

World and Nation

Reforms

immunize the newborns against the flu.

"This is not just a sad story," Raleigh said. "The investigative reporting raised questions about larger social issues. This is indicative of the sweeping change in the Soviet press since Gorbachev took office."

BSM

The congress appeals committee decided Feb. 21 that the BSM had no grounds for appeal and that it was not absolved of its responsibility to meet deadlines due to its "failure to keep accurate watches."

After discussion concerning the appeal for funding, Wednesday night's meeting continued with the two presidential hopefuls presenting their views and responding to questions from the general body of the BSM.

McLean, a junior history major from Burlington, said she wants to restructure the BSM. "I don't think students want to be a part of a BSM that is not organized."

Concerning the Black Cultural Center (BCC), McLean said there had been notable progress in planning programming for the center. "But as far as getting a building, we have made little progress," she said.

Getting the support of other campus groups is also important to the success of the BCC, said McLean. "There are white students who want a BCC, but they can't help because

Malakhov said the press had been very active in suggesting reforms and additions to the new policies. "It is one of the greatest achievements of the government."

Conservative and liberal publications and their ensuing ideological battles are being tolerated, Rupen said.

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they don't understand about what it is."

McLean has been chairwoman of the BSM Minority Retention Task Force and a co-chairwoman of the BSM Membership Committee. She is also on the Undergraduate Student Court and has been a counselor for freshman camp.

Tanner, a junior English major from High Point, wants to get more people involved in the BSM, he said. "What I want to do is bring everyone into the BSM. I've seen that the general population of students have lost faith in the BSM."

Tanner, a Campus Y Big Buddy, wants to establish liaisons with various student groups, including the Residence Hall Association and The Daily Tar Heel, he said.

Asked what could be done about apparent apathy toward the BCC among many students, Tanner said apathy was not the correct term. "I wouldn't define it as apathy," he said. "I would define it as a lack of knowledge of what is going on."

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Strike

Many Eastern airline counters are empty because of the lack of workers, and endorsement is a problem for students, O'Neill said. American will probably issue a press release when they have a response to the proposal from Eastern.

United Airlines is honoring Eastern tickets that were written on or before March 6, said Sara Dornacker, media relations manager for United.

Discount tickets of a comparable fare that are on a normal United route will also be honored, Dornacker said.

American and United both cited alternatives, like flying standby, booking a new flight or paying the difference between a previously purchased ticket and the next available fare category.

Students should call their travel agents before attempting to contact Eastern Airlines, said Jatta Palbot, a Chapel Hill travel agent.

Eastern has had to lay off about 8,000 non-union employees since the strike began.

All but 88 of Eastern's 3,600 pilots have also left their jobs, said Hank Weber, a captain for Eastern and spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association.

"The machinists are on strike," Weber said. "We are simply honoring another group's picket line. We are not on strike. We just refuse to cross the picket line."

Eastern has made no effort to talk to the pilots, Weber said.

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The Soviet Union has been unusually open in sharing information with the West, but the Soviet citizens themselves have not always been so fortunate, Rupen said. The Soviet government released a lot of information to the West after the meltdown at Chernobyl, but it was very tightlipped with its own people.

"There have been a lot of close and careful reports that indicate they've been freer with information abroad," Rupen said. "Local people are concerned — they feel the government isn't telling them the whole story, and it doesn't seem they are."

But the cover-up at Chernobyl should not be the major issue, Raleigh said. The meltdown happened at the beginning of Gorbachev's term and would be handled very differently now, only a few years later.

"The people are angered by the cover-up," he said. "They know it happened. Now public groups have delayed the opening and building of nuclear reactors in the Soviet Union."

An escalating problem with the Soviets' newfound freedom of expression has been nationalist movements, such as the demonstrations in Armenia. When Gorbachev did not endorse Armenian claims that they should annex Azerbaijan, the protests turned against him, Rupen said.

When a Dec. 7 earthquake rocked Armenia, killing nearly 50,000 people, Gorbachev rushed back from his tour of America only to be booed by Armenians when he arrived, he said.

"In a very cynical sort of way, the earthquake in Armenia gave Gorbachev a chance to get things under control there," Rupen said.

Gorbachev sent in the army to get control of the devastated area, and most of the political dissidents were arrested under that guise, he said.

But arresting people solely for their political beliefs is far less common now, Malakhov said. Last fall the Soviets released all political prisoners held in mental institutions, and American psychiatrists are being allowed to tour Soviet mental hospitals and examine the patients.

Another important aspect of the openness policy of glasnost is the rewriting of textbooks and the new presentation of history.

"The fundamental problem is not economic or political — the real problem is moral. They have lied about their past," Raleigh said.

The history books have been rewritten, but many Soviet citizens are seeing the rewrite as a new orthodox history, Rupen said. They are incorporating the history into the party line without further consideration.

"They've corrected a lot of outright lies," Rupen said. "We think the truth is more complex. You can't get at the truth by just accepting changes."

Textbooks are also being rewritten, and a Soviet dissident has been included on the committee handling the revisions, he said.

The reform in education has just started, Malakhov said. "Students have more voice in what they study, and student voice is as important as teachers' voices. Students even have their own government in the schools now."

Most Soviets are disturbed to have the reforms presented as history, Rupen said. Most of them grew up believing in policies and politics that are being disclaimed now.

"They already took away religion, and now they're destroying faith in the past and in the party line. They're knocking away all the pillars, and it's difficult to see what is left for the people to believe in," he said.

But Raleigh said that before Gorbachev there was nothing holding the people together. Gorbachev has restored young people's belief in their nation.

The younger generation is taking advantage of the new policies and is increasingly interested in Western culture.

American and European films are available in the Soviet Union, and it is not rare to go to a theater where you can see anything you want, Malakhov said. Rock 'n' roll has also been very influential on Soviet youth — especially with the recent influx of American and European performers, including Billy Joel.

But young people are not at the center of the changes, Raleigh said.

"It is my view the most important generation is the generation who reached adulthood in the mid-'50s and saw Khrushchev reveal the horrors of Stalin's reign," he said. "Now they are in a position of leadership, and they will not go back."

Soviet Jews begin hunger strike to protest emigration policies

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Dozens of Jewish women across the Soviet Union, some joined by their children, launched a three-day hunger strike Wednesday to protest what they say are arbitrary Kremlin policies barring their emigration.

Inside a small, dark apartment in a pre-fabricated Moscow high-rise, 18 women and four of their children gathered to begin the third annual hunger strike organized by a group called Jewish Women Against Refusal.

The hunger strikers, who were packed into a modest living room, said they feared that the international popularity of President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, known as "perestroika," diverts attention from their plight.

"We are very afraid now because the Soviet Union does everything possible to attract attention to perestroika, and many people across the world are deceived," said Judith Lurie of Moscow.

"It's true that many changes have taken place in this country, but it's far from being a law-governed state," said Lurie, 46, who has been refused an exit visa for 10 years.

Iran threatens British safety

LONDON — Britain announced Wednesday it is expelling about 30 Iranians on security grounds because of Iran's death threat against novelist Salman Rushdie. The government also warned Britons to get out of Lebanon.

The Foreign Office said the 150 Britons in Lebanon are under "increased threat" from kidnappers following Iran's severing of diplomatic relations with Britain Tuesday over Rushdie's novel, "The Satanic Verses."

Three Britons are among the 15 foreign hostages in Lebanon.

An Iranian newspaper, Kayhan International, said the diplomatic break "will leave its negative impact on the fate of the British hostages."

News in Brief

Tower backed by Bentsen

WASHINGTON — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen on Wednesday became the third Democrat to support the faltering nomination of John Tower as defense secretary, but Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell claimed he still has the votes to reject the nominee.

"I will vote for John Tower's confirmation," the Texas senator said on the Senate floor. "And I hope that when I get the next chance to talk with John Tower about the tough job of keeping this country strong, it will be while he's in his new office at the Pentagon."

Despite Bentsen's pledge of support, Mitchell repeated his claim that the full Senate will reject the nomination, and he led a chorus of Democrats who called for a quick vote to end the rancorous debate that dragged onward for the fifth day.

Asked earlier in the day if Bentsen's decision could change the final outcome, Mitchell replied: "Whatever his decision, I still have the ample votes."

But Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said "two more votes will give us a secretary of defense, maybe this week."

Racist image haunts Atwater

WASHINGTON — Republican Party chairman Lee Atwater was portrayed Wednesday as a victim of the political symbolism of Willie Horton, the black convict Atwater turned into a major issue against Michael Dukakis in the 1988 presidential campaign.

Atwater resigned Tuesday night from the board of predominantly black Howard University after students occupied the administration building to protest his appointment.

The vehemence of the student reaction against Atwater raised questions of how successful the new GOP chairman would be in achieving his goal of attracting black voters to the Republican Party.

Leslie has her own apartment



Leslie was too tired to drive to the campus computer room.



Leslie locked herself out of her apartment. Luckily she had a spare key.



Last week Leslie lost three pounds, this week she gained seven.



With no time for housework, Leslie sometimes finds things that she can't explain.

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