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Birthday for Union
The Carolina Union is 50 years old today, but the celebration does not end this week. Look for more festivities throughout the year.

Glove story

Partly cloudy today with light winds. High in the mid-40s; low near 30.

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This woman not slowed by paralysis

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Jo Ann Atwater has determination. "I never use the word can't. If I keep trying, eventually I'll succeed at it one way or another," Atwater said.

At 29, Atwater has been confined to a wheelchair for 10 years. She is paralyzed from the waist down.

"I can do for myself because I learned. I can do what anyone else can do. I just made up my mind," she said.

Atwater had lived in Erwin until she left to study business administration at Durham College. While at home for Christmas break after her first semester, she suffered an accident that changed her life.

That Christmas Eve she went to a local nightclub to hear a band. While talking to friends whom she had not seen since she left for college, she heard scuffling and the sounds of fighting.

"Just when I got to the exit I fell," she said. "I couldn't move or anything. I had been hit in the back by a bullet."

From the local hospital she was transferred to North Carolina Memorial Hospital, where she learned that the bullet, which lanced her ribs, had entered her back at a level that would leave her permanently paralyzed.

The treatment she received at home frustrated her, she said. Her family treated her as if she were helpless.

"So one day I said, 'Hey, I can't take this anymore,'" she said. "I'm leaving."

So Atwater came to the Chapel Hill area to be closer to NCMH where complications that might develop could be attended to. She has lived in Carrboro for the past eight years.

Atwater's husband, Douglas Edward Atwater, works for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. They have a son, Douglas Edward Jr., who is 5.

Mr. Atwater said she had taken care of their son well. "You name it, she can do it," he said. "I've never known anything she couldn't do if she put her mind to it."

Atwater said her son was often a handful. "Kids have energy like no one else," she said. She had trouble teaching him not to open their door to everyone who knocked.

It is sometimes difficult for her to watch him because he is mobile and she is not. A neighbor called one afternoon to tell her that he was standing in the street trying to catch the rain, she said.

But a pediatrician once told her that children whose parents are disabled often modify their



Jo Ann Atwater, pours a drink for her 5-year-old son, Douglas ... he responds to her handicap with restrained action

behavior accordingly. Atwater said that this is true of Douglas. He is very obedient around her, but becomes more active when his father returns from work.

She has "adopted" many college students in the years she has spent here.

"I've met some great kids. I've got one in law school ... Kim, Mark ... I've got so many," she said, smiling. Many neighbors have come to confide in her and come to her just like she was their mother, she said.

Atwater said she enjoyed her three years of work at the University's Wilson Library. She worked at "exit control," where she made sure that all library books being taken out of the library had been properly checked out.

Atwater had to resign her job last August because of medical problems which forced her to spend at least 22 hours in bed each day.

Bradley Lamb, a graduate student in public health and journalism, said that Atwater is an avid basketball fan. "She always had a radio or TV," he said. Lamb remembered that there would often be a crowd gathered around her television at the end of a game.

"She's a really friendly person. We miss her there," he said.

Mark Carpenter, a senior math and political science major, is the student attorney general.

Carpenter and a friend would often go to Student Stores to buy Atwater a candy bar because it wasn't easy for her to go there herself.

"I think the main catalyst involved (in their friendship) was that she was so personable and open," Carpenter said.

Senior Kim Bower said she and Atwater had kept in touch since Atwater left her job. When Bower had a seizure last March, she said Atwater was concerned and continued to ask about her.

"She always seems to cheer me up when I'm down. She seems to put any problems into God's hands," Bower said.

Atwater said she misses the interaction she had with students at the library.

"Now I'm not out in public. I never get a chance to see anybody. I miss that a whole lot. I always had somebody to talk to," she said.

But she said contact with people was more than entertainment to her. "Being out in public and dealing with others helps you not to think about yourself," she said.

Atwater said also that her experiences in hospitals have helped her in her attitude about her handicap.

"I've seen people who couldn't feed themselves or lift their heads. I say, 'JoAnn, you're thankful.' Hey, look at me. I've got the use of my hands. I can think. I can do."

Dozier rescued by commandos

The Associated Press

PADUA, Italy — Police commandos stormed a second-floor apartment and rescued kidnapped American general James L. Dozier from under the guns of his Red Brigades kidnappers Thursday, in a textbook operation that dealt a stunning blow to Italy's feared leftist terrorist gang.

The raiders smashed down the door of the "people's prison" and pounced on a gunman pointing a pistol at the U.S. Army officer's head, Italian authorities reported.

"If they hadn't been so fast, the story would have had a different ending," Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni said.

Five suspects — three men and two women — were seized in the apartment, in a student-populated area of this northern Italian industrial town. No shots were fired, but one of the suspects was treated at a hospital for cuts on the head suffered in a scuffle with the commandos, police and hospital officials said.

The lightning raid ended a 42-day ordeal for Brig. Gen. Dozier, 50, the highest-ranking American at the NATO base in Verona, 40 miles west of here.

Dozier, found bound, gagged, in stocking feet and a blue warm-up suit, was whisked to Padua police headquarters and then to a hospital at a NATO base in nearby Vicenza for an examination. Officers there said the first thing he asked for was a barber, who shaved off six weeks' growth of beard.

"I never lost hope of being freed," he said.

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan was awakened at 6:50 a.m. EST and told of the rescue. "A lot of prayers have been answered. It's difficult to express gratitude to all those who assisted in his release," an aide quoted the president as saying.

"We won one. It is very, very good," said U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., on an official visit to Egypt.

Reagan made a two-minute telephone call to Dozier and sent a congratulatory telegram to Italian officials. Dozier also talked by telephone with his wife, Judith, who has been staying with friends in West Germany the past 10 days. She said he sounded marvelous and in good health. She then flew to Italy.

The general, deputy chief of staff for logistics and administration of Allied Land Forces in southern Europe, was seized at his Verona apartment Dec. 17 by terrorists disguised as plumbers. Mrs. Dozier was left behind bound and gagged.

The Padua assault, by a specifically trained anti-terrorist unit, climaxed a massive manhunt by Italian police, who were assisted by an undisclosed number of U.S. State and Defense Department specialists using electronic surveillance equipment.

The leftist terrorists sent a series of communiques to Italian newspapers denouncing Dozier as one of those responsible for the U.S. military occupation of Europe and saying he was being put on trial before a people's tribunal. They never set conditions for his release.

Italian police arrested a number of suspected Red Brigades members, but the break came when the police recently cracked the Red Brigades' "column" in the Verona area, U.S. officials said.

"It was a textbook operation. They cracked the column, the people talked and they followed up every single lead. They did it right and it worked," said one U.S. official, who asked not to be identified.

Police said they finally zeroed in on the Padua "prison," above a supermarket, Wednesday night, but decided to wait until daylight because a night raid might further endanger Dozier. The terrorists ap-

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Several groups to name choices

By BILL PESCHEL
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Candidates for Student Government offices and *The Daily Tar Heel* editorship face a packed forum schedule this weekend that will influence not only voters but also the endorsements of several organizations.

The Panhellenic Council will endorse a presidential candidate and *DTH* editor candidate at its forum Sunday, while the Residence Hall Association and the Black Student Movement will endorse those offices and Carolina Athletic Association and Residence Hall Association presidential candidates.

The BSM forum is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday in Upendo Lounge, not 7 p.m. as the *DTH* reported earlier.

Each group said Thursday it would consider a candidate's attitude towards its organization.

The Panhellenic Council will endorse a candidate whose ideas and opinions would best benefit the sorority system, "but the questions will not just concern Greeks," President Betsy Brady said. "We'll consider other things that would affect other students." The council is composed of 24 members, two women drawn from each sorority.

"I don't think that our (BSM) forum can be anything else but have a black orientation," said Wende Watson, BSM chairperson. Candidates will be questioned not only by the audience but by the BSM Political and Central committees, she said. The endorsement will be decided by the 21-member Central Committee, with recommendations from the Political Committee, she said.

The RHA endorsement will be decided by the 10 governors of the residence colleges, said Robert Bianchi, RHA president. "It will be an open forum, but questions for the candidates will only be entertained by the governors' board and the staff," he said.

Unlike the other RHA-sponsored forums, at the endorsement forum candidates will have only two minutes to speak. "The governors have been to the other forums," Bianchi said. "We want to cut down some of the rhetoric and get down to the meat. We've asked them to address their remarks more to RHA."

The forum schedule for the weekend and Monday:

- Saturday: no forums scheduled.
- Sunday: Panhellenic endorsement forum at 4:30 p.m. in 207-209 Union; RHA forums at 7 p.m. in Morrison first floor lounge, and at 9:30 p.m. in Ehringhaus coffeehouse.
- Monday: RHA endorsement forum, 4:30 p.m. in Gerrard Hall; BSM endorsement forum at 8 p.m. in Upendo Lounge.

One-member House districts pondered

By PETER JUDGE
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The N.C. House of Representatives' new plan for district lines will include single-member districts and cross some county lines, state House leaders said this week.

The House Redistricting Committee met in Raleigh Thursday to draw new lines to replace those rejected by the U.S. Justice Department last week.

"The primary concern of the Justice Department was that the large multimember districts diluted the voting strengths of minorities and of the minority party," said Rep. Daniel Lilley, D-3rd, co-chairman of the House Redistricting Committee.

"According to the (U.S.) attorney general's office, under the plan we had submitted blacks would have been unable to elect the candidates of their choice," Lilley said.

House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey said it was his understanding that by adhering to multimember districts, the House plan "submerged large concentrations of the black population in a white majority electorate."

"We were under the impression that it was contrary to state law to draw district lines across counties—and it was—but the Justice Department ruled that the law did not apply to the counties covered by the 1965 Voting Rights Act," Ramsey said.

Forty of North Carolina's 100 counties come under the Voting Rights Act.

"The new redistricting plan will have to contain some single-member districts, and there will be some county lines crossed in the process," he said, adding that legislators were working as fast as possible to avoid delaying the coming state primary too long.

"We have primary elections scheduled for May 4," said Alex Brock, state elections director.

"When the General Assembly meets on Feb. 9, they will have to delay the primaries."

Brock said candidates were supposed to start filing for the primary Feb. 15. "The General Assembly will have to alter the filing dates as well," he said.

Lilley said the House Redistricting Committee now had "a good idea what the Justice Department is looking for." He said the plan probably would be taken to the Justice Department before the Feb. 9 meeting of the General Assembly. "They can look at the plan and accept it or suggest where we need to make some changes."

But Ramsey said he doubted if the plan would be submitted to the Justice Department before the General Assembly met. "I think it would be pressing things a bit to let the Justice Department review a plan before it passes the state legislature," he said.

All changes in the redistricting plan will occur in the 40 counties covered by the Voting Rights Act, Lilley said.

He said the new plan would create some predominantly black districts, which would have a black majority of 60 percent or greater.

Lilley said North Carolina normally did not cross county lines because these are "easily identifiable." He said: "County governments are a strong and viable part of North Carolina's political system."

"Under the new system some districts will pull townships out of certain counties," he said. "Each time you cross a county line you run the risk of confusing the voters and complicating the task of campaigning."

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Candidates state views

Issues discussed in forum

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Candidates for student body president, *Daily Tar Heel* editor, Residence-Hall Association president and Carolina Athletic Association president spoke before about 100 students in an RHA candidate forum held Thursday night in Teague basement.

Student body presidential candidates Mark Canady, Summey Orr, Tim Smith and Mike Vandenberg each discussed what they would do if elected.

Canady said he felt accessibility was the key to giving Student Government increased credibility among students.

"A lot of students perceive Student Government as a club," Canady said. "I don't think that's very conducive to good government."

Vandenberg said he would appoint a single assistant to be responsible for bringing a larger number of students into Student Government.

"The assistant would make sure that if the positions are open, students know about them," Vandenberg said. "He would be drumming up business."

Orr stressed his past experience at the Forum, and said he would use it to bring more students in to Student Government.

"I can provide high-level experience both in Student Government and outside of Student Government," Orr said. "That's important because it gives you a large base to draw students from."

Smith called Student Government stagnant and said he would expand the tutorial service campuswide and set up a student fees commission.

"Student Government needs to be more personal and use its position to educate students about problems around campus," Smith said.

"We need to come up with new programs," he said. "It's up to Student Government to pull students out of their apathy."

Vandenberg said that one of the problems he wanted to look into was financial aid distribution.

"As it is now, you stand in line to get your check, then you go to Bynum and wait in line to deposit it to your account," he said. "When they install the new computer system, I want to see if it's possible to deposit those checks directly to the accounts."

When questioned about the proposed fee increase, Vandenberg and Smith said they supported it, Orr said he was opposed and Canady said that the size of the increase would depend on the size of the Chapel Thrill concert students wanted.

"I'm against the fee increase," Orr said. "Too much money is being held back for cash-flow purposes. And I think there are other ways of setting up the concert that might save money."

Canady said he wanted to see more done about race relations among students.

"I'd like to have an ethnic festival on campus where various cultures can showcase themselves," he said.

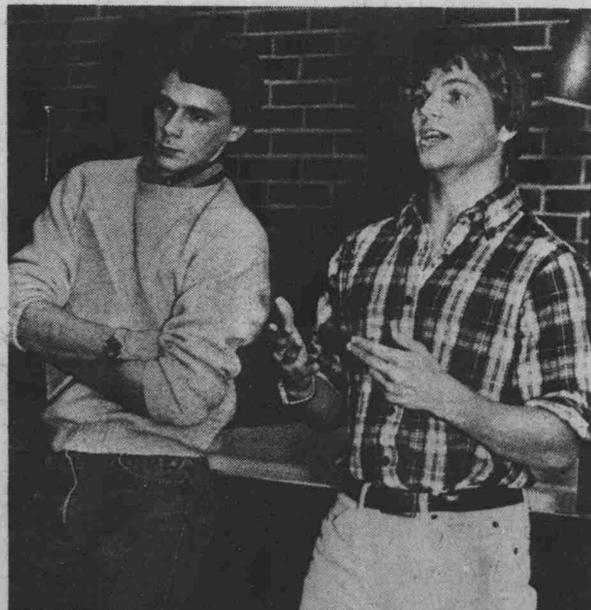
Candidates for the office of *Daily Tar Heel* editor discussed in-depth reporting and altering the content of the back page.

John Drescher said he would organize a small staff of investigative reporters to probe campus issues. "We haven't done a good job of getting into the issues," he said. "We can be a lot more of a force than we have in the past."

Jonathan Rich said he would encourage more "in-depth writing on every news desk, giving more pertinent, interesting news." Rich said he would run in-depth stories on the back page. "It makes a lot of sense to give a section to sports or the arts ... to open up space where we could really do in-depth stories," Rich said.

Drescher disagreed, saying he wanted "letters (to the editor) on the back page as much as possible," and a weekly column on the back page renewing national news events.

Carolina Athletic Association presidential candidate Perry Morrison said he would reorganize the CAA into four branches. "It's a lot of work for one person to do," he said of the job. Morrison said he would listen to stu-



John Drescher (left) and Jonathan Rich field questions ... the candidates for 'DTH' editor discussed news coverage

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