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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

NATO Decides to Set Date For Serbian Withdrawal

BRUSSELS, Belgium — After months of indecision, NATO allies tentatively agreed late Wednesday to warn the Bosnian Serbs either to lift their murderous siege of Sarajevo or face air raids, diplomats said. But the Serbs, apparently seeking to head off NATO air strikes, arranged a quick cease-fire with the United Nations.

Despite the Serb announcement, the ambassadors of the 16-nation Northern Alliance went ahead and backed a French plan to lay down a deadline for the Serbs, according to diplomats at the meeting.

Under the plan tentatively agreed on, the allies would carry out air strikes against the Serbs if they failed to withdraw within 10 days the more than 500 heavy guns that for two years have been pounding Sarajevo.

Newspaper: Clinton's Firm Shredded Documents

WASHINGTON — Rose law firm, where first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was a partner, shredded documents last week relating to the Whitewater Development corporation, The Washington Times reported today. The firm emphatically denied the report. The paper cited as its source an unidentified Rose employee.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton were partners in Whitewater, an Arkansas real estate venture.

In Little Rock, Ronald Clark, managing partner of the Rose firm, said the report of shredding Whitewater documents was "totally false... I am absolutely sure."

"I am extremely upset that somebody would allege this," Clark said, adding that his firm had "no significant documents" concerning the Whitewater development.

Senator Alleges U.S. Gave Biological Agents to Iraq

WASHINGTON — Biological agents shipped to Iraq with Reagan administration approval could be the cause of mysterious ailments striking veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Sen. Donald Riegle Jr., D-Mich., contended Wednesday.

Riegle, in a speech on the Senate floor, said the agents exported to Iraq between 1985 and 1989 included E. coli and salmonella and other bacteria such as those causing anthrax, gas gangrene and brucellosis.

"I am deeply troubled that the United States permitted the sale of deadly biological agents to a country with a known biological warfare program," Riegle said.

Riegle pointed to a Pentagon report stating that by the time of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Iraq's biological warfare program was the most advanced in the Arab world.

N.C. Legislature Approves First Bill of Crime Session

RALEIGH — The state House has approved the first bill of the special crime session — a measure that would prevent people found innocent by reason of insanity from possessing handguns. The 106-4 vote came after an hour of debate.

The bill, part of Gov. Jim Hunt's crime package, would bar anyone found innocent by reason of insanity from carrying a pistol or other firearm. A person convicted under the measure could seek court permission to own a weapon for hunting.

Rep. Foyle Hightower, D-Anson, one of the four who voted against it, said he thought the bill went too far because it covered people found innocent by reason of insanity in misdemeanor assaults, instead of applying only to felonies.

U.S. Grants Conditional Recognition to Macedonia

WASHINGTON — The United States on Wednesday recognized the independence of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia after more than two years of sidestepping the issue in deference to North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally Greece.

A White House statement said the former republic had chosen independence by democratic means and that recognition could resolve differences with Athens.

Greece had argued against establishment of U.S. diplomatic ties unless the name was changed. One option was to use the name of the capital, Skopje. Greece contended that referring to the country as Macedonia implied it had a claim on the Greek province also called Macedonia.

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Weather

TODAY: 100-percent chance of rain; high upper 20s.

FRIDAY: Morning freezing rain, 60-percent chance of rain; high upper 30s.

Israel, PLO Reach Agreement on Key Issues

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CAIRO, Egypt — PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, reached agreement Wednesday on critical security issues that have stalled the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

Although some matters remain in dispute, both sides called the agreement a major step forward, as did President Clinton in Washington.

Peres said he and the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman had settled "five or six of the most complicated issues" involved in turning over control of the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho to the Palestinians.

But Peres added, "We didn't complete our work."

The issues that Arafat and Peres had discussed intensively for three days included control of the crossings from the

autonomous Palestinian areas to Egypt and Jordan, security for Jewish settlers remaining in Gaza and how much land around Jericho would be ceded to Palestinian control.

Peres said the size of the Jericho area had yet to be decided, but indicated the other issues were agreed on in principle and would need to be worked out in detail. Egyptian sources said there also remained disagreement about who actually would stand at the borders.

The final deal is to be negotiated between Arafat and Peres.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Arafat said Wednesday's pact was "a very important step to implement the agreement from paper to the ground. We can say that Palestine — and the name of Palestine — has returned to the map of the Middle East," he added.

As Arafat and Peres spoke in Cairo, members of the World Jewish Congress in Washington got word of the agreement from Clinton. "Another big milestone has been achieved today," Clinton said.



PLO Chairman YASSER ARAFAT says the new security accord is crucial.



Israeli Foreign Minister SHIMON PERES says some issues still will require work.

Pedestrian Struck on Franklin



A small girl is carried away to UNC Hospitals after being struck by a car Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Franklin and Columbia Streets. According to police, she sustained only minor injuries.

B-GLAD Sets Criteria For New Chancellor

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity released their criteria and suggestions for a new chancellor Wednesday.

A commitment to continuing Chancellor Paul Hardin's nondiscrimination policy on sexual orientation is one essential quality of a new chancellor, said Trey Harris, B-GLAD co-chairman.

Hardin, who will retire in June 1995, established a nondiscrimination policy, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, during his six-year tenure at the University.

The policy was issued as a personal policy, which will end with his retirement, rather than as an institutional policy, which would have been permanent at the University.

In a prepared statement, B-GLAD said Hardin's successor should be a candidate "who is committed to equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation."

Harris said Wednesday that only a candidate who was willing to continue a nondiscrimination policy should be selected. "There should not be an interim period when there is not a nondiscrimination policy," he said.

The statement said, "B-GLAD believes

last-minute disputes between Peres and Arafat, amid reports that Peres was seeking approval from Rabin.

The Israeli withdrawal will clear the way for limited Palestinian self-rule in the territories. It was to have begun Dec. 13 according to the PLO-Israeli peace accord signed in Washington in September.

Uri Savir, the chief Israeli delegate, described the negotiations as a process of working "sentence by sentence, word by word."

"For each word, we have an hour of argument," he said.

Negotiators have repeatedly said any agreement reached here almost certainly would contain some sensitive problems to be settled later by Arafat and Rabin.

Israeli and PLO officials have said it could take at least two more weeks of negotiations to complete specifics.

Congress OKs Referendum On Campus Dining Service

BY MARISSA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Students will have the opportunity to rate the quality of food services offered by Marriott Inc. during the run-off campus elections Tuesday.

Student Congress passed the resolution calling for the referendum by voice vote at their emergency meeting Wednesday night.

Congress did not pass resolutions calling for referendums that would have gauged student opinion on controversial Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board member LaVonda Burnette and the elimination of the physical education requirement.

The referendum on food services will allow student government to know students' opinion on Marriott before its contract goes up for renewal this summer, said Student Body President Jim Copland, who sponsored the bill. The referendum will read, "Please rate your level of satisfaction

with Marriott food service." Answer choices range from "very unsatisfied" to "very satisfied."

Copland said that if students reported satisfaction with Marriott, student government would encourage the Board of Trustees to keep the food service. If students reported dissatisfaction, student government would consider other options that might be preferable, he said.

"If (students do not report satisfaction), then student government would address that because students' needs as customers are not being met," Copland said.

In 1986, students voted in a referendum against the campus food service, he said. The dining service subsequently was replaced with Marriott.

The act received overwhelming support from members of congress. Rep. Bret Batdorff, Dist. 23, said he supported the

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Students Attacked After Duke Game

BY JAY TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

Since Tar Heel fans stormed Franklin Street Thursday night to celebrate the win over Duke, Chapel Hill police have received two more reports of assaults that occurred during the party.

Two UNC students reported late Tuesday afternoon that they had been attacked, less than a week after UNC football player Sean Boyd was arrested and charged with assault in an unrelated incident that occurred during the celebration.

According to a police report filed at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday, an unknown suspect hit a UNC student on the cheekbone with his fists in front of Schoolkids Records at 144 E. Franklin St.

The incident occurred about 11 p.m. Thursday, and the student sustained minor injuries, reports state.

Another assault also was reported Tuesday afternoon. UNC freshman Ben Heintz was hit on his right cheek at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, according to reports. This at-

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BEN HEINTZ
UNC freshman

tack also occurred near Schoolkids Records. Heintz said Wednesday that he had not provoked the attack.

"I just went to the Franklin Street jam after the game," he said. "Suddenly, I just felt this freight train hit my face. I never saw it coming."

"He sucker-punched me," Heintz said he could not identify his attacker.

"I staggered around some, and I found a cop," he said. "He took me to an ambulance."

Heintz suffered four fractures in his face

and underwent reconstructive surgery Monday at UNC Hospitals, and he was released that afternoon.

"My cheekbone got dented in, and they had to pop it out," he said. "They put in pieces of titanium to hold it there."

Heintz has been at home since the surgery and will not return to school until sometime next week.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the police had some leads and were investigating the incidents. She said Boyd was not a suspect in the new cases.

Boyd, a sophomore from Gastonia, was arrested about midnight Thursday after witnesses pointed him out to Chapel Hill police officer Jack Waddell. UNC head coach Mack Brown issued a statement in defense of Boyd, stating that Boyd maintained his innocence.

In addition to these attacks, police also have received two other reports of assaults occurring Thursday night, bringing the total to six.

No information about the latest reports was available.

Turnout Tops 4,200, Highest in 4 Years

BY MARY BETH MAURIELLO
STAFF WRITER

It takes about five minutes and a No. 2 pencil to vote in campus elections.

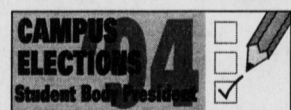
But it took an aggressive voter-incentive campaign by the Elections Board to break a four-year streak of decreasing voter turnouts.

More than 4,200 students turned out to vote in Tuesday's campus elections, according to Elections Board Chairwoman Melinda Manning.

Tuesday's voter turnout, which represents 17.98 percent of the student body, is the highest since 1990, when 4,400 students cast ballots for campus offices.

Since 1990, voter turnout has gradually decreased. Last year, about 2,798 students voted.

"I think (the turnout) was awesome," Manning said Wednesday. "I am really



happy about it."

The freshman class was best represented at the polls Tuesday, with 1,166 voters.

Juniors, who voted for senior class officers, cast a total of 958 ballots. Sophomores cast 941 votes; seniors, 415; and graduate students, 557.

Manning attributed the high voter turnout in part to the work of the Elections Board. Board members hung posters, made announcements in class and even recruited the Clef Hangers and Loreleis to sing in the Pit to encourage students to vote.

The board also offered tangible incentives to voters. Randomly selected students received coupons from area businesses as they left the polls. Voters also entered a raffle for other prizes.

The expanded voting hours also served to increase voter turnout, Manning said. Students were able to vote between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday. In previous years, the polls had closed at 6 p.m.

"The extra hour was very important," Manning said.

Many students stopped by poll sites to vote during their dinner hours, she said. At one site, about 60 students were still standing in line to vote when the polls were scheduled to close, she said.

The efforts of candidates and their staffs to excite students also were influential in the high turnout, Manning said.

Many students cited personal ideals as the reason for their votes.

Matt Stowe, a freshman from Glastonbury, Conn., said he believed the right to vote was important. "I wanted to show my support for the system by participating in it," Stowe said.

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Cavalier Curse: UVa. Beats No. 3 Tar Heels Yet Again

BY JAMES WHITFIELD
STAFF WRITER

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell more than likely woke up last night with nightmares concerning one thing — foul trouble.

The Tar Heels met this season-long nemesis face-to-face Wednesday night in University Hall and lost for the second time this season to Virginia, 83-74, before a crowd of 5,550.

North Carolina played the Cavaliers toe-to-toe for most of the evening, but when starting center Sylvia Crawley picked up her fourth foul with 8:19 left in the game, the momentum changed drastically. Crawley finished the game with 18 points

on 8-for-12 shooting.

After she picked up that fourth foul, UVa. went on a 9-2 run to pull ahead 70-61.

But Crawley was not the only Tar Heel in foul trouble. Tonya Sampson, who connected on only two of her nine shots from the field, fouled out with 2:46 remaining. And freshman Marion Jones, who finished with seven points, fouled out with 29 seconds left.

"They must pay the referees a little more than we do," Hatchell said.

And along with the foul trouble came a big advantage at the free throw line. The Wahooos scorched UNC at the charity stripe.

Virginia attempted 18 more free throws on the night than the Tar Heels. The Wa-

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Thank heavens the sun has gone in, and I don't have to go out and enjoy it.

Logan P. Smith