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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

American Airlines Strike Continues Without Talks

FORT WORTH, Texas — The chairman of American Airlines dug his heels in Sunday, turning down a call from striking flight attendants for a presidential mediation board while announcing that up to two-thirds of this week's flights would be canceled.

Speaking on the fourth day of the planned 11-day strike by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, airline Chairman Robert Crandall acknowledged that American fell short in notifying passengers about canceled flights, but said it had been impossible to know which flight attendants would report for work and thus which flights would be affected.

In hopes of placating thousands of inconvenienced travelers, Crandall said holders of nonrefundable tickets could get their money back. In addition, displaced passengers will get a \$100 voucher toward an American ticket in the coming year.

The strike by the union representing 21,000 flight attendants has cost the airline at least \$10 million per day, Crandall said.

The airline plans to concentrate on flights at its main hubs at Dallas, Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The airline also will focus on flights from New York and Los Angeles. American will put passengers on 12 percent of its flights from Chicago, executive vice president Bob Baker said.

Earlier Sunday, union President Denise Hedges said she wrote Crandall, asking him to join her in asking the National Mediation Board to request the emergency panel. Crandall rejected the offer, saying an emergency mediation board would put the airline's future in the hands of people under political pressure who had no long-term interest in the company.

Clinton Shifts Focus From Pacific Summit to Europe

SEATTLE — The Clinton administration is claiming a huge psychological boost as it turns its attention from Asia-Pacific summitry to winning completion in Geneva of a stalled set of new global-trading rules.

Leaders who participated in the three-day conference of Pacific Rim nations said the meetings in Seattle would help bring pressure to bear on reluctant Europeans to complete a round of trade liberalization moves by a Dec. 15 deadline.

"The president has had a terrific week," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." "He has completed two parts of this triple play" with the successful Asian summit and the passage this week of the North American Free Trade Agreement, he said.

Plane Crash in Macedonia Leaves Only One Survivor

OHRID, Macedonia — Rescue workers struggled Sunday to recover the charred remains of 115 people killed when their plane crashed in the rugged, snowy mountains of southwestern Macedonia.

Only one person aboard the Avioimpex charter flight survived the crash late Saturday night, officials said.

The Soviet-made Yak-42 went down at 11:45 p.m. Saturday in a mountainous area about four miles east of the Ohrid airport, where it was trying to land.

Officials said some 80 percent of the 108 passengers were Yugoslav citizens, most of them ethnic Albanians. The rest were believed to be Macedonian.

Lawyers Issue Subpoena For Packwood Diaries

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Packwood had decided to resign, but changed his mind after congressional staffers leaked his intentions to the Justice Department, prompting a subpoena for his diaries, a leading Republican lawmaker said. Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., accused staffers of the Senate Ethics Committee of thwarting the resignation by leaking word of it to Justice Department lawyers.

When informed of Packwood's plans, Justice Department lawyers issued a formal request for the Oregon Republican's diaries, guarding against their possible destruction once Packwood left the Senate.

Simpson, a friend of Packwood's, said that after Packwood was served with the subpoena Friday, he "had no choice but to stay in the Senate" where he could better defend himself against possible charges.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 63.

TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy, 30-percent chance of rain; high mid-60s.

BOT Revokes 24-Hour Visitation Program

BY PHUONG LY
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The hotly debated 24-hour visitation pilot program no longer will be in effect as of 5 p.m. today.

The UNC Board of Trustees rescinded the program at its meeting Friday, saying that administrators should have told them about the program before it was implemented.

In a 9-2 vote, the board revoked the pilot program and voted to form a committee of trustees, administrators and students to discuss the policy and make a presentation at the board's January meeting.

Residence Hall Association officials called the vote a violation of students' rights and said the group would hold a rally in the Pit Tuesday to protest the BOT decision.

"We're going to push a little harder and make sure it doesn't get put on the back burner," RHA President Jan Davis said. "Three years in making this pilot program should not go out the window."

At Friday's meeting, BOT members said public perception of the policy as immoral

would hurt donations from alumni, parents, legislators and other citizens.

BOT members said they were bearing the brunt of the criticism for a policy they didn't set.

The pilot program — which students overwhelmingly voted for in September — allows 24-hour visitation of opposite-sex guests in six of the 29 campus residence halls.

The old policy, which still is in effect in the rest of the dorms, allows opposite-sex guests in dorm rooms from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

At the meeting, some trustees said they were concerned about roommates' rights and the comfort of residents when members of the opposite sex are allowed to visit any time.

But trustees said the main problem they had with the pilot program was that they learned about it from media reports or calls from irate citizens, rather than University administrators.

"If it's a major policy, we need to know about it," trustee Walter Davis said. "You're making a terrible mistake to say it

is a disrespect for you for us to change the policy, when we have to go out and face the public."

Chancellor Paul Hardin and other administrators apologized to trustees, saying they didn't know the round-the-clock visitation would be such a hot topic.

But Hardin said rescinding the policy would give the impression that the University was bowing to "real or imagined difficulties" in public opinion.

"If this motion passes, rather than reassuring the legislators and the general public that we have responsible, mature young adults working with caring administrators, I'm afraid we'll reinforce the public perception that this is some kind of moral cataclysm out here," Hardin said.

Hardin said he didn't approve of 24-hour visitation, but he urged the trustees to respect the students' decision and the trial period. He said that giving the go-ahead to the pilot program was a chancellor-delegated action, rather than the responsibility of the trustees.

Trustee Angela Bryant said she also was

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Students to Protest Trustees' Decision With Rally, Night Coed Study Session

BY MARISSA JONES
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Students angered by the UNC Board of Trustees' decision to revoke the 24-hour visitation pilot program said they would protest with a rally in the Pit and a coed study session in the Upper Quad.

The study session, sponsored by the Mangum Residence Hall government, will be held at midnight Monday. The rally, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, will be held at noon Tuesday in the Pit.

The BOT voted Friday to rescind the visitation pilot program, which allows opposite-sex guests in six residence halls. The board also decided to form a committee to review the policy and make a presentation at its January meeting.

Students had voted overwhelmingly in September for the new policy, which no longer will be in effect as of 5 p.m. today.

Adam Craven, Mangum governor, said he hoped the study session would show the BOT that students were unhappy with Friday's decision and that they could protest responsibly. Mangum was one of the dorms participating in the pilot program.

"We're having a coed study session/get-together to get across the point that males and females can get together late at night without sex being involved," he said.

Craven said organizers decided against an earlier plan of having a sleep-

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Great Eight Women's Soccer Tops Mason to Win 12th National Crown in 13 Seasons

BY JILL WEST
STAFF WRITER

It's great. It's fate. And now it's eight.

In one of the most dominant performances by college sport's most dominant program, the UNC women's soccer team won its eighth consecutive national championship with a 6-0 defeat of George Mason University in front of a record crowd of 5,721 at Fetzer Field Sunday afternoon.

"We didn't really win this game with any sort of tactical game plan, as much as we won it with emotion," said head coach Anson Dorrance. "They won it with their hearts, their intensity, and their relentlessness."

The Tar Heels ended the season with a remarkable 23-0 record, continuing an 81-game winning streak and an 85-game streak without a loss. Runners-up George Mason finished its season at 18-3-1.

North Carolina jumped out to an early lead when junior Keri Sanchez found a hole in the Patriot defense only 1:49 into the game. The Tar Heel defender used her speed to run through GMU's defense and

fire a left-footed shot past Patriot goalkeeper Skye Eddy.

Several UNC defenders made offensive runs in Sunday's game. The defense was responsible for taking four shots on the GMU goal, twice as many as the entire George Mason team. An unusual statistic, yes, but it is not uncommon for UNC defenders to play a part in the team's offensive success.

"If you see an open space, Anson always says you should go forward," Sanchez said. "Tisha (Venturini) and everybody gets you the ball, so you just feel confident that you can go forward."

Although the Tar Heels would only need the first goal to claim the victory, the scoring did not end there.

Midway through the first half, senior Mia Hamm took a pass from midfielder Angela Kelly, and made an end line run up the right side of the field. Hamm beat the defense with a burst of speed and served a cross into the goal box where freshman Debbie Keller fired into an open goal.

With only 2:25 remaining in the first

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The UNC women's soccer team celebrates its eighth consecutive NCAA championship after defeating George Mason University 6-0 at Fetzer Field on Sunday. More on page 10.

Carrboro Police Arrest Man for Slaying of 24-Year-Old

BY KELLY RYAN
CITY EDITOR

A Chatham County man was arrested Friday and charged with killing a 24-year-old Carrboro resident after becoming enraged by the victim's sexual advances, Carrboro police Chief Ben Callahan said Sunday.

Carlos Ivan Rubino, 26, of Route 7 in Chapel Hill was arrested Friday night at the Carrboro Police Department and charged with first-degree murder for fa-

tally stabbing Troy Joseph Dison. Rubino is an employee of Simply Super Car Wash in Carrboro.

"He came in to talk to us and while he was there, he made a statement," Callahan said.

Dison was pronounced dead in his home when police arrived Wednesday afternoon. A friend of Dison's, who was scheduled to meet with him that day, discovered the body lying face-down on the floor and notified Carrboro police at about noon.

Dison, who was unemployed at the

time of his death, lived in a four-unit apartment building at 114-B Estes Drive Extension, which is located near North Greensboro Street and downtown Carrboro.

Dison moved to Carrboro about one month ago and was formerly employed at Willow Springs Rest Home on Jones Ferry Road.

An autopsy by the state's medical examiner showed that Dison died of multiple stab wounds to the neck. The autopsy also revealed that Dison had been hit on the back of his neck with a blunt instrument.

Carrboro police and officials from the State Bureau of Investigation questioned three or four of Dison's acquaintances to put the pieces together surrounding his death. The SBI was called in to help police perform lab tests and now will help follow up on the case.

During an SBI interview Friday night in Raleigh, Rubino told police he saw Dison late last Monday night, Callahan said. He later was transported to Carrboro and arrested.

"According to Rubino's statement, he

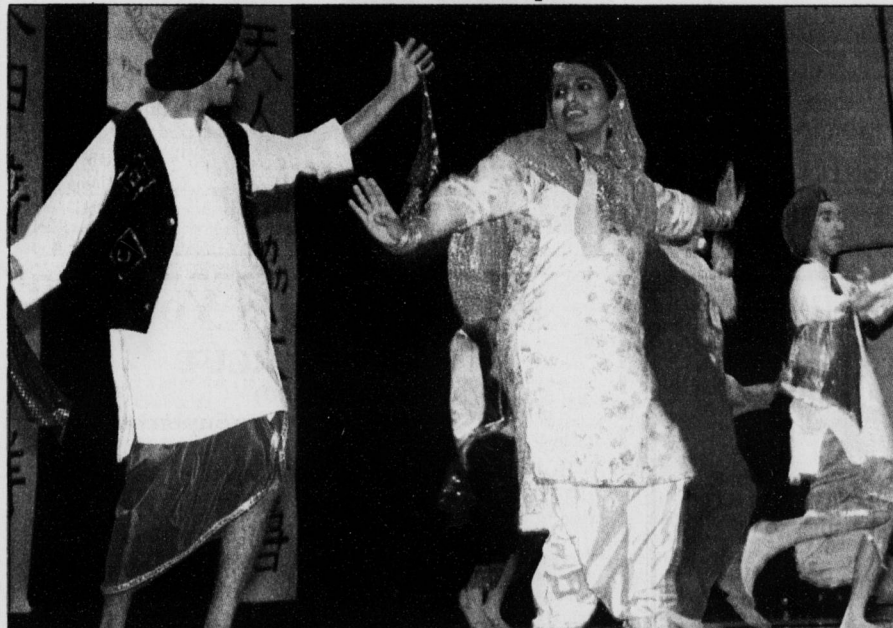
was picked up by the victim and then taken to his home," Callahan said. "The victim made sexual advances, which led to a fight. During the fight, the victim was hit over the head and the suspect also stabbed him."

Police found the knife used in the slaying — taken from Dison's home — in a storm drain up the street after Rubino told officers where it was. Callahan said the blunt object used in the assault was a vase.

Rubino did not sustain any major injuries.

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Asian Journeys



Dancers who are members of Sangam sway to an Indian love song Friday during Journey Into Asia Night in the Student Union Great Hall. The celebration also featured performers from Duke and N.C. State universities.

Local NAACP President Dies of Heart Attack at 48

BY KELLY RYAN
CITY EDITOR

Chapel Hill native James Brittan, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, died Sunday afternoon at his home, leaving behind a career of civil-rights activism.

Brittan, 48, was hosting a barbecue at his Taylor Street home in Carrboro on Sunday when he collapsed and died of a massive heart attack at about 4 p.m.

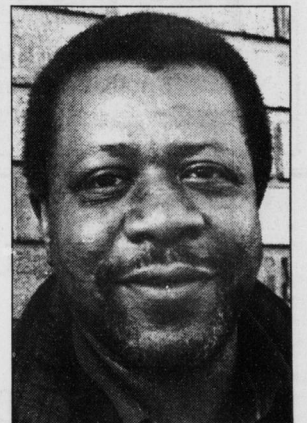
A spokeswoman from UNC Hospitals could not confirm the cause of death, but only could say that Brittan was admitted to the hospital Sunday.

Brittan had served as president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since December 1990.

Longtime friends of Brittan's heralded his commitment to equal opportunities for all people.

Fred Battle attended Lincoln High School and played football with Brittan. Their friendship had continued since then.

"I'm grieving. It's just hard to accept," Battle said Sunday night. "He had a deep commitment to the community. He was trying to stamp out racism and inequality." Battle said that Brittan was instrumen-



Local activist JAMES BRITTAN was born and raised in Chapel Hill.

tal in working with the UNC housekeepers and with coordinating the Midway Project, a plan to revitalize the areas bordering

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The rights of all men are diminished when the rights of any man are threatened.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)