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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Israeli Cabinet Approves Self-Rule for Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet resoundingly approved a framework for Palestinian autonomy in the strife-torn occupied territories Monday, taking a first step toward ending 26 years of Israeli military control.

The approval was the first significant sign of progress in the Middle East peace talks since they began 22 months ago. Israeli and Palestinian peace negotiators were expected to sign the agreement this week. It calls for Israeli troops to begin withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in six months, and for Palestinians to begin running their own affairs there.

Israel has occupied the lands since the 1967 Middle East War, and fierce debate over the future of these territories has divided the Jewish state since.

But a violent five-year uprising against Israeli rule persuaded many Israelis they were better off without the territories, especially the overcrowded Gaza Strip that bears no Biblical resonance for Jews.

U.N. Military Raids Wrong Residence in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, Somalia — For the U.N. military command in Somalia, the pre-dawn raid on a two-story villa in southern Mogadishu was "a textbook example of how these operations should go."

For Larry DeBoice and eight other U.N. employees, it was a night in hell.

Fifty helicopter-borne elite American soldiers raided the house and an adjoining office under an almost-full moon early Monday, apparently thinking they were a command and control center for fugitive warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

They weren't. They were the residence and office of DeBoice and three other foreign employees of the U.N. Development Program.

New Cable Laws May Lead To More Viewer Confusion

WASHINGTON — Starting Wednesday, channel surfing should be cheaper for millions of cable TV subscribers.

But not for everyone — as many as one-third of the nation's 58 million cable customers will pay more after a new law takes effect.

And most cable customers will notice other differences besides price — like itemized billings or revamped channel lineups.

"It's a confusing time for couch potatoes. The bulk of the nation's 58 million cable customers will see changes," said Carol Vernon, spokeswoman for the National Cable Television Association. "This is big."

The Federal Communications Commission estimates that two-thirds to three-fourths of subscribers will see their monthly bill go down an average of 10 percent, for an estimated nationwide savings of more than \$1 billion.

Subscribers often will find it suddenly cheaper to hook a second or third television to cable or get a remote control device.

Pepper Spray Contributed To Concord Man's Death

CONCORD — Pepper spray contributed to the death last month of Angelo Robinson, whose death in police custody led to rioting in this town of 30,000 last month.

There was no sign of renewed violence after the autopsy report was released Monday, Police Capt. Roy Coley said.

"We feel things are OK," he said. "We are very optimistic at this point that we won't have (problems). However, we are prepared for the worst," Coley said.

The rioting that followed Robinson's death July 11 left eight police officers, two firemen and several residents injured. One store was burned to the ground and windows were broken out of others.

Police arrested Robinson, 24, after a disturbance at a restaurant and used pepper spray to subdue him. Police said Robinson was transported to police headquarters and was unresponsive upon arrival. Officers and medical personnel were unable to revive him.

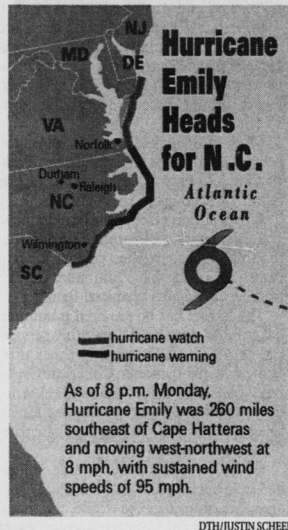
Robinson died of asphyxia due to bronchial spasms that were precipitated by pepper spray, said Lisa Flannagan, assistant state medical examiner.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 40-percent chance of rain; high 85-90
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, 20-percent chance of rain; high low 90s

Emily Bears Down on N.C. Coast



HATTERAS — Thousands of people boarded up windows and fled inland Monday as Hurricane Emily strengthened and headed toward the sandy, low-lying Outer Banks island chain with 95 mph wind.

Hurricane warnings were posted from the central N.C. coast to Virginia as the storm threatened to pass over land Tuesday afternoon, and forecasters said there was a growing threat to the East Coast farther north.

Though Emily was unlikely to approach the ferocity of those hurricanes, it was expected to strengthen, with top sustained wind possibly exceeding 100 mph. And coastal areas it threatened were left vulnerable by two major storms last winter.

At 8 p.m., Emily's center was about 260 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, near latitude 32.2 degrees north and longitude 73.0 degrees west. Wind and rain from the hurricane hadn't reached shore but ocean swells along the coast had grown to 10 feet, the National Weather Service said.

The hurricane's maximum sustained winds were near 95 mph, up from 85 mph

three hours earlier, and some additional strengthening was likely as the storm traversed the Gulf Stream.

Emily was moving west-northwest at near 8 mph, and that motion was expected to swing north Tuesday, said the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

"We'll probably have to put some warnings on northward tomorrow," said Bob Sheets, the center's director.

If it turns northward before or shortly after hitting the Outer Banks, Emily would head back out to sea and would be expected to stay offshore of the coast, said hurricane center forecaster Tony Zaleski. That could cause large swells and 40-50 mph wind along the coastline from Virginia to New York's Long Island.

If Emily moves farther inland over North Carolina before veering north, it might weaken to tropical storm status — with sustained wind below 74 mph — but could bring heavy rain and high wind to big East Coast cities, Zaleski said.

There also was the question of timing — whether the storm would hit near high tides at around 8 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m.

Wednesday. A full moon will make the tides even higher.

Residents and tourists alike evacuated the Outer Banks and low-lying coastal areas of North Carolina. Officials estimated there were more than 150,000 people in the area, three-fourths of them tourists, before the storm threatened. Most evacuees left Sunday and early Monday, clogging the few highways on the narrow islands.

If the storm aims at Virginia, about 200,000 people in flood-prone areas of Hampton Roads could be evacuated, said Mike LaCivita, a spokesman for the Department of Emergency Services.

A hurricane warning was posted from Bogue Inlet, 20 miles southwest of Morehead City near the Marine Corps' Camp Lejeune, to the Virginia state line, meaning the hurricane could hit by Tuesday afternoon, forecasters said.

A hurricane watch was in effect from the warning area south to the South Carolina state line and north to Fenwick Island, Del., near the Maryland-Delaware line. A watch means hurricane conditions pose a threat.

Low Pay Keeps Top Grads Away

Departments Can't Offer Applicants Larger Stipends

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series about the financial troubles of UNC's graduate programs.

BY MARTY MINCHIN
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

The University is losing another, quieter recruiting battle.

While many professors leave UNC, potential graduate students are joining them at other research universities that can offer larger stipends than UNC.

"When we're recruiting graduate students, we're recruiting against the best universities in the country, and we very frequently find they can offer more money," Provost Richard McCormick said. "Every year we lose graduate students because they get an offer they can't refuse at another university."

Graduate students receive stipends from the University for serving as teaching assistants or research assistants. Outstanding graduate students increase the University's prestige and improve the quality of its graduate programs.

Kenneth Sams, classics department chairman, said the classics department was becoming less competitive with other top-notch programs because it could not offer as much money to outstanding applicants as other universities.

"We manage OK, but still we don't have nearly the resources to offer people as we'd like," Sams said. "We very often don't get our very top choices."

The UNC classics department offers graduate students \$7,200 a year for a teaching assistantship while comparable universities such as the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor offer \$8,000 to \$9,000 a year, he said.

Sams said students had told him they chose not to attend UNC's classics graduate program solely because they received a better financial offer from another school.

"It's not as if we are at the bottom, but we lack that edge over our peers," he said. To compensate for low stipends, the classics department reduced the number of graduate students admitted each year so they could be paid more money, Sams

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Stow-A-Way Faces Civil Law Action

BY JAMES LEWIS
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Losing pens, car keys, important telephone numbers... even misplacing money isn't too bad. But some students have lost their carpets, dorm lofts and computers in a storage and delivery shuffle that may end up in court.

Stow-A-Way Storage, owned by Todd Thiele of Chapel Hill, is the subject of an Aug. 23 civil complaint charging the business with failure to return goods and returning damaged goods.

Dottie Bernholz, Student Legal Services director, said she was representing several students in a civil suit against Thiele, but could not locate him. "I represent two individuals, and we intend to pursue the matter," she said. Details of the cases could not be disclosed because of attorney-client confidentiality, she said.

Bernholz said Thiele would have to be located before she could proceed with legal action against him. "We've got to find him in order to sue him," Bernholz said.

The Daily Tar Heel contacted Thiele Monday at his home. Thiele said Stow-A-Way, which kept property for almost 200 UNC and Duke University students, had received complaints from two Duke students who also reported missing property.

Many students failed to appear when Stow-A-Way dropped off their property at appointed drop sites and times at UNC, Thiele said.

Some of the items may have been stolen after the drop-off, he said. "Obviously, it was taken when we dropped the property off the trucks," he said.

Thiele already has caught one person trying to take advantage of the situation, he said. A student had claimed he was missing a VCR and some CDs from a box, but Thiele said the box had contained only pillows.

Thiele stored expensive merchandise in his apartment when owners did not claim their belongings, he said. "As for the lofts, we just left them sitting," he said. "I didn't have the manpower or the time to (take them back)."

"I've probably got three or four sets of computers here for people I can't locate."

Thiele said he had not talked to Bernholz about the matter. "I have been seriously busy lately and I have just been trying to locate the students," he said.

Thiele said he would satisfy all complaints. "We did lose money, and we are going to lose more," he said. "We made some mistakes."

"We're going to make this right so everyone will be happy."

Editor's Note

The DTH will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in Union 205-206. Come and find out more about the various desks and opportunities at our paper.

We are looking for writers, copy editors, photographers, graphics designers, layout artists and editorial cartoonists and illustrators.

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.

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'Just a Little Prick'



Carol McLamb prepares to draw blood from sophomore Leigh Jenkins as freshman Tim Burke waits on an adjacent table in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Monday was Jenkin's fourth time donating blood and Burke's second.

Bachnik: Departure Result of Chronic Salary Problem

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

An anthropology professor's recent resignation from the University is another indication of the faculty salary woes still plaguing UNC.

Despite recent faculty salary raises allocated by the General Assembly, gaps between professors' salaries continue to grow.

Jane Bachnik, former associate professor of anthropology, said she resigned because of salary inequities between her and other department members.

Inequities often occur when the University offers high salaries to attract faculty from other schools. The salaries offered often are higher than those offered to UNC professors when they are promoted.

In an open letter to the University community dated Aug. 23, Bachnik said the system of salary raises had very serious problems that had produced long-standing inequities for many faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences. "The system needs a genuine investigation and major changes," Bachnik said in her letter.

In the anthropology department, salaries range from \$30,000 for an assistant professor to more than \$75,000 for a distinguished professor.

In some cases, younger and lower-ranking professors earn salaries higher than veteran professors in the department.

Last summer the General Assembly budgeted a 2-percent increase for all state faculty salaries as well as an additional \$7.1 million for teaching faculty in the 16-school UNC system. UNC received \$1.6 million of that sum, about 22 percent.

According to UNC-system statistics, most of the raises were allocated on the basis of merit by department chairmen. In the past, merit raises have gone to top professors, who have on average higher salaries than most University professors.

The largest salary increases at research or medical universities, such as UNC-CH, N.C. State University and East Carolina University, have gone to faculty members earning more than \$75,000.

The top 20 percent of the UNC-system faculty accounted for more than one-third

Anthropology Department Salaries

Name	Year Appointed	Rank	Year Promoted	Salary
Marilyn Grunkemeyer	1991	lecturer	N/A	\$17,400
Kate Porter-Young	1992	lecturer	N/A	\$10,000
Judith Farquhar	1986	asst. professor	1986	\$35,258
Donald Nonini	1987	asst. professor	1987	\$32,193
Glenn Hinson	1989	asst. professor	1989	\$30,804
Robert Daniels	1969	assoc. professor	1982	\$38,284
Vincas Steponaitis	1988	assoc. professor	1988	\$57,000
Jane Bachnik	1982	assoc. professor	1988	\$37,228
Paul Leslie	1991	assoc. professor	1991	\$45,180
Patricia Pessar	1992	assoc. professor	1992	\$42,000
Catherine Lutz	1992	assoc. professor	1992	\$47,000
Donald Brookington	1967	professor	1973	\$59,301
Richard Yarnell	1971	professor	1975	\$55,169
Kaja Finkler	1984	professor	1986	\$48,744
Terence Evens	1971	professor	1986	\$47,981
Dorothy Holland	1974	professor	1987	\$49,987
Carole Crumley	1977	professor	1990	\$47,303
Norris Johnson	1977	professor	1992	\$52,000
Bruce Winterhalter	1979	professor	1992	\$63,500
James Peacock	1967	distinguished professor	1987	\$75,120

American Association of University Professors national salary averages

Professor: \$85,130; Associate professor: \$56,770;
Assistant professor: \$47,600; Instructor: \$41,400

of last year's payroll. Most pay raises of more than 15 percent went to faculty members on the higher end of the pay scale.

In addition to salary variances within the University's departments, UNC-CH faculty salaries fall well below those of comparative universities in the state and nation, according to the April edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The average salary of a full professor at UNC-CH is \$67,100. According to the American Association of University Professors, the national average at other doctoral institutions is \$85,130. UNC-CH's associate and assistant professor salaries also fall lower than the national average.

The average salary of a UNC-CH associate professor is \$48,300, and the salary for a UNC-CH assistant professor is \$39,500. The AAUP national salary aver-

ages for associate and assistant professors are \$56,770 and \$47,600, respectively.

The average salary for a full professor at NCSU, the state's other research institution, is \$64,900, according to the AAUP survey. The average salary for an associate professor is \$46,000, and the average salary for an assistant professor is \$40,100.

The faculty salary levels at both UNC-CH and NCSU don't compare well with the salaries offered by private universities, according to the AAUP. Duke University, for example, pays assistant professors almost \$7,000 more than both schools pay their assistant professors.

The average salary for an assistant professor at Duke is \$46,100. An associate professor at Duke earns \$57,500 on average. A Duke full professor earns an average of \$83,000 a year, only \$2,130 less than the national average.

Panel to Seek Solution for Pay Quandary

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A special committee is meeting today to prepare a set of proposals to tackle the disparities between various University department salaries.

The University has lost over 30 professors in the past two years to other universities offering higher salaries.

The Ad Hoc Committee Concerned with Faculty Salary Inequities, which consists of faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences, will present two proposals for overhauling the faculty salary system to Provost Richard McCormick in September.

Their first proposal will recommend that the University establish a set of salary floors for the three ranks of professors. The floors will be based on a nine-month work year.

The proposal will suggest that a full professor entering the University earn at least \$50,000 a year. The proposals do not address salaries of promoted faculty. A new associate professor would earn at least \$40,000, and an assistant professor would have an initial salary of \$30,000.

The salary floors are beneath the University's current average for faculty salaries.

The committee's suggestions were based on current national salary averages reported by the American Association of University Professors as well as average salary figures from other private and public universities.

The group also recommended forming an additional committee to advise administrators about inequities among faculty salaries.

I do not like work even when someone else does it.

Mark Twain