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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Mexican Candidate Killed At Campaign Appearance

TIJUANA, Mexico — The man expected to become Mexico's next president, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was shot to death Wednesday during a campaign appearance in the border city of Tijuana.

Colosio, candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, Mexico's governing party, was rushed to Tijuana General Hospital with gunshot wounds to the head and upper body. The attorney general's office said the gunman and an accomplice were arrested.

Colosio died at 11:10 p.m. EST, about three hours after he was shot, said Leavano Saenz, Colosio's campaign press secretary. A hospital spokeswoman said doctors operated on the less serious wound in the lower body first, then had started a second operation on the head wound.

An unidentified surgeon who was interviewed on the Televisa network said Colosio's wife, Diana, and a Roman Catholic clergyman were summoned into the operating room Wednesday night.

Hundreds of people were milling about outside the hospital. Some were standing vigil, lighting candles and placing them on the front steps. The hospital is in the Zona Rio near the U.S.-Mexican border.

In Mexico City, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari went on national radio and lamented the attack as an "infamous act."

Clinton Vows to Release Whitewater Tax Records

WASHINGTON — President Clinton acknowledged Thursday night that he had significantly overstated his loss in the Whitewater land deal and promised to release late 1970s tax returns to answer lingering questions about the investment.

In a nationally televised news conference, Clinton vowed to keep health reform and other legislative items on track, even in the face of the investment controversy.

Republican Senate leader Bob Dole immediately said Clinton had been "credible" and had "helped himself" with his remarks. He and Minority Whip Newt Gingrich said questions still remained about Whitewater and that they would continue to push for congressional hearings.

Clinton said he expected special counsel Robert Fiske to question both him and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, about their investments, and he promised they would "cooperate with him in any way he decides is appropriate."

U.S. Might Boost Military Presence in South Korea

WASHINGTON — The United States might further strengthen its military forces in South Korea if the U.N. Security Council imposes any form of economic sanctions against North Korea, Defense Secretary William Perry said Thursday.

Perry did not specify any possible additions to the U.S. force of 37,000 troops now in Korea. Modest economic punishment of North Korea for blocking full inspection of its nuclear program would call for similarly modest U.S. reinforcements, "probably not including substantial" extra troops, Perry said.

One U.S. defensive move already under way is the shipment of an Army Patriot air- and missile-defense battalion from Fort Bliss, Texas, to South Korea.

Walter Slocombe, the principal deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, said the battalion would be operating in Korea by the end of April.

Military Sends Specialists To Investigate F-16 Crash

POPE AIR FORCE BASE — A team of crash investigators gathered Thursday to begin determining why a fighter jet collided with another plane and then crashed in a ball of flame that killed at least 20 soldiers.

Investigators have orders to find out what caused the crash within 30 days, although they might extend that deadline if necessary, said Lt. Col. Glenn Williams, chief safety officer for the 23rd Wing.

Investigators will interview witnesses, perform drug and alcohol tests on the pilots, and map out where debris from the planes landed, Williams said. They also will transcribe conversations between pilots and air-traffic controllers and inspect loading areas.

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Weather

TODAY: 50-percent chance of morning rain; high mid-60s.
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; high 55-60.
SUNDAY: Chance of rain; high in 60s.

Committee Begins Work on Chancellor Search



James Peacock, chairman of the Faculty Council and member of the chancellor search committee, walks past students protesting the makeup of the 22-member committee, which has one student representative.

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler presented the chancellor's search committee with its charge of finding the next University chancellor at its first meeting Thursday.

Spangler told the 22-member committee to seek the input of students and the University community by holding public meetings. The first meeting was held in the Alumni Hall of the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

"You should plan and announce open meetings with students — at least two for the students — faculty and the community," Spangler said.

"The chancellor of this University will become a leader in the state, and you should consider the opinions of the citizens."

Spangler also clarified his position on having women in higher administrative posts in the UNC system after committee member and law Professor Elizabeth Gibson asked how much consideration should be given to women in the search process.

"I have spoken to 30 chancellor candidates during my nine years as UNC president, and there never has been a woman among those candidates," he said.

"There's something statistically wrong with that figure. We have not knowingly excluded 50 percent of the people in the country."

But, Spangler said he did not especially advocate a woman for the position because



UNC-system President C.D. SPANGLER presents the search committee with its charge Thursday. That would be "demeaning."

"If you asked why (Duke University President) Nan Keohane was selected, it was not because she was a woman but because she had all the leadership qualities needed," he said.

The search committee also should take advantage of UNC's financial standing to hire a scholar as chancellor rather than a business leader, Spangler said.

"When Paul Hardin steps down as chan-

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Gagged Students Greet Members of Group Before First Meeting

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Bands of red cloth and joined hands. Those were the symbols of the Student Coalition for an Effective Chancellor's silent protest Thursday at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

About 28 students stood by the center's entrance with red gags over their mouths and joined hands during a protest of the lack of student representation in the chancellor search committee.

The search committee currently has only one student member — Student Body President-elect George Battle.

Fred Wherry, a coalition member and organizer of the protest, said the gags symbolized the lack of student voices on the committee. The students stood silently as the majority of the 22 members of the committee entered the center for a luncheon before the committee's meeting later that afternoon.

The search committee was meeting to receive its purpose from UNC-system Presi-

dent C.D. Spangler.

The protest, which lasted for about 45 minutes, garnered few comments from the committee members who passed by them. Annette Wood, vice chairwoman of the UNC Board of Trustees and member of the search committee, said that although she had noticed the students, she would rather not comment on their efforts or the protest.

But, committee member Julian Robertson, president of Tiger Management Corp. in New York and alumnus of the Class of 1955, told the students he was

pleased to see them. "I think what you are doing out here is great," he said.

Wherry said he was encouraged by the protest and the rally held Wednesday in front of Manning Hall, although BOT and committee chairman John Harris had not been very responsive to the students' complaints. "We will be fresh on their minds during these next two days of meetings."

The BOT will meet this morning at the Morehead Planetarium for its monthly meeting.

Wherry also said the coalition wasn't

too discouraged by Harris' adamant refusal to put more students on the committee. "I think if we stopped every time we've heard a 'no,' we wouldn't accomplish much," he said.

The coalition of 22 student groups was formed after Harris' Feb. 18 announcement of the composition of the committee. The coalition has asked Harris to add six students to the committee so it will equal the representation of the alumni, faculty and trustees. The committee has four black members and five female members.

Congress Appoints Commission to Audit DTH

BY HEATHER N. ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

After almost 5 1/2 hours of debate, Student Congress voted Wednesday on six major bills, including one that would authorize an audit of The Daily Tar Heel and one that would deny funding for the Black Student Movement, ending the last session on the University's 75th Student Congress.

A bill calling for an audit of the DTH's equipment was amended and passed by voice vote.

Rep. John Phillippe, Dist. 18, sponsor of the bill, amended it to read that the audit would be conducted by a congress-appointed commission, rather than the student attorney general and the Student Activities Fund Office.

The commission will comprise Student Attorney General Shannon Kete, current Student Body Treasurer Kevin Hunter, Rep. Jonathan Jordan, Dist. 1, and the finance committee chairman of the 76th

Student Congress.

The commission will meet in April to conduct the audit, and then the committee chairman will report their findings to congress.

DTH General Manager Kevin Schwartz said he opposed the audit by Student Congress. "This attempt is an abuse of their authority of an autonomous student group," he said.

"We are not a unit of student government, and we have no ties with them." Although Schwartz said the DTH would provide records on equipment already owned, he said Student Congress had no standing to make a demand of this kind, and that he would not cooperate with congress in any other way.

Schwartz had said earlier that congress had relinquished all rights to the DTH's equipment when they approved the paper's incorporation by-laws in 1989. According to Schwartz, only the DTH Board of Directors has control of the paper's assets.

Kete was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Phillippe said the commission would direct the audit with the help of Howard Brubaker, SAFO director. He said the Student Code allowed them every right to go through the DTH files.

In other business, congress failed to pass a bill for a \$1,000 donation to the BSM. Speaker Wendy Sarratt said the congress vote was affected by the fact the BSM failed to attend congress budget hearings and might have pushed members against the BSM.

Sarratt said the BSM would be able to apply for money in the summer and fall. Laticia Henry, current BSM vice president and president-elect, said the group would reapply in the fall for funding.

Congress also voted on a bill granting \$285 to the Chinese Student Association. The majority of funding will go toward fund-raising, but money also will go to postage, office supplies, printing and pub-

licity, speaker fees, and telephone expenses. Congress also passed without debate a bill donating \$2,120 to the UNC Sailing Club for the purchase of sails.

In the final business of the meeting, congress passed a bill prohibiting the use of cash incentives in obtaining signatures for petitions that affect campus election ballots. Rep. Jonathan Justice, Dist. 21, introduced the bill stating that incentives were unethical and should be prohibited.

Rep. Richard Williams, Dist. 1, further amended the bill to read that no cash value incentives were allowed.

Williams said the amendment would clearly define what constitutes an incentive.

Williams said that when the DTH offered incentives to the highest signature-getter for its February referendum to terminate student government's authority to appoint members to the DTH Board of Directors, that brought the issue to their attention.

Kuralt Not Interested in Chancellorship, Maybe Teaching

BY KARA SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

The students have spoken. They want Charles Kuralt to be the next chancellor.

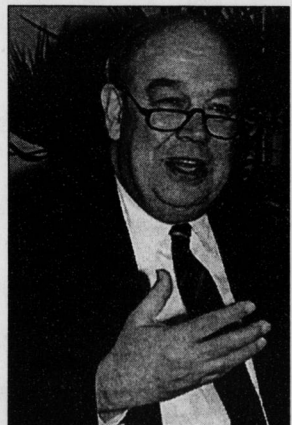
But to the disappointment of many, Kuralt said he wouldn't take the position. The students attending the annual Nelson Benton Memorial Lecture on Thursday in Memorial Hall would not be sidetracked, however, and asked him to return as a professor instead.

"I'm happy to say that (teaching's) been suggested to me, and I like the idea," he said. "The only problem is that when I lectured in journalism schools and in American studies programs at Notre Dame and (the University of California at Los Angeles), I noticed that, at the end of 50 minutes, I had told the kids everything I knew."

"I always wondered what you said the next day in class," he said. "Through (Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication) said you assigned papers."

Kuralt began the speech in honor of his friend and fellow journalist Benton with a biographical account of Benton's life and then spent the rest of the evening answering questions from an audience of approximately 700 people.

"I hope we can make this evening more



UNC alumnus CHARLES KURALT spoke to 700 in Memorial Hall.

of a dialogue than a speech," Kuralt said. Kuralt spoke fondly of his days at UNC and of the education and inspiration that he received as a freshman in 1951.

"I was a big-boned, dumb kid, but eager for an education when I came from Mecklenburg County and walked into the

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CBS Journalist Looks Forward To New Journeys Across America

BY ANDREA JONES
SENIOR WRITER

Charles Kuralt, elder statesman of American journalism and the nation's favorite storyteller, returned Wednesday to the place where his career began more than four decades ago.

Kuralt, best known for the award-winning "On the Road" series and the "CBS Sunday Morning" news program, is a 1955 graduate of UNC. Winner of nine Emmys and three Peabody Awards, he announced his retirement from CBS last week.

Kuralt spoke at a press conference at the Carolina Inn and later gave a lecture in Memorial Hall. He said a walk earlier in the afternoon had revived memories of Chapel Hill. "I remember this season, the season of redbuds and forsythia and daffodils," he said. "That's what I remember right now ... how privileged I felt to be a student here."

Kuralt said many things had changed at UNC, recalling his father's reaction when he brought him to campus for the

first time.

"My father came here from Massachusetts in the '20s," he said. "He came by train to Carrboro Station and hired a man with a mule and wagon to carry his trunk to campus. And then in 1951 he drove me to campus with my trunk and said, 'My God, they've ruined the place.'"

"But it's not the size or the physical plan," Kuralt said. "It's a certain attitude and devotion to learning, a kind of democracy in the air, a spirit of tolerance that distinguishes Chapel Hill and has survived."

Memories of his 1954-55 editorship at The Daily Tar Heel were among his most vivid, Kuralt said.

"I started dropping classes in order to put the paper out, and eventually I dropped them all," he said. "I wasn't a student anymore; I was just the student editor. I wouldn't recommend it, but it just seemed necessary at the time."

"As editor of the Tar Heel, I didn't hesitate to ask advice from some of those

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Tar Heels Rally Late, Top Vandy

BY ZACHARY ALBERT
SENIOR WRITER

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Entering Thursday night's game against Vanderbilt, many thought the loss of junior forward Charlotte Smith would signal the curtain falling on the 1993-94 season for UNC.

The Tar Heel women's basketball team didn't believe it.

"What you saw tonight is what this team is all about — a lot of heart," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell.

No. 4 North Carolina bucked several trends in a 73-69 comeback win against UNC.

UNC never advanced to a regional final in the program's history. The Tar Heels, the No. 3 seed, will take on top-seeded Connecticut at 11 a.m. Saturday. The Huskies whipped Southern Mississippi Thursday 78-64.

Smith, the team's leading rebounder, was ejected from Sunday's 63-52 win against Old Dominion for her role in a late-game scuffle. However, UNC still won the battle of the boards against Vandy by a 36-31 margin.

"I think too much was made of the Smith thing," said Vandy head coach Jim Foster. "Teams have a tendency to step up a bit, and they did that."

The main stepping-up happened when it had to — in the final minute. UNC maintained a slim lead at 70-69 when freshman guard Marion Jones fouled Vandy's Kelly Dougherty with 36 seconds to play. Dougherty, a 76.9 percent foul shooter on the season, missed the front end of a one-and-one and UNC forward Stephanie Lawrence snatched the rebound.

Lawrence kicked the ball out to senior guard Tonya Sampson, who quickly drew the foul. Sampson connected on the first free throw to put UNC up two with 30.7 seconds remaining.

But Vanderbilt still had a shot. With less

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That's journalists for you. You can't trust them as far as you can throw them.

Charles Kuralt