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FRIDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Senate votes to bar AIDS-infected refugees

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to bar AIDS-infected foreigners from immigrating permanently to the United States...

Clinton had promised during the campaign that he would lift a ban already in place, but after the vote the White House seemed to run up the white flag.

"If you look at the vote margin, he doesn't have that many options," said spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., thought so too, and said the 76-23 vote on his amendment should send the administration a message that letting people with the AIDS virus into the country and letting homosexuals into the military are politically unpopular.

Myers suggested that Clinton had not put up much of a fight on the AIDS issue in the Senate.

Serbian might decide to boycott peace talks

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Bosnian Serbs dealt peace talks a blow Thursday by announcing a boycott unless the negotiations are moved back to Geneva.

In a letter to Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, co-chairmen of the peace conference, the Serb delegation said it would not attend talks Friday at U.N. headquarters because of discrimination by the U.S. government and New Yorkers.

Bosnia's U.N. office said President Ilija Izetbegovic would not leave Sarajevo unless U.N. peacekeepers guaranteed security for his vice president.

The absence of the Serbs, who occupy two-thirds of Bosnian territory, likely would scuttle the new round of talks.

Overloaded ferryboat sinks off Haitian coast

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — An overloaded ferryboat sank during a rainstorm off southern Haiti, and hundreds of passengers were missing and feared dead.

The Coast Guard said port authorities reported 800 tickets were sold for the triple-decker ferry. But the skipper said as many as 1,500 people were packed onto the Neptune for an overnight crossing from the southern port of Jeremie to the capital when it went down early Wednesday.

Yeltsin asks opponents to help in compromise

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin went on the political offensive Thursday, offering in a televised address to give up some powers if parliament stops meddling with his Cabinet.

"Reconciliation can and must be achieved. Russia and all of us are tired of tension and confrontation. We need a breather," Yeltsin said.

Yeltsin and Parliament Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov were locked in a dispute over who should be more powerful, the president or the Congress of People's Deputies, the parliament. At stake are Yeltsin's reforms, which hard-liners in parliament oppose.

Haitian soldier hijacks U.S. missionary plane

MIAMI — An armed Haitian soldier hijacked an American missionary plane at an airport in Haiti and ordered it to Miami on Thursday, but when it landed he emerged with his hands behind his head and surrendered to a SWAT team.

None of the other 12 people aboard — all believed to be Americans — was injured, FBI spokesman Paul Miller said. Among them was a woman whom the hijacker had taken hostage before boarding the plane.

The hijacker had given his handgun to the crew during the flight, about two hours after he seized the plane and two hours before it landed in Miami, a federal law enforcement source said on condition of anonymity.

—The Associated Press

New BOG appointees to tackle tenure, tuition

By Daniel Aldrich and Gautam Khandelwal Staff Writers

Tenure policies and tuition hikes are among the top concerns facing the UNC system and UNC-CH in the coming year, several new and reappointed Board of Governors members said this week.

"It has concerned me in the light of what I have been learning that there is an apparent lack of administrative (interest) in promoting quality teaching at (UNC-CH)," said Helen Marvin, one of four new members of the Board of Governors.

"I think we ought to put quality teaching on a basis with research and publishing, as not only a basis for award-

ing tenure, but a basis for hiring at University."

Marvin is one of four recently elected to the BOG by the General Assembly. The General Assembly also reappointed five BOG members.

Former Gov. Jim Martin, Bert Collins of Durham, G. Irvin Aldridge of Manteo and Marvin, a former state senator from Gastonia, will bring fresh blood to the BOG.

The five returning members — Lois Britt, Maxine O'Kelly of Burlington, Jack Jordan of Mount Gilead, D. Samuel Neill of Hendersonville and Wallace Hyde of Raleigh — will continue to serve in their capacities as the final administrators of the 16-school UNC system.

Marvin: Tuition increase is necessary

Marvin said by not providing quality teaching, UNC-CH was denying students a top-notch education.

She added that there was a great deal of emphasis on the "publish or perish" concept in the University system and not enough interest in teaching quality.

Financial problems also could contribute to a decline in the quality of education at all UNC-system schools, Marvin said.

"I am very much concerned we have not been able to provide the 16 colleges and universities with the financial aid they need," she said.

Marvin said raising tuition, not an increase in state taxes, would be neces-

sary to increase the University's revenue. "I would favor a tuition increase for in-state and out-of-state students," she said.

A tuition hike would allow the University to maintain its high level of education, Marvin said.

"We don't want our prestige to decline, and I would not do anything to decrease the prestige of the University," she said. "I can't give you the amount of the increase."

Britt: "Every institution is a teaching institution"

Britt, chairwoman of the committee on personnel and tenure — which currently is re-evaluating the tenure policy at all 16 state schools — said the BOG

had been given a great deal of power to deal with problems in the University system.

"The UNC Board of Governors has set a policy for constituent institutions, and the BOT has delegated a tremendous amount of authority for accomplishing its policies (to the BOG)," Britt said. "We have gone through every institution, redefining their mission statements."

Britt said teaching was a primary part of every school's mission and tenure was a policy by which that mission could be accomplished. "Every institution is a teaching institution," she said. Britt said she felt tenure should not

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Cubist painter

Laura Greene forgot to roll up her sleeves when she painted the Cube Thursday afternoon. Greene was painting for the Clef

Hangers, who are hosting the A Cappella Invitational Feb. 26 and Feb. 27 for college vocal groups.

Chelsea owner to revive former Carolina Theatre

By Jimmy Dula Staff Writer

The Carolina Theatre, a Franklin Street landmark that closed two years ago, could open as early as next month, the movie theater's new owners said Thursday.

Bruce and Mary Jo Stone, who own the Chelsea Theatre, a theater that shows many foreign films, plan to appeal to a more mainstream audience at their new location.

"I'll keep my eye on the audience," Bruce Stone said. "We're pretty much captive to what (films) are available."

The new theater, which will seat about 280 people, will feature one large screen, he said.

Mary Jo Stone said a wider selection of movies would be available to the Carolina Theatre than to the Chelsea simply because of its size and location. "It's easier with some distributors to pick up certain films on Franklin Street," Mary Jo Stone said.

Bruce Stone said he would try to keep the 51 year-old theater's character.

He said he planned to place a replica of the original Carolina Theatre sign on the entrance. The original sign will be hung somewhere on the inside of the building, he added.

Project delayed on Franklin, Columbia

By Jimmy Dula Staff Writer

The owner of the property on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets said he did not know when construction would continue on the project slated for the dirt-covered space.

Joseph Riddle, the Fayetteville-based developer who plans to build a three-story office and retail complex on the corner, said Thursday that several factors have stalled construction.

Riddle said soil tests revealed that the land, formerly home to Top of the Hill gas station and convenience store, was contaminated by benzene deposits that leaked from the store's gas storage tanks.

Until more testing is done, the prop-

erty cannot be developed, he said. John Wise, a spokesman for Groundwater Management, a private soil-monitoring company, said that before construction could take place, the Department of Transportation had to issue permits to allow drilling on the sidewalks.

"Once this thing breaks loose from the permit process, we should see some real progress," he said. Wise said the full extent of the damage to the soil would not be known until more deep soil samples were obtained.

Wise said the request for a permit was filed in November and added that he was optimistic the DOT would grant the necessary permits.

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Bruce Stone said the theater's previous owners told him they had no problem with his use of the name or the sign.

"How can you copyright a name like Carolina, anyway?" Bruce Stone asked. The theater will be painted Carolina blue and will contain plush red seats, he said.

Bruce Stone said that although the

new Carolina Theatre would appeal to a different clientele than the Chelsea, foreign-film aficionados would still have a place to go.

"Chapel Hill is very well served by the Varsity and (the Chelsea) in terms of foreign and art films," he said.

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Former Chapel Hill Mayor Howes adjusting to new job in state capital

By Jackie Hershkowitz City Editor

Former Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes doesn't spend much time in Chapel Hill these days.

As N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt's hand-picked secretary of the Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Howes typically spends 10 to 12 hours a day at his Raleigh office overseeing a staff of 4,000 employees.

"It's even more challenging than I thought it would be," Howes said earlier this month. "But it's an extremely rewarding assignment, and I'm thrilled to be doing it."

Howes, who taught in the University's Department of City and Regional Planning and served three

terms on the Chapel Hill Town Council and two terms as mayor, said his years of political activism in Chapel Hill had prepared him well for the challenges of holding a state office.

Howes said Hunt told him anyone who could be a leader in Chapel Hill government was qualified to hold an office in the state capital.

Although Howes is a relative newcomer to state government, he said his background as a Chapel Hill leader helped ease the transition from the local

to the state political scene.

"Chapel Hill is recognized across the state as a town that knows how to take care of itself," he said. "Leaders from Chapel Hill are awarded some kind of status."

Despite having served for more than 15 years in local government, Howes said he often felt like a political outsider in Raleigh.

"There are times when I feel very much like an outsider because I don't know the capital's cast of characters," he said. "But because of my position, I'm an insider."

Howes said the most challenging aspect of his new job was the breadth of issues his department was expected to work on.

"The scope of the department is far

and away the biggest of any department," he said. "It'll take me a little bit longer to fully get my arms around it."

"It's a real mixture of activities, each of which could be a separate department," he added.

The key to keeping the department running smoothly is to tirelessly advocate on the public's behalf and maintain open lines of communication with colleagues, Howes said.

Howes said he met with Hunt once a week, in addition to speaking with him periodically by phone.

"I see a good deal of (Hunt)," he said. "We work very closely. I respect him a great deal, and I think he respects me."

The most frustrating aspect of overseeing a large department is the overwhelming amount of work to do, Howes

said. "There's never enough time to do the job that needs to be done," he stated.

Howes said his first weeks in office were devoted to restructuring the department to fit the new administration's priorities.

"I don't think (environmental issues) were top agenda items in the previous administration," he said.

Howes said a drawback to his new job was that he no longer had time to teach at the University.

"I certainly miss contact with students, especially undergraduates," he said.

When the legislature recesses in the fall, Howes said he might have enough

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Jonathan Howes

It's better to burn out than fade away! — Def Leppard