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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### U.S. Plans to Send Arms To South Korean Military

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is planning to send Patriot air defense missiles to South Korea as "sensible, rational defense preparations" for a potential North Korean Scud rocket assault, a senior official said Wednesday.

The move seemed likely to raise the level of tension on the Korean peninsula, where a million-man North Korean army stands just across the border from a South Korean force bolstered by 36,000 U.S. Army and Air Force troops.

Tensions have been inflamed in recent months by a standoff between Washington and Pyongyang over international inspections of the Communist nation's nuclear program, which the United States says is covertly pursuing nuclear bombs.

### White House Makes Some Concessions After Speech

WASHINGTON — The White House offered concessions on the scope of its health plan Wednesday just hours after President Clinton drew a no-exceptions line on universal coverage.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., pronounced the Clinton health plan "in trouble," but Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., asserted that Americans wouldn't stand for a Republican filibuster.

The president met with House Democratic leaders and key committee chairmen to map strategy for the struggle over the Clinton Health Security Act and a half-dozen competing bills.

But his surrogates wasted no time making conciliatory sounds on the morning after the president delivered a blunt threat to veto any health-reform plan that did not include coverage for every American.

### Report: Federal Agencies Biased Toward Companies

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense, Postal Service and other agencies devised elaborate practices of circumventing federal law so hundreds of millions of dollars in government business could go to favored companies, a Senate report says.

The practice "abused and misused" the law, depriving taxpayers of competitive bidding that could have slashed the cost of some multimillion dollar contracts by 50 percent, the report says.

The contracting practice, known as off-loading, occurs when one agency, faced with spending limitations or tough rules on competitive bidding, finds a second agency with much looser contracting rules.

The first agency specifies a favored contractor who is then hired by the second agency.

### PLO-Israeli Talks Resume, Show Signs of Optimism

CAIRO, Egypt — Signs of optimism emerged Wednesday from PLO-Israeli talks on achieving Palestinian autonomy in the occupied lands, with the PLO reporting progress and both sides breakfasting with Yasser Arafat.

The delegations resumed talks unexpectedly Tuesday night, a day after announcing that negotiations were being suspended pending a meeting this weekend in Switzerland between the Palestine Liberation Organization leader and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Statements by the two men after their meeting last week indicated there was room for optimism that a plan could be reached for carrying out the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

### Prince Stays Unshakable During Murder Attempt

SYDNEY, Australia — Britain's Prince Charles, eager to boost his image after his breakup with Princess Diana, has proved one thing: He can stay cool under fire.

The 45-year-old heir to the throne hardly flinched Wednesday when a young man ran out of a crowd, lunged at him and fired two blank shots from a starter's pistol during an outdoor ceremony marking Australia's national day.

The prince saw the man run toward him and froze as the shots rang out. Afterward, he calmly adjusted his cuff links.

Within minutes of his assailant's arrest, Charles, unharmed, carried on with his speech.

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## Weather

TODAY: 50-percent chance of rain; high 40-45.  
FRIDAY: Showers; high 55-60.

# Dorm Visitation Debate Reflects Past Historical Trends

BY MARTY MINCHIN  
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Life for a UNC freshman woman in 1965 was not exactly carefree.

Her semester kicked off with a talk by Dean of Women Katherine Carmichael, who impressed upon all the new arrivals the necessity of conducting themselves as proper ladies.

The freshman would study in her room from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday — a mandatory

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If she wanted to leave campus, she had to sign out with her housemother, whose sitting-room door opened into the dormitory lobby.

When she attended a social event on a weeknight, she again had to sign out when she left and had to be back in her dormitory

by 11 p.m., or she could face Honor Court charges and the possibility of expulsion.

Absolutely no men were allowed to visit her room.

"It was like going to a convent school," said UNC journalism Professor Jan Elliott, who was a member of the 1966 UNC freshman class — the second class of freshman women to enroll at the University. Women were admitted to UNC before 1965, but only as junior transfer or nursing students.

"I guess the administration didn't know what to do with all those women," Elliott said.

Visitation policies in campus residence halls have evolved in the past 30 years from stringent rules to a current debate about unrestricted visitation.

From 1965 to 1967, the UNC administration kept a parental eye on its impressionable young charges. Dean Carmichael

imposed stiff rules in women's dormitories to curtail opportunities for improper behavior between the women and their dates.

"Men came and called for us at the front desk," Elliott said. "You could visit with men in the lobby." Except for specially planned social events, women were not allowed to visit men's residence halls.

Housing administrators also kept tight records of women's misconduct, ranging from coming in minutes late to smooching on the dormitory porch. Women were allotted a number of "late minutes" each semester, a practice that soon ended.

"If you came in late, you had to get the dorm mother up, and then you were in big trouble," Elliott said. "If some girls didn't get there in time, they just didn't come back."

Jack Betts, a 1968 UNC graduate who

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## Board of Trustees to Discuss Possible Policy Changes

BY JAMES LEWIS  
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After months of controversy over a pilot program that allowed UNC students to vote on unlimited visitation by the opposite sex in six campus dormitories, the Board of Trustees on Friday once again will discuss the issue that has caused an uproar among students and parents.

In an experimental program last semester, the Department of Housing al-

lowed residents of six campus dormitories to vote on one of three visitation policies for members of the opposite sex.

Students in all six dormitories overwhelmingly voted for the 24-hour visitation policy. But in November, amid controversy and media criticism from around the state, trustees revoked the policy and chastised Chancellor Paul Hardin for not consulting them on the

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## Spring Is in the Air



DTH/LAURA KLEINHENZ

UNC freshman Anisha Patel enjoys the warm temperatures in Coker Arboretum with her boyfriend Sam Lada. Lada, a student at the N.C. School of Science and Math, got out of class early and came to Chapel Hill for a surprise visit.

## Candidates' Campaign Posters Defaced

BY PHUONG LY  
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Election candidates aren't the only ones showing off their wit and creativity on campaign posters.

Graffiti artists have scrawled phrases and drawn pictures poking fun at candidates' names and slogans on at least 20 campaign posters, said Melinda Manning, Elections Board chairwoman.

A picture of student body president candidate Wayne Rash that appeared on a poster was burned with a lighter, she said.

Campaign posters are vandalized every year, Manning said.

Last year, someone wrote anti-Semitic phrases on some posters, she said.

"There's not really anything we can do unless we catch somebody," Manning said. "It's an Honor Code violation, but the chances of catching somebody are nonexistent."

Most of the vandalized posters have been found in Granville Towers, Manning said. She said she thought the problem

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MELINDA MANNING  
Elections Board chairwoman

might have been caused by drunken students.

Rash said he was not taking personal offense to the phrases written on at least five of his posters.

"I believe it's an isolated incident," he said. "I don't think it's hate for me because it's been done to other candidates."

"It's just someone trying to have a good time, and they're doing it at my expense," said Rash, who has printed about 750 posters at a cost of \$100.

Student Congress Rep. Thad Woody, Dist. 11, said he was not surprised at the vandalism. Woody, who is running for reelection, has had at least two of his posters vandalized.

"It's just a campus campaign. You can expect things like that to happen," Woody said.

Vandalism isn't the only joke being played on the election process.

Several posters around campus are pro-

moting "Brooks," a nonexistent student body president candidate.

Looks Dorin, a sophomore from Charlotte, said his friends put up the posters without his knowledge.

"It was mostly sort of a joke," Dorin said.

"They don't take student government very seriously, and neither do I. It was kind of a satire."

Dorin said some people in student government were "like most politicians."

"They make a lot of claims that they don't really follow through on," he said.

Manning said the Elections Board could not take action against Dorin or his friends because it only could regulate the actions of candidates.

Campus elections in the past always have included problems with campaign posters and vote solicitors.

Last year, the posters of at least one student body president candidate were vandalized with jokes and comments about the candidate's nickname.

Two student body president candidates filed complaints to the Student Supreme Court stating that other candidates violated campaign regulations by distributing platform literature within 50 feet of the polling sites and by campaigning door-to-door in the residence halls. The court did not find the other candidates guilty.

## 50 Candidates Compete For Campus Positions

BY ELIZABETH LINDSEY  
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Campus elections officially kicked off Wednesday night with about 50 candidates running for about four dozen offices. Elections will be held Feb. 8 with a revamped voting process.

"We've gone high-tech," said Melinda Manning, Elections Board chairwoman. Students need to bring their UNC student identification card or a photo ID card and their social security card, Manning said.

Computers located at each poll site will log student ID numbers into a tracking system.

The system will more easily identify any student who attempts to vote more than once in any election, said Elections Board Vice-Chairman Elliott Zenick.

"Students who try to vote more than once will get caught," Zenick said.

"It is an Honor Code Violation." Zenick said the computer system would make the voting process faster and would eliminate long lines at poll sites.

Another change in this year's election is a decrease in the number of designated poll sites.

Due to the demands presented by computerizing the process, the Elections Board has decreased the number of poll sites to five.

Poll sites will be in the Great Hall in the Student Union, Granville Towers' cafeteria, the health sciences library, the law school and Chase Dining Hall.

Students will elect new leaders for student body president, Carolina Athletic Association president, Residence Hall Association president and Graduate and Professional Students Federation president.

The positions of senior class president and vice president for the class of 1995, and

representatives for 23 congressional districts also are open.

To become a candidate, interested students were required to submit a petition containing signatures from their constituents, Manning said.

Any student who failed to meet the deadline for submission of the petitions was not allowed on the ballot.

Four candidates have filed petitions for SBP.

They are George Battle, Tommy Koonce, Rebekah Moore and Wayne Rash. Filing as candidates for CAA president are: Nil Dalal and Jen Rasmussen (for co-presidents), and Louis Patalano.

The pairs filing their candidacy for senior class president and vice president are: Andrew Ballen and Scott Higgins, Mike Crisp and Parshant Dhiman, James Shipp and Tiffani Hill, and Edward Marshall and Hadley Peer.

Jody Davis is the only candidate running for RHA president. Ramesh Krishnaraj is the only candidate for GPSF president.

Thirty-seven candidates are running in Student Congress races. Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 have no declared candidates, but the Elections Board is expecting write-in candidates, Manning said.

Candidates are filling their time between now and election day with a series of candidate forums.

RHA-sponsored forums for SBP, RHA, CAA and senior class candidates are scheduled for today in the Ehringhaus Residence Hall lobby, Tuesday in the Kenan Residence Hall lobby and Wednesday in the Cobb Residence Hall lobby.

The forums will begin at 7 p.m.

The Black Student Movement will sponsor a forum at 5:30 p.m. Monday for SBP, RHA, CAA, GPSF and senior class candidates.

The forum will be held in the Upendo Lounge in Chase Dining Hall.

People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights is sponsoring a forum at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 in Gerrard Hall for SBP and RHA candidates.

## County Sheriff Not Worried About Another Jail Break

BY KATHRYN HASS  
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Orange County Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass is not worried.

Although two inmates recently escaped from the Orange County Jail — the first time a break-out has ever happened there — county officials are confident that another escape will not occur.

Steel walls, bars and solid concrete ceilings surround the prisoners, making it difficult, if not impossible, to escape, Pendergrass said. "There is no way for an inmate to get out of those cells."

Security cameras also watch every room. The two inmates who escaped Friday were captured early Sunday morning in Leeds, Ala., after a weekend cat-and-mouse chase through North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Leon Robert Wyatt, 22, of Durham and Michael Kevin Hensley, 22, of Chapel Hill were arrested by the Leeds Police Department about 5 a.m. Sunday after failing to pay for gas at a service station. The men were apprehended after a 45-minute car chase that began near Birmingham, Ala.

The two men crawled through a 2- to 3-foot hole that bridged their shower stall and the brick wall of their second-story cell block. The two inmates kicked loose the bars blocking the roof area and the shingles to crawl onto the roof. Authorities say the two men were able to cross the roof to a lower level and drop to the ground.

Workers doing construction in 1982 apparently had not welded the bars together, but Pendergrass said the problem had been fixed. "They were fixed Friday," he said. "There was (a camera) in that cell, but you can't shine a security camera on a shower stall."

Police Capt. Joe Dickey said bars recently had been placed over the pipes in every shower stall. "Oh, yes, we have remedied that situation. We covered it with bars and plate steel and everything else."

Pendergrass said the only way for a prisoner to escape would be to overpower a guard after being let into a hallway during visitation. "We don't take chances like that," he said.

Dickey also said there were locked doors throughout the jail leading to different parts of the compound. These doors are monitored by a control room that locks and unlocks them. Even if a prisoner ran away from a guard, he would not get very far in the building because doors can be locked quickly and easily.

He added that, although there were many things to worry about in operating a jail, another escape was not one of them. "When you work with a jail, you always worry about something," he said. "A jail is a unique place with unique people."

Pendergrass said the Orange County Jail still would receive a federal grant to build an addition next month despite the incident because no federal prisoners were held in the area of the escape.

*I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members.*

Groucho Marx