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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Justice Official Resigns in Wake of Whitewater Case

WASHINGTON — Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, a longtime friend of President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton, resigned Monday, saying distractions from a probe at his former law firm "will interfere with my service to the country."

The president said Hubbell had done valuable work at the Justice Department but "he made the right decision" to resign and return home to Arkansas to deal with an investigation into billings he charged while in private law practice.

As a personal friend, Clinton said he found it "hard to believe" that Hubbell was guilty of wrongdoing.

President Picks Nominee To Command Naval Forces

WASHINGTON — President Clinton Monday nominated Adm. Jeremy Boorda, the commander of NATO forces in southern Europe, to replace Adm. Frank Kelso Jr. as the Navy's top officer.

Kelso announced last month that he was retiring April 30, two months ahead of schedule, because he had become the "lightning rod" for criticism of the Navy's handling in the past two years of the Tailhook sexual harassment scandal.

Boorda currently is serving as commander in chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe-Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe; where he is responsible for coordinating and planning NATO military actions over Bosnia-Herzegovina and in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.

Christopher Says Relations With China in Good Shape

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia — After two days of gloomy reports, Secretary of State Warren Christopher gave an upbeat assessment Monday at the conclusion of his visit to China. "I find the differences between China and the United States are narrowing somewhat," he said.

But President Clinton, attending an international jobs conference in Detroit, said today, "I was disappointed at the results of the meeting with the secretary of state."

Clinton added, "Our policy is the same. We'll just have to wait and see what happens between now and June," when the U.S. must decide whether to renew China's most-favored-nation trade status.

Christopher said the Chinese turned over information about political prisoners and also agreed to procedures to inspect suspect sites of prison labor.

Clinton Urges Cooperation To End Economic Troubles

DETROIT — President Clinton on Monday urged America's major trading partners to combine their "collective energy and ideas" to solve the world's crisis of chronic unemployment and stagnant wages.

Clinton, speaking to the top economic policy-makers of the seven richest industrial countries, said every nation faced a "stubborn and persistent problem" of how to create more and better-paying jobs.

The president continued to pressure Europe and Japan to do more to end the global recession by stimulating domestic demand. He said the United States would do its part by continuing with efforts to reduce its budget deficits.

Packwood Accepts Order To Release Private Diaries

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Packwood conceded defeat in a legal fight over his diaries Monday, agreeing to turn them over to the Senate Ethics Committee for its investigation into allegations of sexual and official misconduct.

Packwood, R-Ore., said in a statement that he was ending a challenge to a district court order that he provide the panel with the diaries, tapes and transcripts it subpoenaed last year.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist earlier this month rejected his request to postpone transfer of the diaries to the committee pending a hearing of his appeal before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Packwood had contended the subpoena was a violation of his Fourth Amendment right to privacy and his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high upper 60s.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny; high 55-60.

6 Dorms Slated for 24-Hour Visitation

BY RACHAEL LANDAU
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Students living in Craige, Teague, Carmichael, Mangum, Aycock and Kenan residence halls will get a second taste of unlimited guest visitation this fall, when the new 24-hour visitation policy will go into effect in the six residence halls.

They are being rewarded for their response to the rescinding of the pilot visitation program, said Al Calarco, assistant housing director.

"This is a reward to the students (in the pilot program) who responded in a mature and responsible way to the trustees' concerns," Calarco said.

The pilot program allowed 24-hour visitation in the six dorms after residents overwhelmingly voted for the policy.

The Board of Trustees rescinded the policy in November, citing that trustees

should have been consulted in the decision. After meeting with students, parents, faculty and administrators, the trustees in January voted to allow a gradual implementation.

"It's refreshing to see that after all our hard work and the troubles that we've gone through with the BOT and committee meetings and countless hours of trying to come up with solutions, that our efforts have paid off," said Jan Davis, Residence Hall Association president.

Calarco said the department selected the six dorms to be part of the first phase of the new three-option visitation program to allow both upperclassmen and freshmen to have the new option and to be fair to students.

The program's initial phase will allow 1,492 students, 22 percent of campus residents, the unlimited visitation option, Calarco said.

Housing officials had to limit the number of spaces affected by the policy because of the time and resources available, he said.

Davis said, "I think, though, that the administration has really come through for the students."

All other residence halls will retain current visitation hours for opposite sex guests of 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends.

Despite the ups and downs of the approval process, Calarco said he was pleased with the outcome.

"We sat down at the table with students, faculty, staff, trustees and other administrators and resolved this issue. It is an important good step and overall was a win-win situation," he said.

"There was education on all sides about what the issue really is."

Students in a designated 24-hour visita-

tion residence hall who want more restrictive guest visitation hours will be assigned to another residence hall in their area during upperclass sign-up next week from Monday to March 24.

The options available to upperclassmen include staying in their current dorm room, moving in with another student who is staying in his or her room, moving within their residence area, or moving to another area.

Freshmen will be assigned housing in the same manner as the past and then will be notified of the 24-hour visitation residence halls.

If they do not wish to live in an unlimited visitation residence hall, they will have the same option to move within that residence area.

In the fall, students will sign roommate
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Sokolowski Jury to Be Chosen

Hillsborough Man Charged With Killing, Dismembering

BY KATHRYN HASS
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HILLSBOROUGH — Pre-trial motions still were being heard by an Orange County Superior Court judge Monday afternoon, and jury selection will begin today in the most gruesome murder case in local history.

Hillsborough resident David Allen Sokolowski will face trial for the first-degree murder charge in the death of neighbor Rubel Gray Hill, 35.

Sokolowski also is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his live-in girlfriend Pamela Owens Ellwood, 42.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said Monday night that two motions filed by Sokolowski's court-appointed attorney William Sheffield were decided Monday.

Orange Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle denied Sheffield's request to switch the prosecutor's and defendant's tables in the courtroom, but allowed the tables to be moved, Fox said.

A motion concerning whether jurors can take notes during trial also was addressed.

"(Judge Battle) indicated that if they asked to take notes, he would allow them to take notes," Fox said.

Fox said the judge did not rule on two motions — one that would allow additional challenges during the murder trial and one concerning individual questioning of jurors during jury selection proceedings.

Some motions will not be considered until the jury has been picked.

One such motion is a request by Sheffield to suppress physical evidence gathered in the police investigation.

Sheffield had said that police officers did not have a warrant the first time they searched Sokolowski's house and that all other warrants should be invalid because they were based on evidence illegally collected.

Other motions will be heard during the jury selection process, Fox said.

The trial will begin soon after the jury is selected, but Fox said he didn't know how long the selection process would take.

Sheffield could not be reached for comment Monday.

Still at question is whether Sheffield will allow Sokolowski to testify during the widely publicized trial.

Sokolowski was arrested in March 1992 and charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Hill and Ellwood. Fox said in 1992 that he planned to seek the death penalty.

Police believe that Sokolowski killed Hill about two weeks after slaying Ellwood.

He also has been charged with the attempted murder by strangulation of his cellmate Thomas Edward Thurber in May 1992.

Human remains were found burning in Sokolowski's front yard and were strewn about Sokolowski's home north of Hillsborough.

Police arrested Sokolowski after a neighbor reported seeing a dog carrying a human hand in his mouth.

Four ears, a rib cage and a pair of testicles were among the body parts discovered.

Police later identified the remains as those of Hill and Ellwood.

About 100 bone fragments also were found in the 200 acres of land surrounding Sokolowski's home.

A microwave that Sokolowski once had owned had human hair and tissue inside.

Sokolowski now is being held at Central Prison in Raleigh.

He was admitted to Dorothea Dix last fall, where he was ruled competent to stand trial.

After the preliminary hearing, Battle set Sokolowski's bond at \$1 million for each first-degree murder charge.

Reports state that when Sokolowski was admitted to the hospital, a razor blade was found hidden in his mouth.

Fox said that the two-year time difference between Sokolowski's arrest and trial was the result of the large number of motions filed in the case and to the examinations Sokolowski had to undergo to stand trial.

Editor's Note

Applications for 1994-95 editor of The Daily Tar Heel are available at the DTH office, Union Suite 104, and the Union front desk.

Interested students must submit applications by noon Friday and be available for interviews March 26.

Fox: Bull's Head Books Not Umstead Violation

BY MARISSA JONES
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Carl Fox, Orange-Chatham Counties District Attorney, said Monday that he no longer would consider books sold in the Bull's Head Bookshop as possibly violating the 1929 Umstead Act.

But Fox said he would continue his inquiry regarding products identified by Hardin and UNC Student Stores as gift items.

Fox said his decision to eliminate the books as possible violations came in response to letters from UNC faculty and Chancellor Paul Hardin.

Fox met with Hardin in January to discuss items he thought might be violations of the act, which prohibits state-owned businesses from competing with those in the private sector.

Fox's inquiry into the Student Stores came after he received complaints from local businesses.

The items included puzzles, children's books, rocking chairs, stationery, cookies, stuffed animals and children's clothing.

Hardin responded March 9 with a letter stating that the items cited by Fox fell into categories of products exempt from the Umstead Act, such as educational materials, university gift items and personal use items.

But the University did decide to discontinue sales of clock radios and children's puzzles, although Hardin said the University did not think these items violated the code.

Fox said many of the letters he received from faculty and other concerned individuals were insightful and interesting, offering information about the value of materials such as children's books, magazines and current books.

"Some were from people who have a lot more expertise in terms of what resources would be helpful to a student and in preparing yourself for teaching," he said.

"Because of the letters and the University's response, I no longer have a

problem with books."

But Fox said he still was concerned about whether certain items violated the code.

Fox said he had asked Attorney General Michael Easley to clarify exactly what items the act allowed universities to sell.

Fox said he would contact Hardin after he received a response if it seemed there was a violation, but he did not expect an answer for several weeks.

John Jones, director of UNC Student Stores, said he did not think the products were violations of the code.

"The goods in question fall under the category of products we're allowed to sell under the Umstead Act," he said.

Jones said he thought the University discontinued the sale of clock radios and children's puzzles as "an act of good faith."

"I think the idea, in general, is that the University shows it's concerned about the Umstead Act," he said.

Jones said greeting cards had been removed from the store in 1989 because Fox had expressed concern about their sale being a violation of the act.

Jones also said there had been other disagreements concerning the code in the past.

"I firmly hope that this is behind us and that we can go back to doing what we do best, which is serving students," he said.

Fox said earlier this month that he was interested in working with state legislators to change the law.

He said the nature of the act was civil and that violations of it should not be considered criminal offenses.

"I think law enforcement really doesn't have a place in the enforcement of the code," he said. "I think it never should have been a criminal offense to violate that code."

"If there's going to be an Umstead Act, it's got to be a civil statute with civil penalties," he said.

Fox said he planned to meet with legislative delegates to ask them to submit a bill changing the act in 1995.

Slip-Sliding Away



Amy Kimber, a babysitter for Kendall and Lacy Robinson, spends the afternoon with the children at the new jungle gym at Umstead Park. Kimber said she thought the new setup was "very safe and really a lot of fun."

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Commissioners Want Out of Fireworks Approval

BY HOLLY WILLIAMS
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Fireworks used in the Smith Center might not need county approval if the board of commissioners asks to be exempt from the state law that requires them to approve pyrotechnics displays.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will decide Tuesday if a public hearing is needed to discuss ending the board's role in the fireworks approval process. If the county decides to seek exemption, it will have to submit a recommendation to the N.C. General Assembly for a change in the law, Orange County Attorney Geoffrey Gledhill said.

In December, the commission voted 3-2 to deny a pyrotechnics permit for a Jan. 8 Janet Jackson concert. The concert then was canceled because the permit was denied.

Last month, the commissioners unanimously approved the fireworks scheduled for the Rush concert March 6 using a new pyrotechnics permit policy approved in January. Despite having the new policy in place, a formalized version of the old one, commissioners still want out of the process.

"Personally, I think it would speed things up as far as the permit process goes," said Ronnie Allen, a fire and safety inspector for UNC's Health and Safety Office.

Petition to Add Students to Chancellor Search Group Up to 2,600

BY ALI BEASON
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The petition drive to increase the number of students on the search committee for UNC's next chancellor is expected to come to a close on Friday.

Nick Johnston, chairman of the coalition, which is composed of 13 student groups, said they had collected about 2,600 student signatures and would continue to circulate petitions until Friday.

"We want to stress that's 2,600 petitions in hand," Johnston said.

The signatures will be presented to Board of Trustees Chairman John Harris at the March 25 BOT meeting. The 3-week-old petition drive came in response to Harris'

announcement of the members of the search committee. George Battle, student body president-elect, is the only student on the selection committee and is one of four blacks. The rest of the 22-member committee is composed of faculty, alumni and trustees. The chancellor's search committee will meet for the first time March 24.

Student Body President Jim Copland said he was pleased with the group effort campus organizations had made. "We've seen student groups come together in a way we've never seen before," he said.

The 13 groups in the coalition are Bisseux, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity; the Black Student Movement; the Campus Y; the Senior Class officers; Carolina Athletic Association; Inter-Fra-

aternity Council; Residence Hall Association; the Panhellenic Council; the Graduate and Professional Student Federation President-elect; student government executive branch; Student Congress; Student Environmental Action Coalition; and Students for the Advancement of Race Relations.

"It is not just one group or one organization that is petitioning," Johnston said. The diversity of the groups is representative of the campuswide support for student representation on the search committee, he said. "The idea of the petition is to show that the students are behind (the effort)."

Copland said the coalition did not want to release any specific plans for the future before Harris responded to the petitions.

Copland said the coalition would meet this week to make a group decision about what to do next.

It is important for UNC's new chancellor to know the student body and understand the student's concerns, Copland said.

"The ultimate goal (of the coalition) is to influence the choice of the next chancellor," he said.

Harris was not available for comment Monday.

Copland said the search committee would include people who were receptive to student concerns, regardless of Harris' decision whether to include more students on the committee. Copland also said Harris picked a committee that Harris thought would choose the best chancellor.

There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.

Charles Schulz