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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

More Than 600 New U.S. Troops Headed to Somalia

WASHINGTON — More than 600 U.S. troops armed with specialized weapons headed to Somalia Tuesday as administration officials tried with little success to quiet calls from Capitol Hill for quick withdrawal of American forces.

President Clinton summoned his top national security advisers — including the commander for the region, Marine Gen. Joseph P. Hoar — to the White House to review the situation, especially increased casualties suffered by U.S. forces.

Clinton's spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers, said he was "obviously very concerned" but no dramatic change in Somalia policy was being considered.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and White House adviser David Gergen briefed more than 150 House and Senate members.

At the Pentagon, spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski said that some 650 troops had begun moving to Somalia by air.

Yeltsin Begins to Assess His Victory As Strife Ends

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin strengthened his victory over hard-line enemies Tuesday, sacking three officials even as tanks rolled back from Russia's smoldering Parliament and soldiers searched for more dead.

Sniper fire from the blackened Parliament building, died down during the day Tuesday. But Russian television said authorities suspected some 10 gunmen remained in the building.

The government assigned lawyers to the leaders of the rebellion — former vice president Alexander Rutskoi and Parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov.

China Ignores Test Ban, Detonates Nuclear Arms

BEIJING — Ignoring a plea from President Clinton, China set off an underground nuclear blast Tuesday that jeopardized a moratorium on nuclear testing by the world's atomic powers.

The United States and other nations denounced the Chinese test, which Western intelligence had predicted for weeks. Clinton immediately directed the Energy Department to prepare for possible resumption of underground nuclear testing. China detonated the device Tuesday at its Lop Nor testing site in the province of Xinjiang.

Hours later, China issued a statement saying it was developing nuclear weapons for self-defense and reiterating that it would join negotiations in Geneva next January to ban all nuclear tests by the end of 1996.

Syrian Leader Asks for Conference With Clinton

WASHINGTON — Syrian President Hafez Assad proposed on Tuesday that he meet with President Clinton on slow-moving negotiations with Israel over the future of the Golan Heights.

The proposal was relayed by Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa in the first visit to Washington by a senior Syrian official in nearly 20 years. "Such a meeting, if it takes place, would help very much the peace process," Sharaa said. On the other hand, Sharaa said Syria would not negotiate with Israel "to gain time or to kill time."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher did not respond to the overture for a Clinton-Assad summit in a joint news conference.

Jordan's Accused Killers Could Face Death Penalty

LUMBERTON — The state plans to seek the death penalty against two Robeson County teenagers charged with killing the father of NBA superstar Michael Jordan in July, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

District Attorney Richard Townsend made the disclosure in response to a motion by Hugh Rogers, the attorney for defendant Larry Martin Demery, during a hearing in Robeson County Superior Court. The prosecutor said there were "aggravating factors" that warranted making it a capital case.

Demery, 18, of Rowland, and Daniel Andre Green, 18, of Lumberton, showed no emotion when Townsend spoke.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high lower 70s.

THURSDAY: Fair skies; high 75-80.

Jordan Expected to Retire From NBA



MICHAEL JORDAN

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK — Michael Jordan, the world's most famous athlete and basketball's greatest player, will announce his retirement Wednesday, according to NBC and published reports.

"Dateline NBC," the Denver Post and the Chicago Sun-Times reported the news almost simultaneously Tuesday night.

Jordan, NBA scoring champion the last seven years, leader of the three-time champion Chicago Bulls, two-time Olympic gold-medal winner and NCAA champion as a freshman at UNC, is expected to cite his father's slaying this summer as the reason for his retirement at age 30.

"It's time for me to move on to something else," the Sun-Times said Jordan told friends. "I know a lot of people are going to be shocked by this decision and probably won't understand. But I've talked it over with my family and friends, and most of all I'm at peace with myself over the decision."

His father's death apparently robbed Jordan of his desire to play, the Post said.

The Bulls have scheduled a news conference at 11 a.m. EDT Wednesday to make what they called a "major announcement."

Jordan threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Tuesday night's playoff opener between Chicago and Toronto at Comiskey Park in Chicago. He left after the seventh inning, got behind the wheel of a black Mercedes-Benz and drove off.

Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the White Sox and Bulls, said from the ballpark: "I have nothing to say tonight. We'll have something to say tomorrow."

The NBA refused comment, deflecting queries to the Bulls.

In a copyright story, the Post said Bulls coach Phil Jackson had confirmed that Jordan was retiring.

The Post said Jackson would not say if

Jordan had indicated his decision was irrevocable. According to the paper, a source close to Jordan said he has told friends he just doesn't have the fire to play any more.

Jordan began his NBA career in 1984 after being named college player of the year at UNC in both 1983 and '84. In 1982, Jordan, then a skinny freshman, helped Dean Smith win his first NCAA title at North Carolina when he hit the game-winning shot in the final seconds.

Jordan led the Bulls to three consecutive NBA titles in 1991, '92 and '93 — the franchise's first championships ever.

Jordan also found nothing but success in the Olympics. In 1984, he was the best player as the U.S. went unbeaten through the basketball tournament in Los Angeles.

Jordan was back in 1992 when the Olympics allowed professional players into Olympic basketball for the first time. Jordan and the "Dream Team" were never threatened in the Barcelona Games.

Officials Scramble To Prepare

Bicentennial Planners Find New Logistical Challenges As Observance Approaches

BY JUDY ROYAL
STAFF WRITER

For 12 University employees, the past year has meant long hours and a lot of work. That's because they had the task of finalizing plans for a Bicentennial Celebration for the nation's oldest state university.

Steve Tepper, executive director of the Bicentennial Observance Office, said five years of diligent and often frustrating work would culminate in a University Day like none other.

The events of Oct. 12 will wind down with a convocation beginning at 7 p.m. in Kenan Stadium, during which President Clinton is scheduled to speak.

As if planning for a presidential visit wasn't enough, the Bicentennial Office also has the task of planning an entire day of commemorative festivities.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with the rededication of Old East Residence Hall. During the ceremony, officials will lay a new cornerstone for the nation's oldest state university building.

Princeton University President Harold Shapiro also is expected to attend the ceremony. Shapiro was invited because of "a strong historical connection between Princeton and Carolina" because most of the original faculty was educated there, Tepper said.

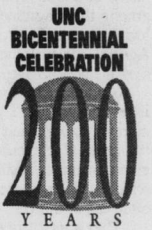
At 2 p.m., UNC head basketball coach Dean Smith will present 100 sixth-graders from each N.C. county with a sapling from Davie Poplar to plant in their county.

During the convocation, several groups will help celebrate UNC's 200th birthday. A group of 12,000 high school band and choir members from across North Carolina will perform during the convocation. Tepper said it wasn't easy devising a plan to feed the group.

McDonald's agreed to provide snacks for the group, but Tepper said the restaurant didn't know how to provide a meal for so many people at once. In order to feed them all, McDonald's would have to serve 200 hamburgers per minute, Tepper said.

McDonald's will provide the group with \$60,000 worth of vouchers for a meal on the way to Chapel Hill.

The Bicentennial Office also has the task of finding direct descendants of original faculty, staff members and students to



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Smashing Pumpkins



DITH/KATRINA WITTKAMP

Seniors Robin Mabry and Kathy Tillery try to hold back a vegetable avalanche Tuesday while shopping for a pumpkin at the Harris Teeter on North Greensboro Street in Carrboro. Friends since high school, the two were looking for a "funky pumpkin" to carve for Halloween.

Sororities Take Initiative, Establish Own Risk-Management Enforcement

BY MARTY MINCHIN
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While some UNC fraternities continue to struggle with enforcing risk-management policies at their parties, sorority members have taken the initiative to enforce the policies and protect themselves from alcohol-related accidents.

Risk-management policies at UNC prohibit open containers of alcohol or kegs at parties and do not allow the general public admission to parties. The policy, designed by the UNC Panhellenic Council and the InterFraternity Council and implemented in spring 1992, also states that sponsoring chapters must hire security guards to check identification, mark guests of drinking age with a stamp or a wristband and remove unwanted guests from the premises.

National sororities prohibit their UNC chapters from having alcohol in their houses and hosting parties at their houses, said Bettie Ann Everett, Chi Omega sorority alumni chapter adviser.

Risk management policies mainly applies to fraternity parties, but because sorority women co-sponsor mixers with fraternities, they also are affected by policy guidelines.

Sorority women understand the dangers of violating risk-management policies much more than fraternity men, Everett

said. "The girls seem to only have to deal with risk management when they have mixers," Everett said. "It's much easier when we cannot have alcohol in the house."

"They seemed to understand what was involved (in risk management) and made adjustments. I know that every single female adviser that I have talked to totally understands it."

Leaders in Risk Management

Laurie Austin, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Panhellenic Council president, said sorority women always had taken risk management seriously and had worked to decrease their risks at events they co-sponsored with fraternities.

"Sorority women have always been into risk-management policies a lot more (than fraternity men)," Austin said. "They have held up the risk-management policy."

In December 1991, UNC sorority presidents drafted an agreement by which they would leave co-sponsored parties where kegs or open containers of alcohol were present.

The agreement also stated that sororities would not host parties with fraternities if kegs were present.

Austin said the walk-out policy was the sororities' attempt to keep kegs out of co-sponsored events. When the risk-management policy was implemented in spring 1992, there was no longer a need for the walk-out policy, Austin said.

Tammy Woodard, a member of Kappa



MONDAY: The situation facing UNC fraternities
TUESDAY: The problem: Who's responsible
TODAY: How sororities fit in
THURSDAY: Trends across the nation
FRIDAY: Future policies and solutions at UNC

Delta sorority who serves on the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs, said the walk-out policy had been stressed in her sorority.

"I know that my sorority was educated about risk management and we were told to walk out, but I don't think we ever had a situation where we had to walk out," she said.

Austin said Pi Beta Phi sorority was one of the first sororities to walk out of a co-sponsored mixer with a fraternity. "That was very effective," she said.

"The walk-out policy was really working well, but then it sort of faded," Caroline Cooper, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and vice president of the Panhellenic Council, said sororities and fraternities had been having problems

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Some Carrboro Residents Still Concerned About AIDS House

BY ANUBHA ANAND
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CARRBORO — Some neighbors who live near the site of the future AIDS House said Tuesday that they still were opposed to its construction in their area.

The disagreement between neighbors and the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County has been going on for about a year. ASA finally received a \$283,400 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development last week.

The money will be used to foot the bills for the land purchase and construction.

The facility will house six AIDS patients and a manager and will be built at the corner of Greensboro Street and Robert Hunt Drive.

But Carrboro residents say they are concerned the home will lower property values.

"I think it is a very bad idea to put it in this area," said one neighbor who asked that her name not be used.

She said that the last time she spoke against the AIDS House, she received threatening phone calls.

"Other places should be considered, like a medical place," she said.

The woman added that she was sympathetic toward the patients who might live there but said she didn't want the facility in her neighborhood.

"We are older people, my husband and I. We've lived here a long time. I just hate to see this community turn into something like this," she said.

"There are many families here with

small children who play in the streets." The N.C. Department of Health and Environmental Resources reports that there are 1,486 people with AIDS in North Carolina.

Joe Eron, director of the Infectious Disease Clinic at UNC Hospitals, said Sunday that the home would be a great help to those living with AIDS and a way to raise awareness about the growing number of HIV-positive residents in the state.

Over the past year, ASA has met with residents and Carrboro town officials to discuss their concerns.

In addition, the agency has tried to distribute information about the home and its function as a hospice.

Andy Sachs, coordinator of the Public Disputes Program at the Dispute Settlement Center, has been moderating debate between Carrboro residents and ASA since the disagreement began.

He said opposition to the home had waned during the summer months because of its lack of funding.

But now that summer is over and the funding is here, he said the center was willing to moderate further disagreements.

"We're waiting for residents to contact us or ASA and see if they still have any concerns," Sachs said.

"Our role is to mediate so that the residents and the agency will have fruitful discussions."

But some residents remain unconvinced. One woman expressed concern about the way the home would fit in with the sur-

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Destiny, n: a tyrant's excuse for crime and a fool's excuse for failure.

Ambrose Bierce