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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

U.S., South Korea to Hold Joint Military Exercises

SEOUL, South Korea — The political situation on the Korean Peninsula continued to deteriorate Monday under a wave of threats, canceled talks and revived plans for war games and Patriot missile deployment in South Korea.

North Korea issued a strong warning that it would follow through on its threat last year to pull out of an international nuclear controls treaty. Hours later, South Korean President Kim Young-sam announced that joint military exercises with the U.S. would be held this year after all. The maneuvers had been canceled as part of an attempt to coax the North into cooperating with inspections to determine if it was building nuclear weapons.

North Korea refused inspectors access to a critical laboratory this month. That prompted the International Atomic Energy Agency to refer the issue Monday to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions on North Korea.

The United States meanwhile canceled talks with North Korea that were to have opened Monday in Geneva. The talks were sought by the Pyongyang government but were canceled because North and South Korea failed during the weekend to exchange envoys on the nuclear issues.

Kim also said Patriot anti-missile batteries would be deployed — a measure that had been postponed in an attempt to appease the North, according to spokesman Choo Don-shik.

In a letter passed through U.S. Ambassador James Laney to Kim, Clinton said any North Korean invasion of South Korea would be considered an invasion of the United States, the spokesman said.

Judge Trades Whitewater Testimony for Leniency

WASHINGTON — In the first major development of Whitewater prosecutor Robert Fiske's investigation, an indicted former judge who has linked President Clinton to a questionable loan has reached a plea agreement, a lawyer said Monday.

David Hale already has begun assisting investigators and will plead guilty to two charges at a federal court hearing Tuesday in Little Rock, Ark.

Hale has alleged that he was pressured eight years ago by Clinton to make a \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal, a business partner of the Clintons in the Whitewater real estate venture. The federally backed loan went to McDougal's public relations company, and Hale says some of the proceeds wound up in Whitewater.

Somali Warlords to Agree On Plan for Government

NAIROBI, Kenya — After a week of meetings and several postponements, Somalia's factions are expected to announce an agreement Tuesday for a ceasefire and for choosing the next leaders of the lawless, war-torn country.

U.N. spokesman George Bennett said Monday that he was relatively confident the agreement would be announced by Somalia's principal warlords, Ali Mahdi Mohammed and Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, and the leaders of 13 other factions.

The international community has feared that the country will revert to chaos after most Western forces withdraw from Somalia in the coming days. Aidid and Ali Mahdi previously have announced separate plans to set up a transitional government after foreign troops leave.

Fatal Shelling of Lebanon Follows Killing of Soldiers

NABATIYEH, Lebanon — Israeli artillery pounded southern Lebanon on Monday, showering a school bus with shrapnel that killed a 12-year-old girl and wounded 22 other children, security sources said. The shelling was in reaction to guerrilla bombings earlier in the day that killed two Israeli soldiers and three militiamen.

In addition to the schoolchildren, three other civilians were wounded in the Israeli response to the bombings, which also wounded five pro-Israeli militiamen. Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim guerrillas claimed responsibility for the bombings.

The flareup occurred as Israel and its main Arab adversaries — Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — prepared to resume the stalled Middle East peace talks in Washington next month.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny, windy; high near 70.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny, warm; high near 80.

Jury to Begin Deliberating Murder Suspect's Fate

BY LYNN HOUSER
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HILLSBOROUGH — Jurors begin deliberations today in the trial of David Allen Sokolowski, the man accused of murdering and dismembering his friend at a rural Hillsborough farmhouse.

Sokolowski, 36, is pleading not guilty to the first-degree murder of Rubel "Little Man" Hill in March 1992. Sokolowski said he shot Hill in self-defense.

After witnesses notified police March 9, 1992, that Sokolowski was burning body

parts in his yard, police searched the farmhouse on Mincey Road. Officers testified last week that they found body parts scattered inside and outside the house.

Before resting the prosecution's case Monday, Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox called two law enforcement officers and an expert witness from the State Bureau of Investigation to testify.

Fox called Maj. Donald Truelove of the Orange County Sheriff's Department to describe the procedures that officers used to search for evidence in the yard and pasture near Sokolowski's house.

Neither search turned up the gun that Sokolowski said Hill tried to shoot him with, Fox said later.

The prosecution ended by calling SBI Special Agent Joseph Reavisto to testify about his analysis of hairs taken from the scene. Reavis said hairs taken from Hill's head, Hill's hairbrush and Sokolowski's yard were identical.

As soon as the defense began its case, Sokolowski stopped reading the Bible in front of him and turned his attention to the proceedings. Defense Attorney William Sheffield called only one witness and read

excerpts from Hill's criminal record before resting his case.

Although Sokolowski had been expected to take the stand in his own defense, Sheffield said the defendant had decided against it. "I would have preferred that he testified," Sheffield said after Monday's proceedings. "But he felt he would be tricked and confused by the district attorney. He didn't feel confident that he could tell his side of the story — the way it happened in his mind."

The sole witness called by the defense was Hill's widow, Leann Hill, to verify

statements she previously had made to police officers about her husband's violent nature.

She told the court that she never had heard the men argue. "Half the county couldn't stand (Sokolowski), but Little Man did," she said.

Hill testified that she and her husband were convicted of drug charges when they lived in Winston-Salem. "It was possession of qualudes and possession of LSD," she said. "He got five years. I got six

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Long Haul



Paul Fearington, a worker at Horace Williams Airport, assists Marshall Rhode in moving his Moonie single-engine airplane. Rhode, a member of the Chapel Hill Flying Club, was preparing the club's plane for a trip to Washington.

1994 Budget Process Draws Mixed Responses

BY MARISSA JONES
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Congress's allocation of student fees Saturday and Sunday left some groups without funds and disappointed by funding processes.

Lambda, the publication of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, was entirely defunded, and members said they thought the decision was discriminatory.

Dawn Prince, co-chairwoman-elect of B-GLAD, said Student Congress members questioned the group's validity. "I just felt from the very beginning that they were defunding us because of who we were and not because of how much money we were asking for," she said.

Prince said B-GLAD would try to publish Lambda as a newsletter, but that funding it would be difficult.

B-GLAD itself also received less money than representatives had requested. Congress allocated \$830 to the group and loaned it \$125 for fund-raising purposes. B-GLAD originally had requested \$3,082.

Prince said the decreased funds would make operating the organization more difficult. She said B-GLAD would be unable to pay for long-distance calls to groups in

other cities, which constitute a large portion of their activities.

Prince said the funds were limited further by a rider stating that money must be used specifically for the purpose for which it was allocated. She said that although the postage allocation was greater than necessary, the group would not be able to supplement their insufficient office supplies funds with the extra money.

Prince said outgoing B-GLAD Co-chairman Trey Harris had met Sunday night with Co-chairman-elect Patrick Willard, Treasurer-elect Dave Dombrosky and herself to discuss the insufficient funding. She said they would meet again tonight to address the problem.

Congress Speaker Wendy Sarratt said some members voted to defund Lambda because they were concerned that the publication's content served group members rather than the University community as a whole.

She said the fact that Lambda did not publish issues during the past year also decreased their support in Congress. "When we review budgets, if someone hasn't used money for something they were allocated it for in the past, their case is not as strong."

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Granville Resident to Turn In Recall Petition Wednesday

BY KIM GOINES
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Students who were petitioning last week to recall a Student Congress representative plan to submit the petition Wednesday to Student Body President Jim Copland, said Steven Sciamme, leader of the effort.

Sciamme, a freshman from Charlotte, organized the effort to recall Rep. Thad Woody, who represents Dist. 11 — the Granville Towers district.

"I think he won as a joke. People voted for him as a joke," Sciamme said.

He said he wanted to know what Woody had actually done as a representative for congress. It's possible he is there just to cancel out the votes of Joey Stansbury, who also represents Dist. 11, Sciamme said.

"All he's there for is to vote. He's a puppet. And I'd like to know who's controlling him," he said. "He doesn't say anything in meetings, and he's never proposed any amendments."

Sciamme said he wanted to make it clear that he had no connection to Dan Dzara, who ran unsuccessfully for the Dist. 11 congressional seat this year. The whole effort was giving the impression that Dzara was a poor loser, he said. "I'm the one who organized this whole thing. It was my idea, and I spoke to Dan after I started this. He collected a few signatures, but this has nothing to do with Dan Dzara's campaign," Sciamme said.

The petition had to have the signatures

of 15 percent of the district's eligible voting population to be valid. Sciamme said they only needed 180 signatures, but they set their goal higher just to be safe. They got more than 200 signatures, he said.

Woody said he wasn't surprised that the required number of signatures was obtained. "The way they presented the petition to people wasn't clear. I don't think it was really worded correctly." People didn't know they were signing for a recall, he said. "Things have a way of working them-

selves out, or at least I hope. But I admire them for their persistence."

Sciamme said he arranged to submit the petitions Wednesday to Copland.

Copland said he wasn't sure yet exactly what the next step in the process would be and he has not set a date for the vote. "To be honest, I haven't even looked at that section of the code yet, and I'm not going to until I get the petitions," he said.

Sciamme said he would run in the recall election if no one ran against Woody.

Fraternity Men Dominate SBP Office

BY JAMES LEWIS
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The UNC Student Code lists few qualifications for student body president candidates.

You must be an undergraduate. You must turn in a petition on time.

But statistics indicate that another qualification might exist for winning the coveted office.

According to Donald Beeson, UNC Chi Psi fraternity alumni adviser who recently resigned from the UNC Alumni Association, 91 percent of the past 65 student body presidents have been affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Current Student Body President Jim Copland is a member of Chi Psi, and Student Body President-elect George Battle is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Since 1969, 20 out of 25 student body presidents have been members of fraternities or sororities, according to Alumni Association records.

These numbers would seem to defy the odds. In the spring of 1993, about 20 percent of UNC's 14,562 undergraduates were affiliated with a Greek organization, according to the Office of Student Affairs.

"That percentage has remained constant through the years," Beeson said.

Former student body president candidates say the success of candidates belonging to Greek organizations was due to a number of factors.

Copland said the Greek vote was a block that was easy to address and mobilize.

"I wouldn't say it's uniquely the Greek system," he said. "But it's an easy group to target because it is a sizable part of the eligible voting population."

Copland said all candidates often knew members of fraternities and sororities who could help them get support from Greeks.

"I think it's common to try to have a contact within each fraternity or sorority."

Copland said that during the campaign, he had contacts within most of the Greek organizations to help raise support for his candidacy.

But Tommy Koonce, a member of Chi Psi and runner-up in this spring's student body president race, said getting the Greek vote was no more important than getting the votes of the other student groups on campus.

"I don't think it's the fact that they're Greek; it's just being able to address a large group and being seen," he said.

Bill Hildebolt, who served as student body president in 1990-91 and also was a member of Chi Psi, said candidates could not neglect the Greek population.

"Being Greek was not an issue in my campaign," he said. "But I will say that anyone who runs an anti-Greek campaign can't win. I don't think you can win an election without the Greek vote."

Hildebolt said he thought most voters either were freshmen or sophomores or were affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

"(The freshmen and sophomores) are not anti-Greek. And the Greeks are going to vote against you (if you are anti-Greek)." Melinda Manning, 1993-94 elections board chairwoman, said that in her three years of experience with campus elections, she had seen a heavy turnout of Greek voters in every election.

She added that the voters who were in fraternities or sororities were easier to reach than those who were not affiliated with Greek organizations. "The candidates usu-

ally speak at the dinner of the fraternities and sororities," she said. "They are very easy to rally."

John Moody, 1992-93 student body president, said that if a candidate could reach a 200-member sorority or a 50-member fraternity, that candidate had gone a long way toward reaching the 700 or 800 votes needed to win a student body election. "My strategy was to focus more intensely on a small handful of houses."

Moody said he thought it was possible to win without being affiliated with a sorority or fraternity, but tapping the Greek vote was an easy way to get needed votes.

"Very few issues deal with the Greek system," he said. "But a lot of times, it's a good mechanism for reaching a lot of people."

Hildebolt said getting the Greek vote was a must for student body president candidates. "Knowing how to work that segment of the population is key because the Greeks are so well organized," he said. "I don't necessarily think you have to be one of them, but I think you have to have them on your side to win."

Wayne Rash, who finished last place in this year's student body president election, also was the only candidate who was not affiliated with a Greek organization. The last non-Greek student body president was Rob Saunders, who served in the 1981-82 school year.

"It's almost impossible to be non-Greek and win," he said. "When you're Greek, you've got such a base to work with. If you

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School Board Members Delay Action on Recall

BY KRISTEN LANEY
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Final action on the proposed recall provision for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will be delayed until the matter is further discussed between the community and the board.

At their Monday night meeting, school board members decided that because the board would meet three more times before the N.C. General Assembly meets May 24 for its short legislative session, there was no reason to take immediate action.

John McCormick, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools attorney, presented the board with a copy of the draft of the recall legislation. For the legislation to be considered in the short session, local legislators must find the draft to be noncontroversial.

The proposal states that any citizen in Chapel Hill or Carrboro can start a petition to initiate a recall by collecting 8 percent of the registered voters' signatures, which is more than 3,000 signatures.

The recall provision was proposed to remedy the controversy that started after it was discovered in December that board member LaVonda Burnette was not a product of the local school system and a UNC student as she had billed herself during the November 1993 campaign.

School board members decided to pursue a recall petition so the power to remove members would fall into voters' hands.

Burnette said Monday night that she was concerned that 3,000 signatures would be too easy to get and that any disgruntled resident could try to remove any board member. "There's a national movement to take over school boards," Burnette said. "Every decision we make will be scrutinized, not that it shouldn't. This isn't some-

thing that will just wash over after tonight. It will continue."

Because the school board's decision will have a lasting impact, the board needs to very carefully consider all aspects of the provision, including the 8-percent figure and the state school board's opinion, said school board member Sue Baker.

The Rev. Gene Hatley, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch of the NAACP, said, "Although this bill may, at first glance, appear to extend democracy, on closer analysis it concentrates power in the hands of a small group."

Burnette, a vice president of the local branch of the NAACP, also urged the board to consider the long-term results of a recall provision. "Please just don't see this as a 'get-rid-of-LaVonda-Burnette' deal. This is too crucial of an issue to be looking through tunnel vision."

School board member Judith Ortiz said the board would have to justify spending tax dollars for recall elections brought about by such disgruntled residents. But she added that she thought Chapel Hill-Carrboro voters were more astute and trustworthy than to start unnecessary petitions.

Community activist Alan Belch said the school board should drop the proposed recall legislation to avoid extra costs to the community. "The school board should use existing state law to remove LaVonda Burnette."

Existing state law gives local school boards the power to investigate and remove members they deem to have acted with "immoral or disreputable" conduct.

In other business Monday night, school board member Ruth Royster announced that she would not be able to complete her second term because she was relocating to Connecticut.

Hollywood is like being nowhere and talking to nobody about nothing.

Michelangelo Antonioni