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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Nominee for Defense Post Withdraws, Jolts Capital

WASHINGTON — Retired Adm. Bobby Inman withdrew on Tuesday as defense secretary nominee, saying he was "distressed and distracted" by attacks on his character and reputation. President Clinton accepted the surprise withdrawal and began a fresh search to fill the post Les Aspin soon will leave.

The Texas businessman, a former deputy CIA director, accused his critics of "modern McCarthyism."

In particular, he lashed out at the news media and accused New York Times columnist William Safire and Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., of plotting to undermine his nomination.

"I did not want this job," Inman, 62, said in a rambling hour-long news conference in Austin, Texas. "I'm at peace with myself."

Even though Clinton had been given advance word of Inman's decision, the dramatic exit sent shock waves through Washington and mystified lawmakers of both parties.

Inman, a retired four-star admiral, had been expected to face questions about his private-sector dealings with the defense industry in confirmation hearings scheduled for next week. He was also expected to be asked about his failure to pay Social Security taxes for a domestic helper. He recently paid about \$6,000 in back taxes.

But Inman suggested that neither of these concerns had been the deciding factor in his decision.

Prosecutor: Reagan Knew Of Iran-Contra Cover-Up

WASHINGTON — President Reagan acquiesced in a cover-up of the Iran-Contra scandal that was spearheaded by Attorney General Edwin Meese and carried out at the top levels of the Reagan administration, Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh concluded in his final report Tuesday.

In two volumes that were immediately denounced by Reagan, Meese, ex-President Bush and others, the Iran-Contra prosecutor declared that Reagan's aides withheld information on the scandal from prosecutors and Congress.

Impeachment of Reagan "certainly should have been considered" by the congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair, Walsh told a news conference.

Cold Weather Paralyzes Much of the United States

National Guardsmen pitched in Tuesday to help dig out the Ohio Valley from 30 inches of snow, and single-digit temperatures reached into the Deep South. Bad weather kept schools closed from the Dakotas to New Hampshire to Georgia.

The weather has been blamed for 39 deaths since last week. Thousands of people were without electricity after heavy snow and ice from Monday's storm weighed down power lines.

Tuesday's record low temperatures for the date ranged from 34 below zero at Devils Lake, N.D., and 27 below at Madison to 3 below at Jackson, Ky.

The frigid air was pushing southward, and Tupelo, Miss., had a low on Tuesday of just 7 degrees. Wednesday's forecast low was about 4, the National Weather Service said.

Woman Allowed to Enter Day Classes at the Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Citadel's last defense against allowing women in day classes crumbled Tuesday when U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist cleared the way for Shannon Faulkner to take courses with the state military college's cadets. Faulkner immediately started packing for the trip to Charleston. At The Citadel, which has been all-male for 151 years, the news was met with disappointment by gray-clad cadets.

"We knew it was coming," said freshman cadet Timothy Terese. "But no matter what, we didn't lose faith and were hoping the lawyers would come through for us."

Faulkner plans to start classes Thursday, her 19th birthday.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny, bitterly cold; high near 20.

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high near 30.

Mayor Declares Year of Race Unity in Carrboro

BY ROCHELLE KLASKIN
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CARRBORO — If 1993 was a year of racial tension, Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird wants 1994 to be a year of racial unity.

At the Board of Aldermen's Tuesday night meeting, Kinnaird read a proclamation declaring the new year as one of race unity in cooperation with the local Baha'i community.

"This is certainly an apt time, with the Martin Luther King holiday just being celebrated," she told the audience.

The Baha'i faith is an independent world religion founded in 1844.

Believers follow the teachings of Baha'u'llah, which pivot around the oneness of humanity.

There are about 40 members in Carrboro, and 110,000 members nation-

wide. The idea behind the dialogue series was sparked by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, according to Baha'i race-unity committee chairman Gary Kugler.

The board of aldermen did not vote on the proclamation but will join the Baha'is in supporting better relations between members of the community.

"One of the key objectives of the next three-year period is worldwide race unity," he said.

"They have given us the freedom to do it in our own way."

The committee has been working for five months to put together a five-part dialogue series to begin the process for better race relations.

"We really wanted to provide a forum to talk about racism," said committee mem-

ber Betsy Ayankoya.

"Racism is a disease that affects everyone. We want to lead through awareness and heal some wounds."

Both Kugler and Ayankoya agreed that the declaration was appropriate because of the recent Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education controversy over embattled member LaVonda Burnette, who misrepresented her educational background.

Some Burnette supporters have charged



Mayor ELEANOR KINNAIRD says the declaration is timely because of Martin Luther King Day.

that because Burnette is black and a single mother, the board's unanimous decision to ask her to resign was racially motivated.

"It is absolutely timely," Ayankoya said. "The response from the community has been overwhelming positive for this program."

"Local churches, the InterFaith Council, the Orange County Human Relations Committee, the Center for Peace Education — 25 organizations that we contacted all showed support."

Not only does the Baha'i committee plan to raise awareness in the community, but it also plans to formulate a race-unity coalition to continue programs throughout the year and in the future.

"It will be a grassroots, action-oriented group," Kugler said.

"It's kind of uncharted territory, so we do not have any preset notions of what

to expect."

On both a community and national level, Ayankoya said a lot needed to be accomplished to stop racism.

"We realize that we are a small segment of society," she said. "But one small part of society is affected by the same things that affects the entire society."

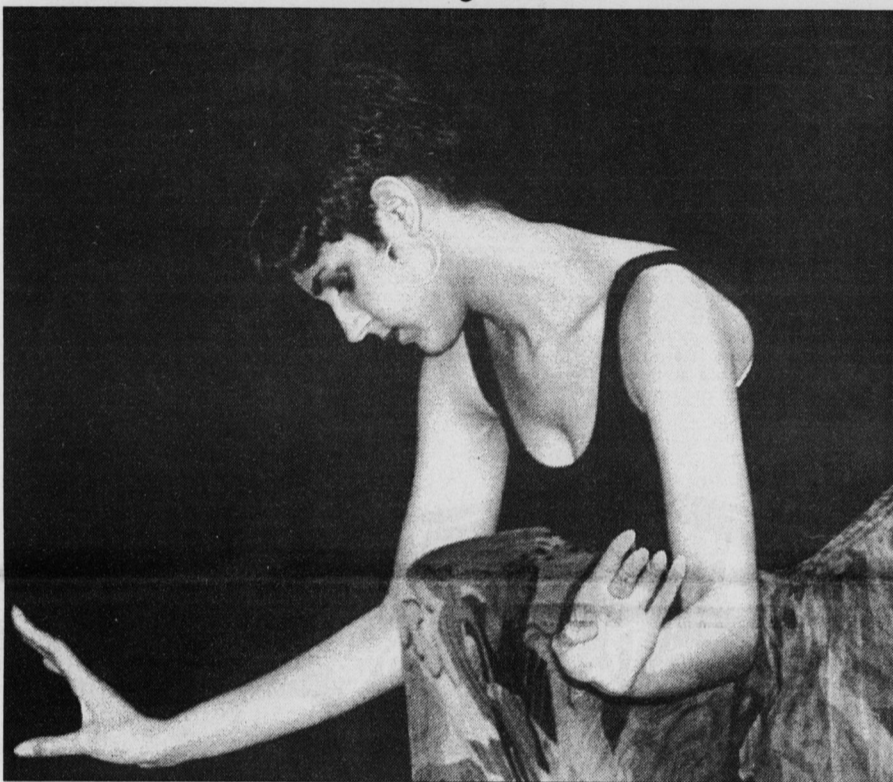
The five-part series will begin at 8 p.m. Friday at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Community Room on Jones Ferry Road.

Subsequent sessions will include educational workshops that will teach community members how to work through racism and overcome it, Kugler said.

"We hope to bring about the unity of mankind," he said.

"To appreciate and celebrate diversity and to reconcile the differences."

Performing Praises



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Davon Gibson, a member of the Opeyo Dancers, dances during the "I, Too, Sing America" performance Tuesday night in the Great Hall. The program, which celebrated the life of Martin Luther King Jr., featured various campus artists.

Earthquake Leaves Californians in Chaos

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LOS ANGELES — Under skies as bright and blue as ever, Southern Californians confronted a changed world Tuesday.

The defining features of this region's life — water, power and freeways — were suddenly uncertain. In their place: long lines, hellish commutes and constant earthquake aftershocks.

A 16th body was found inside a flattened apartment building in Northridge, near the epicenter of

Monday's powerful earthquake, bringing the death toll from the quake to 34. At least 2,600 people were injured.

But that was only the worst toll paid by people in this battered city.

Once again, the rhythms of life in Southern California were snapped by disaster, much as they were after last fall's wildfires and the Los Angeles fires 21 months ago.

But the effects of this disaster on the day-to-day lives of residents were likely to reach farther and last longer.

"The days ahead will also be rough for us," Mayor Richard Riordan warned Angelenos, even as he praised them for a cool-headed response to the crisis. "Let's all stick together."

A snapshot of a region in crisis Tuesday:

■ Many offices, schools and stores were closed, and workers were urged to stay

home. But the closure of four of the nation's busiest freeways still made commuting a frustrating adventure.

■ Aftershocks, some as strong as 5 on the Richter scale, continued to jolt the region.

■ About 100,000 homes remained without power, and between 50,000 and 100,000 were without water, almost all of them in the hard-hit San Fernando Valley. The Department of Water and Power said it could be a week or more before water was restored. A Pacific Bell spokeswoman said telephone lines were overloaded, but not damaged.

■ About 20,000 people were camping in parks, the Department of Parks and Recreation said, and 4,000 people spent Monday night in 25 emergency shelters.

■ About 700 building engineers and inspectors fanned out across the city, but no preliminary estimate on the number of buildings damaged was immediately available.

■ The governor's Office of Emergency Services said only that property damage would be in the "hundreds of millions" of dollars. The 1989 earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area cost an estimated \$5.9 billion.

■ More than 2,000 National Guard soldiers were mobilized; many could be seen patrolling the San Fernando Valley, guns at their sides.

■ Police reported about 75 arrests Tuesday.

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N.C. High Schools Work To Upgrade Curriculums

BY MARTY MINCHIN
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Year after year, students graduate from N.C. high schools and leave for college unprepared for the classes that await them at UNC-system universities.

These students spend their first semester retaking high school algebra or learning how to improve their writing so they can survive in the college mainstream.

So who is to blame for thousands of dollars and numerous instructors' time spent re-educating college freshmen?

The Freshman Performance Report, recently compiled statistics showing how senior classes from more than 300 N.C. high schools fared in their first year at UNC-system schools, shows that some high schools are not adequately preparing students for college-level work.

Vann Langstrom, director of high schools for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, said the number of freshmen taking remedial classes showed that some high schools needed to improve their curricula.

"Obviously, if we have that many youngsters (taking remedial courses), we need to do better," he said.

Since 1990, the Freshman Performance Report, commissioned by the General Assembly, has evaluated the performance of N.C. public high school graduates enrolled in UNC-system universities.

The report on the 1991 college freshman class, the most recent set of statistics, showed that 7.8 percent of these freshmen were placed into remedial English, while 15.1 percent were placed in remedial math.

The report also showed that 19.9 percent of this group of freshmen enrolled in at least one remedial class.

Remedial classes are offered in math, English and reading to teach students the

Remediation:
Closing the Gap Between
College and High School
TUESDAY: The Freshman Performance Report
TODAY: N.C. High Schools Respond
THURSDAY: Colleges and Unprepared Students
FRIDAY: Reducing the Need for Remediation

skills they need to perform in regular college classes.

Jim Newlin, senior fiscal analysis for the General Assembly, said that after reviewing remediation statistics over several years he did not see an average drop in the number of students taking remedial classes. While, as a whole, N.C. Scholastic Aptitude Test scores have gone up as a result of changes in the educational system, remediation did not seem to be affected, he said.

"I haven't found a single decrease in (remediation)," Newlin said. "The imposition of these minimum standards (for admission into a UNC-system school) didn't have an effect on remediation."

"I think there will always be some remedial course work at colleges. We are always wanting more students to go to college."

High schools across the state each have unique uses for the Freshman Performance Report. Some principals say they do not use the report at all or have not seen it, while others use the statistics to pinpoint and improve weak areas in their curricula.

Larry Ivy, director of the N.C. Northwest Technical Assistance Center that works with area high schools, said one reason students were placed into remedial

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Congress to Consider Referendums On Reducing Student Fees, BCC

BY KEVIN MCKEE
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Student Congress will consider several bills at its 7 p.m. meeting today, including referendums about a reduction of student fees, the free-standing black cultural center and a loan to Student Television.

Congress will discuss the reduction of student fees for both undergraduate students and graduate and professional students.

The bill, introduced by Student Body President Jim Copland, will call for a referendum allowing students to vote to decrease undergraduate student activity fees by \$3 and graduate student activity fees by \$2. The referendum will be included on the general campus election ballot Feb. 8.

The reduction is possible because congress was allocated more funds when Student Legal Services raised its fees by about \$2 and The Daily Tar Heel became a self-supporting student organization last year.

Copland said that when one fee was raised, another should be lowered to create an equilibrium. "Generally, we've been concerned with keeping student fees low," Copland said. "Students should have a lot more input in deciding their fees."

Copland said students probably thought the fee decreases were small compared to the overall student fee costs.

"They are not as small as they may appear," he said. "\$23 from undergraduate student general fees and \$19 from graduate student general fees are given to Student Congress. (These cuts) are like a 15-percent decrease in fees."

Congress also will consider a bill on the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, which if passed, would establish a referendum for students to vote on whether the University should build the center.

Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 7, who introduced the bill, said the referendum would give students a greater voice on the issue.

"I don't think the students of this University have been given a chance to express their views on this issue, the biggest issue on campus this year," Stansbury said. "I find it highly disturbing that administrators such as (Provost Richard) McCormick and former BCC Director (Margo) Crawford have not sought the opinions of the general student body."

The BCC bill was passed without prejudice in the Student Congress Student Affairs Committee, meaning that the members passed it, but questioned its usefulness, said Rep. Philip Charles-Pierre, Dist. 19.

Charles-Pierre, who also is the student affairs committee chairman, said he thought this referendum would not accomplish anything.

Congress also will discuss loaning STV \$13,000 to purchase two new video cameras for production purposes.

The organization's production equipment is in bad condition and is unreliable, STV business manager Alan Jackson said. "Upgrading is almost impossible," he said.

Jackson said STV had received a grant from an STV alumnus that would enable them to buy a new video camera. If STV receives funding from congress, it will keep the donated money, he said.

With the money that STV hopes to receive from congress, it should be able to buy two new video cameras and use the donated money for production costs or whatever extra costs arise, Jackson said.

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Student Body President JIM COPLAND drafted the student fees bill.

Representative Sponsors Bill on Visitation Policy

BY JESSICA FRANK
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The 24-hour visitation policy might get a shot in the arm during February's general campus elections.

A resolution in support of the 24-hour visitation program will be introduced to Student Congress tonight.

If the resolution is passed, congress then will vote on an additional bill calling for the creation of a referendum for the Feb. 8 general election that will ask students whether they support the round-the-clock visitation program.

The pilot program, which students overwhelmingly voted in favor of in September, allowed for 24-hour visitation of opposite-sex guests in six of the 29 campus residence halls. The Board of Trustees rescinded the program in November, saying trustees were concerned that they did not participate in the implementation of the program.

The resolution, to be introduced by Rep. Andrew Ballen, Dist. 15, states: "(T)hat the 75th session of Student Congress admonishes the Board of Trustees for rescinding, without adequate justification, a remarkable act of student self-governance. Further, we encourage the UNC Division of Student Affairs to re-establish a similar program in the future."

Ballen said he was optimistic that congress would support the resolution

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Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

Jules Renard