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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Serbs Break Defense Line Surrounding Bosnian City

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Hundreds of civilians fled burning villages Tuesday ahead of Bosnian Serb troops who breached defense lines around the Muslim enclave of Gorazde.

An officer in the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government said the enclave's defenders had been forced back by the breakthroughs. Government officials called the situation critical for the besieged eastern area, which was declared a U.N. "safe zone" last May but has been unprotected by U.N. troops.

There was no sign Western nations would intervene as NATO did with threats of air strikes to force the withdrawal of Serb artillery around Sarajevo. The United States said it had no plans to help Gorazde's 65,000 residents.

Zulu Nationalists March To Support Separate State

EMPANGENI, South Africa — Nationalist Zulus brandishing spears, clubs and sticks defied a state of emergency to march Tuesday in this Natal province city. Despite earlier vows to disarm marchers, police and troops did nothing as the Zulus arrived in buses Tuesday to support their king's demand for a sovereign Zulu state.

Although troops had been granted broad powers to maintain peace, the demonstration proceeded without interference. "You couldn't disarm them ... without a lot of bloodshed," Maj. Margaret Kruger said.

The region's violence is rooted in the Zulu nationalists' opposition to the April election, which will include the black majority for the first time and most likely will put Nelson Mandela's African National Congress in power.

Chinese Silence Dissident By Pressing New Charges

BEIJING — In a clear effort to squelch the revived outspokenness of Chinese dissidents, police threatened Tuesday to press new criminal charges against former political prisoner Wei Jingsheng.

Police, who took Wei into custody four days ago, said they were questioning him on suspicion of unspecified "new criminal offenses."

Robin Munro of the human rights group Asia Watch, said Chinese authorities had left themselves some room to maneuver by not actually charging Wei with any crime. "They may be waiting to see how Clinton responds, whether he bleats or roars," Munro said.

Since his release six months ago after 14 years in prison, Wei has encouraged dissidents to get in touch with workers and peasants and speak out on their problems.

Clinton Plugs Health Care At North Carolina Meeting

TROY — Claiming fresh momentum in the health care debate, President Clinton pitched his plan Tuesday as a cure for doctor shortages in rural America and implored the public to demand congressional action this year.

Warming up for an evening town hall to be televised in North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia, Clinton spent the day promoting his health reform ideas to doctors, administrators and patients of a financially burdened rural hospital.

He acknowledged support for his plan had wavered in the polls, and he blamed that on well-financed opposition. But he offered this optimistic status report: "The debate is, in a funny way, just beginning ... I think we are winning it again, and we are getting real movement in Congress."

Biospherian Says Attack Meant to Save Program

ORACLE, Ariz. — A former Biosphere 2 crew member accused of sabotaging the glass-and-steel dome says she broke windows and opened doors to protect the current crew from inept managers.

Abigail Alling, one of several project managers suspended from their jobs when the Biosphere's financial backer seized control last week, has been accused of sabotaging the environmental experiment.

Alling acknowledged the crew of seven inside the dome wasn't in immediate danger, but said without experienced managers, the crew could be threatened any time by a mechanical failure.

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Weather

TODAY: 40-percent chance of rain; high mid-70s.

THURSDAY: Increasing cloudiness; high lower 60s.

New SBP Battle Calls for 'Moral Correctness'

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President George Battle urged students to strive for "moral correctness" in the coming year during his inauguration speech Tuesday evening.

Speaking in front of a crowd of about 75 people in the Great Hall, Battle outlined his two-part plan to institute moral correctness, which he defined as "the ultimate capacity to do what is right."

Battle, members of the 76th Student Congress and other student officers took their oaths of office, administered by Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Shane Stutts.

Officers raised their right hands and solemnly repeated an oath pledging to protect and preserve the welfare of the student body and uphold the constitution of the University. All the new officers except the congress members made speeches.

In describing his vision for the student body, Battle, the last to speak, admonished students against judging others.

"We, as human beings, have no right to stand in judgment of others," said the junior political science major from Charlotte. "Don't judge the imperfections of others until you reach perfection."

The second part of his plan calls for students to take a stand against injustice. "Our generation, Generation X as some call it, has to stand up against injustice whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head," he said.

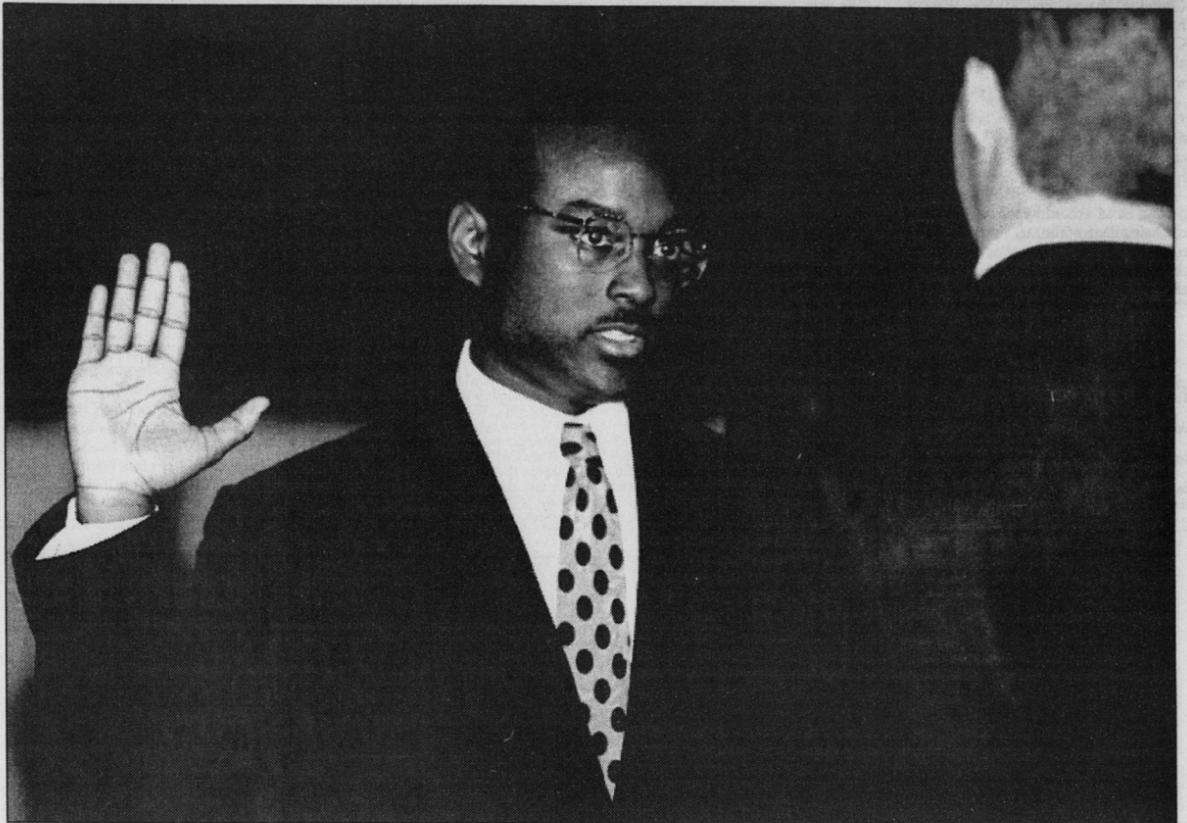
Injustice is found not only in faraway places like Bosnia, Battle said, but on the University campus as well. Supporting the UNC housekeepers in their fight for better working conditions is one way students can combat injustice, he said.

"Can we get along? The answer to this lies in the hearts and minds of each of us," he said, quoting Rodney King, a Los Angeles motorist who was beaten by police and whose trial sparked riots in L.A. "Live for what you believe in your heart."

Philip Charles-Pierre, master of ceremonies for the inauguration, said Battle had proven those who doubted him wrong.

"You have elected a student body president who will work hard, who will get tough," said Charles-Pierre, Battle's chief of staff. "You have elected a student body president who will get down and dirty."

Battle's mother, Iris Battle, who sat in



George Battle is sworn in as student body president by Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Shane Stutts during a ceremony Tuesday in the Great Hall. In his inauguration speech, Battle told students not to judge others and to take a stand against injustice.

the front row, said it felt "wonderful" to watch her son's inauguration.

"That's the best word to describe it: wonderful, just wonderful," said Iris Battle, who was accompanied by her husband and daughter. "We're real proud."

Outgoing Student Body President Jim Copland offered advice to his successor, urging George Battle to keep the door to Suite C open and "never ask anyone to do anything you wouldn't do yourself."

Copland's administration has tried to create a foundation on which Battle could build, Copland said. He also advised Battle to "leave a legacy for a strong successor."

Battle also should remember whom he represents, Copland said.

"You'll be up against a lot of pressure," he said. "Sometimes you'll have to use aggressive tactics. Students are sometimes left on the outside, not the inside, when decisions are made."

Both Copland and Battle received standing ovations from the audience.

Outgoing Student Congress Speaker Wendy Sarratt also had some advice for the new members of student government.

Although the current members have done much to restore credibility to student government, there still was work to be done, she said. Congress members should listen to students, each other and even those who disagree with them, she said.

"Do not lose sight of your purpose as a student representative," she said. "Students have put their trust in you; now you must earn their respect."

Student Body Vice President Donyell Phillips said she hoped she would reflect what students wanted to see in Suite C. "I know I can't do everything, but I will definitely try," she said.

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Friends Recall Tjia's Dedication

BY ALISON BAKER
STAFF WRITER

University students and faculty members still mourn Sunday's death of Olivia Frigga Tjia, but smile when recalling her cheerful disposition and enthusiastic dedication to UNC.

Tjia, an economics and industrial relations major from Cary, was the 1993-94 vice chairwoman of the Undergraduate Honor Court and a court member her junior and sophomore years.

But those who served with her on the court remembered Tjia not only as a committed co-worker, but as a friend. "She was a very hardworking person, very dedicated to the student judicial system," said former Student Attorney General Tucker Ball, a senior who had met Tjia his freshman year. "Besides that, she was warm and friendly and made the work atmosphere fun."

Junior Rob Buckheit, who graduated with Tjia from Athens Drive High School in Raleigh and who later served on the court with her, said she always had tried to make everyone feel important and included. "She was someone you didn't just say hello to when you walked past, you sat

down and talked with her for 15 minutes."

Senior Jonathan Sauls, who served as associate student attorney general this year, said Tjia was "definitely one of the nicest people" he'd ever met. "That was one of the neat things about her — she befriended everyone that she worked with," he said.

Tjia's enthusiastic personality brightened her classes as well as the honor court. Rachel Willis, a lecturer in the department of economics, became friends with Tjia this year when she taught her in both the fall and spring semesters. "I want people to know how wonderful Tjia was," she said. "She was very involved in group projects, and her group just loved her."

Willis said Tjia was a good student and leader. "She was a very special person who was interested in everything that we were doing. She took all of the theories that she was learning and understood them in terms of people's lives, compassionately."

Tjia was a member of the Alpha class of Phi Sigma Phi, a national honor fraternity that strives to personify and encourage fellowship, leadership and scholarship.

Fraternity members grieved over Tjia's death and said she would be missed. "She's meant a lot to the chapter, and the frat-

ernity was very important to her," Phi Sigma Phi secretary Michele Bench said.

Fraternity president Allen Westbrook recalled that he and Tjia both had recently applied to law schools. "We'd been playing the waiting game and had been commiserating over it together," he said. Westbrook added that Tjia, while working in the Undergraduate Library, had taken time to help him with his honors thesis.

Tjia's adviser, Assistant Dean of Students Margaret Barrett, said Tjia's death was devastating to everyone who knew her. "She had such promise and was very excited about the future. She was hoping to go to law school either in Canada or in the United States." Tjia was studying for a career in law or in mediation.

Buckheit said Tjia's death made him more compassionate about others' tragedies. "If someone dies, you don't think about the friends and family left behind. But when you are one of those friends and family, it changes your perspective."

Tjia's friend Lilly Farahnakian, court chairwoman, said she intended to remember the fun times they had had together. "It

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Court to Hear Congress Recall Case

BY KIM GOINES
STAFF WRITER

Former Student Body President Jim Copland filed a case with the Student Supreme Court Monday to determine if he is authorized to order a recall election since the petition to recall Student Congress Rep. Thad Woody was submitted before Woody was sworn in.

The supreme court is scheduled to hear the case at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union's Frank Porter Graham Lounge, said Shane Stutts, Supreme Court chief justice.

Copland said the Student Code was ambiguous. The recall provision might only refer to those elected officials who have been sworn in to office rather than to officers-elect. Since Woody had not yet been inaugurated at the time the petition was submitted, there is a question of the petition's validity, he said.

Freshman Steve Sciamme of Charlotte submitted a petition with more than 200 signatures to Copland on March 23 calling for a recall election that would remove Woody from his Dist. 11 seat, which cov-

ers Granville Towers.

Woody was sworn in Tuesday evening for the 76th Student Congress by Stutts.

Sciamme began the petition drive because he didn't agree with Woody's performance.

Copland said he asked the court to rule either that the constitution implicitly applied to officers-elect, in which case he would have the authority to call for a recall election, or that he did not have the authority to order a recall on the grounds that the petition for recall was submitted before an officer had been inaugurated.

"(The petition) looks valid other than this. They've got surplus signatures, in case there's any question about some of them," Copland said.

After arguments on both sides have been heard, the five justices will meet in a su-



STEVEN SCIAMME turned in a petition for a recall election.

preme court conference, Stutts said, and a decision would be made Thursday night.

But, according to the code, all decisions made by the supreme court must be in written form and be read to the plaintiff and the defendants, Stutts said.

"And a copy of it is given to each one of them," he said, "so the decision will not be official until sometime next week."

"It's a really interesting issue because the code is unclear, and when something is unclear, it can be argued. The provisions for recall are not explicitly outlined. It should be interesting. But it's their job to argue their case and convince us."

He said George Battle, student body president, would receive a copy of the decision and take over from there. Battle officially took office Tuesday evening.

Copland said the recall election, if authorized, would be held a minimum of one week after the court announced its decision. Woody said he definitely would run in a recall election. "(The election) will definitely be interesting. I'm sure (Sciamme) is a good guy and has good reasoning behind what he's doing, but I'm still not sure about the validity of it," he said.

Long Remembered As Fun, Competitive

BY LYNN HOUSER
STAFF WRITER

Friends and family remember UNC graduate Harvey Tillman Long III as a fierce competitor who loved sports, college and life.

Long, 23, of Roanoke Rapids died Friday in a head-on collision as he was returning from a job interview in Greensboro. He had just passed a car when he collided with an oncoming car on N.C. 54 eight miles south of Graham.

Long was intensely competitive, said his friend Ron Johnson, a UNC graduate now living in Greensboro. "He hated to lose," Johnson said. Long had visited Johnson while he was interviewing for a manager's position in Greensboro.

Long, who received his degree in political science from UNC in December, had been living with his fraternity brothers at the Lambda Chi Alpha house, at 229 E. Franklin St., while he looked for a job.

Junior Michael Yopp, the fraternity's president, said Long was one of Lambda Chi Alpha's most active and dedicated brothers. Long would keep the brothers talking all night. "We called it 'The Tillman Hour,'" Yopp said.

A big sports fan, Long was particularly fond of the Atlanta Braves. UNC alumnus Lacy Reeder, one of Long's best friends, said Long often had slept in his Braves baseball cap. "He loved sports and loved Carolina to death," Reeder said. "We had plans to open a sports bar together and call it 'L.T.'s' for Lacy and Tillman's."

Long always was "full of life," Reeder said. "Even though he didn't get up until one or two in the afternoon, once he got up, he was ready to go."

Reeder said the loss of his friend had changed everything. "It was so sudden. We always talked about the future. When he died, a part of me died with him."

For the last 2 1/2 years, Long worked

part-time at Golden Corral Steak House. His former co-workers said they had enjoyed working with him. "He was happy-go-lucky," said waitress Tyrana Banks, a UNC senior from Enfield. "He loved to cut the fool with us. But he also liked everything to go smoothly."

Long would get nervous when the restaurant got busy, said waitress Cindy Boozer. "I'd just pat him on the back and say, 'Just look at them and smile.'" she said. "I just wish we had him back."

Customers also liked Long, waitress Donna Meyer said. "He was fun-loving and always joking around with everybody."

As a student, Long impressed history Professor E.W. Brooks, who taught Long's peace and war class last summer. "He was the best student in the class," Brooks said.

Still, Brooks said, Long kept trying to make himself better. "Obviously, he's the kind of kid we want here at the University," he said, noting that Long had pride, patriotism and a nice sense of humor.

Long had planned to get his master's degree in business if he hadn't found a job by the time school started, said his mother, Violet Long. She said her son always had leaned toward law, city government and politics. "He and his father had a lot of lively discussions about politics, and they were usually on opposite sides of the pole."

Tillman Long also was opinionated during high school at Halifax Academy, his mother said. "He would get his teachers upset. He was the kind of person who would argue with a post, then pull it up and argue with the hole."

Violet Long said her son loved UNC and sports since he was a little boy. "He could quote you everything — records, players, since he was 7 or 8 years old. He loved that school."

The Longs said they had been touched by comments from his fraternity brothers

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Editor's Note

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ing on the particular position.

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Success is simply a matter of luck. Ask any failure.

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