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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Clinton and Yeltsin Forge Agreement at Summit

MOSCOW — Joined in a historic quest to expand democracy, President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin pledged Thursday to press ahead with reforms that would "make life better" for restive Russians.

The two also were ready to stop aiming nuclear missiles at each other's countries.

In hours of Kremlin talk and over dinner at Yeltsin's country dacha, the two leaders agreed that Russia could not afford to backpedal on painful economic reforms despite mounting public dissatisfaction.

The crowds loved Clinton in Moscow, surging to get close for a glimpse or even a handshake, cheering when he waved his fur hat in the chilly air. Yeltsin predicted the summit would produce "practical," "practical" and "sweeping" results.

N.C. Preparing to Take Hit From Arctic Cold Front

As a breathtaking blast of Arctic air descended toward the eastern third of the nation Thursday, homeless shelters stocked up on food and bedding, and road workers laid in extra salt and sand. This weekend is expected to bring the coldest weather so far this winter to much of the Northeast and Midwest, with temperatures far lower than those already blamed for exposure deaths in Washington and Chicago.

The Arctic cold front is expected to shove temperatures below zero Saturday night across New England and parts of the mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states. Northern Wisconsin is braced for lows down to 30 below; as far south as North Carolina, the National Weather Service is predicting single-digit temperatures.

Government, Separatists To End Fighting in Georgia

GENEVA — The Georgian government and Abkhazian separatists agreed Thursday to ask for a U.N. peacekeeping force in Abkhazia and to let refugees go.

The return of more than 200,000 people who fled fighting that drove government troops from Abkhazia last year is tentatively scheduled to begin Feb. 10.

U.N. envoy Edouard Brunner, who mediated the talks, said the two sides hoped the Security Council would agree to send a peacekeeping force by then. There was only limited progress toward a settlement on Abkhazia, a Black Sea province seeking independence from Georgia.

Aspin Hoping to Allow More Women Into Combat

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin moved today to help open up more ground combat jobs for female soldiers, saying expanding opportunities for women in the modern military "is right, and it's smart."

The step is perhaps the final major act in Aspin's yearlong tenure, which has been marked by his efforts to expand opportunities for women. Last April, he moved to help open combat aviation jobs and warship assignments to women.

Aspin announced that the "risk rule" that had prevented women from serving in many combat jobs would be lifted as of Oct. 1. The rule had barred women from noncombat units where the risk was as great as that in combat units.

Top New York Policeman Nominated to Lead DEA

WASHINGTON — New York State Police Superintendent Thomas Constantine was nominated Thursday to head the Drug Enforcement Administration. The selection of Constantine, who will succeed Bush administration hold-over Robert Bonner, was announced by Vice President Al Gore.

The 55-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., native, who has spent 32 years with the state police, told the standing-room-only crowd at DEA headquarters that he had worked closely with federal law-enforcement agencies in his career. Constantine faces Senate confirmation, but Judiciary Committee aides said they knew of no opposition.

Weather

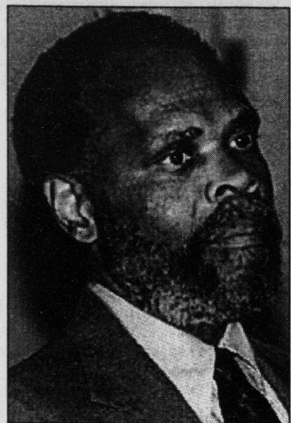
TODAY: Mostly cloudy, breezy; high 38.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny, windy, very cold; high 27.

SUNDAY: Mostly clear, very cold; high 33.

Vice Chancellor Named Interim BCC Director

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR



HAROLD WALLACE will work with BCC Director Margo Crawford until her resignation takes effect Jan. 31.

Chancellor Paul Hardin on Wednesday named Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for University affairs, as interim director of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

Wallace, who also is chairman emeritus of the BCC Advisory Board, will oversee the center's activities while the University conducts a search for a permanent director.

Wallace still will maintain his responsibilities as vice chancellor.

The announcement comes exactly one week after the current director, Margo Crawford, resigned the position to take a job with an Illinois consulting firm.

Crawford's resignation will take effect Jan. 31, and she will work with Wallace until the end of the month.

Hardin met with faculty representatives and the BCC advisory board to get input on the decision.

Wallace was recommended unani-

mously by all the groups consulted, Hardin said.

"Nobody is better positioned than Harold Wallace to sustain the commitment and energy that Margo has brought to the BCC and provide high-caliber interim leadership at this critical juncture," Hardin said in a statement released Thursday.

Wallace, who was out of town Thursday afternoon, said in a prepared statement that he was pleased to have the new position and praised Crawford for her work.

"(Crawford's) hard work, dedication and sacrifices cannot be matched, but I will always be inspired by her example," he said.

Students who have worked with Crawford and the BCC movement were pleased with the chancellor's decision.

Dacia Toll, a member of the BCC Advisory Board and student body vice president, said Wallace was the most logical choice for the position.

"He has most certainly been an active

force in the movement and was the choice unanimously endorsed by the advisory board," she said.

Toll said Wallace was entering into a "incredibly tough job" but was confident he could handle the position.

"He's coming in at a critical time in the future of the center," she said.

"All the planning and the design for the construction of the center will come under him as well as the day-to-day running of the center," she said.

"But that really is not new for him. He has worn several hats before."

Wallace, a native of Gaffney, S.C., and an alumnus of Claffin College in Orangeburg, S.C., and Duke University, had served in many different capacities at the University.

He came to UNC in 1973 as associate dean of student affairs and director of special programs.

From 1983 to 1989, he directed the activities of several University departments, such as the Office of the University Regis-

trar, the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Several issues lie in the future of the center. The Bicentennial Campaign Steering Committee increased its goal for the fund-raiser by \$80 million, increasing the total goal to \$400 million. \$7 million will fund the construction of a free-standing center.

The original \$320 million goal already included \$500,000 for programming for the center.

The UNC Board of Trustees approved construction of a free-standing BCC on Coker Woods, located between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower.

The center will be a cultural and academic facility with classrooms, a library and theater. It will house two resident programs: a new Center on the Life and History of Blacks in America and an existing Upward Bound Program. Wallace once served as chairman of the Upward Bound Advisory Board.

King's Leadership, Dream Remembered

BY JON GOLDBERG
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There are scores of history books in Davis Library that chronicle the life and triumphs of Martin Luther King Jr. Many of these describe his "I Have a Dream Speech" and his role in the Montgomery bus boycott.

However, there are countless other resources on King that won't be found amid the stacks of any library. These resources are the recollections of the lives that King touched, either personally or through his actions as a civil rights leader. As the campus celebrates the anniversary of King's birthday this week, it is important to remember his many accomplishments.

Chuck Stone, a UNC professor of journalism, is one such resource in the remembrance of King. Stone was privileged to know King, not only as a colleague, but as a friend as well.

Stone recalled how King's immortal "I Have a Dream" speech Aug. 28, 1963, was partially ad-libbed, and how this spontaneity cost Stone dearly.

"I came back for the march on Washington, and I decided that I wanted to have a party at my house with my colleagues,"

said Stone, who was editor of the Chicago Daily Defender at the time. "I went by the headquarters, and I said, 'Martin, can I have a copy of your speech?' It was good, but not terrific."

Stone took the advance copy of the speech, filed the story about the speech to his newspaper and went to the celebration at his home in Washington instead of attending the speech.

"Martin later told me that when he was driving to the speech, he was talking about his dream for America," Stone said. King kept speaking about how he had a dream, and someone told King to use this as part of his speech, Stone said.

King presented his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of 250,000 people and, much to Stone's dismay, changed almost the entire beginning and added his dream for America. Meanwhile, Stone had missed the key part of the speech and chose instead to party.

"My publisher gave me hell for that," Stone said. "Martin kidded me about it later. He said, 'Chuck, you ought to know you can't trust a Baptist minister — be-

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Rival's Bodyguard, Hitman Arrested In Conspiracy to Eliminate Kerrigan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Figure skater Tonya Harding's bodyguard and another man were arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy in the attack on Olympic rival Nancy Kerrigan. More arrests were expected, one official said.

The bodyguard, Shawn Eric Eckardt, 26, and Derrick Brian Smith, 29, were arrested in Portland, said Michael Schrunck, Multnomah County district attorney. Smith, a former resident of Portland, moved to Phoenix about five months ago, Schrunck said.

Eckardt told authorities Harding's ex-husband asked him to arrange the attack, The Oregonian newspaper reported Thursday, citing unidentified law enforcement sources. It wasn't immediately clear what role Smith played in the alleged plot.

Eckardt, handcuffed and wearing a green jacket and blue jeans, was brought to the jail in an unmarked car. He didn't answer questions shouted to him by reporters gathered in the tunnel to the jail.

Smith was expected to follow shortly. Earlier Thursday, Boston TV station WCVB reported that warrants were issued in Portland for Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly; Eckardt; Smith; and Steve Stant, the alleged hitman from Portland.

The station also reported that Harding was named in the warrants, but authorities in Portland and Detroit denied the report.

Eckardt told authorities that Gillooly asked him to arrange the attack, The Oregonian newspaper reported Thursday, citing unidentified law enforcement sources.

Harding and Gillooly were divorced Aug. 28, but later reconciled and have lived together since October.

After Kerrigan was clubbed on the knee, she was forced to withdraw from the figure skating championships, raising doubts about her ability to compete in the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 27.

The U.S. Figure Skating Association named Kerrigan to the Olympic team anyway, along with Harding, 23, who went on to win the championship. Kerrigan won a

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TONYA HARDING
Olympic figure skater

bronze medal at the 1992 Winter Olympic Games in Albertville, France.

The charge of conspiracy to commit assault is a felony punishable by as much as 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine, Oregon officials said.

At the Detroit news conference Thursday, Deputy Police Chief Benny Napoleon said a woman from out of state called the police department Saturday and insisted on speaking with him.

"She indicated to me that she heard a conversation regarding the planned assault on Nancy Kerrigan" several months ago, Napoleon said. "She put it off as somebody talking. Once the assault occurred, she became frightened. She wanted to make sure the people responsible were apprehended," he said.

Napoleon said the woman identified about four people, and he passed the names along to the FBI. The woman said she listened to a tape of the conversation a few months ago. "I am not going to indicate who she implicated to me," Napoleon said. He said Harding was not implicated.

The plot allegedly involved Eckardt, Gillooly, an Eckardt acquaintance in Phoenix and a Portland man who hit Kerrigan for \$100,000, The Oregonian newspaper reported.

NBC News on Wednesday quoted sources as saying that after the men met in Portland, the hitman went to Boston, where Kerrigan lives and trains.

It was there that the investigators believe he planned to attack Kerrigan, but bad weather somehow fouled the attempt, NBC said.

Detroit police said Thursday that they had recovered a collapsible metal baton, believed to be the weapon. A Detroit resident found it in a trash can behind the arena, police said.

Harding, Gillooly and Eckardt have dodged reporters all week, avoiding their homes where reporters have camped out. Monday, before specific allegations surfaced, they denied any involvement in the attack. "You guys know me better than that," Harding said.

"I had my hopes for a long time of competing against Nancy and proving I'm as good as her and better."

A private investigator in Portland, Gary Crowe, told The Associated Press that the FBI learned of the alleged plot from a local minister, Eugene Saunders.

Crowe said Saunders came to him for some advice after speaking with a friend who played him a tape recording of men alleged to be Gillooly, Eckardt and the unidentified Arizona man talking about Kerrigan.

Crowe said Saunders told him that Gillooly asked on the tape, "Why don't we just kill her?" Eckardt allegedly responded: "We don't need to kill her. Let's just hit her in the knee."

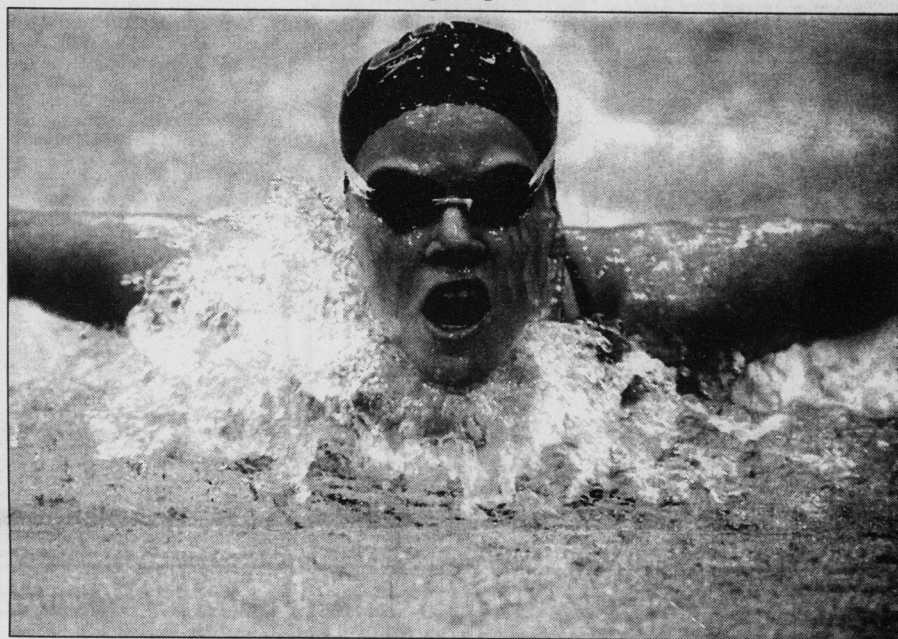
Crowe said Saunders' friend became worried after receiving threats from the Arizona man because Gillooly had failed to pay \$100,000 as promised.

Kerrigan's injured right knee showed improvement Thursday after two days of physical therapy, according to Dr. Mahlon Bradley. He was quoted by ProServ, the agency representing Kerrigan, as saying that the skater "is progressing well."

Kerrigan's agent, Jerry Solomon, told "Larry King Live" on CNN: "She's doing great.... She's in the pool every day. She's doing hydrotherapy. Her range of motion in her knee is almost back to full range of motion."

"There is every reason to believe she'll be OK for the Olympics physically," he said. "As far as the emotional and mental side, I know she'll be OK that way because she's very strong, and she's mentally tough and she's a great fighter."

Victory Lap



Junior Carrie Szulc leads UNC to a victory in the women's 200-yard butterfly. The UNC women's swim team topped Brown University in Koury Natatorium on Thursday night. See story on page 6.

Committee Approves Reducing Student Fees

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Students will have the opportunity to vote to reduce their student activity fees if Student Congress approves the measure at its Jan. 19 meeting.

The Student Congress Finance Committee voted Wednesday to report favorably on the bill requesting the referendum, which was introduced by Student Body President Jim Copland.

If congress establishes the referendum, students will vote on whether or not to reduce the undergraduate activity fee by \$3. Graduate students would vote on whether or not to reduce their activity fee by \$2. The referendum will be held during the campus general elections Feb. 8.

Copland said he proposed the activity fee reduction because congress would be allocated extra money this year, due to an increase in Student Legal Services fees. Student Legal Services provides students with free legal counsel.

"If we increase one fee, we should decrease another," he said. "It is my general philosophy that fees should be kept as low as possible. We've also had a sort of windfall in that (The Daily Tar Heel) is not receiving funding anymore."

Rep. John Phillippe, Dist. 18, said he supported the referendum because it would give students more control over the fees they paid.

"Whenever we have an opportunity to let the students have a say in how their fees are used or how much they pay, we should support it," he said.

Lara Hansen, a sophomore from Charlotte, said she would vote for a decrease in fees, but she thought the proposed decrease was too small and not significant to be placed on the ballot.

"Having everyone vote about a \$3 decrease would be a waste of time," she said. "Congress should just take care of it." Copland said the proposed dollar amounts could be amended when the bill reached the full congress next week. He

said he planned to do additional calculation to determine the greatest amount that fees could be lowered without affecting groups that were currently funded.

If congress establishes the referendum, students also will vote on whether or not to increase the percentage of graduate and professional students' activity fees allocated to the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. The GPSF now receives 15 percent of activity fees paid by graduate and professional students. The referendum would ask for an increase to 25 percent.

Copland said the increase would give graduate students more control over their fees and would strengthen programs for all graduate students.

But Rep. Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, said he had misgivings about how GPSF funds were spent.

"The bulk of the money goes back to the individual departments and is spent on parties," he said. "I haven't seen good evidence of GPSF money being used

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Editor's Note

Don't forget to come by the Daily Tar Heel office to pick up an application.

If you are interested in writing, copy editing, photography, graphics, layout, illustrating or drawing editorial cartoons, come by the DTH office (Union Suite 104) for an application.

No experience is necessary, except for the photography and graphics desks. There is an additional application if you are interested in photography.

All applications are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Call 962-0245 if you have any questions.

It's going to be a fun and exciting semester at the DTH. Don't miss out.

By the way, because of the Martin Luther King holiday, we will not publish Monday.

If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)