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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

F-16 Collision, Crash Kills Five at N.C. Air Force Base

POPE AIR FORCE BASE — The Pentagon reported that five people were killed when an Air Force F-16 crashed Wednesday and sent debris flying into a parked C-141.

Air Force Sgt. Kim Mason, a Pope spokeswoman, said an undetermined number of people were injured. Reports said as many as 200 people might have been hurt.

The two people aboard the F-16 ejected before the plane crashed at about 2:15 p.m., Mason said. She said she didn't know their condition or their names. The F-16, a fighter plane, crashed after colliding in the air with a C-130, which landed safely. The C-141, a military cargo plane, burned after being struck with debris.

North Korea Warns U.S. Against Provoking Trouble

SEOUL, South Korea — Stepping up its rhetorical offensive, North Korea warned the United States on Wednesday not to forget the lessons of the Korean War. South Korea put its 650,000 troops on special alert.

The South Korean military was ordered to cancel leaves and keep commanders at their posts. Land, sea and aerial patrols were increased, officials said.

Defense Minister Rhee Byoung-tae said the alert would remain at least until the president returns from a weeklong trip to Japan and China Wednesday.

In Beijing, North Korean Ambassador Chu Chang Jun said war could break out if the United States shipped Patriot missiles to South Korea and went ahead with joint military exercises.

Israel May Force Settlers To Leave Contested Area

JERUSALEM — Israel's government is considering removing one of six Jewish settlements from the heart of Hebron, lawmakers said Wednesday. The proposal ignited right-wing protests.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has demanded that all 450 settlers be removed from Hebron after a Jewish settler massacred Muslim worshippers at a Hebron mosque Feb. 25.

Media reports said the government was considering removing one site, Tel Rumeida. A member of Parliament who demanded anonymity said that forcing the Tel Rumeida settlers to leave was being considered "as a symbolic act" and would be presented as a gesture to the PLO to get peace talks restarted.

Crash of Russian Jetliner In Siberian Forest Kills 75

MOSCOW — A Russian jetliner plunged into a remote forest in Siberia Wednesday and exploded in flames, killing all 75 people aboard.

The State Emergency Committee said the Aeroflot Airbus A-310 exploded and burned after crashing in the Altai Mountains near Mezhdurechensk, some 2,000 miles east of Moscow and near the Mongolian border.

The 63 passengers on the plane, en route to Hong Kong, included 23 foreigners, mainly from Hong Kong and Taiwan, the committee said. Airline officials also said there were passengers from the United States, Britain, India and Canada.

Emergency officials said there was no indication of why the plane crashed.

Clinton News Conference To Focus on Whitewater

WASHINGTON — Hoping to quell weeks of controversy about the Whitewater affair, President Clinton plans to hold a prime-time news conference Thursday.

Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the East Room news conference would begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about 30 minutes.

"It's an opportunity for him, I think, to talk about some of the developments in Washington and around the world," she said. Clinton will make an opening statement and take questions for about 30 minutes, Myers said.

Frustrated by the amount of media attention being devoted to Whitewater, White House aides have been considering a joint TV appearance by the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; high mid-70s.

FRIDAY: Mostly clear; high near 70.

Rally Takes Aim at Chancellor Search Student Knows Rape Suspect

BY JUDY ROYAL
STAFF WRITER

A crowd of about 80 students gathered at noon Wednesday on the lawn in front of Manning Hall as student leaders urged them to demand a voice in the selection of a new chancellor.

The rally was the first of two planned events designed to attract the attention of the chancellor search committee, which will meet at 1 p.m. today in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

Rally organizer Calvin Cunningham said a group of students was planning a silent demonstration at 11 a.m. today, when the chancellor selection committee would arrive at the alumni center for a luncheon.

Members of the Student Coalition for an Effective Chancellor, a group composed of about 22 student organizations, told concerned students to let UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Johnny Harris know they want more student representation in the search for a new chancellor.

The coalition formed in response to Harris' Feb. 18 announcement that only one student, Student Body President-elect George Battle, would serve on the 22-member chancellor selection committee. The committee, composed of Battle, seven BOT members, seven faculty members and eight alumni, will search over the next year for Chancellor Paul Hardin's successor when he steps down in June 1995.

Three student leaders spoke at the rally, while about 20 volunteers on the front steps and other students in the crowd cheered them on.

Fred Wherry, former co-chairman of Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, said Harris would continue to overlook students' voices if they didn't make themselves heard.

"We're here to talk about our problem of invisibility," Wherry said. "When I say invisibility, I'm talking about what it feels like to be forgotten and ignored."

"We're not asking for a referendum, and we're not asking for the inclusion of special-interest groups. We're simply asking that we be able to communicate so, like Maya Angelou's birds, we, too, can open our throats to sing."

Petitions containing more than 4,000



Junior Fred Wherry, with Carolynn McDonald and Michelle Sinnott, addresses a crowd of about 80 students who rallied Wednesday in front of Manning Hall for more student input on the chancellor search committee.

signatures in favor of the coalition's efforts, bundles of red and black balloons and a sign which read "More Voice for a Better Choice," provided a backdrop for the rally. Just before noon, empowering tunes like "Express Yourself," "Freedom" and "Fight the Power" blared from the speaker system.

Michelle Sinnott, a rally organizer, said she questioned whether one voice in a 22-member committee could be heard.

"We're here spending four, five and six years," Sinnott said.

"A part of our development is being lost. Why? Because we're not being heard."

Carolynn McDonald, co-chairwoman

of the Black Student Movement's race relations committee, said she was happy when she first heard that Hardin was leaving, but now her happiness had turned into disappointment.

"Now my problem is only getting bigger

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Power Outage Keeps Main Campus in Dark

BY PHUONG LY
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The small crowd gathered in front of Lenoir Dining Hall at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday looked like an eager group of after-Christmas shoppers, according to one observer.

Eating habits and other business on North Campus were disrupted for more than an hour when a cable failure stopped the flow of electricity to many buildings, including Lenoir, the Student Union, Davis Library and some residence halls.

It was a minor disturbance, and then it was back to normal — or close to it — when the lights came back on at 6:30 p.m. "It looked what you've got at an after-Thanksgiving, after-Christmas or going-out-of-business sale," said Lenoir manager Terrence Emory of the post-power outage dinner crowd.

"There were a lot of people. Everybody just filed in, and there was a little confusion at first," he said.

The power problem was a simple one, said James Mergner, associate director of utilities operations.

A cable failed at about 5:20 p.m. in a manhole off Country Club Road near the Paul Green Theatre, Mergner said.

"We're going to re-energize the circuit," he said. "That's the whole story. Not very exciting."

The lights came back on just as dusk was beginning to fall.

Some students were slightly inconven-

ienient when everything went dark in the early afternoon.

A group of students clustered near the second-floor Union stairwell, where the emergency lights were on.

At Davis, many students had left, but more than 30 students still were studying in the reading room, where some sunlight came in through the tall picture windows.

"Once it gets dark, it might be a problem. It would be hard to kick everybody out right now," said John Carlson, circulation desk supervisor.

"It's such a big building. If you can study, that's fine."

Student Body President Jim Copland carried on government business as usual. "It's not going to affect me much," he said. "I'm going to go get my laptop (computer)."

Outside the Paul Green Theatre, the production crew was watching boiler plant workers climb down a manhole and check circuits.

"Arms and the Man" was set for 8 p.m. Five hundred tickets had been sold, and the crew hadn't finished setting up the stage.

Worry? Not a chance, said production manager Mike Rolleri, standing outside the theater with flashlight in hand.

His response was typical of all seasoned theater hounds.

"The show must go on," said Rolleri, who has dealt with a fainting actress and

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Congress Supports Coalition's Efforts

BY MARISSA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress passed a resolution supporting increased student representation on the chancellor search committee Wednesday night at the last session of the University's 75th congress.

The resolution, introduced by Speaker Wendy Sarratt, states that increased student representation is the most important and readily achieved means of maximizing effectiveness and including student input in the selection process.

The 22-member committee, headed by Board of Trustees Chairman John Harris, currently includes one student — Student Body President-elect George Battle.

Student groups upset by the low student representation have formed the Student Coalition for an Effective Chancellor, which staged a rally Wednesday afternoon in front of Manning Hall in support of adding more students to the committee.

The coalition includes the executive branch of student government, the Campus Y, the Black Student Movement, the Carolina Athletic Association, the Residence Hall Association and other groups.

Congress members debated a proposed amendment by Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, that would have encouraged that student representation include both liberals and conservatives.

Stansbury said the movement seemed to be dominated by liberal activists and expressed concern that conservative views might be ignored.

"Looking at the rally (Wednesday), being there, I did not notice much of a balance," he said. "For too long, I have seen the conservative movement on this campus basically get the shaft."

Stansbury said having excluded or discouraged conservative opinions concerning a variety of issues had created tensions on campus.

"Until we can bring all sides in, we're still going to see a problem with this university," he said.

Sarratt responded by saying the political allegiances of students who would be added to the search committee were not relevant to the bill.

"Students are affected in ways that don't have anything to do with whether we're liberal or conservative," she said.

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New Rape Amendments Get Congress Approval

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress approved amendments to the judicial instrument Wednesday that would change how sexual assault and other cases are handled by the student courts.

The proposed changes include the addition of a Statement of Complainants' Rights, the addition of "sexual touching" as a Student Code violation, a definition of the term "sexual invasion" and the establishment of a minimum punishment for those convicted of sexual invasion.

Sexual touching includes intentionally touching sexual parts, and sexual invasion is knowingly engaging in an act of sexual intercourse or other types of penetration without the other person's consent.

Student Congress approval was one of the four steps the proposals must pass through before taking effect. The Committee on Student Conduct and the Faculty Council already have approved the changes; the proposals now must be approved by the chancellor. Congress approved the proposals in a 17-1 vote with 6 abstentions.

Margaret Barrett, judicial programs officer, said an appendix to the Instrument listing complainants' rights would encourage victims to come forward. One of the proposed rights would allow victims to make a statement during the sanctioning portion of the case.

"This lets the victim make a statement about how they were affected," she said. "I really don't think you could decide what an appropriate sanction is without knowing what the effect on the victim was."

Although several congress members said the victim's statement could infringe upon the rights of the defendant, Student Body President Jim Copland said he thought such statements

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Officials Pleased With 1st Year of New Carolina Inn Management

BY MARY BETH MAURIELLO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly a year after taking control of the Carolina Inn, DoubleTree Hotel Corp. already is exceeding the University's expectations, UNC officials said Wednesday.

The Phoenix-based private hotel-management firm is reporting incomes higher than the original projections of hotel consultants, said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor of business.

After several years of financial difficulty, the University-owned Carolina Inn was leased to DoubleTree last spring.

Although final numbers for 1993-94 are unavailable, improvements already are obvious, Elfland said.

In February 1993, the Carolina Inn

showed an operating profit of \$1.01 million. This February, the hotel reported a profit of \$1.3 million.

This \$300,000 improvement is a result of DoubleTree's efficiency, Elfland said. "They really know how to run a hotel," she said.

Operating profit is the difference between the hotel's sales revenue and its food and staff expenses. The Carolina Inn's total sales revenue rose \$40,000 this year, Elfland said.

The Carolina Inn's net profit actually has decreased this year, Elfland said. DoubleTree's general expenses are higher because of hotel improvements and rent payments to the University, she said.

"The bottom line is like comparing apples and oranges," she said.

"It is difficult to operate a business within the framework of state regulations."

CAROLYN ELFLAND
Associate vice chancellor of business

In February 1993, the hotel reported a net profit of \$60,000. This year's net profit is only \$28,000.

But the hotel is earning more money, Elfland said. "They are good hotel managers," she said.

DoubleTree also has made service improvements, Elfland said. Business executives now can hook up their computers to

the hotel's new telephone system. Because of a new computer system, diners now can charge their meals to their rooms. New televisions have been placed in the rooms.

"We are pleased by what they have done," said Wayne Jones, vice chancellor of business and finance.

DoubleTree's profits eventually will be used to renovate the Carolina Inn, Elfland said. The hotel has not been renovated since it was donated to the University in 1935.

UNC officials first began to consider leasing the hotel after it lost \$73,000 in 1988-89 and \$330,000 in 1989-90.

"It is difficult to operate a business within the framework of state regulations," Elfland said.

Because the Carolina Inn is linked with

the University, it experiences seasonal variations, she said.

But state employment regulations prevented the hotel from varying the working hours of its employees.

After the decision to lease the hotel in 1991, the University began to replace state employees with temporary employees earning lower salaries and fewer benefits.

"We were able to manage the Carolina Inn more like a real hotel," Elfland said. As a result of these personnel changes, the Carolina Inn earned profits of \$40,000 in 1990-91 and \$313,000 in 1991-92.

But because the leasing process took longer than the UNC officials expected, the state required the Carolina Inn to rehire full-time employees in November 1993. Hotel profits fell again to \$184,000.

Enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate.

Thornton Wilder