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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Bosnians, Croats Accept Cease-Fire Under Pressure

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian government and Bosnian Croat military chiefs, under mounting diplomatic pressure, today signed a cease-fire agreement, effective Friday, Croatian state television reported.

While previous cease-fires all have collapsed, there was heightened pressure on both sides to silence their guns in the wake of a two-week truce around the Bosnian capital Sarajevo.

Word of the accord came after almost five hours of negotiations in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, between Rasi Delic, the Bosnian government commander, and Ante Roso, the Bosnian Croat commander.

The talks were attended by Gen. Jean Cot, the U.N. commander in all of former Yugoslavia, and Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, U.N. commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Russian Legislature Gives Pardon to Coup Leaders

MOSCOW — In its first major action, Russia's new parliament took a swipe Wednesday at President Boris Yeltsin by granting amnesty to leaders of the 1991 Soviet coup and the hard-liners who fought him last fall.

Yeltsin, who disbanded the last Parliament just five months ago, issued an angry statement denouncing the vote as a "dangerous path which contradicts the national interests." The vote came one day before Yeltsin was to deliver his first, long-delayed speech to Parliament's powerful lower chamber, the State Duma.

The Communists and nationalists who pushed the measure through Parliament argued it would heal Russia's political wounds, not reopen them.

Reno Announces Deputy Attorney General Nominee

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's top lawyer, Jamie Gorelick, will be nominated by President Clinton to the No. 2 post in the Justice Department, Attorney General Janet Reno announced today.

"Ms. Gorelick is an accomplished lawyer and a proven leader," Reno said. "One year ago, I met Jamie Gorelick, and I was so impressed with her that I asked her to direct my confirmation effort.... I came to respect her judgment, admire her ability to marshal people and resources, and value her counsel."

At the announcement Gorelick said, "I have great affection and respect for this department and its traditions of independence and excellence."

British Magazine: U.S. Flying New Stealth Fighter

LONDON — The U.S. Air Force apparently has developed a new stealth aircraft capable of spying or bombing, an authoritative British defense journal reported Wednesday.

Jane's International Defense Review published a drawing of the diamond-shaped plane, which strongly resembles a smaller version of the B-2 stealth bomber.

American aviation writer Bill Sweetman, who wrote the report, said he believed the plane was a superior, all-weather successor to the F-117 stealth fighter, the first warplane equipped with technology making it invisible to radar.

The new aircraft flies at medium or low altitude at more than 500 mph, said Clifford Beal, the magazine's features editor, who viewed the videotapes.

Aidid Planning Alternative To U.N. Plan for Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya — Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid said Wednesday that he and other Somali faction leaders were near agreement on a transitional government, an initiative the militia chief apparently hopes will foil a U.N. democracy plan.

Aidid said the government would be made up of nominated representatives from all 15 of Somalia's major factions.

Aidid rejected participation in the transitional government by members of district and regional governing councils established by the United Nations during the past year.

Aidid's plan appeared to be yet another attempt to circumvent a yearlong U.N. attempt to build democratic institutions from the grassroots level and stage a nationwide election by March 1995, when the U.N. mandate runs out.

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Weather

TODAY: Cloudy; high mid-60s.
FRIDAY: Chance of light rain; high mid-40s.

Students Want More Say in Chancellor Search

13 Groups Ask for Adding 6 Students to Committee

BY MARY BETH MAURIELLO
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Angered by the minimal student representation on the chancellor search committee, 13 campus groups on Wednesday demanded the addition of six students to the committee.

A total of seven students on the committee would make student representation approximately equal to that of faculty and trustees, student leaders said at a press conference Wednesday.

"It's a lot easier not to listen to one person than to seven," said Student Body President Jim Copland.

The chancellor search committee, announced Friday by UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Johnny Harris, currently includes five women, four blacks and one student — Student Body President-elect George Battle.

Battle was appointed to the committee as a trustee representative because he will serve as an ex-officio member of the BOT next year.

There are no graduate students or staff members on the committee, which is headed by Harris.

The addition of students to the selection committee would add racial and gender diversity to the committee, student leaders said.

The selection committee should demonstrate the same diversity as Wednesday's panel of student leaders, said John Bradley, president of the Black Student Movement. The panel of 14 students at the press conference included seven women and four minorities.

When the committee members were announced, Harris said he would not add more students to the selection committee. Battle said he hoped to discuss the issue with Harris later this week.

Although Harris said Friday that the committee was selected to choose the most qualified chancellor, student leaders

thought his statement was contradictory.

The committee will be less able to select the best chancellor without student participation, Copland said. Students offer a different perspective on such issues as campus security, student affairs and student/faculty relationships, he said.

Battle said the new chancellor would have a stronger impact on students than on other committee members.

The quality of campus life and education at UNC will be affected by the committee's decision, he said. "The new chancellor will have a direct impact on us," he said.

Student leaders also said the area of student affairs had been a problem during Chancellor Paul Hardin's tenure.

"He's very unresponsive to students," said Carolyn McDonald, a member of the Black Student Movement.

The student groups said in a press statement that Hardin's "inaccessibility" undermined his effectiveness in the struggle for a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

The student body has demonstrated strong support for additional student representation on the committee, said Michelle Sinnott, a member of People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights.

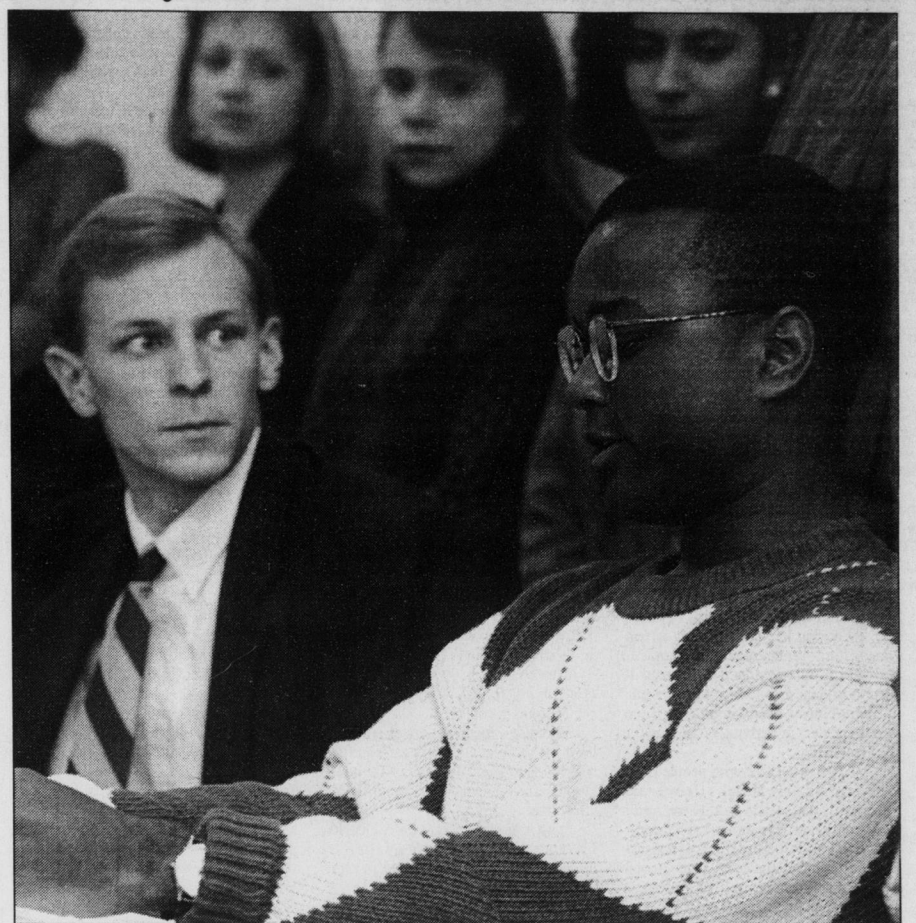
A petition titled "No Selection Without Representation" netted more than 500 signatures in about three hours Wednesday morning, Sinnott said.

Student leaders have not yet decided what their reaction will be if Harris decides to ignore their request, Copland said.

But the response to the petitions indicates student support for the protest, Sinnott said. "If (Harris) says 'no,' we will react accordingly, with that power behind us," she said.

Student leaders are hoping to change the way chancellor selection committees are formed in the future, said Dawn Prince, a member of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity.

Prince said the committee currently was formed by a network of people within the University who did not adequately represent the student body.



Student Body President-elect George Battle (right) responds to questions during a press conference held Wednesday in the Student Union. Battle and Student Body President Jim Copland (left), along with 13 student groups, are asking that UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Johnny Harris appoint six more students to the chancellor search committee.

UNC Left Out of U.S. News' Top 25

UNC Holds 28th Position For Second Year in a Row

BY RACHAEL LANDAU
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For the second year in a row, UNC has barely missed being named one of the top 25 universities in the nation, but it has held firm in its position at 28.

In this year's U.S. News and World Report College Guide, UNC ranked 28th in the magazine's annual evaluation of 204 national research universities.

In an earlier edition of the magazine released in October, UNC was ranked as a "best buy" when considering out-of-state tuition.

Provost Richard McCormick said the ranking might be an indicator of some problems, but the University always was striving to improve.

"Our approach is not to seek some quick fix that would simply propel us up in the ratings but rather to address core academic issues," he said. "For example, if low faculty salaries is a problem, which it is, we will address it in its own right and not because of our rating."

The rankings are based on academic reputation, selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction, said Robert Morse, senior editor of U.S. News and World Report.

Two years ago, UNC was No. 25, but Emory University took that spot last year.

The only newcomer to the list this year is the University of Notre Dame, which tied with Emory for 25th place.

The top five national universities are Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and California Institute of Technology.

Despite UNC's lower overall ranking, several graduate programs of the University were ranked in the top 25 based on the schools' reputations among department chairmen.

The sociology department, ranked fifth in the nation, fared the best among UNC's graduate programs.

UNC ranked 13th in history and tied for

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SBP-Elect Making Plans For Smooth Transition

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President-elect George Battle says he is ready to build an administrative cabinet that "looks like Carolina."

"It will be a very open, inclusive process," he said Tuesday. "We're aiming for a cabinet that reflects the substantial diversity on our campus."

Battle said he had placed advertisements in The Daily Tar Heel to inform potential cabinet members about where to pick up applications for the vice president, treasurer and secretary positions.

A committee composed of the current student body president, an appointee by the student body president-elect and others as described in the Student Government Code will review the applications. Although the committee will make recommendations, Battle will make the final decision. "I will personally interview all the applicants for these positions," said Battle, who was elected almost two weeks ago.

"I will make my decision based on the committee's recommendations, the applications and the interviews."

The cabinet should reflect different races, sexual orientations and political beliefs, he said. "You might see some people in positions who might surprise you," he said.

Philip Charles-Pierre, a member of Battle's transition team, said the new administration also wanted fresh faces in Suite C. "(Diversity) also deals with people who haven't been in those positions who are just as capable as those who have been there for two or three years," said Charles-

Pierre, a Student Congress member who has been appointed Battle's chief of staff.

Although Battle said he expected the committee to suggest names of possible applicants to him, he said the process would remain open. "They will recommend certain names, and I will make suggestions, but I'm not locking myself into specific ideas about who should get the job," he said. "We're looking for the best person for each position."

After the three major positions are filled, Battle said he would focus on choosing members of the existing committees as well as creating new committees.

"We will explore the areas that are in need of innovation and that merit further study," he said. Although he has not come up with a final list of new committees, Battle said he planned on creating committees to lobby the legislature and to study human relations and women's issues.

"We'll definitely have more committees," he said. "I don't know if my administration will be larger (than past administrations), but we want to be the most effective. I don't see it as being necessarily larger, but if that's what it merits to be effective, that's what we'll do."

Battle said he was confident that he would be able to fill the positions with the right people.

"I think there's substantial interest out there — we just have to tap it," he said. "I don't see a problem getting people to come forward. Every day, 10 or 25 people come up to me and say they want to help."

Phuong Ly contributed to this article.

Black Students Face Subtle Racism

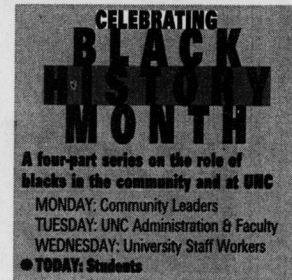
BY DANA MEISNER
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Look around you. 100 Hamilton Hall seats 432 people. If it were filled to represent the diversity of the student population at UNC proportionally, only 34 black students would be present.

If you are a black student, you might be more attentive to being in the minority. But this awareness might be foreign to the majority of students at UNC.

Blacks encounter obstacles daily. Fears of becoming another statistic plague college students. Watchful eyes in stores are reminders that people see a color before they see a person.

Although Chapel Hill has the reputation of being a liberal college town that has



come a long way since its establishment in 1793, racism at UNC remains.

"I think that the students here are liberal, but Chapel Hill institutions cause the

divisions," said John Bradley, a senior from Wilmington and president of the Black Student Movement.

"No bars or clubs on Franklin Street cater to African-American interests. If nothing is going on in the Great Hall, there are no alternatives. We need a social outlet. It's hard for minority groups to find one."

Carlos Pauling, a junior from Chicago, said he felt the effects of racism on campus.

"There is an ingrained racism here," he said. He said it was difficult to go into buildings that were named after people who reputedly were involved with organized racist groups.

In addition to racial tensions, many black students experience separatism.

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Fat-Free Craze Gives Health Nuts New Way to Control Weight

BY ALISON INCE
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Alternatives to fatty foods can be found throughout grocery stores. Fat-free cheeses

and lean cuts of meat abound on the aisles. Magazines in the check-out lines promise "10 Ways to Cut the Fat Out of Your Diet." The freezers offer a wide selection of low-fat ice cream and yogurt.

The fat-free hype is on, and there's no end in sight.

The dining services on the UNC campus already have made the step toward becoming more health conscious by offering a variety of low-fat salad dressings and yogurts. They plan to add more low-fat foods in the future.

"There is room to reduce the fat in most people's diets," said

Boyd Switzer, associate professor of nutrition in the UNC School of Public Health. "These new fat-free items are good adjuncts if they are used in conjunction with the five food groups: cereals, fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy."

Temporary Solutions

But some are skeptical about whether this fat-free craze is really nutritious or just allows people to avoid the main issue of changing their eating habits.

"Fat-free foods allow you to eat badly without paying the price," said Chris Higby, a junior nutrition major from Syracuse who works as a peer health counselor at the Wellness Center.

"If you eat a lot of fat-free foods,

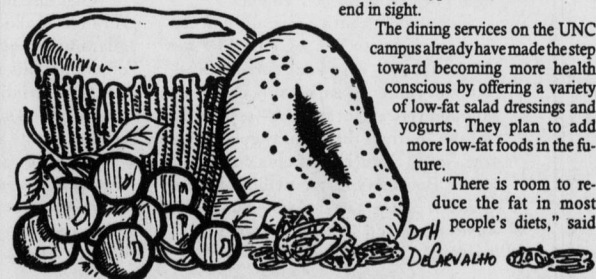
your taste buds do not become accustomed to eating foods that don't have fat in them. You are kind of tricking them, because you are keeping up your palate for fat."

She said the taste for fat remained when people based their diet on fat-free substitutes. "You are not learning healthy eating habits or how to eat in moderation."

Higby advises people who are interested in decreasing their fat intake to change their eating habits instead of looking for substitutes for high-fat foods. She suggested using honey or jelly on a bagel instead of fat-free cream cheese.

It generally takes six weeks before the craving for fatty foods recedes, but then it becomes much easier to avoid them, Higby said.

"It's retraining yourself," Higby explained. Please See FAT-FREE, Page 2



Seven Ways to Lower Your Daily Fat Intake

- Choose low-fat dairy products such as nonfat yogurt and skim milk
- Choose fewer whole-milk products such as processed and cream cheese
- Substitute ice milk for ice cream
- Eat more skinless poultry, lean red meat and fresh or canned fish packed in water
- Eat less sandwich meat and foods made with egg yolks
- Use less margarine, butter, oil and cream sauces
- Prepare or select broiled or baked fish or meat and avoid fried foods

SOURCE: AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION

I have seen the future, and it doesn't work.

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