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IN THE NEWS Top stories from state, nation and world

# Russian adversaries no closer to resolution

MOSCOW — Russia veered between confrontation and compromise Wednesday, and President Boris Yeltsin and his legislative opponents ended up no closer to resolving their

power struggle.

There had been hopes the sides would be able to resolve the power struggle that has paralyzed Russia's government for weeks and threatened economic reforms

Yeltsin started the day by softening his claim to special powers but later denounced lawmakers for proceeding with plans for an emergency parliament session to try to oust him.

Lawmakers demanded that Yeltsin appear at the Congress of People's

Deputies on Friday, where they may vote to remove him from office for declaring emergency rule and for calling an April 25 referendum on who the people trust to govern — the president or the legislature.

The parliament is trying "to use

any means to remove the lawfully elected president and open the way to power for the forces of revenge and totalitarian restoration," presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov

### **Congress dismantling** anti-abortion position

WASHINGTON — Congress moved Wednesday toward reversing 12 years of anti-abortion policy, as a Senate panel approved an abortion rights bill and the House took up a measure on abortion counseling.

abortion counseling.

The major battle in Congress on the issue — how much leeway states should have in restricting abortion is still several weeks or months away, when the House and Senate get to the Freedom of Choice Act, which would lock a woman's right to abortion into federal law.
On Wednesday, the Senate Labor

and Human Resources Committee voted 12-5 to send that bill to the

Senate floor.

Abortion foes didn't try to weaken the bill with tough language on 24-hour waiting periods and parental consent requirements in committee saying they would save that fight for

### **De Klerk: South Africa** had 6 nuclear bombs

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa the first time Wednesday that South Africa has built nuclear weapons. But he said that he ordered the six bombs dismantled in 1990 and that the program has been abandoned.

In a bid to clear up suspicions about South Africa's secretive nuclear program, de Klerk told Parliament the country was "strictly adhering" to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,

which it signed in 1991.

Media reports here and abroad have questioned whether South Africa has fully disclosed its nuclear stockpile and suggested that the country could be hiding weapons or weapons-grade fuel.

### **Israel elects Weizman** as seventh president

JERUSALEM - Ever Weizman, a JERUSALEM — Ever Weizenbar, and former general turned dove, was elected Wednesday as Israel's seventh president and said he hoped to play a role in the Middle East peace process.

governing Labor Party, outpolled former Parliament Speaker Dos Shilansky from the conservative Liked bloc 66-53 in a secret Parliament ballot

He will succeed President Chaim Herzog, who has served two five-year terms, and takes office on May 13.

## **Bombing suspect being** returned from Egypt

NEW YORK - A key suspect in the World Trade Center bombing was being flown from Egypt back to the United States on Wednesday to face charges in the deadly terrorist attack a federal investigator said. Mahmoud Abouhalima, a 33-year-old New York City cab driver, was being flown to Stewart International Airport north of New York City, and was to be arraigned Wednesday night or

Thursday, the investigator said.
Abouhalima has ties to radical Islamic Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman as three others arrested in the case are believed to have, said the investigator. who spoke on condition of anonym-

—The Associated Press

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

# ralliers take aim at trustees

By Thanassis Cambanis

About 200 dancing, chanting stu-ents rallied in front of South Building Wednesday to call on Board of Trustees

members to hear their message.
Their message: We want a BCC, and we want it next to Wilson Library. Their

Soundtrack: Public Enemy.

Backed up by a blaring sound system, leaders of the student coalition for a free-standing black cultural center spoke for almost an hour in support of a building proposal written by members

Marchers discuss South Africa.

of the BCC Advisory Board.
The students mailed a report to the
BOT Tuesday night that called for building the BCC on a tract of land between Wilson Library and Dey Hall.
The students gathered at noon 100

yards from their preferred site in antici-pation of Friday's BOT meeting, where students hope trustees will consider a proposal for the new center authored by members of the advisory board.

Students initially gathered in the Pit, then marched to South Building chanting, "What do you want? BCC. Where do want it? Wilson."

Tim Smith, co-founder of the Black

Awareness Council, warned that stu-dents would continue to protest if the administration did not support a BCC on the Wilson site.

'Unless things go they way they should go, we're going to make some noise," he said. "The whole world starts when the bell tolls. That's my message

Advisory board members penned their own report last week after receiv-ing copies of the Chancellor's BCC



Students gather on the steps of South Building to voice their support for a free-standing BCC beside Wilson Library

Working Group report, which some board members said was biased toward building the BCC in Coker Woods

The working group report outlines both the Wilson site and a site between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower as possible sites for the BCC.

The Grateful Dead performed at the

Smith Center Wednesday night and will hold another concert tonight, bringing many of the band's groupies

from across the country to Chapel Hill.
Chapel Hill police officer Melvin

Smith said there had been only minor violations of the law so far, such as

trespassing on private property and vending on Franklin Street.

ing, Deadheads could be seen openly peddling their wares Wednesday af-ternoon on Franklin Street. Beads,

necklaces, hair wraps and T-shirts were

among the items being sold to make

Kirincich said at least eight cheer-

leaders would appear for the send-off,

and the band also might perform.

The send-off originally was going to be held in the Smith Center tunnel, but

cause of the Grateful Dead concert,

The send-off, a yearly tradition, gives

students a chance to show their support for the team in person, Kirincich said. But the CAA did not hold a send-off

last year because the team left at an

awkward time, she said. Kirincich said she hoped the send-off would attract a

come out early because the basketball

team will leave promptly at 9:45 a.m.

Kirincich encouraged students to

large number of people.

CAA officials were asked to move the

money to travel to the next show.

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Despite the ban on outdoor vend-

A mini-Deadhead grooves on Franklin Street before the Grateful Dead concert

Deadheads storm

Morning send-off to wish

Dean and company luck

celebration.

Franklin Street

By Matthew Henry

Franklin Street.

The Deadheads had nowhere to go

when the UNC Department of Trans-portation and Parking and the Univer-

sity Police closed off the Smith Center

parking lot Wednesday.
So, like University students after the Tar Heels beat the Duke Blue Dev-

ils, thousands of Deadheads flooded

"We're a cop's worst nightmare bunch of people who don't like t

way the country is run," said a man who called himself Bird. "The cops

need to chill out until something actu-

ally happens, because we don't cause any trouble."

Staff report
If you've never had a reason to get out of bed early, the Carolina Athletic

Association might have one for you

CAA is holding a send-off for the No. 1 seeded varsity basketball team this morning at 9:30.

Students can wish Dean Smith's bas-ketball team a last good luck before they leave to play in the NCAA tournament

Sweet 16 round in East Rutherford, N.J., against the Arkansas Razorbacks.

CAA President Tracy Kirincich said interested students could come see the

players off at the Smith Center by the

new ticket office on Manning Drive.
"We encourage any students who want to come out," she said. ticket office on Manning Drive.

McCormick said that although coalition members spoke eloquently at the rally, he was worried about the detrimental effects of student protests.

"It's not just that trustees and potential donors may be put off by the rally, but the opportunity for the University to

scrutinize the building itself has been put off by the site conflict," he said.
Trisha Merchant, advisory board vice

chairwoman, said the rally was a bonafide effort to communicate student

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# Advisory board report calls for Wilson-Dey site

By Marty Minchin

In response to what they called a biased report on the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center issued by Provost Richard McCormick last week, members of the BCC Advisory Board

have written their own proposal.

The second report, filled with what board members described as the emoboard members described as the emo-tion surrounding the struggle for the building, details a revised proposal for a 53,000-square-foot free-standing BCC located on a plot of land between Wil-son Library and Dey Hall. "I think from the preface to the con-clusion, it is some of the most moving writing about a student mission that

writing about a student mission that I've read," said Margo Crawford, BCC director and a member of the advisory

The BCC Working Group, a committee appointed by Chancellor Paul Hardin last fall to formulate a proposal for a free-standing BCC, submitted a BCC report earlier this week to the

But the advisory board, which originally planned to submit a joint report with the working group, rewrote the working group's proposal this week and mailed it to the Board of Trustees in hopes that the BOT will consider the report at its Friday meeting.

# Students circulate petition demanding UNC rape policy

By James Lewis

Students concerned about University policies regarding rape convictions began circulating a petition Wednesday night calling for all students convicted of sexual assault to be expelled from the

The petition is a response to the case of Reggie Harris, a former UNC track star who recently plead no contest to second-degree attempted rape. Harris was reinstated on the track team last week after the plea, but Chancellor Paul

Hardin reversed the decision after re-ceiving complaints.
But Matt Stiegler, co-founder of Stu-dents Organized Movement Against Discrimination and Ruth Campbell, copresident of Women Against Rape, said they were outraged that Harris was allowed to remain a student at the Univer-

The petition states, "In order to prevent rape on campus and support vic-tims of sexual assault, I request that the University adopt a policy of mandatory expulsion for all students convicted of the horrible crime of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, regardless of whether this conviction come in the

student court or criminal court system."
The University currently treats every rape case involving a University stu-

dent individually.
"We're looking to try to encourage Chancellor Hardin and the administra-tion to reconsider this absurd policy," Stiegler said.

Despite being dropped from the track team, Harris kept his athletic scholar-ship after pleading no contest to rape

Stiegler and Campbell said they were

"They have let someone who they know is a convicted rapist into our class-rooms — what kind of campus safety is that?" Stiegler said.

Susan Ehringhaus, University senior legal counsel, said there was no specific policy about scholarship eligibility.

"Every case is evaluated individually," she said. Ehringhaus said she

could not comment specifically on the University administrators determine

whether a convicted student can retain a scholarship. "It depends on what the circumstances are," she said. "Countless students are on financial aid and these decisions are made at various levels of the Universit™y."

Stiegler said he wanted to change

UNC's policy on dealing with convicted rapists. "We want the administration to change its policy this semester."

# Rape-Free Zone to kick off at noon

By Phuong Ly

It's not just for women

And it's not just for women.

And it's not just about physical assault.

The Rape-Free Zone programs and workshops scheduled this afternoon will emphasize the need for togetherness and unity against the multifaceted problem of sexual violence,

organizers said.

The event, sponsored by the Campus Y and other campus groups, will be held from noon today until noon Friday within a section of Polk Place — from the steps of South Building to the flagpole.

The purpose of the 14 programs is to promote awareness of sexual violence and to educate everyone — not just victims about what can be done and where to go for help, said

Heeler said that if the Rape-Free Zone were moved to two separate locations because of rain, the meaning of unity against sexual violence would be de-emphasized. "When you

Organizers hope the variety of programs will help attract different types of people — victims of sexual assault, friends and family members of victims and those who have had no experience with sexual violence.

don't care," Youngblood said. "It doesn't mean you can't get out and help fight sexual violence."

Lack of awareness only helps to promote sexual violence, she said, adding that many people don't think sexual violence can happen to them.

"When you're forced to think about the issue, you say 'Hey, this is very eminent; it can happen to me. Let's do something about it," she said.

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Jenny Youngblood, Rape-Free Zone co-chairwoman.

But bad weather might have an effect on the impact of the

event, said programs coordinator Tasha Heeler.

If it rains, afternoon programs will be held in the Great
Hall, and the evening events will be held in Memorial Hall.

break it up, it's going to lose quite a bit of power, but we're going to have to do the best that we can," she said.

'Just because vou're not a survivor doesn't mean vou

well as women are encouraged to attend the programs, Heeler said.

# RAPE-FREE ZONE March 25-26, Polk Place Rain site: Great Hall for the afternoon events; Memorial Hall for the evening events, except for the campout which will be at the Great Hall on: Kick-off ceremony with speeches by University officials and 1-2 p.m.: Personal Boundaries-Personal Safety Safety Tips and Campus Safety Portrayal of Women in the Media 2:15-3:15 p.m.: Racism and Rape Self-Defense Communicating to Men About Sex Violence in Relationship 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Acquaintance Rape Scena Healing Session Organizing a Men's Group Against Sexual Violence Rape As a War Crime Marital Rape and the Law Male Rape Survivors (Dey 208) Acquaintance Rape Scen 7 p.m.: Keynote speaker, feminist lawyer Gloria Allred (Rain site: Memorial Hall) 8:30-midnight: Concert: She Said and Tracy Drach (Rain site: Memorial Hall) Midnight: Empowerment Ceremony (Rain site: Memorial Hall) Overnight: Vigil and campout at Polk Place (Rain site: Great Hall)

n: Closing Ceremony with speech by Dean Donald Boulton and a call-and-response rally (Rain site: Great Hall)

I'd rather kiss a Wookie. — Princess Leia