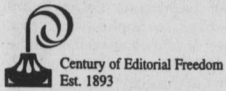


TODAY: Variably cloudy, windy; high upper 50s
FRIDAY: Sunny and warmer; high around 70

GOLDEN: UNC's Yann defabrique, who won one gold medal and one silver medal Wednesday at the Winter National Swimming Championships of France. The gold came in the 400-meter freestyle, while the silver came in the 200 butterfly. A sophomore, defabrique holds dual citizenship in both the U.S. and France.

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THURSDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Yeltsin takes key win in struggle for power

MOSCOW — A court handed President Boris Yeltsin a political victory Wednesday, ruling that he needs to secure only a simple majority in this weekend's referendum to win a vote of confidence in his leadership.

The 8-5 ruling by Russia's Constitutional Court overturned election rules set up by the Communist-dominated Congress of People's Deputies for Sunday's plebiscite that would have made it nearly impossible for Yeltsin to win.

The ruling made a mixed result at the polls more likely, which would give both the president and his foes in parliament the ability to interpret the results to their advantage — and thus extend the power struggle that has paralyzed Russia for months.

Five whites questioned in South Africa slaying

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police questioned five more whites Wednesday in the slaying of African National Congress activist Chris Hani and said other arrests might follow as officials explore leads into a suspected right-wing murder conspiracy.

The sweep was aided by information given by Clive Derby-Lewis, a senior leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party and former legislator, authorities said.

Police Brig. Frans Malherbe said he expected Derby-Lewis to be charged eventually in Hani's murder.

He also said investigators believed the slaying was part of a conspiracy — possibly an international plot — and that more arrests might follow. He did not elaborate on the possible international scope of the case.

Colorado passes new clinic-protection law

DENVER — Colorado enacted a unique law this week to provide a 8-foot "bubble" of protection for people entering or leaving abortion clinics.

The measure, signed Monday by Gov. Roy Romer, is the first state law of its kind in the nation. It bars demonstrators from coming within 8 feet of visitors or workers outside abortion clinics.

The anti-abortion group Operation Rescue already has said it will challenge the law in court and is unlikely to change its protest tactics.

Legislatures in 26 states considered pro-abortion laws this year in an effort to stem the violence, the National Abortion Rights Action League said.

Bills that would protect patients and doctors entering clinics are pending in California, Florida, Nebraska, New Jersey and Virginia, Planned Parenthood said.

In Colorado, the bubble law won favor from 85 of the state's 100 lawmakers despite impassioned testimony in the Republican-controlled legislature.

Helms says State Dept. budget request too big

RALEIGH — One day after being discharged from a brief hospital stay, Sen. Jesse Helms roared back into action with a threat to block State Department appointments until President Clinton trimmed the department's budget request.

It came as Secretary of State Warren Christopher testified before the Foreign Relations Committee for the first time since taking office.

Helms, the committee's ranking Republican and its most persistent State Department critic, wore a large button that read "Just Pay For It."

Durham librarian dies in cult-compound fire

DURHAM — The death of a former law school librarian in the fire at the Waco, Texas, cult compound has friends wondering how a bright young man ended up as a top lieutenant to David Koresh.

Douglas Wayne Martin represented the Branch Davidians in negotiations with federal officials. He and two of his daughters, 15-year-old Sheila and 13-year-old Lisa, were listed among the likely fatalities.

"People may tend to dismiss this event as just a bunch of religious fanatics, but having known Doug humanizes it for me," said Mark Morris, a law professor at N.C. Central University in Durham. "He was a very bright, smart, able, kind person, and it's a real shock."

—The Associated Press

Stewart 'outraged' at tenure denial

By Thanassis Cambanis
University Editor

Another popular professor learned this week that he would not receive tenure and might be forced to leave UNC.

"It's just absolutely unconscionable that they could have the tenure process in my case work the way it has," said geology Assistant Professor Kevin Stewart. "It has definitely eroded my confidence in the ability of this University to behave professionally."

Stewart, who has been at the University for six years, said he was denied tenure on his third try by the Chancellor's

Advisory Committee after an almost three-month delay and despite a positive recommendation from his dean and department.

After seeking tenure for more than a year, Stewart said he could not understand why he had not received a positive recommendation from the chancellor's committee.

"I'm at a complete loss as to why this

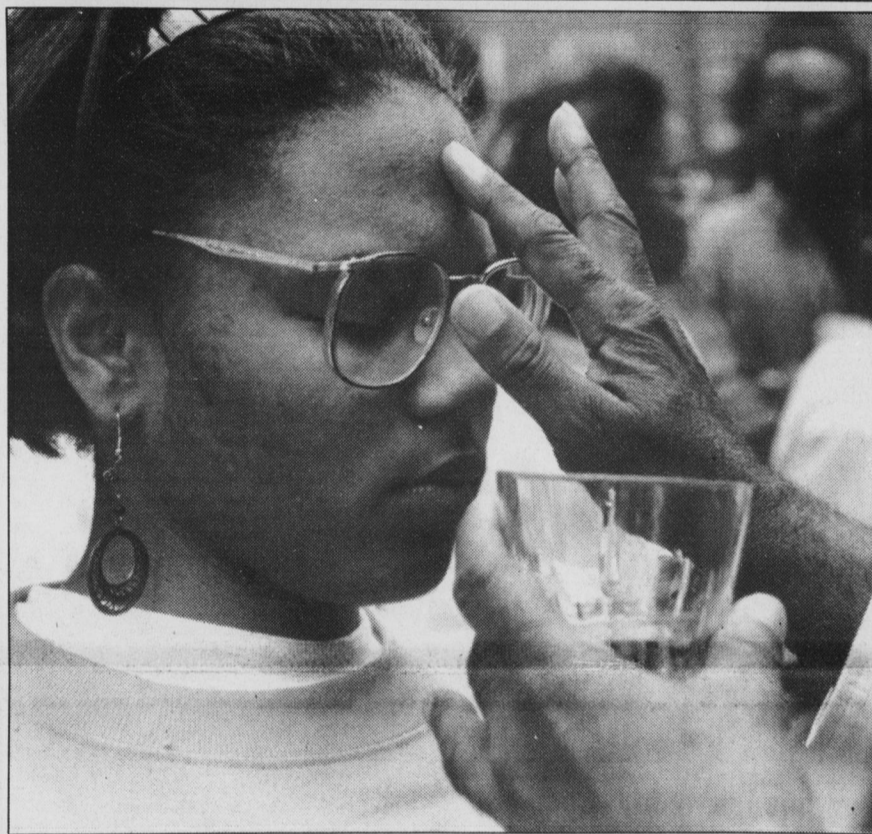
committee would ignore the recommendations of my department and the dean of my college," Stewart said. "I'm going to appeal. This is an absolute outrage."

Stewart's most recent denial comes in the aftermath of the tenure battle waged by popular speech communication Assistant Professor Paul Ferguson, who won tenure after appealing all the way to the Board of Trustees.

Chancellor Paul Hardin now must review the committee's recommendation about Stewart and decide whether to uphold it. If he does, Stewart can appeal to the Faculty Hearings Committee.



Kevin Stewart



Michelle Johnson bows her head as Rev. Leon White anoints her forehead with holy oil

Pastor anoints 'holy' Wilson site

By Thanassis Cambanis
University Editor

A close associate of new NAACP Director Ben Chavis claimed the land between Wilson Library and Dey Hall for a free-standing black cultural center Wednesday afternoon, injecting religion into the students' fight for a center at UNC.

"After today, that land will be a holy place," the Rev. Leon White told a group of about 40 students. White, a pastor for the United Church of Christ in Vance County, said he had worked with Chavis for more than 20 years.

Clad in a black robe and a Kinte cloth stole, White led students from the BCC in the Student Union to a 20-minute anointment ceremony at the site activists prefer for a new cultural

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center.

"We move the struggle to a spiritual level," he said. "The claiming of land has been a part of our heritage for thousands of years."

By claiming the land as their own, White said BCC advocates were establishing the seriousness of their struggle and following the biblical precedent of Abraham.

"I don't care what anyone else tells you today, this is our land," White said. "Let no one build anything else on this land without giving up your life for it."

White compared the anointment ceremony to the arrests of 16 students and one community member in Chancellor Paul Hardin's office last Thursday.

"When you were arrested, you

crossed a line, and you crossed another line today," he told the "UNC 17."

Local pastors would join in the fight for a free-standing center on the Wilson site, White said.

After blessing a bowl of holy water, White anointed the foreheads of about 12 students who became "trustees" of the land.

"This land becomes our altar," he said. "There are very few people who understand the significance of what we do until it is all over."

"If the University of North Carolina ever decides to build anything else on that land than a black cultural center, then we will escalate the struggle."

White instructed students to sprinkle

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Students criticize English faculty

By Yi-Hsin Chang
Senior Writer

More than 20 English graduate students sat outside Greenlaw Hall Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to make what they called a "visible statement" of their concerns with the English department's lack of diversity.

The students criticized the underrepresentation of senior female faculty and the threatened status of the African-American major in the English graduate program.

In last Friday's letter to English graduate faculty members, the students said they were sad and dismayed that English Professor Trudier Harris, who specializes in African-American literature and folklore, was leaving UNC in June to take a chaired professorship at Emory University.

"We believe that Dr. Harris' choice to leave illustrates serious problems with the graduate program, and we hope we can begin to work together to alleviate these problems," the letter stated.

"Dr. Harris' nationally recognized scholarship has been a source of great pride for graduate students. Her expertise has been invaluable for those of us who work in the African-American and



English graduate students protest outside of Greenlaw Hall Wednesday

contemporary 20th-century literature and women's studies, areas already underrepresented in the graduate program."

Laurence Avery, chairman of the English department, said he had talked

to some of the graduate students Wednesday afternoon at a meeting with teaching assistants and understood the students' concerns about Harris' immi-

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Former students ask UNC to save RTVMP program

By Steve Robblee
Assistant University Editor

A wealthy alumnus of UNC's Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures says he might strike a \$1.5 million donation from his will if administrators decide to eliminate the RTVMP department, and other alumni say they might follow suit.

"If that department ceased to exist, then I would be forced to disestablish the donation," said E. Reese Felts, a 1952 RTVMP graduate.

Arts and sciences Dean Stephen Birdsall is expected to decide soon the fate of the RTVMP department, which has suffered in recent years from funding and organization problems.

An external review team reported last month that UNC would be better served by "disestablishing" the RTVMP department and incorporating RTVMP courses into the Department of Speech Communication and a newly created curriculum in cultural studies.

Alumni have written letters to Chancellor Paul Hardin and Birdsall stressing what they call the department's educational value and its importance in

enhancing careers in mass communication fields.

Felts said his donation would be earmarked for the RTVMP department and not the University in general. If there were no RTVMP department, Felts said he did not know how he could donate to the University.

"How do you give a gift to something that no longer exists?" Felts said.

The RTVMP department has given students a complete education and is more than just a training school, said Felts, who worked as an announcer and broadcaster for WSJS radio and television in Winston-Salem.

"It gave you a broad-based liberal arts background," he said.

The external review team had proposed that the University eliminate many production courses and concentrate on other aspects of mass media, such as media criticism. But Felts said production courses were an important part of RTVMP students' training.

"How do you expect doctors to perform in the medical field if all they do is criticize medicine?" Felts said. "Unless

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Morning jogger reports attempted sexual assault

By Jay R. Davis
Staff Writer

A woman jogging down Airport Road early Sunday morning reported to police that an unknown man attempted to sexually assault her.

A man in his early 20s approached the woman at about 6:10 a.m. while she was jogging on the 300 block of Airport Road, reports stated.

"This is highly unusual," Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

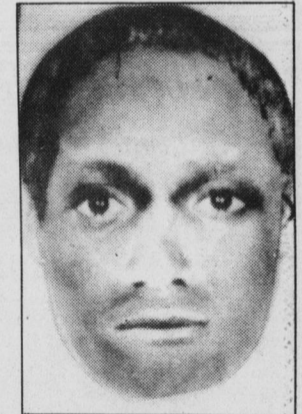
Cousins said the man approached the jogger, grabbed her, picked her up and threw her into a bush.

The man was standing over the woman when she screamed for help, Cousins said. Soon after, the suspect fled the area.

Cousins said police investigators were uncertain why the man fled.

The suspect was wearing a navy blue sweatshirt with "Duke University" printed on the front in white letters. He also was wearing dark pants, which possibly were sweat pants.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-10-inch tall black man with short black hair, a dark brown complexion, brown eyes and a muscular build.



Composite of attempted assault suspect

Cousins said the suspect was not carrying a weapon at the time of the incident.

The Chapel Hill Police Department will continue to investigate the inci-

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Allen, Tuck request open hearing in B-GLAD case

By Marty Minchin
Assistant University Editor

Two former Student Congress members who face Honor Court charges from Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity said they planned to open their Monday hearing to the public.

But Doug Ferguson, former B-GLAD co-chairman, said he did not want the hearing to be opened to the public.

"We believe that a number of the people we need to have testify would not do so knowing that their identity as gay or lesbian individuals could become common knowledge," he said. "We think it would put these people at risk."

Ferguson said he planned to submit a request to close the hearing the day of the hearing.

Former congress member Darren Allen said an open hearing was the best way to resolve the conflict.

"We requested an open hearing because we feel the need to vindicate ourselves publicly," he said.

B-GLAD members pressed charges against Allen and Chris Tuck, former Student Congress Finance Committee chairman, for passing around a confidential B-GLAD attendance list at last March's congress budget hearings.

Allen said he and Tuck had submitted a written request for an open hearing

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Judy! Judy! Judy! — Goober Pyle