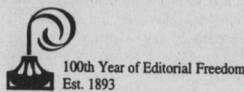


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TODAY: Mostly sunny; high low 40s
THURSDAY: 40% chance of snow; high upper 30s



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DUMPED: In overtime, No. 1 Indiana by Ohio State, ending IU's chances at a perfect Big Ten season. The Buckeyes, winners of three of their last 11 games, broke a 77-77 tie when Jamie Skelton hit his fourth 3-pointer with 40 seconds to play. ALSO DUMPED: No. 22 UVa. by Georgia Tech, 73-61.

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Honor Court rape policy may get reforms

By Everett Arnold Staff Writer

The Committee on Student Conduct recently recommended two proposals for reforming Honor Court hearings regarding sexual assault and rape, said Frederic Schroeder, dean of students.

The proposals, recommended Monday, would make the Honor Court hearings on cases of rape or sexual assault more closely resemble criminal court proceedings, which provide more extensively for a victim's rights.

One of the judiciary's proposed reforms recommends implementing a version of the criminal court "rape shield." A rape shield would restrict the

use of information about the victim's sexual history, said Tucker Ball, incoming student attorney general.

"Its admissibility has to be agreed upon by a (review) panel before the trial," Ball said.

The second proposal recommends that the victim be present during the entire hearing, Ball said. Under the current policy, the victim only can be present to testify and answer questions from the defense.

Bob Byrd, chairman of the Committee on Student Conduct, said victims should have the right to respond to the testimony of the defense, especially because there often were conflicting versions of what occurred.

Ruth Campbell, co-chairwoman of Women Against Rape, said she was very pleased with the Committee on Student Conduct's decision but added that she was disappointed that student leaders had waited this long to initiate reform.

Jennifer Backes, chief justice of the Honor Court, said a student judicial subcommittee had been examining possible sexual assault and harassment policy changes since last summer.

"My inclination is that we'll continue with positive discussion on (possible changes)," she said.

Even if the proposals were approved,

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Incoming attorney general Ball aims to improve system

By Everett Arnold Staff Writer

When Tucker Ball, the incoming student attorney general, takes over on March 1, he will be joined by three new associate attorney generals he has appointed as part of his efforts to reform the judicial system.

Student Body President John Moody, who appointed Ball to his post, said Ball wanted to have the judicial system looked upon in a more favorable light by faculty and students.

"He was recommended by everybody concerned (in the system)," Moody said. "His main push right now is to get his staff together and train them and make them work as well as possible under the current system."

Moody said Ball was the only person to apply for the position of student attorney general, but he added that Ball would have done well in a pool of other candidates.

Ball said his goals included strengthening the judicial branch's connection to faculty members, improving student

awareness of the judicial system and being more receptive to complaints.

Ball said his first project would be to diversify the attorney general's staff. He added that no minority members would be returning to the attorney general's staff next year.

"This disturbs me because our staff would potentially not represent the student body," he said. Ball said minorities and other students were encouraged to apply in Suite D before

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WEDNESDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Airline delays decision on fate of Raleigh hub

GRAPEVINE, Texas — American Airlines said Tuesday that it had agreed to delay for 18 months any decision on closing its unprofitable Raleigh-Durham hub while N.C. officials work to build passenger traffic there.

The announcement followed a three-hour meeting between American chairman Robert Crandall and a delegation of North Carolina business and political leaders led by Gov. Jim Hunt.

"We go home happy," Hunt said during a news conference at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, during which he announced a "partnership" with the airline.

Hunt said North Carolinians wanted to go beyond winning a reprieve for Raleigh-Durham, one of seven hubs operated by Fort Worth-based American.

Crandall said it would not take much to turn the situation around.

Russian demonstration urges Yeltsin's ouster

MOSCOW — Rallying behind red flags and portraits of Lenin, more than 10,000 pro-Communists marched to the Kremlin on Tuesday to denounce President Boris Yeltsin and urge the military to rise up against him.

"The walls of the Kremlin are not shaking from our cries. The people inside are shaking!" hard-line legislator Sergei Baburin declared over loudspeakers to the biggest pro-Communist demonstration in months.

Two years ago, equally large protests by Yeltsin supporters helped bring him to power. But for the past year, his supporters virtually have surrendered the streets to pro-Communists.

The rally came on Defenders of the Fatherland Day, known as Soviet Armed Forces Day until the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Casey denounces new abortion initiatives

WASHINGTON — Abortion would become the least-regulated industry in the nation if Congress approved legislation guaranteeing women's reproductive rights, Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey said Tuesday.

In an appearance before a House subcommittee, the two-term Democrat said the bill would gut his state's existing abortion law, recognized as one of the country's most restrictive, and establish a national "abortion-on-demand regime."

Its passage "would place the Congress outside the mainstream of American public opinion and on the extreme fringe," said Casey, whose opposition to abortion rights put him at odds with fellow Democrats at the party's national convention last year.

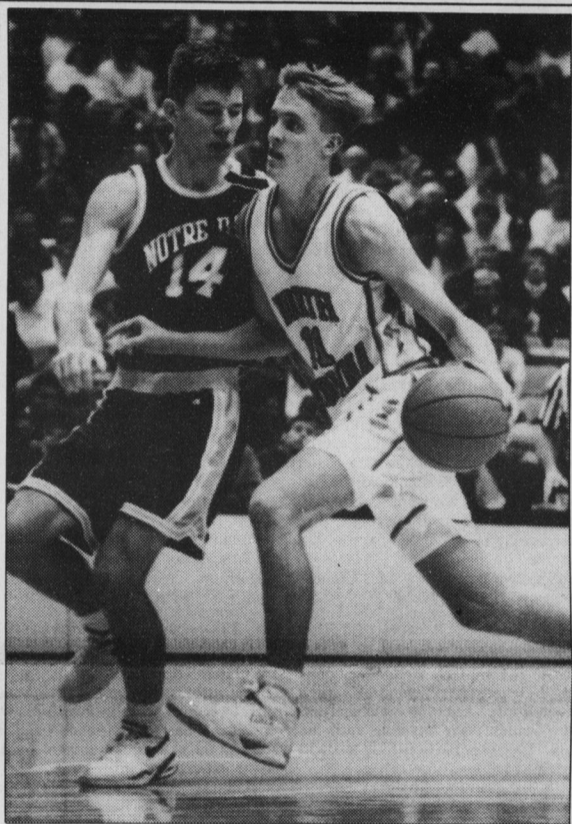
Zairian troops kill 50 in mixup of funerals

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Zairian troops, seeking revenge for the beating death of an officer, fired by mistake on two funeral processions in the capital of Kinshasa, killing up to 50 people, sources said Tuesday.

The elite presidential guards were trying to disrupt the Monday funeral of a man who was killed by soldiers in a barroom brawl. The man's friends later beat to death a soldier, sources said.

The collapse of law and order in Zaire is matched by the ruin of the economy, but President Mobutu Sese Seko has defied pressure to end his 27-year dictatorship.

—The Associated Press



DTH/Debbie Stengel

Muscling the Irish

Scott Cherry (11) takes the ball downcourt, stifling Notre Dame's Matt Adamson in an 85-56 North Carolina thumping Tuesday in the Smith Center. See story page 7

'Godmother of politics' remains caring activist

Editor's note: This is the third in a five-part series recognizing blacks who have made a difference on campus and in the community.

By Phuong Ly Staff Writer

To many people in the Southern Part of Heaven, Rebecca Clark is like a godmother, a mentor.

Hardly a day goes by without town residents or community leaders calling Clark for information or advice on topics such as local candidates, problems with litter and the names of good baby sitters.

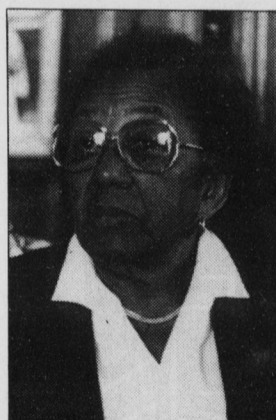
A leader in the community for nearly 50 years, Clark has made a reputation for herself as someone who enjoys giving of herself.

Since the 1940s, she has been involved in local politics, working for candidates and helping with voter registration drives, especially in the black community. She also has served on various town committees, addressing issues such as low-income housing and neighborhood safety.

"Doing for other people is part of life," said Clark, 77, who retired from her position as a nurse at the UNC Student Health Service in 1979. "I feel like it's no more than what I should do and what you should do as a part of the community."

Lillian Lee, who has known the community activist for 27 years, said Clark's reputation for caring made her respected and trusted by both blacks and whites in the community. Clark is a natural choice for people to call when they have problems, Lee said.

"She cares about her neighbors, her family and her friends," said Lee, who has worked with Clark on several community projects. "I think because she's been here so long, and she's been so



Rebecca Clark

involved in the community, people tend to think if there's something they need to know, Rebecca Clark surely knows it."

Clark, a resident of Chapel Hill for 63 years, spent most of her childhood on her parents' farm near University Lake. "I worked in the cotton field when I was 9, 10, 11 years old," said Clark, the oldest of the six children in her family. "We were poor, but we were happy poor. We were lacking a lot of food, but we always made out."

Clark dreamed of going to college, but lack of finances forced her to drop out of Orange County Training School, which was the county's only school for black students at the time. Shortly afterward, she married John Clark and raised two children.

At that time, during the 1930s and 1940s, black residents faced discrimination even in Chapel Hill, one of the most progressive towns in the state, Clark said. She remembers that while

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Moody, staff promoting nonexistent organization

By Anna Griffin University Editor

Student Body President John Moody and his staff have spent the past few weeks preparing several hundred mailings encouraging student governments at other universities to join a National Association of Student Governments — an organization that, despite what the letters say, doesn't exist.

In a letter dated Feb. 22, Doug McCurry, Moody's chief of staff, welcomes fellow student governments to the association, asking them to help increase the group's total membership to 750 within the next two years. The letter also states that the NASG "recently received a sizable grant intended to expand its membership."

McCurry asks each school to enclose a check for \$20, made out to NASG, with its membership application.

In reality, however, the organization has no members and has yet to be formed.

McCurry, who identifies himself in the letter as NASG president, said in an interview Friday he did not know anything about the group.

"It's kind of still in the idea stage," McCurry said. "I'm not sure exactly what we're going to do. John (Moody) is more in charge of that."

As of Monday night, there were several large boxes of NASG mailings in Moody's Suite C office, apparently ready to mail.

According to the letter, addressed "Dear Student Government Leader," NASG is a growing student organization designed to coordinate programs provide for policy-exchange networks between different universities.

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NASG National Association of Student Government Feb. 22, 1993 Dear Student Government Association Leader: Welcome to the National Association of Student Governments! NASG was created so that collegiate student governments across the country could exchange ideas and strengthen their collective interests. NASG recently received a sizable grant intended to expand its membership. The goal of this money is to increase NASG's total membership to 750 student governments in two years. The benefits of NASG membership are: NASG's extensive database. Often student governments want to look at other schools' systems to make their own better. NASG collects student government association constitutions and judicial system honor codes from member schools. We then work with schools wanting to reform their system to give them several models that have worked at different universities. In the next year, we want to expand the database to include how member colleges and universities deal with racial tension, housing problems, exam and reading day scheduling, preparing students for the job market, and other topics. Directory of student governments and organizations. NASG is working on compiling a directory (including address, phone number, and president) of student governments across the country. We also are trying to put together national directories of service organizations, environmental groups, and other specific-interest groups. With the database and directory, a student government or student leader could see how other colleges are handling problems similar to their own and have an easy means of contacting the appropriate leaders at these schools. A quarterly newsletter. Articles are written by student leaders from across the country and focus on effective means or innovative programs to solve problems common to student governments. The newsletter is a great tool for communicating with other student governments to seek or offer solutions for tough problems. Annual awards. NASG gives yearly awards to student governments in several categories: student government of the year, student body president of the year, best new idea or program, best use of another school's program, crisis management award, and the annual student government All-American team. Speakers. NASG leaders have tremendous experience working with foundations (for money) and the speakers themselves. We can help you bring nationally recognized speakers in the areas of educational reform, intercollegiate athletics, race relations, and other fields to your campus. We are also working on setting up speaker tours in which a recognized speaker will visit five to ten member schools. Prominent speakers can be a great asset to influence stubborn students or administrators. National influence. A large, active organization of student governments has a powerful lobbying effect. For example, a letter signed by hundreds of student body presidents across the country demanding more money be spent on education could garner national media and political attention. NASG needs you! Please return the enclosed membership application as soon as possible, preferably no later than March 31, the end of our membership drive. Although NASG receives the overwhelming majority of its funding from grant money, we still must charge a nominal \$20 annual dues fee which should be enclosed with the application. Upon contact, NASG will then mail you the 1993-94 membership packet and recognize you as the founders of your chapter of NASG. Call me or John Moody, membership drive director, at the NASG office — (919) 962-5201 — with any questions. Sincerely, Doug McCurry NASG President, 1993-94

Hundreds of copies of this letter, prepared by Moody and his staff, sit in Suite C

Doctor's trip reveals tragedy

By Andrea Jones Assistant State and National Editor

Dr. Jeffrey Sonis, a UNC instructor in medical family practice, returned Feb. 6 from a trip to the former Yugoslavian republics that left him with unforgettable impressions of a country beset by civil war and a policy of "ethnic cleansing."

In an interview at his home, Sonis described many moving, personal experiences he had while observing conditions in the area, which has been the site of bloody fighting among Serbs, Croats and Muslims since ancient feuds tore the country apart in the early months of 1992.

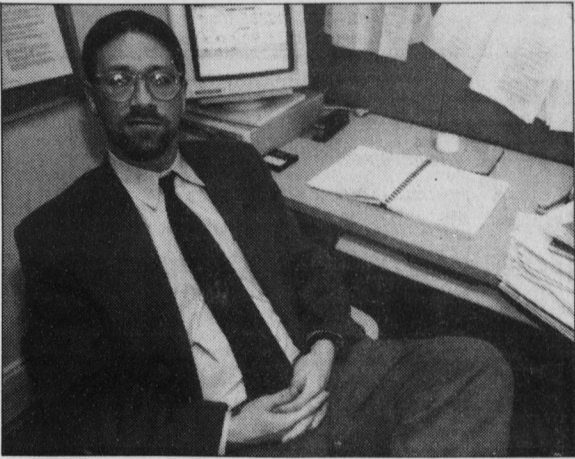
One encounter Sonis cited as being particularly poignant occurred during his first visit to a camp in Karlovac, Croatia. The group he was working with was brought into a barracks and introduced to the refugees in the camp when Sonis' attention was drawn to a Muslim woman.

"(There was an) elderly woman in the corner wearing Muslim type of dress. She had on a kerchief over her head and the pantaloons Muslim women tend to wear, and she looked at me, and she said 'We have fear into our bones.' Those were her words. I'll never forget them."

Sonis was part of a seven-member team sent to the East European country to compile a report on conditions there for Physicians for Human Rights, a group founded in 1986.

The report Sonis is compiling for PHR will include information on the three areas he investigated during the trip: children, public health and human rights violations. The report will be completed sometime next month, he said.

Sonis said PHR served an important



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role in the discovery and prevention of assaults on human rights, citing a Jan. 31 "60 Minutes" piece in which the organization was featured for having uncovered a mass grave in Vukovar, Croatia. The site will be submitted to the United Nations for possible prosecution as a war crime, he said.

The United Nations decided Tuesday to convene a war-crimes tribunal that would investigate the growing number of human rights abuses reported in the Balkan country.

During the trip, Sonis spent most of his time in Split, a town on the Serbian coast. He spoke with and examined the largely Muslim populations fleeing from the Serbians in Northern Bosnia.

Sonis originally was assigned to collect information in central Bosnia as well but could not make the trip due to

increasingly bloody warfare in the area.

"The caravan that I was supposed to have gone on ... was attacked, blown up, and the driver was killed," Sonis said. "Things really exploded while we were there."

Sonis said one of the major difficulties involved with working in Yugoslavia was the misinformation issued by government sources, sources that he said ordinarily would have been one of the most valuable means of drawing an accurate portrait of the Yugoslavian situation.

He cited a passage from the lead article in a 1992 issue of the Croatian Medical Journal, a publication Sonis called "comparable to the journal of

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I was thinking of suiting up the entire JV. — Dean Smith