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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Nigerian General Returns Power to Civilian Leaders

LAGOS, Nigeria — Gen. Ibrahim Babangida stepped down as president and military commander Thursday, handing power to a mostly civilian government he cobbled together in the final hours of his eight-year dictatorship.

While the government is supposed to rule only until elections next year, the changeover nevertheless fell short of fulfilling Babangida's repeated promises to step down and hand power to an elected government.

Human rights activists immediately called the government an "extension of dictatorship." A general strike to protest the government kept Lagos quiet on Thursday, and gas, oil, airport and other workers planned strikes for Saturday.

It remains to be seen in the coming weeks whether the interim government will gain public acceptance and be able to act independently of the military that has long ruled the country.

The army will retain a military council with the authority to act as it sees fit.

Muslim Cleric Maintains Innocence in Bomb Plots

NEW YORK — Amid heavy courtroom security, the Muslim cleric accused of masterminding the World Trade Center blast pleaded innocent Thursday to concocting a campaign of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations in the United States.

Fourteen co-defendants entered the same plea during a hearing at a federal court in Manhattan exactly six months after the Feb. 26 bombing. The appearance was Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman's first as a defendant in the alleged conspiracy.

After the sheik's followers in Egypt threatened to retaliate against the United States "if any harm occurs" to him, the courtroom was wall-to-wall with plainclothes security and streets outside were lined with police.

Prosecutors feared that other members of the terrorist cell remained free.

Heckler, Hunt Exchange Jobs in Charlotte Forum

CHARLOTTE — Gov. Jim Hunt didn't have a totally receptive audience Thursday when he hosted a forum on school violence at a Charlotte middle school.

Jack Daly, 21, who said he represented parents from Mecklenburg County and others in the region, accused the governor of showboating on the high-profile issue to the detriment of children.

Daly, a marketing executive with a Mint Hill industrial equipment company who does not have any children, asked why Hunt was ignoring the issue of school choice.

He also criticized the governor for scheduling the forum at 2 p.m., when many parents are at work. Hunt, who was obviously agitated, asked Daly for his ideas.

Hunt, a Democrat, received an ovation from the rest of the audience when he told Daly: "We are all trying to do our best. None of us have all the answers and you certainly don't."

Daly, who acknowledged he was an active Republican, didn't quit there, waiting until several other speakers were finished before confronting the governor again.

Jackson Is Not Molester, 11-Year-Old Friend Says

LOS ANGELES — An 11-year-old Australian boy told a television audience he shared a bed with Michael Jackson but said it was all in slumber party-style fun and that the megastar is no child abuser.

"I was on one side of the bed and he was on the other. It was a big bed," Brett Barnes of Melbourne, Australia, told KNBC-TV late Wednesday.

As friends and family rallied to Jackson's support, police expanded their investigation of Jackson to include his relationship with at least four boys, the Los Angeles Times and KCAL-TV reported.

The investigation earlier had centered on Jackson's relationship with one boy, a 13-year-old, who had told a therapist he was sexually abused by Jackson, a source has told The Associated Press.

Police declined to comment on the reports Thursday.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms; high 92

SATURDAY: 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, hot; high 92

Faculty To Get Salary Raise Tuesday

Provost Says Money Still Not Enough to Address Low Pay for UNC Professors

BY MARTY MINCHIN
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

Although faculty members soon will receive pay raises resulting from money the General Assembly allocated last summer, many University officials said the salary increase would not make a large difference in UNC's problem of low faculty salaries.

"It helps, but the problem is serious enough that a 3.38 percent raise isn't going to make a fundamental difference," said Provost Richard McCormick. "We're going to need to keep at this for a period of several years."

According to an annual report released

in the March-April 1993 issue of *Academe* magazine — the bulletin of the American Association of Professors — UNC ranked 50th out of 68 universities in terms of total faculty compensation.

Last summer the General Assembly budgeted a 2 percent increase in the budget of all state faculty salaries as well as an additional \$7.1 million for teaching faculty in the 16-school UNC system.

McCormick said faculty members would receive their raises that resulted from the General Assembly's allocations in their Tuesday paycheck.

Neal Berryman, associate vice chancellor for finance, said that of the \$7.1 million, UNC-CH received roughly \$1.6 million, or 22 percent of the lump sum.

McCormick said: "(The allocation) was all in proportion to the existing salaries at the 16 universities. Obviously we got more than some of the other campuses because we're bigger."

Garland Hershey, vice chancellor for health affairs, said he and McCormick allocated the money to the deans and department heads, who then determined the salary increases of their faculty members.

The money was allocated to each department in proportion to the number of faculty members in that department.

Within each department, the money was allocated primarily on the basis of merit, but McCormick said he wrote a letter to department heads urging them to pay special attention to the problem of salary compression.

Salary compression plagues mid-career professors who have not received large raises in the past few years because money was not available for salary increases. But recently-hired professors are paid more because the University must pay salaries competitive with other universities to attract quality faculty.

"There were far too many professors

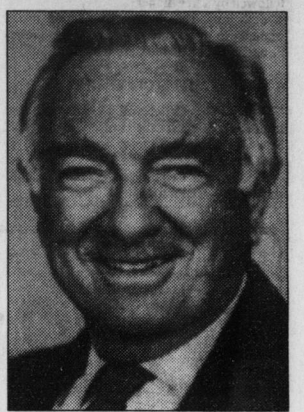
and assistant professors in the College of Arts and Sciences whose salaries are extremely low in comparison to their peers at research universities across the country," McCormick said.

David Lowery, chairman of the political science department, said he tried to make up for salary compression in his department when he allocated money for raises.

"The first thing you want to do is reward excellent research, excellent teaching and excellent service," Lowery said. "We tried to make sure that people doing the same amount of work, who had been here the same amount of time, were making the same amount of money."

"The net affect was those people who had been here a long time... they tended to get more as a result of that process," he said.

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WALTER CRONKITE, former CBS anchorman, sent a film crew to UNC.

National TV Polls UNC Students on Integration

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

What has happened to Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of an integrated society free of racial discrimination?

Answering that question is the goal of an upcoming edition of *The Discovery Channel's "The Cronkite Reports."* And part of the answer might have been found at UNC.

Film crews from the Cronkite and Ward production company were on campus Wednesday and last week interviewing students about the status of King's dream. The interviews will be a part of the Oct. 18 edition of "The Cronkite Reports," hosted by Walter Cronkite, former CBS Evening News anchorman.

The show will air at 10 p.m.

Susan Gottlieb, associate producer for Cronkite and Ward, said the program was part of a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington and King's "I Have A Dream" speech. Aug. 28 is the anniversary of the march and speech.

"It is really about King's dream of an integrated society," Gottlieb said. "We wanted to answer some questions about the status of the 'dream' and find out whether there is self-segregation among black Americans and society as a whole," she said.

UNC was the only college campus included in the research for the story. Middle-class suburban families from the Washington, D.C., area also were interviewed, Gottlieb said.

UNC was chosen primarily because of its pre-orientation program for African-American and Native-American freshmen. "We were told about it by a student who had attended the program," Gottlieb said. "I think the pre-orientation program is beneficial in helping minority students adjust to college."

Gottlieb said the University's opening schedule as well as the publicity surrounding the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center controversy also helped the production crew decide to come to UNC.

Both black and white students were asked about their opinions on integration in today's society.

Opinions on integration varied with age and academic classifications, Gottlieb said. "We talked to freshmen, and the majority of them seemed to believe in integration and equality. Segregation was not an option in their lives," she said.

"When we talked to about three or four (black) upperclassmen they didn't seem to look at self-segregation as a negative idea. They saw it as a way to learn about their culture and people and better prepare for integration into society."

Learning about the contributions of African Americans, especially in the fields

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Editor's Note

The DTH is desperately seeking new staff members for its many desks.

We need writers, copyeditors, photographers, graphics designers, layout artists and editorial cartoonists.

No experience is necessary. Really. We try to take all who apply.

Applications now are available at the Union Desk and at the DTH office in the back of the Student Union, Suite 104. They will be due Friday, Sept. 3.

We will hold interest meetings at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Union 205-206. Stop by or call (962-0245) if you have any questions.

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Libraries Keep Dissertations Open to Public

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
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Doctoral dissertations and other student-written documents at UNC always have been available to the public. But all that may change because of a recent letter from a U.S. Department of Education official to a Penn State librarian which says that doctoral dissertations are private documents.

Diane Strauss, associate University librarian, said UNC libraries had no plans to change their policy of making research public until they were formally told to do so.

"We are under the assumption that things are as they always have been," Strauss said. "From what I understand other libraries are treating it the same way."

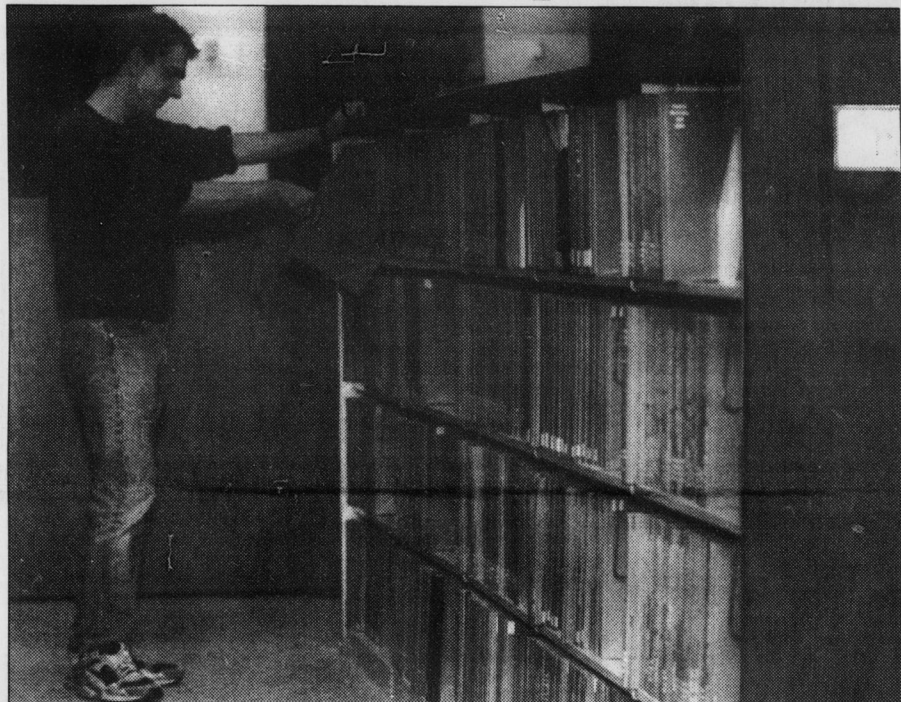
Strauss said the controversy started when a Penn State librarian wrote to the education department asking if student-written dissertations could be made available to the public without the author's consent.

Shockwaves were sent throughout academic circles when LeRoy Rooker of the education department's Family Policy Compliance Office responded in May that an author's consent would be needed for the library to release works produced while a student at the university.

Rooker ruled that releasing an author's work to the public without permission would be a violation of the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Laura Gasaway, director of the University's law school library and a professor of law, said the University would not need to change its policy unless the education department issued a federal regulation that required obtaining an author's permission to make documents available.

But Gasaway said she thought students' permission should be required before their works were reproduced.



David Wood, student circulation assistant, restacks doctoral dissertations on the second floor of Davis Library. Under a new interpretation of the Family Information Act, these theses no longer would be readily available to the public.

But the May ruling directly conflicted with the practice of UNC libraries, which requires that graduate students release a copy of their dissertations for public perusal and distribution across the country.

The University's graduate school records states, "Receipt of an approved thesis in

the Graduate School is tantamount to publication, and the thesis will be available to the public in the University library and available for inter-library loan."

Strauss said students who enroll in the University's Graduate School know their work will be made available to the public,

and therefore the University should not have to gain written permission to make students' documents public.

Graduate students who are trying to decide on their research topic must have access to prior theses to ensure that their work will be original, Strauss said.

PHE Waits to Build New Office, Plans Strategy To Fight OCAP Appeal

BY KELLY RYAN
CITY EDITOR

Although mail-order erotica company PHE Inc. was granted a permit this summer to relocate and build a larger headquarters in Hillsborough, the company plans to hold off construction.

"There does appear to be very legal permission that we have the right to proceed," said PHE owner Phil Harvey. "We may be able to shorten the legal appeals process considerably."

Orange Superior Court Judge Knox Jenkins granted PHE's appeal on July 6 against the Hillsborough Board of Adjustment for denying the company the right to relocate to the northern Orange County town.

PHE is located on N.C. 54 in Carrboro and is seeking a spot at Meadowlands Office Park where it would be able to double its office space.

The Board of Adjustment had denied PHE a site-plan permit on the grounds that the company was an adult-use business and thus needed to apply for a conditional-use permit with stricter requirements.

The town ordinance defines an adult-use business as one that "excludes minors for reasons of age," such as adult bookstores, adult picture theaters, massage parlors and adult cabarets.

Jenkins ruled that PHE was not an adult-use business because it was not a

walk-in business like the examples listed in the ordinance.

But shortly after the ruling, the Orange Coalition Against Pornography, a group of ministers that fought PHE in court, filed an appeal.

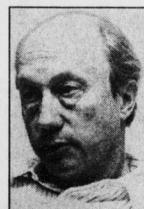
So Harvey said on Thursday that PHE now was busy weighing its legal options to decide whether to begin building a new office despite OCAP's pending appeal — which could take a year to be heard in court.

"The whole process, going back almost a year now, has been a financial drain," Harvey said. "It certainly hasn't reached the magnitude that it would cancel out the advantage for being in an industrial business park."

PHE attorney Nick Herman said that although he had tried to stay away from the company's business decisions, PHE did have the legal right to start construction in the northern Orange County town.

PHE already was granted the right to build, but still has to secure a building

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PHE owner PHIL HARVEY will wait to start building a new headquarters.

Housekeepers Write Hardin Letter Berating Treatment

BY THANASSIS CAMBANIS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Chancellor Paul Hardin has yet to respond to a letter from members of the Housekeepers' Association Steering Committee that a University spokesman dubbed "a malicious, unfair, personal attack."

Seven UNC housekeepers, most of whom serve on the steering committee, sent a letter to Hardin dated Aug. 23.

"Dear Paul: On behalf of the housekeepers, African-American employees, and all UNC employees who make less than \$16,000, we want to express some issues with you," the letter states.

The letter blames Hardin for gross inequities between housekeepers — who are predominantly black — and UNC faculty members, who are predominantly white. "You got a \$2,700 or so raise.... We got a \$270 or so raise," the letter states.

Marsha Tinnen, a member of the Housekeepers' Association Steering Committee, said the letter's purpose was to communicate basic issues to Hardin.

"We want answers," Tinnen said. "We have not in a while heard from him. It's not an attack. We're not attacking him."

The letter was another step forward in the housekeepers' quest for better treatment on the job, higher wages and more on-the-job training, Tinnen said.

Clifton Metcalf, associate vice chancellor for University relations, issued a press release Thursday in response to the letter.

"It did not address issues or suggest solutions to problems," Metcalf said of the letter to Hardin.

Tinnen said the letter spoke for the three main groups on campus that provide nec-

I love mankind; it's people I can't stand.

Charles Schultz