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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Clinton Declares Southern California a Disaster Zone

WASHINGTON—Less than 10 hours after an earthquake caused major damage in Los Angeles, President Clinton signed an order declaring the area a disaster zone eligible for federal aid.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of California," Clinton said. "All of us should be very sensitive to what they are going through now."

Clinton pledged his administration would do "everything we possibly can to help."

The president hinted he might go to Los Angeles later, but said that for now, "I don't want to get in the way." He noted that traffic already was snarled because of the collapsed freeways, and a presidential visit could make things worse.

German Court Convicts Neo-Nazis of Luge Beating

SUHL, Germany—Two neo-Nazis were convicted today of beating an American luge racer after taunting his black teammate in a bar.

Silvio Eschrich, 21, who admitted punching Duncan Kennedy in the face, was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison for the attack. Tino Voelkel, 16, was given a one-year sentence.

The two were accused of leading approximately 15 skinheads who kicked and punched Kennedy outside an Oberhof nightclub Oct. 29. Five other youths also have been charged.

The German government sent an official apology after Americans expressed outrage at the incident.

Winter Storm Blasts Send Temperatures Plummeting

CHICAGO—Up to 30 inches of snow piled up on a layer of ice and brought parts of the Ohio Valley sliding to a halt Monday, with National Guardsmen mobilized and major highways shut down. Schools were closed from Missouri to Pennsylvania.

A new blast of North Pole air was rushing in behind the snowstorm, and Devils Lake, N.D., had a midmorning wind chill of 92 below zero. Without factoring in the wind, Garrison, Minn., was the coldest spot in the lower 48 states at 32 below zero, the National Weather Service said.

At least 13 deaths were blamed on snow, ice and cold during the holiday weekend. By midday, lighter snow and freezing rain extended into New England, causing numerous accidents.

Talks Head Off Trade War Between China and U.S.

WASHINGTON—The United States withdrew an order Monday that would have barred more than \$1 billion in textile imports from China after an 11th-hour agreement averted a trade war.

After three days of negotiations in Beijing, both sides signed a new three-year pact covering textile and apparel shipments from China to the United States.

The agreement will limit the growth in Chinese textile and apparel imports to the United States while providing new powers to stop illegal transshipments, which circumvent U.S. quotas by routing Chinese products through third countries.

The U.S. industry had claimed these illegal shipments were worth \$2 billion annually and cost 50,000 U.S. jobs.

Serbs Threaten Renewed Warfare If Peace Talks Fail

BIJELJINA, Bosnia-Herzegovina—Bosnian Serb leaders threatened Monday to unleash "all-out war" against the Muslim-led government if coming peace talks ended without agreement.

"This round of negotiations will mark a definite turning point," Radovan Karadzic, leader of the self-proclaimed Serb state in Bosnia-Herzegovina, told a Serb assembly.

The heavily armed Serbs currently hold 1 percent of Bosnia after 21 months of war, while the Muslim-led government holds about 15 percent and Croats hold the rest.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, windy; high 40-50.

WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, cold; high 30-35.

Front Line Calls for Academic Reform

BY HOLLY STEPP
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The University should re-evaluate how out-of-state children of alumni are admitted to the University, revamp the faculty advising program and eliminate the physical-education requirement.

The above are just some of the recommendations in student government's "From The Front Line" report. The first section of the report, Academic Affairs, was released Monday and included recommendations for improvement in the area of undergraduate teaching.

The report, which includes eight sections that assess the University from a student's point of view, began with student

polling during the fall semester and was sponsored by the Office of the Student Body President.

"This project asks the tough questions, the ones we need to be asking of the state's leading public university," said Jim Copland, student body president.

The academic affairs report includes recommendations in the following areas: teaching quality, academic advising, faculty salaries, student-faculty interaction, interdisciplinary education, undergraduate admissions and resource allocation.

FROM THE FRONT LINE

Student Body Vice President Dacia Toll said "From The Front Line" was designed to assess the progress of the University as part of the Bicentennial Celebration.

"In our big birthday year, we need to be asking ourselves, 'Where have we come in 200 years, and, more importantly, where are we going?'"

Resource Allocation

The report requests that the University become more responsive to the needs and interests of the students and use resources to the very best means. Class offerings should be designed with the interest of students in mind.

The University also should remove the physical-activity requirement from the

General College perspectives. "Students often only take those classes they have to, and many seek only those which involve a notoriously little physical effort, like bowling and social dance," the report states.

Academic Advising

The Front Line report calls for an overhaul of the University's faculty advising program. Currently freshmen and sophomores in the General College must visit their advisers only twice a year for about 15 minutes, to receive their personal identification numbers to access Caroline telephone registration. The report suggests that the advising system include full-time staff

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Women Professors Lag Behind

Faculty Council Approves Measures to Improve Numbers

BY PHUONG LY

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A gap still exists between where women faculty stand in the University and where they should be, the Faculty Committee on the Status of Women reported Friday.

Although the number of female faculty members at UNC has increased in the past several years, more needs to be done to recruit and promote women, said Pamela Conover, co-chairwoman of the committee. Conover read the annual report on the status of women at the University at Friday's Faculty Council meeting.

At the meeting, the council unanimously passed a resolution stating that the University should reaffirm its commitment to increasing the representation of female faculty at all ranks.

The council also passed several goals suggested by the committee to raise the status of female faculty at the University.

The University's progress in recruiting female faculty falls short of the national rate, the committee's report states.

Women make up 26.2 percent of the faculty at UNC—3.5 percent less than the national average.

The Faculty Council passed a recommendation calling for the hiring rates of female faculty to be at or near the proportion of women granted doctorate degrees in all fields. They also passed a recommendation that the proportion of women faculty within specific disciplines should approach the proportion of women receiving doctorates in those disciplines.

"As the number of women increases within disciplines, recruiting becomes easier," Conover said.

Some faculty members said terminal degrees, rather than doctorates, should be used as a benchmark for hiring because in some departments, many of the faculty members did not have doctorate degrees.

Conover said that if better benchmarks were found, the committee would investigate.

In terms of leadership, women sit in few senior administrative positions, according to the report.

"Prospects for rapid growth of the number of women in top administrative positions are not good," Conover said.

In 1991, women held 35.2 percent of UNC's administrative positions, which is up from 14.4 percent in 1984. The committee applauded the increase, but attributed it partly to an increase in the number of administrative positions available at UNC.

"We are still not where we need to be," Chancellor Paul Hardin said about the number of women in top University positions.

Hardin said he wanted to expand the "Bridges" program, which encourages women to advance to leadership roles. Thirty-one women entered the newly established program last fall.

The Faculty Council passed another committee recommendation calling for an increase in the number of women in the highest academic and administrative positions.

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UNC students Ed Chaney, Fred Wherry and Shelly Senterfitt march down Franklin Street on Monday afternoon in freezing temperatures as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial march. The participants consisted of students and community members.

MLK March Time to Reflect on Modern Causes

BY JACOB STOHLER
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The signs made all kinds of statements, and the people who held them came from all kinds of backgrounds.

High school students held signs that read, "The man, the moment, the myth." UNC housekeepers displayed a banner that read, "We are all housekeepers." Local NAACP leaders carried signs stating, "No slave wages."

All together, almost 60 local residents stood in front of the salt-covered steps of the Franklin Street post office Monday for the start of Chapel Hill's 10th annual Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. Day march.

At about 1 p.m., the marchers gathered, bundled in jackets, hats, gloves and anything else to keep warm. Soon after, local leaders took the steps to give speeches and tell stories about the late civil-rights leader whose 65th birthday, now a national holiday, was celebrated Monday.

"One of the great tributes we can pay (King) is to join the struggle for economic justice," said Larry Farrar of the UNC Housekeepers Association.

"It's not just about the housekeepers. It's about a system that's been in effect for 400 years—200 at UNC."

As Farrar spoke, middle-aged white men

such as former Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzenberg stood with younger black women such as Chapel Hill High School freshman Diana Pierre. College students such as freshman Melissa Heet marched alongside housekeepers such as Barbara Prear.

After the speeches, police blocked traffic and the marchers paraded west down Franklin Street, singing spirituals and protest songs. Using a megaphone, Alan McSurely, an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told stories of the civil-rights movement in the '60s when similar marches ended in confrontations with the police.

But no such incidents occurred Monday. The most attention the marchers drew was from downtown restaurant-goers who stopped eating to watch the procession go by. As they approached the Midway section between Carrboro and Chapel Hill, the marchers filed into the First Baptist Church on Roberson Street for a community service honoring King.

Earlier at the post office before the march, speakers had alternately praised King's memory and addressed local issues, such as the current struggle between the UNC administration and the housekeep-

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Housekeepers Association Call Report Incomplete

BY JAMES LEWIS
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Members of the UNC Housekeepers Association said a report released last week on University efforts to improve pay and working conditions for UNC housekeepers fell short of a comprehensive report.

Barbara Prear, a member of the UNC Housekeepers Association's steering committee, said the University should have done more to address housekeeper concerns and also should have relied more on information from housekeepers.

Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources, and Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities management, co-authored the report, which was prepared for Chancellor Paul Hardin in December and distributed to the public last week.

Prear said the efforts mentioned in the report did not really affect the majority of housekeepers.

"They should do a survey, not of the housekeepers association, but of all the housekeepers and ask them what great changes have been made," Prear said. She added that she thought University

administrators were committed to increasing pay for the state's lowest workers, but added that they needed to address other issues that had been raised by the housekeepers association.

"I am very appreciative of the efforts that have been made in salary, but we still have a long way to go," she said.

"As far as other things that have changed within the housekeeping department, they ought to ask the people that it affects about changes and what's going on," she said. "And I'm not saying there's been no change."

Runberg said the housekeepers association and the University had the same interests. "I think we have the same goals and I would like to see us move forward and work together," he said.

But Prear said she was skeptical that University administrators were in touch with the housekeepers.

"How do they know what supervisors are doing over in Morrison (Residence Hall) when they are sitting over in South Building?" Prear said.

According to the report, "a question-

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Freshman Performance Report Examines Remediation Rates Across UNC-System

BY MARTY MINCHIN
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After a triumphant march across a high school football field to receive their diplomas, many newly graduated seniors head off to college filled with expectations of freedom from Mom and Dad, a new social life and harder classes.

Each fall universities welcome their freshman class, ushering students to new dorms, new lives and a rigorous academic schedule.

But somewhere between high school and college, something is missing. Many of these freshmen do not take trigonometry or freshman English when they arrive at the university. Instead, they spend their first semester in remedial math and English classes, doing the same old high school work in college.

The Southern Regional Education Board, an Atlanta-based group that studies education in the South, reported in a 1988 study that 36 percent to 37 percent of first-time, full-time freshmen in all public institutions across the Southeast were placed in remedial classes. Remedial classes are non-

Remediation:
Closing the Gap Between
College and High School

TODAY: The Freshman Performance Report
WEDNESDAY: N.C. High Schools Respond
THURSDAY: Colleges and Unprepared Students
FRIDAY: Reducing the Need for Remediation

credit courses in English, math and reading in which students learn skills they will need to succeed in regular college classes.

"It is disturbing that we're moving more to 40 percent of first-time, full-time freshman needing academic assistance in reading, writing or math," said Ansley Abraham, research associate and director of doctoral scholars programs for the SREB.

Although each state has a different definition of remediation and the statistics must be looked at in context, the SREB's statistics suggest that there are problems with remediation, Abraham said.

Abraham said schools should work to reduce remediation, not eliminate it.

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Editor's Note

Just a reminder that Daily Tar Heel staff applications are due by 5 p.m. today in the DTH office, Union Suite 104.

Names of new staff members will be posted by noon Thursday. Thanks to all who applied.

As cold as cucumbers.

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