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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Fatal Tornadoes Rampage Through Southeast States

PIEDMONT, Ala. — An Easter Week pageant turned into a horror show when a tornado flattened a crowded church, killing the pastor's 4-year-old daughter and 20 other people.

Twenty-three people were killed in Alabama, 17 in Georgia, two in North Carolina and one in Tennessee.

Georgia Gov. Zell Miller took a helicopter tour of some of the damaged areas of his state Monday morning. "There's not much you can do when Mother Nature takes over," he said. "You're kind of helpless." In Charlotte, tornadoes stripped away the walls of a public housing complex and ripped the roof off an elementary school.

### Danish Police Investigate Possible Link to Bombing

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The FBI cooperated with Danish police in an investigation of three Egyptians who could be linked to the World Trade Center bombing, a police spokesman said Sunday.

Danish police found the name, address and phone number of "one of the four convicted in the World Trade Center case" in the home of one of the Egyptians, the spokesman told The Associated Press.

Four Muslim extremists were convicted March 4 in New York for plotting and carrying out the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing, in which six people died and some 1,000 were injured.

### Embattled French Premier Rescinds Minimum Wage

PARIS — With the tear gas barely cleared from France's most widespread protests in two decades, Premier Edouard Balladur retreated Monday and suspended a law allowing employers to pay younger workers less than the minimum wage.

Hundreds of thousands of young people had poured into the streets during the past three weeks to protest the wage law. Hundreds of police officers were injured and hundreds of students arrested.



French Prime Minister **EDOUARD BALLADUR** has fought a tough political battle since passing the wage law.

At the end of Balladur's first year in power, the French are losing patience. They want the conservative prime minister to reduce France's record 12.2-percent unemployment without jeopardizing the pay and job security of those who have work.

### Bosnians, Croats Begin Discussing Peace Plan

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — With the guns around Sarajevo silenced, Muslim and Croat leaders met Monday to begin building a federation viewed as a key step toward ending Bosnia's 2-year-old war.

Both sides appeared confident as a joint assembly would approve a draft constitution and agree on an interim government to rule until elections within six months.

"Now is not the time for euphoria, nor for pessimism, but for serious, determined and intensive work on the implementation of the agreement," Haris Silajdzic, prime minister of Bosnia's Muslim-led government, said in opening remarks. The accord was signed March 18 in Washington.

### Supreme Court Lets State Reject Insanity Defense

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court left states free Monday to abolish the insanity defense, refusing to second-guess Montana's taking such action 15 years ago. Although the court's refusal to review Montana's law is not a ruling and does not preclude the possibility the high court might some day consider the issue, other states might follow Montana's lead.

The insanity case turned away by the court had been appealed in behalf of Joe Junior Cowan, described as a paranoid schizophrenic with a history of mental health treatments in North Carolina.

He was convicted and given a 60-year sentence for assaulting a U.S. Forest Service employee in Missoula County, Mont.

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### Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, 60-percent chance of rain; high 55-60.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy, breezy; high in the 50s.

## Employee: Racism Prevented Raise

### Accountant Claims Boss Passed Her Over for Raise

BY KIM GOINES  
STAFF WRITER

A University accounting employee argued in court Monday that she was denied a raise because of racial discrimination by a superior.

The first session of a two-day hearing for Paulette McKoy of Hillsborough began Monday at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Hillsborough.

"We believe that Paulette McKoy was discriminated against by her race with respect to compensation for a merit increase in August 1990," said her lawyer, Nicholas Herman of Chapel Hill.

However, McKoy alleges that other

white employees in the accounting department received pay increases, according to court papers filed with the State Personnel Commission.

Herman also said McKoy contended that other employees with less seniority had received promotions but that she had remained at her current position.

"And the second thing, we contended that Paulette McKoy was retaliated against for having filed an appeal to the denial of her merit increase in August 1990," Herman said.

The merit salary raise would have been granted on the basis of a performance review by her supervisor.

McKoy alleges that the performance review prevented her from receiving the raise.

Herman said he could not comment more specifically about the matter because

he was bound by a legal code of ethics.

McKoy has been an accounting technician in the Student Stores Accounting Department since December 1986, according to University employee records.

Technically, the defendant is the State of North Carolina because the University is an agency of the state.

But the principal defendant is Nancy Branch, McKoy's supervisor in the Student Stores Accounting Department, Herman said.

Herman said he would finish presenting his evidence this morning.

The hearings should end early afternoon at the latest, after the state presents its two witnesses, he said.

State Assistant Attorney General David Parker represents the University in McKoy's hearing.

Judge Brenda Becton of Durham is pre-

siding and either will give a verdict Tuesday after hearing closing arguments from both sides or take the case under advisement to review the evidence.

Becton also has presided over other University employment grievances.

In December, she granted the UNC Housekeepers Association the right to sue the University as a group, but that decision was overturned by another state judge.

Wake County Superior Court Judge Henry Hight said Becton had no jurisdiction in the housekeepers case.

Herman said it was more likely that Becton would take the case under advisement to review the evidence.

University Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Laurie Charest said she couldn't comment on the hearings or the plaintiff.

McKoy could not be reached for comment Monday night.

## Carolina Inn to Get Facelift

### BOT Approves \$13.5 Million For Renovations, Pool

BY MARISSA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

As UNC celebrates its Bicentennial, a 70-year-old University landmark prepares for a birthday face lift.

The UNC Board of Trustees voted Friday to approve \$13.5 million in renovations of the Carolina Inn. Improvements include a new wing containing 56 bedrooms, renovated dining facilities, a swimming pool and changes to the main court entrance.

The architectural firm Glave Newman Anderson of Richmond, Va., designed the renovations in conjunction with University officials and hotel management.

BOT members also approved the demolition of the Alumni House, built in 1939, to make room for the new bedroom wing.

Gary Walton, general manager of the inn, said the renovations would provide the inn with much-needed changes.

"It's a significant amount, and something that will turn this place into an absolute first-class hotel," he said.

"(The inn) has been a wonderful tradition and served the University for many years, but it's badly in need of some refreshing.

"We realize that due to the existing condition of the inn, certain guests don't stay here," he said. "We hope to attract those guests back."

The Carolina Inn has been under private management by DoubleTree Hotels Corp. since July. The expected renovations were a part of DoubleTree's original agreement with the University, Walton said.

Chris Coninson, project architect from Glave Newman Anderson, said the year-long construction probably would begin this fall. Hotel managers have not decided if they will house guests during the renovations, he said.

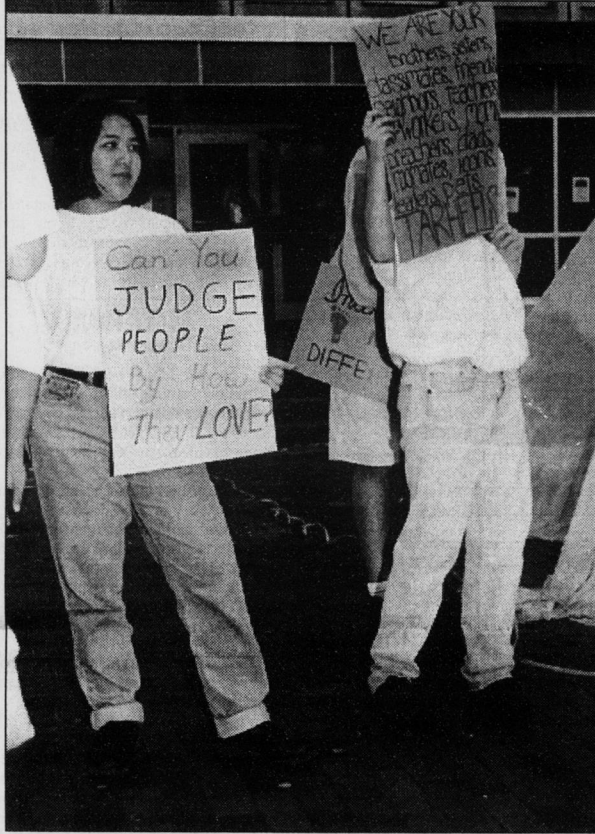
Coninson said the inn's renovations, although stylistically identical to the original structure, would effectively transform it. "It'll be the place to stay when you come to Chapel Hill. For sure. Guaranteed," he said.

UNC Associate Vice Chancellor Carolyn Eiland said she was excited about the renovations.

"It was our goal from the start in getting a private company to operate it to have it renovated and brought up to normal modern hotel standards," she said.

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### Celebration Week Kickoff



DTH/MISSY BELLO

Sara Danagen, a junior from Laurinburg, and Allison Froof, a freshman from Shelby, stand behind speaker Doris Taylor at the B-GLAD Celebration Week kickoff Monday in the Pit. See story on page 3.

## DTH Editor Selection Smoother in 2nd Year

BY MARTY MINCHIN  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

Two years ago, candidates for editor of The Daily Tar Heel slugged it out in the campuswide election as editor hopefuls campaigned door-to-door alongside students running for student body president and other elected offices.

But when students elected the 119th DTH editor in 1992, they also passed a referendum giving the responsibility of choosing the editor to a board of 11 students.

On Saturday, the second DTH Editor Selection Board chose junior Kelly Ryan as the next editor after about an hour of deliberation. The annual selection board is composed of eight at-large students plus a DTH desk editor, an assistant desk editor and a staff writer. No member from last year's board served on this year's selection board.

Ryan's selection was markedly different from the board's first run at picking an editor. Last year's board members called two of the three candidates for a second interview and debated for almost four hours before reaching the eight votes necessary to select an editor.

"I think the process went a lot more smoothly this year," Ryan said. "It seemed that all of the selection board members truly cared about the DTH being the best newspaper possible."

Kevin Schwartz, DTH general manager who sat in on last year's editor selection because it was his first year, agreed that the process ran more smoothly this year because of several changes that made the process more efficient.

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## Council OKs Construction Of Second High School

BY JACOB STOHLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday night to clear the way for a new high school, which is slated to begin construction by early 1996.

But comments from local residents and the concerns of several board members forced some changes in the plan, particularly in terms of parking and vehicle access.

To reduce parking permits and offset costs, town council member Pat Evans requested that the new high school increase the \$40 parking fee for students in order to come more in line with parking fees around town.

She also asked that the new high school create a "closed campus," where students wouldn't be allowed to leave school for lunch.

Both proposals would reduce traffic around the school, which is located close to Chandler's Green and Chesley neighborhoods, Evans said.

The council also discussed the possibility of building a temporary sidewalk along the front of the school grounds to help encourage students to walk or bike to campus.

School officials estimated that the 100-foot sidewalk could cost as much as \$20,000 — half of which would be paid for by the town and half by the school.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education Chairman Ken Touw warned that any additional expenditures incurred by the town could detract from the quality of the high school once it was finished.

"We have a set amount of money, and if we use it to make walkways, we take it away from the school."

Touw said the council could "make whatever stipulations you want," but that

actual school programs might suffer later. Council member Mark Chilton said that even if the new plan received approval from all levels of government, he wouldn't necessarily support it.

"If (the town council) is the only level of government that's unsatisfied, that's fine with me," he said. "I'm unsatisfied."

Chilton's said he was unsatisfied with the level of safety at the proposed location — a busy stretch of Weaver Dairy Road that would have to support school buses, student drivers, parent drivers and teachers in addition to everyday traffic.

Chilton stressed that the leading cause of death among 16- to 25-year-olds was auto accidents.

Under the designs for the new high school, 302 parking spaces would be available to students.

That amounts to about 0.3 spaces per student. At Chapel Hill High School, there are 0.28 spaces per student.

The town council's meeting was a continuation of the Feb. 22 public forum where residents near the proposed site voiced both their complaints and concerns.

Ten additional people showed up at Monday's meeting to re-emphasize those concerns.

Chapel Hill resident Everett Meserve said she questioned whether the location should have two traffic lights, one at each entrance, as was discussed during the meeting.

"Personally, to be completely honest, I would much rather see the town council use the money that it would cost to improve education," Meserve said.

The new high school, to be located at the intersection of Weaver Dairy and Sunrise roads, will enroll about 1,000 students when it first opens in 2004. It also will feature a 2,000-seat football field, athletic facilities and two lakes.

## Mast General Store Closes Its Doors

BY JAMIE KRITZER  
STAFF WRITER

A week after the Hardback Cafe and Bookstore closed its business because of financial shortcomings, Chapel Hill's Mast General Store decided to shut down for similar reasons.

The outdoor clothing and camping store, located at 460 W. Franklin St., had been in business for a year and a month, but general manager John Cooper said the store's profit losses were detracting from business at the store's four other locations in western North Carolina.

Cooper, his wife, who co-owns the store, and several managers had been discussing closing the store to reduce their losses. The store officially closed Monday morning.

"We were expecting to do a larger volume," Cooper said of the discount store. "I think it has been difficult to attract the customers we need."

Cooper said much of the business in the N.C. mountains depended upon tourist business, something that was lacking in the college town.

For the next week and a half, the Coopers and some employees will pack the store's merchandise into boxes for shipment to its other locations in the N.C. mountains.

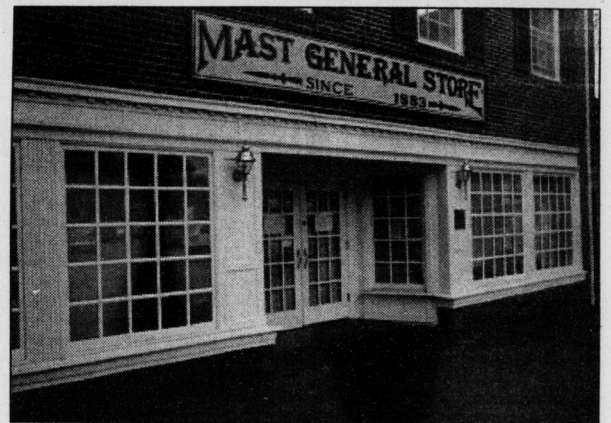
Summer, usually a boom time for the mountain stores' business, was dead in Chapel Hill without many students, Cooper added.

Mast General Store has two stores in Valle Crucis, one store in Boone and another in Waynesville.

Tommy White, manager of the store's outdoor and mercantile department, said the location was the main reason why Mast couldn't make a go of it. Richard Crandall, the merchandise manager and buyer, agreed.

"The facility wasn't right," Crandall said. "I think we were too far down on Franklin Street."

But Cooper didn't think the location



DTH/JUSTIN WILLIAMS

Thirteen months after opening at its West Franklin Street location, Mast General Store closed Monday. Owners say Chapel Hill is not the right market.

was important. Instead, he said the store failed because of an inability to find the right market.

White said the reason they decided to close the store so suddenly was because they didn't want to make a big deal out of leaving.

By 4 p.m. Monday, the treated wood that made up much of the decorum of the two-story business was barren. The shoe shelves had been emptied, and hundreds of shoes had been boxed.

The Coopers bought the original Mast General Store in Valle Crucis in 1980. The store originally began in 1883. After the Coopers bought the store, it was a tourist attraction for about a year before it became an actual merchandising business. In 1987, they opened the Boone store, and four years later they brought the Waynesville store into the business.

The 111-year-old building, which houses the original store, is in the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places.

"We were asked to come to Waynesville and Boone," Cooper said with a laugh. "We weren't really asked to come to Chapel Hill. A lot of the vendors we worked with suggested we come to Chapel Hill. I think we should wait until we're asked next time."

Among some of the things the Mast General Store sells include outdoor camping and climbing gear, hardware, apparel, furniture, comic books and mountain music. The chain offers a 20-percent discount on all its merchandise.

The building, which housed the store on West Franklin Street, has not been sold, but Cooper said it had been listed with Jan Hyrharow, a local commercial real estate agent.

Cooper was optimistic Monday and matter-of-fact about the closing.

"We aren't really closing a business," he said. "We're just relocating."

Be sure to keep busy, so the devil may always find you occupied.

Flavius V. Renatus