

Wake Forest to discuss Baptist ties

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On Friday, the members of the covenant committees of Wake Forest University and the N.C. State Baptist Convention will meet in Winston-Salem to decide the future of the formal ties that have linked the two for the past 152 years.

However, Wake Forest does not want to completely break off ties with the convention as has been widely reported. "What we want is an agreement both sides can live with and abide by," said Robert Philpott, chairman of the university covenant committee.

The dispute centers around the ability of Wake Forest to appoint its own trustees. In 1979, the university and the convention negotiated a five-year covenant which gave the university the power to

nominate its own trustees, one-third of which could be non-N.C. residents or non-Baptists. The other two-thirds of the trustees had to be N.C. Baptists.

Previously, the convention was able to elect and dismiss trustees, and all trustees had to be N.C. Baptists. The convention retained the right to veto nominees.

The covenant came up for renewal last year at the convention's annual November meeting. The university offered a covenant which contained a provision stating that the one-third of the trustees who were not from North Carolina or were not N.C. Baptists could not be vetoed by the convention. The convention refused to ratify the covenant. The process then shifted to the covenant committees which have been trying to hammer out a compromise.

Neither Philpott nor William Poe, the president of the convention, would speculate on the outcome of Friday's meeting. "Everything is up in the air until after the meeting," Philpott said.

Even if a compromise covenant is agreed on by the committee Friday, it has a long road to travel before it becomes official, according to Poe.

"After it leaves the covenant committee, the proposal will go to the Carolina Council on Christian Higher Education, which is a commission of the convention.

"The proposal will have to go to the General Board of the N.C. Baptists' state convention, who will make a recommendation to the full convention when it meets in November. The convention will then vote on the proposal," Poe said.

The convention founded Wake

Forest in 1834, but relations between the convention and university have been strained for the past few years. During the negotiations in 1979 that led to the old covenant, the convention withheld its monetary support for the university.

The covenant of 1979 ended the convention's direct financial support of the university, replacing it with an agreement that allowed Baptist churches to designate gifts to the university. These gifts totaled some \$500,000 of Wake Forest's \$160 million yearly budget.

In return, the university offers scholarships to Baptists, holds Baptist conferences and keeps records for many Baptist churches. "Dollar for dollar, all of the money we received from Baptist churches last year was spent on Baptist-related affairs," Philpott said.

Woman sentenced to 3 years for role in Belushi's overdose

From Associated Press reports

LOS ANGELES — Cathy Evelyn Smith, the former rock backup singer who injected comic John Belushi with drugs before he died, was sentenced to three years in prison Tuesday by a judge who called her "the source of the poison."

Smith has pleaded no contest to a charge of involuntary manslaughter and three counts of furnishing and administering dangerous drugs in Belushi's death from a heroin and cocaine overdose on March 5, 1982.

Judge David Horowitz rejected an impassioned plea from Smith's attorney, Howard Weitzman, who urged that she be placed on probation and be allowed to enter a drug rehabilitation program.

Soviets maintain spying charge

MOSCOW — A foreign ministry official said Tuesday that papers handed to Nicholas Daniloff by an acquaintance were evidence the American reporter was involved in espionage. The Soviet official denied the KGB framed Daniloff.

Daniloff, correspondent for U.S. News & World Report magazine, has been held at Lefortovo Prison in eastern Moscow since his arrest Saturday. The KGB have accused him of spying.

Mortimer B. Zuckerman, the magazine's chairman, said Daniloff's detention was "outrageous."

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Entertainer's case to be heard

NEW CITY, N.Y. — A grand jury will hear charges against entertainer Joey Heatherton stemming from her alleged stabbing of an ex-lover during an argument about her career, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Rockland County District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz said the charges — felonious assault, menacing and possession of a controlled substance — will be presented to a grand jury in two weeks.

Heatherton, 41, is free on \$1,500 bail.

Gribetz said Heatherton allegedly attacked Jerry Fischer, 44, with two knives at his home in Hillcrest after an argument in which he blamed her career troubles on drug use.

Gribetz said police at the scene found a white powder believed to be cocaine in her purse when Heatherton opened it looking for identification.

Heatherton, daughter of TV's "Merry Mailman," Ray Heatherton, was arrested in July 1985 at the U.S. Passport Office in Manhattan for allegedly slapping a woman and pulling her hair. She was also charged with refusing to pay a \$4,906 bill at a Long Island hotel and spa.

91 believed killed in Calif. plane crash

From Associated Press reports

CERRITOS, Calif. — Up to 24 people on the ground may have been killed Sunday, when a jetliner crashed into a residential neighborhood. The jetliner had collided with a small plane whose pilot had just had a heart attack, said sources Tuesday.

A top federal investigator said it was unlikely the heart attack led to the collision that killed the 67 people aboard the planes.

"I'm skeptical that it was a factor," said John Lauper, the National Transportation Safety Board member in charge of the investigation of the crash.

Ira Furman, NTSB spokesman, said key remaining questions include why the single-engine Piper was in restricted airspace used by planes approaching and leaving Los

Angeles International Airport, and why it was not seen by the crew of the Aeromexico DC-9 or the air traffic controller at the airport.

The confirmed dead included 58 passengers and six crew members aboard the jet and the three people in the small plane. Numbers from various sources indicated that up to 24 others on the ground also died, which could bring the total death toll

to 91.

Garry Oversby, of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, said a man and two of his teen-age children died in one house, while 15 party-goers died in another house. One woman was believed killed in her home, her son said Monday. Five other people, believed to be residents of or visitors to another house, were also killed, the Orange County Register said

Tuesday.

Coroner's spokesman Bill Gold refused Tuesday to estimate the number of fatalities among people on the ground.

In Washington, NTSB investigators said they're uncertain how much information they will get from the DC-9's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder because they were severely damaged.

Report predicts active coastal economy

By ROBERT KEEFE
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If the findings released in a recent economic report prove to be true, the residents in the coastal sections of the United States can expect a relatively active economy for years to come, while those in the heartland of the nation will suffer in economic stagnancy.

The Joint Economic Committee reported last month that California and 15 East Coast states have averaged 4 percent annual growth in personal income since 1981. Comparatively, the other 34 states

have had an average 1.4 percent annual growth rate.

The report cited problems in the agriculture, petroleum, mining, timber and heavy manufacturing industries as major reasons for a failing economy in the nation's heartland.

The coastal states, on the other hand, are becoming more service-oriented. The prosperity of most states depends on their ability to break away from failing industries and lean toward the service industries, according to the report.

The establishment of research centers such as Research Triangle Park and Silicon Valley in California also promotes the prosperity of the coastal states in the future. But until heartland states can establish research universities, the possibility of research centers will remain out of reach.

"The research universities are the foundation for economic growth," said John D. Kasarda, chairman of the UNC department of sociology. "They are absolutely essential."

Access is another major reason for economic well-being in the coastal sections of the United States, Kasarda said.

"This is why the decision by American Airlines to locate (its eastern hub) at Raleigh-Durham airport was so important to the economy," said Kasarda.

"Access is the key to development," he said.

According to the committee report, earnings by families in coastal states could be more than 40 percent higher than earnings by families in other parts of the nation by the mid-1990s if the present trend continues.

The 15 Eastern states in the committee's study were North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Maine, Delaware, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

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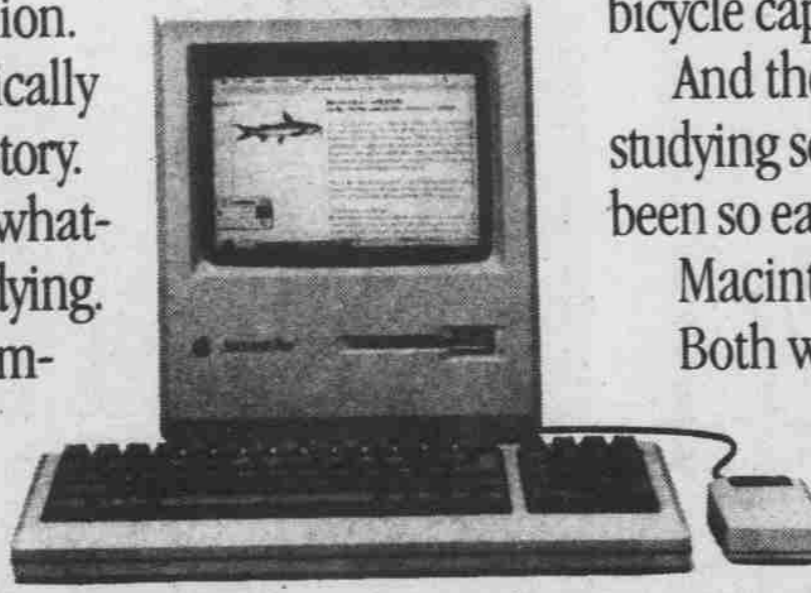
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