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15 presumed dead in apparent jet crash

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — A Boeing 727 jet believed to be carrying 15 people apparently crashed into the Atlantic Ocean southeast of Newfoundland on Tuesday, a rescue official said.

Transport Canada spokeswoman Lily Abbass said the jet was thought to belong to Faucett Airlines of Peru and was en route to Miami from Reykjavik, Iceland. She said, however, the information had not been confirmed.

The airplane's crew declared a low-fuel emergency in the afternoon and had not been heard from since, according to a spokesman for the Search and Rescue Coordination Center in Halifax.

Rescue officials said they assumed the plane had crashed into the ocean.

Several Canadian Forces airplanes and helicopters were sent to the area, the spokesman said. Abbass said the plane had been scheduled to make a refueling stop at Gander, Newfoundland.

Government, ANC at war, Mandela says

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nelson Mandela accused the government Tuesday of waging war against his African National Congress and said failure to halt black factional fighting threatened talks on ending apartheid.

Mandela held an urgent meeting with President F.W. de Klerk as vicious black factional fighting left at least 24 people dead. Police said unrest in black townships around Johannesburg continued into the night, with shacks burned in Tokoza and running clashes between black factions in Katlehong.

"We will do everything in our power to ensure that the peace process remains on track, but the government has to do its part," Mandela said in Pretoria after Tuesday's meeting.

Saudi towns bothered by troops with guns

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — The Saudi government has complained to the U.S. military about the growing number of American troops visiting Saudi towns toting weapons, officials said Tuesday.

Saudi and U.S. officials sought to play down the significance of the formal complaint, but it came amid growing signs the American presence is causing cultural strains.

For the first few weeks of the American deployment, it was rare to see uniformed U.S. military personnel in Saudi towns. But in the past 10 days many units have sent troops into a few towns for supplies they have been unable to get from the military. Those soldiers often wander through streets and shops carrying M-16 rifles and other weapons.

Another Saudi official said the government also has been questioned in recent days about American military women driving in the streets. Women are prohibited from driving in Saudi Arabia.

U.S. military officials have said women would be confined to driving on military installations and in their camps, but there have been occasions when women have been seen driving military vehicles in Saudi towns.

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Leaders discuss cuts in Polk Place rally

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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Save UNC Day started when 1,000 University community members gathered in Polk Place Tuesday to listen to campus leaders discuss the effects of the budget crunch.

Cindy Hahamovitch, Graduate Students United member and rally emcee, began the rally by encouraging the crowd to vote for state legislators who support UNC.

Hahamovitch apologized for disrupting classes in buildings surrounding the Polk Place area during the rally, but said those classes were one of the focuses of Save UNC Day.

"We want to make sure there are classes to attend next year," she said.

GSU Co-chairman Joel Sipress said he feared the possibility of staff layoffs if more budget cuts were made. "On behalf of GSU, we will stand in solidarity with the staff in these times of trouble," he said. "Injury to one is injury to all."

The N.C. legislature mishandled the budget problems, Sipress said. "They closed their eyes, crossed their fingers and hoped everything would be fine," he said. "Political leaders of North Carolina have been incredibly irresponsible in the way it has responded to the budget crisis."

William Barney, professor of history, agreed with Sipress. "We have all repeatedly been told this University should not expect any special treatment (from the state legislature)," he said. "This is true, but only a partial truth. It only glosses over the fiscal incompetency of the legislature."

"Yes, this state has a budget crisis," he said. "But it does not have the political establishment aroused by public opinion to deal with the crisis in a fair and equitable way."

Students should voice their concerns to the legislature, Barney said. "This is your university and you have every right to demand the very best education the state can provide."

North Carolina, a state that imposes a sales tax on food, should have no

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GSU member Cindy Hahamovitch emcees Tuesday's rally

UNC professor selected as king of Nigerian city

By MEREDITH HOGG
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Joseph Edozien, a member of the UNC faculty for 20 years, has been promoted — to King of Asaba, Nigeria.

The UNC professor and former chairman of the nutrition department was chosen king by the people of Nigeria, who have been searching for a ruler since October 1988.

Edozien will leave Chapel Hill at the end of September to begin his new life in Nigeria. His formal installation as king will not take place until mid-December.

Only eligible males, including brothers, cousins, uncles or anyone who is a descendant from the first traditional ruler, can be selected king, Edozien said.

The king is selected based on his ancestry and the decision of the people of Asaba. "Within the family, the people have the right to choose from the eligible males," he said. Edozien's grandfather held the title.

Edozien was born in Asaba and said he speaks the Ibo language well. Asaba is located near the western bank of the Niger River and has a population of one million people.

Edozien said before he accepted the position, he considered the changes he would have to make in his lifestyle. "Ruling a people is a lot more difficult task than being a professor," he said.

A less-efficient water system and more interruptions in the electrical supply are some of the inconveniences Edozien said he will meet in Asaba. But he said that his standards of living in Asaba would remain about the same as here in Chapel Hill.

He accepted the kingship because of the challenges the country faces. "There is an opportunity to do a good deal of things for a lot of people, which will bring a good deal of happiness," he said.

Edozien is confident that he has made the best decision, but said that



Joseph Edozien

the changes will be difficult. "I've been here for 20 years, and it will be hard to start fresh again."

When he arrives in Asaba, he will meet with the chiefs of the many ethnic groups to discuss goals for the entire nation.

Edozien said he hopes to make productive changes in the Asaban way of life, such as the role of women in Asaba's society.

"Traditions are just not progressive enough," he said. "I know that change cannot come overnight."

Edozien's wife and six children will accompany him to Asaba to participate in the ceremony, but the family members' future plans are unclear.

"They can decide for themselves what they want to do (return to America or not)," he said.

Edozien's son Anthony is a UNC medical student.

The native Nigerian said the entire family is very proud and excited

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Revenue shortage may ravage UNC budget further

By MARCIE BAILEY
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Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, said Tuesday that the University may experience an additional 3.2 percent funding cut before next semester if the state revenue shortfall continues.

The reduction could amount to \$8 million, Boulton told about 500 people at the Graduate Students United forum.

Boulton said the cuts were a result of many factors, such as gas price increases, that are limiting revenue coming into the University and the state.

Federal grants are also under fire, Boulton said. The Gramm-Rudman Act, which is contingent on the budget deficit, could reduce University grants by 32.7 percent Oct. 1.

State legislators and other University administrators also discussed the budget at the forum in Great Hall. They urged students to talk to legislators about the budget problems.

Bertha Holt (D-Alamance) said word about the problems budget cuts are causing must be spread if people want the N.C. General Assembly to do something about them.

"It is like a computer; you put garbage in, you get garbage out," she said.

Peggy Stamey (D-Wake) said that North Carolina was among 33 states experiencing financial shortfalls and that UNC was fortunate to have survived so far.

Stamey said that she voted for new tax bills to gain revenue for education, but that there were not enough votes for the bills to pass.

"In order to change priorities, you need control, and the power you need to change (priorities) is at the ballot box," she said.

Kay Wijnberg, the business manager at UNC's law school, said the General

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Assembly made the decision not to raise revenue and added that it needs to hear that people are willing to create revenues by increasing taxes.

Undergraduate and graduate students asked the panel why funds could not be extracted from sources such as the Highway Trust Fund, corporations and an increase in taxes on alcohol and cigarettes. They also told legislators that a tax increase would be worthwhile if it saved educations.

Several legislators raised their hands when students asked if they supported such methods of increasing revenue for education.

Arlie Culp (R-Randolph) said he did not support taking money for education out of the Highway Trust Fund because the money is needed to maintain N.C. roads, to repair bridges and to build more four-lane highways.

Some students responded to Culp by saying roads would not be needed if budget cuts continued to have such an adverse effect on education, research and commerce in the Research Triangle Area.

Panel members said they supported students' lobbying actions to the General Assembly, but added that the University is dealing with the budget crunch as effectively as possible.

Provost Dennis O'Connor said members of the University community need to educate legislators about what happens when graduate student support is reduced. Graduate students are essential to maintain the quality of institutions like the University, he said.

Joel Sipress, GSU co-chairman, said the graduate students of today were the faculty of tomorrow.

Garland Hershey, vice chancellor of health affairs, said graduate students



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Rep. Joe Hackney (D-Orange) speaks in Great Hall during the GSU forum Tuesday afternoon

Flex Plan leaves students hungry for other meal options

By JENNIFER PILLA
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Marriott Corp. is offering a new Flex Plan meal option to give students and their parents a specific menu plan at greater savings, but some students said the plan is not as flexible as it appears.

The Flex Plan gives students an alternative to the Cash Card, which was

previously the only meal program students could buy. Users of the Flex Plan pay a semester fee of \$850 for 19 meals, \$725 for 14 meals, or \$595 for 10 meals per week.

Students on the Flex Plan can only purchase a certain amount at each of their meals. For breakfast, the limit is \$2.70, for lunch it is \$3.60 and for

dinner it is \$4.25.

If students on the Flex Plan spend more than the limit at a meal, they must pay extra in cash. If their meals cost under the limit, they do not receive the change. Missed meals do not carry over into the next week.

Students on the plan can eat only at certain times Marriott designated. They

can use their card at any campus dining service location.

Some students said they were displeased with the Flex Plan's stipulations.

Suzy Savage and Robin James, sophomores from Tarboro, said they were registered for the Flex Plan before they learned about the program's restrictions.

"We didn't understand that there were only certain times we could eat and certain amounts we could get at each meal," Savage said.

James said, "We got our plans changed as soon as we got here and found out what the plan included."

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Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least. — Robert Burne