations in New York City Oct. 12, Columbus Day, to demand a seat in the United Nations.

"The indigenous people (of America), the red people, are the only people not represented in the family of nations, the United Nations," he said.

A member of the Anishinabe Nation (Chippewa), Bellecourt's Indian name is WaBun-Inini, "Man of Dawn." Bellecourt was co-founder of the Denver chapter of the American Indian Movement in the early '70s and was appointed to serve as the national director of AIM in 1972. In January, he created the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media.

"He is really knowledgeable about Columbus and other issues facing Native Americans," Manor said. "He's really proactive rather than reactive."

"You can even hear the wisdom in his voice."

Bellecourt said there was a "high-tech slaughter" of Native-American culture in the media and sports. Hollywood has reduced Native-American culture to feathers and war paint, which are sacred to Native-Americans, he said.

In an attempt to persuade sports teams to change their names, Bellecourt has met with owners of professional base-

ball and football teams, such as the Washington Redskins, the Atlanta Braves and the Kansas City Chiefs, but so far, to no avail.

"For years and years, we've been trying to get rid of these mascots," he said. "When we see people coming out into a stadium beating a drum, yelling, 'Hoo hoo,' ... it's demeaning and degrading."

Bellecourt sees nothing wrong with the names themselves. It's the effigies of Native-American mascots and slogans such as "Scalp the Indians," which result from the names, that are detrimental to Native Americans, particularly Native-American children, he said.

"There's no turning back. It's only a matter of time before they will have to change their names."

Bellecourt also will address other issues facing Native Americans such as the N.C. Lumbee Indians' fight for federal recognition, water and treaty rights, the high Native-American populations in prisons and the suicide rate of Native-American children, which is five times the national average.

"The indigenous people should be the richest people, but they are the poorest," he said.

Bellecourt said his talk would be thought-provoking, startling and encouraging. "I want people to have a better understanding of the broader issues we're facing here, so we can go into the next 500 years with love and understanding for each other."



Getting in the vote
 Courtney Browder, a freshman from Kernersville, registers to vote Monday night with help from registrar Kate Terkianian outside the Student Union. The Pit tables stayed open until midnight Monday, the last day to register to vote in November's elections. DTH/Erin Randall

Bricks don't educate kids, teachers do. — Ralph Warren, Orange County Board of Education Chairman