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IN THE NEWS Top stories from state, nation and avorla

Iran says it will finish work on nuclear plant

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani said a nuclear power plant abandoned after the 1979 revolution by a German firm would be completed, state-run Iranian radio reported Monday.

Rafsanjani inspected the site of the

Bushehr nuclear power plant, in southern Iran, on Sunday. He said Teheran remained determined to put the facility into operation with or without German help, according to the radio, monitored by the British

Broadcasting Corporation.

Germany's Kraftwerke Union, a subsidiary of Siemens, began building the facility in 1975.

The project was abandoned after the Islamic revolution. It was about 80 percent completed but was bombed by Iraqi warplanes during the

Donned by Iraq warpanies during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. Teheran radio reported last year that Iran had opened discussions with China on building nuclear power

Slovakians elect Kovac to be first president

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Parliament elected Michal Kovac, a former banker, as Slovakia's first president on Monday, breaking a deadlock that had threatened to destabilize the newly independent country.

Kovac was the last speaker of Czechoslovakia's federal parliament before the country split peacefully into Czech and Slovak states Jan. 1. Parliament had failed in two tries

last month to choose a head of state when none of four candidates won the necessary three-fifths majority.

Kovac, the only candidate in Monday's vote, won 106 votes in the 150-member parliament, 16 more than the three-fifths needed.

Kovac, 62, said his election was an "important signal" of Slovak unity. "We have to increase the credibility of Slovakia in the world," said the president-elect, who will be sworn in

on March 3 for a five-year term.

Kovac was the nominee of Premier
Vladimir Meciar's governing
Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, a party Kovac helped found. In a goodwill gesture, Kovac said he would quit the party and not align himself while president.

Jackson begins strike to aid Haitians' cause

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Jesse Jackson threatened Monday to organize a hunger strike in the United States unless the Clinton administra-tion allows HIV-infected Haitians into this country. Jackson, who began a personal hunger strike Sunday, emerged from a meeting with White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty saying he supported Clinton's Haitian policy, but he wants action this week.

The civil rights leader recently

returned from the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, where he joined HIV-infected Haitians on a hunger strike to pressure Clinton to lift the ban on their entry.

He also urged Clinton to move

faster to restore deposed Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and to end a naval blockade meant to discourage mass migration from the Caribbean nation.

"I'm going to continue (the hunger nd of the week there has been no shift of policy, I will have to consider expanding the number of people involved," Jackson said.

Strike of LA teachers looms as trial nears

LOS ANGELES — Nearly forgotten amid the apprehension about two racially charged trials is the prosp racially charged trials is the prospect of a strike next week by 28,000 teachers in the nation's second-largest public school system.

The teachers' union worries that a walkout next Tuesday would put pickets and thousands of students on city streets at a time when tensions

e running high.

If mediation efforts fail, the tea walkout is scheduled to begin during the federal civil rights trial of four white police officers accused of beating black motorist Rodney King. That trial is now in the jury selection

And it would start shortly before the state criminal trial of three black men charged with beating white trucker Reginald Denny during last year's riots.

-The Associated Pres

BCC design endorsed as Crawford walks out

By Thanassis Cambanis nt University Editor

Tensions between advocates of a freestanding black cultural center and members of the chancellor's working group climaxed Monday, as BCC Director Margo Crawford announced she was

Margo Crawrord announced she was fed up with the process and members approved a building plan.

"I will not participate in writing a proposal," Crawford said after walking out of a meeting with the working group.
"I'm formally withdrawing from the process. I'm not going to spend time in

a process that has no integrity."

Crawford and 20 BCC supporters left the meeting after working-group member and former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt blasted their negotiating

Despite the conflict, the working group passed a resolution approving a plan for a 48,000-square-foot BCC and another urging the completion of a joint report with the BCC Advisory Board.

Gordon Rutherford, director of the facilities planning and design for the University, suggested the group consider submitting a final report to the Board of Trustees by its May 28 meet-ing, rather than by March 26, as originally planned.

At the confrontational 3 1/2-hour meeting, members of the BCC Advisory Board gave reasons why the final report should recommend that the BCC be located on a plot of land between

While the working group reached no decision, members decided to make a final site recommendation at a future meeting, after University architects had completed studies of the two sites still under consideration.

The debate between the working group and the advisory board centered on the relative merits of the two proposed BCC sites—the Wilson-Dey site and the land between the Bell Tower and Coker Hall.

Gantt, a Charlotte architect, said the BCC's emotional pleas for the Wilson-Dey site had accomplished nothing. "You're saying, 'If I don't get the site

I want, I'm going to have a demonstra-tion tomorrow morning," said Gantt, a candidate for U.S. Senate in 1990. "I think you do a disservice to the process we have gone through. I think you have been insulting, in the name of 'If I didn't get what I wanted, I'm not going to

compromise.'
"We need to decide what can be done with the process. You can't sabotage this thing. I'm absolutely to the point where I think we've heard all the points.

I'm not feeling intimidated."
Gantt said BCC supporters had to learn to negotiate and compromise.

"It sounds to me like you folks are willing to go to the wall and say, 'If we don't get what we want, to hell with the BCC," he said. "I think you're all play-

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BCC advocates Ruby Sinreich and Carolynn McDonald debate while working-group member Harvey Gantt listens in Monday

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By Marty Minchin Assistant University Edito

Two Student Supreme Court justices ruled late Monday that the student body president runoff scheduled for today would be held despite an 11th-hour complaint filed by former candidates Carl Clark and David Cox.

Clark, a junior from Fuquay-Varina, and Cox, a junior from Chattanooga, Tenn., filed a complaint against Elections Board Chairman Ron Barnes at 6 p.m. Monday, calling for postponement of today's election. The pair called for investigation into charges against the two final student body president candi-dates, Jim Copland and Jennifer Lloyd.

The complaint contended that Copland and/or one of his campaign workers violated the election code by distributing campaign literature to voters within 50 feet of the Union poll site

during last Tuesday's elec-

The pair also contends in the complaint that Lloyd and/or members of her campaign staff violated Elections Board policy on door-to-door so-

licitation in campus residence halls by knowingly and willfully distributing campaign materials in Cobb Residence

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Although the election code does not bar door-to-door campaigning, the Elections Board had asked candidates to follow the Department of University Housing policy during the general cam-

paign.

After almost an hour of testimony

nd debate, Chief Justice Mark Bibbs, a first-year law student, ruled that the election would be held as scheduled

'A ruling in favor of postponement will set a dangerous precedent, due to the time and circumstances of the filing of the plaintiff's complaint." Bibbs said in the final statement. "Any attempts to delay an election at this late hour will make a mocking out of the entire elec-toral process, something that this court does not condone.

Cox said he filed the complaint at such a late hour because the election results were not certified until Saturday morning, and he was at home in Chatta-nooga during the weekend. Cox contended that while he was

standing in line to vote at the Union poll site last Tuesday, one of Copland's cam-paign workers was distributing Copland's pamphlets through the line. Cox said the campaign worker tried to

give him a handout.

'About 10 minutes later, I found Ron (Barnes) and informed him of it," said. "In keeping with the rules, I feel personally that that was a pretty blatant violation, and it's definitely put other candidates at a disadvantage, especially when (students who are in the line) hadn't made up their minds completely on who they were going to vote for." But Copland said he briefed his cam-

paign staff about election rules, includ-ing the poll site campaigning rule, the day of the election.

"I maintain that there was not a knowing violation of the policy," he said.

Cox and Clark said Lloyd had violated solicitation rules by distributing campaign materials in Cobb. They said Lloyd and her campaign staff were in-volved in handing out the materials.

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Poll sites

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Poll sites for Tuesday's election

•Health Sciences Library
•Campus Y

Student Congress runoff

DISTRICT 13

Roy Granato, Tara Servatius Olde Campus, Residence College (Aycock, Everett, Grimes, Lewis, Manly, Ruffin, Mangum)

What you'll need

Student activists say summer recall election

By Jimmy Dula

Student activists said Monday that University students would be discriminated against if the Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution allowing recall elections to take place during summer months.

The council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. to discuss whether to amend the town charter to include a provision to recall elected officials. The

council also will discuss whether recall elections can be scheduled during the June, July or August. Council member and University stu-

dent Mark Chilton raised the issue at the council's last meeting, saying that if recall elections were permitted to be held during summer months, students would be disenfranchised.

"Someone might purposefully turn in their petition (to recall an elected official) when the students would be out of town," Chilton said. "We're opening up the possibility that students could be systematically excluded."

Jim Copland, a candidate in the run-

off election for student body president, said he thought the council should pro-hibit recall elections from being held when the majority of students were out

"I think it's something that we should stress," he said. "Otherwise students don't have a voice."

Student body president runoff candidate Jennifer Lloyd said students con-

stituted a significant portion of the town's population and deserved to have their votes counted.

"I agree wholeheartedly with wording the amendment to prohibit recall elections during summer months," she said. "Our summer school enrollment is not indicative of student voter registra-

Chilton said he hoped students would attend the hearing to remind council members to take student concerns into

"We need to speak up so that we're not going to be discriminated against in any election," he said. "Tuesday night at 7:30 is the opportunity for people to make it clear that we will participate." Campus activist Erik Ose, who also

is Orange County special registration commissioner, said students comprised more than 10 percent of the electorate in Chapel Hill.

"Most town council members are

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Hunt address outlines \$570 million agenda for education initiatives

The Associated Press RALEIGH — N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt asked legislators Monday to spend an additional \$570 million during the next two years on education and early child-

hood programs.
Hunt earmarked \$105 million for the

state's university system.
"These are ambitious goals," Hunt said in his State of the State address to a joint session of the General Assembly. "But we can be satisfied with nothing less. We are building for the next generation.

"As long as one child cannot get a public education that paves the way for public education that paves the way for success in life, we have not done our job. As long as we fail one child in North Carolina, we have not done our

Hunt proposed to pay for the new spending by cutting \$200 million during the next two years using recommendations from a yearlong audit of state government. He did not specify which of the more than 400 recommendations in that audit he would support.

He apparently expects to pick up the remaining \$370 million in budget surpluses during the next two years. Legispluses during the next two pluses during the lexitor pluses analysts have said they expect

between \$100 million and \$200 million in surpluses to be available when the new fiscal year starts July 1.

The largest new initiative proposed by Hunt is \$60 million for the North Carolina Partnership for Children. The group would organize parents, busi-nesses, nonprofit groups, churches and others to develop early childhood pro-

In education, Hunt proposed \$200 million "for a greater commitment to teachers and educators in our public schools ...

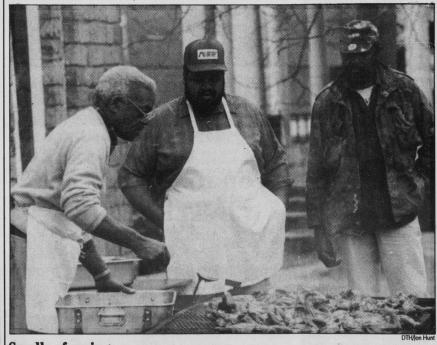
If used for across-the-board pay raises, that would give teachers roughly a 3 percent pay raise this year and 3 percent next year. In his speech, Hunt did not mention pay increases for other percent next year. In his speccin, and did not mention pay increases for other

"That will come tomorrow," Hunt said when asked about pay raises for

other state workers. He also proposed to spend \$113 million for work force preparedness programs and the community college system that operates them, as well as \$105 million for the university system.

Those figures apparently would in-

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Smells of spring

Culinary experts Chief, C.C. and Tree Top prepare barbecued chicken Monday afternoon at the Kappa Sigma house. Cookouts are common at the fraternity, which is located on Little Fraternity