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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Puerto Ricans Dismiss Statehood in Sunday Vote

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Supporters of continued commonwealth status for Puerto Rico prevailed at the polls Sunday over those who wanted statehood, turning back the strongest movement this century for full union with Washington.

"The people spoke, and I will obey them," said Gov. Pedro Rosello, who spearheaded the statehood campaign. But he added, "This is a struggle that will go on."

With votes counted from 99.7 percent of the precincts — 1,779 of 1,784 — official results showed continuing commonwealth status receiving 821,235 votes, or 48.4 percent; statehood 783,843, or 46.2 percent; and independence 75,034, or 4.4 percent.

Political status has been debated here almost since the moment U.S. troops captured the Caribbean island in 1898.

15 Somali Relief Workers Killed in Highway Robbery

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Bandits held up a truck convoy and shot dead 15 Somalis and wounded 13 before escaping with 10 of the trucks, U.N. officials said Sunday.

Italian troops gave chase, recovering four trucks and handing over four of the bandits to the Somali police, said U.N. spokesman Farouk Mawlawi. It was not clear how many bandits were attacked or whether any were wounded.

The convoy of 14 trucks was on its way back to Mogadishu after unloading at an Italian base Friday night. The Somalis were believed to be carrying cargo under contract for the United Nations.

U.N. officials dismissed the possibility that the attack might have been aimed specifically at the United Nations.

N. Korea Issues Warning As U.S. Plans War Games

TOKYO — North Korea declared Sunday that planned U.S.-South Korean military exercises recklessly threatened peace and could bring a "miserable end" to South Korea's government.

The Communist state's warning came amid efforts by South Korea and the West to have North Korea accept inspections of its nuclear facilities.

The United States and South Korea plan to begin war games Monday involving virtually all of the 36,000 American troops based in South Korea plus 650,000 South Korean troops.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency quoted an unnamed official spokesman as saying Washington had no intention of trying to solve the nuclear issue through dialogue.

Storm May Have Caused Fatal Plane Crash in China

HONG KONG — Heavy snow might have caused a passenger airline to crash as it was preparing to land in western China, killing at least 11 people, Chinese news reports said Sunday.

The Chinese News Service in Hong Kong said 60 people also were injured when the MD-82 aircraft crashed and burned in a rice paddy about half a mile from the airport in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang province bordering Russia. It said 24 people were missing.

The plane, belonging to China's Northern Airlines, crashed Saturday afternoon as it was arriving from Shenyang in eastern China via Beijing. The plane was carrying 92 passengers, nine crew members and an aviation official, the news agency said.

Government Recaptures Sri Lankan Military Base

PALALI AIR BASE, Sri Lanka — Sri Lankan forces recaptured a key northern military base Sunday that had fallen to waves of Tamil separatist rebels four days earlier, ending the fiercest battle of the 10-year civil war.

Seaborne commandos and infantry fought through jungles and minefields to retake the Pooneryn army and navy complex, and rescued 900 soldiers who had held out there since the camp was overrun Thursday.

The army said 500 of its men were dead or missing, and also claimed 700 Tamil Tiger rebels were killed. The rebels have been silent about their casualties since Friday, when they had lost 93 fighters.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high near 80.
TUESDAY: 40-percent chance of rain; high low 70s.

Housekeepers, Students Protest Court Ruling

BY KIRK ROYAL
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About 200 UNC housekeepers and their supporters marched silently to South Building Friday afternoon to protest what they called the University's racial discrimination and to present a list of demands to Chancellor Paul Hardin.

The rally was a response to a Wake County Superior Court judge's dismissal of the housekeepers' suit against the University. The housekeepers' grievance alleges that the University discriminated against them based on race with regard to pay, training opportunities and unfair supervisory practices.

The housekeepers have said they will appeal the ruling to the N.C. Court of Appeals.

At Friday's rally, housekeepers and their supporters, carrying signs saying "We Are All Housekeepers" and "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied," formed a circle in front of South Building.

"We're not letting up," said Barbara Prear, a member of the Housekeepers' Steering Committee. "We're sick and tired of what the University keeps doing to us."

The housekeepers want Hardin to sign their petition and meet with their steering committee by Friday to respond to their demands. The petition states that those who signed it recognize the Housekeepers Association as the representative body of the housekeepers.

Hardin was not in his office at the time of the rally, but addressed the housekeepers' issue at a Faculty Council meeting Friday afternoon.

He said the University should not be criticized for resisting a legal action holding it legally liable for societal conditions it sought to change.

"We are ardent, consistent advocates for lowest-paid employees in the political arena, and we consistently scrape together



UNC housekeepers and supporters march to South Building on Friday after rallying in the Pit. The march was to protest a Wake County Superior Court judge's decision to dismiss the housekeepers' grievance against the University.

resources for the accelerated pay plan and several training and educational programs," he said.

Prear said the housekeepers possibly could walk out if Hardin did not meet with the steering committee.

"That sure would be nice right at the

holidays, when you all go home and leave those two tons of trash," she said.

Hardin could not be reached for comment Sunday.

In their petition, the housekeepers demanded that the University:

- File a joint motion with the Court of Appeals to expedite the appeals process,
- Recognize and implement the housekeepers' pay proposal,
- Stop what the housekeepers call the "patronizing" policy of distributing tur-

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Employees Adopt Own Bill of Rights

BY JAMES LEWIS
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DURHAM — The UNC Housekeepers Association received unanimous support from an assembly of public-service workers at a statewide forum at N.C. Central University on Saturday.

Members of the N.C. Public Workers Assembly traveled to Durham to discuss organizing against discrimination and to draft a public workers' bill of rights.

The group of about 40 state, municipal and local government employees also formally endorsed the housekeepers' list of demands, which were presented to the University on Friday during a housekeepers' rally on the steps of South Building.

The list includes demands for official recognition of the UNC Housekeepers Association as a representative body of the housekeepers. It also includes demands that Chancellor Paul Hardin meet with the association's steering committee by Nov. 19.

"The housekeepers' struggle has been on the cutting edge for all state workers," said Angaza Laughinghouse, a Durham member of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees.

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Chancellor Urges End To Ticket Argument

BY ELIZABETH J. CLEARY
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UNC faculty and staff members need to treat each other fairly and work out their dispute over which group should receive the best basketball tickets, Chancellor Paul Hardin said at a Faculty Council meeting Friday.

"We want to avoid groupthink," he said. "Groupthink is when opinions of certain members of the faculty shouldn't be attributed to the group."

"We honor all honest work — all the services of those regardless of rank, time at the University — all those who give their best," Hardin said.

At last month's Faculty Council meeting, some professors said they deserved better tickets than staff members because they were more valuable to the University. The council postponed a decision to adopt a recommendation that would have eliminated rank as a factor in ticket distribution.

Faculty and staff members have formed a joint committee to improve the strained faculty-staff relations and help resolve the ticket issue.

Hardin said he appreciated the service of all University employees, but he did not read a resolution adopted by the Employee Forum. The University staff group had asked him to read the resolution, which stated that staff members were key contributors to the University.

Hardin laid the resolution of the Joint Committee, which is made up of faculty and staff, on the table for the members to review.

Also at Friday's meeting, the council took a trip down memory lane as seven former chairmen spoke as part of a Bicentennial celebration of faculty self-governance.

A brief historical perspective of the role of the faculty since the founding days of the University was given by Henry Boren, who has been asked to write a history of the government of the first 200 years of the University.

"In the early years, faculty members were everything," he said. "They did all that the professors and administrators do now. They also did what the campus police do now."

Faculty members were even responsible for deciding who was admitted to the University. Admittance exams were given in

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UNC's Minority Enrollment Decreases Slightly

BY HOLLY STEPP
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While most UNC-system universities should see an increase in enrollment of first-time and minority freshmen and in freshman SAT scores this academic year, UNC-Chapel Hill is expected to see an increase only in the total number of students and SAT scores, according to a report released at the UNC-system Board of Governors meeting Friday.

The total number of minorities at UNC-CH has decreased slightly for the second time in the past five years, according to the report written by the UNC-system administration.

William Little, UNC-system vice president of academic affairs, cited two reasons for the drop: the number of N.C. high school graduates and the number of those graduates entering a public institution both decreased.

Of 63,253 high school seniors graduating in 1993, only about 26 percent were enrolled in a N.C. public university. The number of high school graduates in North Carolina has decreased by almost 10,000 students since 1989.

Most of the state's public universities, including historically black universities, such as Durham's N.C. Central University, have seen a consistent increase in their freshmen and minority enrollments.

But at UNC-CH, minority enrollment has fluctuated in the past five years, ranging from a high of 8.66 percent black students in 1992 to a low of 8.14 percent in 1989. The expected black student enrollment for 1993 is 8.60 percent.

Total average minority enrollment at UNC-CH, including blacks and other ethnic groups, is about 12 percent.

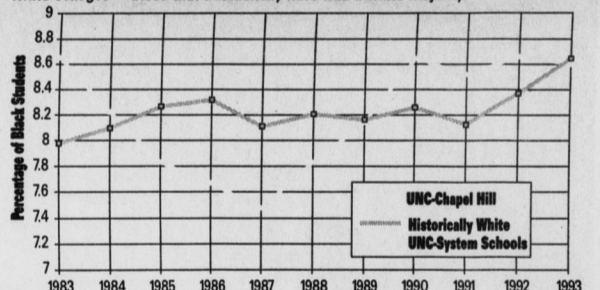
Three of the historically black universities have seen increases in minority enrollment, with only two showing slight decreases.

In 1993-94, the five predominantly black UNC-system universities that have a total combined enrollment of 22,808 students are about 19 percent white. The 11 historically white UNC-system universities have a total combined enrollment of 126,477 with 8.64 percent black.

The UNC-system schools have an expected total combined enrollment in 1993 of 152,330 students with 19 percent black. UNC-system President C.D. Spangler

Black Enrollment: UNC-CH Vs. UNC-System Schools

The UNC-system Board of Governors released figures on minority enrollment at its meeting Friday. The figures compare UNC-CH to the system's average for historically white colleges — those that traditionally have had a white majority.



SOURCE: BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT ON FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT AT UNC-SYSTEM SCHOOLS DTH/JUSTIN SCHEFF

said expanding enrollment still was critical to the university system.

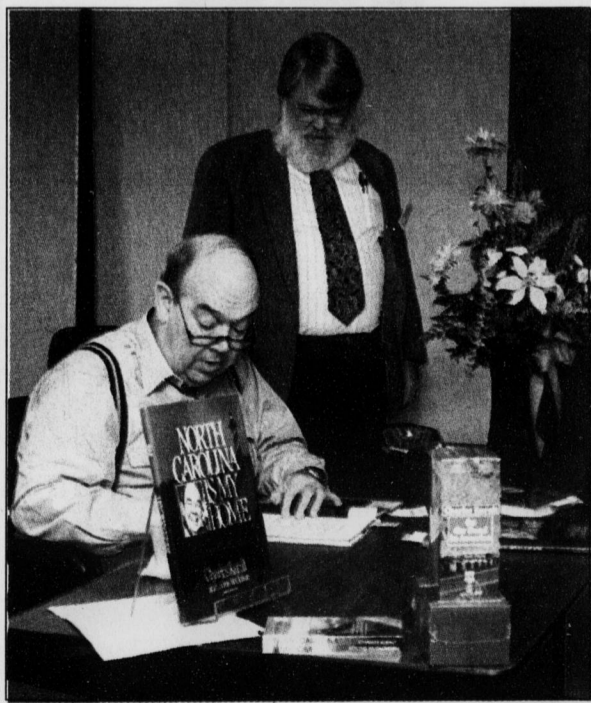
"As long as only 26 percent of N.C. students are attending state universities and the UNC-system is still below average (in enrollment) when compared to other states' public universities, getting students

is still part of the university's mission statement," Spangler said.

"Our mission is to take students who want to and can learn, and we are not basing our selection on one statistic, the

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Kuralt Times Two



CBS news anchorman Charles Kuralt autographs one of his books Saturday at The Intimate Bookshop while his brother, Wallace Kuralt, looks on. Wallace Kuralt is the owner of the newly reopened bookstore on East Franklin Street.

Hardin: Students to Have Part In Planning of Cultural Center

BY PHUONG LY
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Student supporters of the free-standing black cultural center will be involved with the planning and construction of the building, even though much of the controversy surrounding the center has been resolved, said Chancellor Paul Hardin and Black Student Movement President John Bradley.

At a Faculty Council meeting Friday, Hardin said he looked forward to a "close collaboration" with the student groups.

"Often the fiercest fighters make the most credible healers," he said. Hardin said he had sent letters to Bradley and BSM Vice President Latricia Henry assuring student BCC supporters that the Board of Trustees and administrators would continue to seek their opinions about the building.

On Wednesday, leaders of the BSM, the Campus Y and the Student Environmental Action Coalition said they had decided to support the construction of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center on the Coker Woods site, located between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower.

The decision ended speculation that students would continue to campaign for the more centrally located Wilson-Dey site, located on the main quad between Wilson Library and Kenan Laboratories next to Dey Hall. Students had raised environmental concerns about the BOT's July

decision to build the 53,000-square-foot center on the Coker site.

Bradley, who was out of town for this weekend's football game, said he had not received Hardin's letter.

But he said he agreed with Hardin that students would work with the University to build the BCC.

He said students would be involved with fund raising and even in small decisions such as what to name certain sections of the center's library.

"It'll be a very fun part for black students to finally see the fruits of their labor come out," he said. "It gives students a sense of unity with the administrators since we don't usually work together on many things."

Bradley said problems such as fund raising and convincing people that the BCC was an educational center could be overcome if administrators and students kept communication lines between them open.

Billy Armfield, chairman of the Bicentennial Steering Committee, had said that

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It was such a lovely day I thought it a pity to get up.
W. Somerset Maugham