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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Bosnia, Croatia Plan Union As Peace Talks Relocated

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration announced Thursday Bosnian peace talks would be shifted here with the aim of creating a two-republic country — one Serb and the other a Croat-Muslim mixture.

In Zagreb, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman appeared haggard and serious in a Croatian TV broadcast Thursday of his speech to leaders of his governing party.

"The international community thinks and is persuading us that the Croatian people in Bosnia-Herzegovina should live together in a community with the Muslims," Tudjman said. "The outcome of this could be federation of Muslims and Croats within Bosnia-Herzegovina and confederation of (the two groups) with... Croatia."

Death of 10 Double Agents Linked to Top CIA Official

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials suspect that Aldrich Ames, the CIA officer charged this week with spying for Moscow, passed information that led to the deaths of at least 10 Soviets working for U.S. intelligence, a congressional official said today.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the CIA informed Congress shortly after the arrest Monday of Ames and his wife, Rosario Ames, that they had linked him to the 10 deaths.

The official cautioned that while the CIA said it had reason to believe Ames' alleged disclosures to the Russians had led directly to the deaths of the 10 U.S. agents, it had not been made clear to Congress that the link could be proved.

Yeltsin Gives First Speech Before Russian Parliament

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin stood by his economic reforms in his first address to Russia's new parliament Thursday, but said the new freedoms should be tempered with "more justice, more safety, more confidence."

The president's appeal for compromise acknowledged the popular discontent that gave extreme nationalists and Communists nearly half the seats in the parliament elected two months ago.

"A new detachment of the government from the people and their needs has emerged and is becoming even deeper," Yeltsin told the two houses of parliament, which met together for the first time. "Poverty, inequality and unemployment must be our focus. They cause the most concern."

Deputy Defense Secretary Nominee to Be Announced

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will nominate John Deutch, a defense official and military technology expert, as deputy secretary of defense, the White House said Thursday.

If confirmed by the Senate, Deutch would serve as the Pentagon's No. 2 civilian official, filling the vacancy created when William Perry became secretary of defense.

Deutch, 55, was born in Brussels, Belgium, and became a U.S. citizen in 1946. He has more than three decades of experience in national security policy. In his present position Deutch is in charge of defense acquisition and technology.

In his career, Deutch has served as director of energy research and undersecretary in the Department of Energy and has been a member of several government commissions and councils.

Burma Signs Peace Treaty To End Ongoing Civil War

RANGOON, Burma — Rebels of the Kachin ethnic minority signed an agreement with the government Thursday, formally ending 32 years of armed rebellion. The accord marked a major breakthrough for the repressive Burmese junta's quest for stability and legitimacy.

Details of the agreement, negotiated last year, were not immediately available, but Kachin leaders previously said it was limited to a military cease-fire.

Junta leader Khin Nyunt was present at the signing in Myitkyina, the capital of Kachin state, 615 miles north of Rangoon. The Kachin's leader, Brang Seng, who is recovering from a stroke, was absent.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 50s.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny, breezy; high 45-50.

SUNDAY: Fair and cold; high in 40s.

Judge Sets Rules for Sokolowski Murder Trial

BY SARAH MCBRIDE
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HILLSBOROUGH — In the pre-trial hearing Thursday for what could be the county's most gruesome murder trial, David Allen Sokolowski's lawyer entered not guilty pleas for the three charges filed against his client.

The prosecution contends that Sokolowski murdered his live-in girlfriend, Pamela Owens Ellwood, on or about Feb. 17, 1992, and his friend Rubel Gray Hill around March 4 of that year.

A third charge is for the attempted murder by strangulation of Thomas Edward Thurber on May 27, 1992.

A neighbor of Sokolowski's alerted po-

lice March 9 of the first two incidents after seeing a dog wandering around Sokolowski's property with a human hand in his mouth. Police later found human remains being burned in the yard and body parts inside the house.

In court, Sokolowski's court-appointed lawyer, William Sheffield, made the following motions for the first two cases:

■ A motion to reduce the charges to second-degree murder. Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle said the March 16, 1992, grand jury indictment was sufficient to merit the charge of first-degree murder.

■ A motion to suppress physical evidence. Sheffield said police did not have a search warrant the first time they entered Sokolowski's house, which would invali-

date subsequent warrants based on evidence found before a warrant was issued. Battle decided that, after the jury is selected, he would hold a separate hearing to determine if the evidence is admissible.

Holding the hearing after jury selection will allow for fairer selection of jurors in the event of a great deal of pre-trial publicity, the judge said.

■ A motion to suppress statements. Sheffield said police failed to read Sokolowski his rights before obtaining a statement of admitted guilt, and Sokolowski also had not spoken to a lawyer.

■ A motion that if he uses an insanity defense, the issue of insanity and the issue of guilt be decided by separate juries. Battle denied the motion for the time being, but

said he would reconsider if Sheffield enters a plea for defense by insanity.

■ A motion to strike the M'Naghten rule for determining insanity. The judge upheld the rule, which says that a person is insane at the time of a crime if he or she could not then distinguish between right and wrong. The N.C. Supreme Court has upheld the rule.

■ A motion for the sequestering of witnesses, which means that witnesses could be segregated from society throughout the trial. The judge granted the motion.

During the hearing, Sokolowski appeared to listen closely, occasionally stroking his chin or his shoulder-length hair and nodding his head. Once he referred to legal papers in front of him.

After the hearing, Sheffield said he was unsure whether he would use a self-defense or insanity defense.

"It might be that there's a strong enough case for self-defense that it wouldn't make much sense to weaken it with an insanity plea," he said.

He again contested the first-degree murder charge, saying the state lacked sufficient evidence. Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox would not comment on the case after the hearing.

"The state does have to prove premeditation, and I believe that's a difficult burden," Sheffield said. "When you say somebody did something with premeditation, it

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Senior Phon-a-Thon Ends on a High Note

BY JOHN ADCOCK
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A weeklong phon-a-thon aimed at raising money for the senior class gift ended Thursday night, but senior class officials said they would not release the final total on pledges received.

Matt Williamson, co-chairman of the senior class gift committee, said he could not release the figures because senior class officials were not sure of the totals.

"We feel the phon-a-thon has gone very well, and we received a great deal of pledges," Williamson said. "We just can't release a number that isn't accurate or true."

The senior class has held activities in the Pit and spoken with different campus groups about the gift campaign.

The senior class set a goal of \$325,000. The money raised will be used to fund library services such as an electronic reserve system that will allow students to access and print reserve materials from on-

line terminals. One of the main reasons the senior class marshals chose the gift was that they wanted the gift to benefit a large number of students.

Participants in the campaign were optimistic Thursday afternoon about reaching their goal. The senior class' gift has received endorsements from UNC men's basketball coach Dean Smith and football coach Mack Brown.

"We have a really strong campaign, strong phone sessions, and are overall making a firm commitment to reach our goal," Williamson said Thursday afternoon. "We're satisfied with where we are right now in our fund raising."

Senior class officers said they would continue to raise money by publicizing the campaign. "The phone-a-thon is not the end of the campaign," said Jason Dugas, co-chairman of the gift committee. "We're going to continue with it afterwards by making personal contact with the people

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Carolina Athletic Association Co-president-elect Jen Rasmussen, Jerry Bayles of Western Carolina University and UNC's Bill McLean discuss issues at a mock board of trustees meeting as part of the National Student Leadership Summit.

Students Govern at Mock University

BY MATTHEW HEMBY
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Students probably wonder what their boards of trustees do at their meetings. The National Student Leader Education Summit on Thursday gave them some idea.

The education summit, which is part of Student Leadership Week that began Sunday, includes a simulation of university administration processes.

The summit shows students through role-play how a university system's administration works. The event is sponsored by the Student Bicentennial Committee.

"It gives students a sense of where public higher education is going," said Heather O'Neill, co-chairwoman of the summit.

It shows students how universities work and gives insight about how they interact with the state, O'Neill said. The relationship between a public university and the state adds many different dimensions, she said.

During the summit, a simulated university, its administration and representatives

of various groups meet to discuss its future.

A deceased trustee, Ms. Eleanor Waldruff Chatham, has left an estate worth \$200 million, and the will gives the university 30 days to decide what to do with the large sum. The only other restrictions placed on the university are that the bequest must be divided between short-term projects and long-term endowment support.

O'Neill said the simulation was "the cutting edge in the way conferences are held." She said the summit's co-chairmen Nicole Perez and Kevin Moran, who wrote the simulation, came up with the idea and then realized Joseph Lowman had developed a similar program. Lowman is a clinical psychologist and a dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students will produce a document that will be sent to public research universities, the White House and the Department of Education, Perez said.

She said the document could show administrators the students' perspective. Perez said.

She said the summit gave students a collective voice.

Perez said the other benefit of the summit for the students was the interaction with their peers from across the nation.

Fifty-five students are traveling from as far away as Maine and California to meet at the summit.

The students in the simulation draft an agenda and then have a plan of action on how to accomplish the agenda, Perez said.

The students examine how the system looks in the ideal world, she said, and then plan how they want to get there. The students draft the agenda based on their own experiences.

O'Neill said she liked the idea of the education summit because it was a good ice-breaker for the debates on Sunday.

Perez said the summit was unique to leadership conferences and "something never done before."

"This conference is totally determined by students. They determine issues and focus on the debates of the issue," O'Neill said.

BY KRISTEN MIN
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The Chapel Hill Police Department answered its first bank robbery call of 1994 on Thursday.

Branch, Banking & Trust Co., which is located at 143 E. Rosemary St., was robbed in broad daylight Thursday afternoon, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Police reports state that a man walked into the bank and approached the information desk at about 1 p.m. Thursday.

As he talked to a BB&T representative about opening a bank account, he passed the employee a note stating that he was demanding money, reports state.

The reports also state that the man threatened the worker with a gun, although no gun was shown. After the note was passed, the representative and the suspect walked up to the teller to get the money.

After receiving it, the suspect walked out the door with the money and turned right onto Rosemary Street, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

When the man left, bank employees contacted the police, who responded to the call at about 1:05 p.m. Cousins would not reveal the amount of money stolen.

Representatives from BB&T said Thursday afternoon that they had no comments concerning the robbery or their security procedures. Bank employees gave the police a description of the man, and a photograph was retrieved from the surveillance camera.

The suspect is described as a "clean-cut



The BB&T surveillance camera took this picture of the robbery suspect.

looking" black man with a medium complexion in his mid-20s. Reports state that he is of slim build, 180 to 200 pounds and between 6 feet 4 inches and 6 feet 5 inches.

At the time of the robbery, the suspect was wearing a blue baseball cap with designs on the front. According to reports, he was wearing a white T-shirt with an orange-colored design and a blue, denim, zippered vest with matching jeans.

"This was the first Chapel Hill bank

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Finance Committee to Hear Budget Requests of 31 Campus Groups

BY HOLLY RAMER
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The Student Congress Finance Committee will debate the financial fate of 31 student groups this weekend during its annual budget hearings.

The groups, who are asking for a portion of the \$190,000 to be allotted, will present their cases to the committee today, Saturday and Sunday. The requests range from \$185 to more than \$20,000.

The Finance Committee can vote to report favorably, unfavorably or without prejudice for each appropriation request. The full congress then considers these recommendations when it makes the final decision.

Congress Speaker Wendy Sarraat said the criteria for funding groups were outlined in the Student Government Code.

"We look to see how many students are served by the group's programming, the uniqueness of the programming and make sure that the programs are not overlapped by another group," Sarraat said.

Sarraat said the actual appropriations varied from year to year because Student Congress was required to balance the budget. "We go over the total allocations and the actual money there to give, and if they don't match we go over them until they do,"

Finance Committee member Joey Stansbury said he did not think most groups would be satisfied with the committee's recommendations.

He said he would continue his opposition to groups such as the Phoenix magazine and Bisexuals, Gay Men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity. "I don't think they'll be satisfied with what they see,"

said Stansbury, who represents Student Congress Dist. 11. "If it came down to me, I know they wouldn't be satisfied."

Stansbury said he weighed the group's monetary situations and ideologies in making his decisions, not whether a group is conservative or liberal.

B-GLAD Co-chairman Trey Harris said he expected the Finance Committee to continue its tradition of trying to defund the group, which plans to request \$2,582.

"There's never been a year, as far as I know, that they haven't," he said. "There is some chance that they might report us without prejudice, but they usually report unfavorably."

Although Harris said he expected lengthy questioning from Finance Committee members, he said he was more focused on lobbying the full congress to fund B-GLAD.

Student Television, another organization that has had trouble getting money from congress in the past, will request \$22,989.

STV station manager John Sabbagh said he hoped the Finance Committee would recognize the goals of STV and its need for funds. "I hope they will see our concern and appropriate the money accordingly," he said.

Some groups will not have the opportunity to ask for funds this weekend because they missed deadlines to turn in their request. The Black Student Movement, which usually requests the second- or third-largest amount, said its treasurer forgot to turn in its budget proposals. The group officials said it would request appropriations in the fall.

Connie Reddan, treasurer of Pauper Players, said the group missed the deadline

because the Finance Committee was inconsistent and unclear about when the proposals should be turned in. "There was a meeting to pick up the financial forms that I could not attend," she said. "But the next deadline on our notification was several weeks later to turn in the forms so I figured I could just pick them up later."

Student Body Treasurer Kevin Hunter then informed Reddan that since she had not contacted him within 24 hours of the meeting, the group would be ineligible for funds, she said.

However, Sarraat said that groups had one week between each deadline to appeal and give reason why the deadline was not met.

Reddan said Pauper Players also would request appropriations, but she thought the group would probably end up with less money.

He who has never envied the vegetable has missed the human drama.

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