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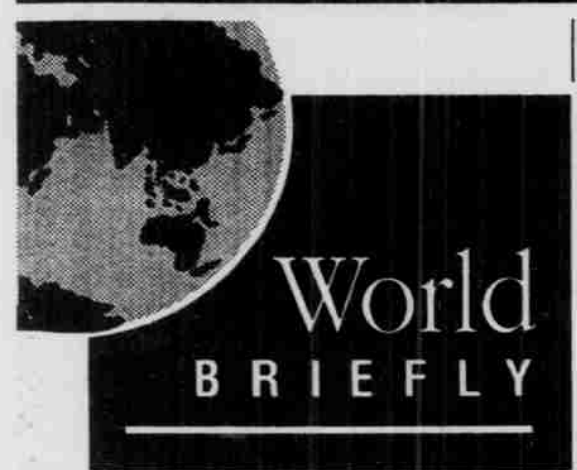
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German economic troubles cause strike

BERLIN — More than 15,000 teachers and school workers staged a warning strike in eastern Germany on Thursday in the latest sign of the region's growing economic troubles.

In Bonn, the economics ministry said eastern German industrial output plunged 10.5 percent in December.

Across the former communist nation of 16 million residents, local leaders are clamoring for more money from the federal government, unemployment is increasing and rents are rising beyond the reach of many people.

For many, the euphoria over October's unification of the two Germanys has been replaced by worry and feelings of insecurity about the future.

Teachers walked off their jobs in the cities of Dresden, Leipzig and Chemnitz, forcing three-fourths of the local schools and kindergartens to close for the day.

In all, about 15,500 striking teachers and school personnel took to the streets in demonstrations during the one-day job action, according to the GEW teachers' union.

The strikers were demanding higher wages and job protection, despite efforts to trim down the bloated communist-era work forces.

Soviet government proposes retail hike

MOSCOW — Government proposals to hike retail prices by up to 200 percent brought sighs of resignation from Soviet shoppers who said Thursday it would do nothing to put more food and goods on empty store shelves.

The plan, which must be approved by the Soviet legislature, would eliminate government subsidies to producers.

Wages, pensions, children's welfare payments and other income would be increased to compensate for at least some of the higher prices, according to the government newspaper Izvestia and state television.

The plan is an attempt to close the large gap in the Soviet Union between the cost of producing goods and wholesale prices. It would not end central government control over prices, a cumbersome system that must be dismantled before a free market economy can ever exist in the vast nation.

No date has been set for the increases to take effect. Many details have not been released. The hikes were originally announced last month by Anatoly Komin, deputy chairman of the State Price Committee.

Mandela trial delayed for witness search

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The kidnap and assault trial of Winnie Mandela was postponed Thursday until March 6 so prosecutors could search for a witness whose disappearance put their case in jeopardy.

Prosecutor Jan Swanepoel received the postponement by arguing that it would be "impossible" to proceed after one key witness vanished and two others subsequently were too scared to testify.

Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and three co-defendants are being tried on charges they kidnaped and assaulted four young men in Soweto in December 1988.

— From Associated Press reports

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Student's death may be alcohol-related

By CATHY OBERLE
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A UNC freshman killed Saturday in a hit-and-run accident in Winston-Salem was attending a social function with members of Theta Chi fraternity, a Wake Forest University official said.

Ryan Guillems, who was invited to join UNC's chapter of the fraternity last fall, attended a planned mixer with the

Phoenix Society, a WFU women's social organization, said Brian Eckert, director of media relations for WFU.

"I can confirm that he was here, and he officially attended a party with the Chapel Hill chapter of Theta Chi," Eckert said. Guillems, 18, signed in at the party, Eckert said.

Evan Eile, Theta Chi president, said the fraternity was working with the

police to determine how the accident happened.

"We really have no idea what happened," Eile said. "He went (to the mixer) and we lost track of him. We have no idea what the circumstances were. It's a mystery to us."

Stacy Simonton, Phoenix Society president, declined to comment on the incident.

Sgt. Steve Newsome of the Winston-Salem Police Department said police do not know now why Guillems was on Reynolda Road, the scene of the accident. Reynolda Road is about a mile from WFU.

"We have not been able to determine why he was in the area (of the accident)," Newsome said.

An autopsy showed Guillems con-

sumed alcohol before the accident, but results of a blood alcohol level test are pending, Newsome said. Guillems was carrying identification stating that he was 21 years old, he said.

Eile said he was not aware of any alcohol provided at the mixer. "There was no alcohol accessible to the common

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Light workload

Archie Gunter, a University electrician, cleans and replaces light bulbs outside Old West Residence Hall Thursday afternoon.

Missing UNC Study Abroad participant found in Europe

From staff reports

Scott Lamb, a UNC junior who has been missing in Denmark, was found unharmed Thursday.

Lamb was studying in Denmark as part of the UNC Study Abroad Program. He had been missing since Jan. 28.

The University of Copenhagen notified UNC's Office of International Programs Thursday afternoon that Lamb had been found.

Craig Calhoun, director of UNC's International Programs Office, said, "Scott has been found in Europe, and he is all right. We don't know anything new about what he was doing."

Calhoun said he did not want to speculate on the circumstances surrounding Lamb's disappearance. Lamb's family has asked him not to release much information, he said.

Lamb was reported missing when he did not return as expected for dinner with his host family in Copenhagen. Police in Copenhagen had tentatively concluded that his disappearance was voluntary.

Lamb had been in Copenhagen for five days before his disappearance. He was one of nine UNC students enrolled in Denmark's International Study Program.

Iraqi army desertions rise in wake of heavy bombing

From Associated Press reports

NEAR THE KUWAITI BORDER — Desertions from Iraq's army rose Thursday following a night of what allied officers described as the heaviest bombing yet of troop positions in southern Kuwait.

Some deserters said front-line troops were getting only a few mouthfuls of food every other day, and they claimed that half of Saddam Hussein's front-line troops already have deserted.

Twenty-two Iraqi soldiers walked across the desert front and surrendered to Egyptian forces early Thursday morning, the largest number to show up at an allied outpost since war began, Egyptian and U.S. Army sources said.

Saudi, Egyptian and American military officers described Wednesday night's bombings as perhaps the heaviest allied attacks yet on Iraqi positions in southern Kuwait.

"It was about as heavy as you can get and still be conventional," said a U.S. Army Special forces officer who did not want to be identified.

Shortly after he spoke, a series of thunderous blasts sounded in the distance, and three B-52 bombers and their vapor trails were seen high in the sky.

Twelve of the Iraqi deserters huddled in a circle in the sand at the Egyptian headquarters camp at the front, then responded to questions translated by an Egyptian officer.

Ten others still were being escorted across allied lines in northern Saudi Arabia after field observers spotted them moving through the desert no-man's zone between the warring fronts.

The Iraqis reiterated claims by other Iraqi deserters that 50 percent to 70 percent of the front-line troops had ei-

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State rules against Iverson in Step 4 of grievance case

By SHANNON O'GRADY
Staff Writer

The State Personnel Office has ruled in favor of the University in the second stage of a UNC employee's Step 4 racial discrimination grievance.

In the first part of the Step 4 process, the administrative law judge ruled in favor of Helen Iverson, a University administrative assistant in the Physicians and Associates Plant.

But the state panel ruled that Iverson had not proven she was discriminated against and overturned the earlier decision.

Iverson filed a racial discrimination

grievance against the University about two years ago.

She said she was disqualified from a supervisor's position when the job description was changed to match the credentials of a white woman.

The woman who received the promotion had less experience and less education, Iverson said.

The state's decision did not surprise her, she said. "The way they did Keith Edwards, they showed a pattern, and they did me the same way. I don't agree (with the ruling) because I proved the facts, and they chose not to consider them."

Purchasing Director Fearrington plans to retire at end of February

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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University Purchasing Director Frank Fearrington, who has been named in two grievances filed against the University, said Thursday that he would retire at the end of the month.

Fearrington has worked at the University for 43 years.

Some purchasing employees said Thursday that Fearrington was retiring because of the grievances.

But Fearrington said that his retirement was not a result of the grievances. He said he was just ready for retirement.

"The old man is tired, and it is time to retire," Fearrington said. "It's time to

retire, play golf and paint and work in my yard."

Curtis Rogers, an administrative assistant in the purchasing department, and Jane Tornow, a purchasing agent, have filed grievances against the University alleging that they were discriminated against in their jobs.

Rogers filed a grievance against the University last fall.

He alleges that he was promoted to administrative assistant but did not receive full power of the position because he is a minority.

His grievance is at Step 2, Rogers said.

Edwards, a University police officer, has filed several grievances against the University alleging she was racially and sexually discriminated against.

The State Personnel Commission heard Iverson's and one of Edwards' grievances in December.

They ruled against Edwards and postponed making a decision on Iverson's case until their next meeting.

Charles Foskey, executive director of UNC Physicians and Associates, declined to comment on the state's decision.

Terry Harn, Iverson's lawyer, could not be reached for comment.

BCC busy with Black History Month

By BURKE KOONCE
Staff Writer

February is a busy month for the Black Cultural Center.

The BCC is now midway through its Black History Roundtable Discussion series and its black literature book drive, said BCC Director Margo Crawford.

Both projects are part of the center's observation of National Black History Month.

The purpose of the discussion groups is to provide an educational experience

for all who want to review key issues in black history, she said.

Crawford is usually the facilitator of the discussions, the topics of which include African-American education, African-American family life and the role of African-American males in today's society, she said.

The BCC encourages all students to attend, she said.

The discussion groups meet daily at noon and last until 1:30 p.m.

The BCC conducts two sessions on

Tuesdays to make the sessions more accessible to faculty, she said.

"(The Tuesday sessions) are an opportunity for students to meet their faculty in a different kind of setting," she said.

The two remaining faculty-oriented sessions will be held Feb. 19 and Feb. 26.

Rodney Harris, a senior on the BCC advisory board, said he was pleased

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Roses, roses everywhere

Selenah Huffman, manager of University Florist, arranges displays of freshly cut roses for the hordes of

Valentine's Day shoppers expected to flood the store Thursday afternoon.

If you would be loved, love and be loveable. — Benjamin Franklin