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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Man Kills Two Co-Workers In Research Triangle Park

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — Two people were killed and two others were wounded when a fired worker stormed into a fiber optics plant Wednesday and began shooting with a 9 mm handgun. The gunman later killed himself.

A company official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the gunman first shot a co-worker who had filed a sexual harassment charge against him. Then he proceeded to fire randomly at other employees before moving to another part of the building, the official said.

Authorities evacuated the Japanese-owned Sumitomo plant and spent more than six hours searching before finding the gunman's body behind cabinets on the top floor of the building, said Chief Deputy Walter Lawrence of the Durham County Sheriff's Department.

Rwandan Factions Battle For Control of Capital City

KIGALI, Rwanda — Machine-gun and artillery fire rocked this central African capital Wednesday as rebels and government troops fought pitched battles. After a week of fighting, the army was reported to be running low on ammunition.

More than 100,000 desperate refugees carrying their belongings on their backs streamed out of the city ahead of the ethnic warfare. Foreigners had nearly completed their exodus from Rwanda.

Army troops, mostly Hutus, and rebel soldiers engaged in mortar duels in the center of Kigali on Wednesday afternoon and fired at each other over the international airport. The army appeared to be low on ammunition, said Capt. Eric Millet, a French officer.

Suicide Bombing Kills Six, Threatens Peace in Israel

HADERA, Israel — An apparent suicide bomb claimed by Islamic opponents of Israel-Palestinian peace talks ripped through a bus jammed with soldiers and civilians Wednesday, killing six people and wounding 28.

Senior officials warned that two such attacks in a week could mean the start of a gruesome pattern that would be difficult to combat. Militant Islamic groups vowed that they would carry out at least three more suicide bombings as revenge for the Feb. 25 Hebron mosque massacre.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent more troops to seal off the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank, where authorities believe the bomb was constructed.

Clinton to Ask for Review Of Northwest Logging Ban

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration will ask a judge today to lift a ban on logging in some of the millions of acres of national forests where spotted owls live, an official said Wednesday.

The government will ask U.S. District Judge William Dwyer in Seattle to review the Northwest forest plan, which would protect about three-fourths of the remaining old-growth forests in Oregon, Washington and Northern California, Assistant Interior Secretary George Frampton Jr. said.

Of the 15 million acres of old forests involved, about one-fourth of the forests would be opened to logging, and the rest would be in "adaptive management areas" where local community leaders and scientists would agree on management schemes.

Japanese Coalition Nears Decision on Next Premier

TOKYO — Japan's fractious ruling coalition, which nearly fell apart after the prime minister announced he was quitting, neared agreement Wednesday on a candidate to replace him: Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata.

If the left-leaning and conservative factions in Hosokawa's coalition can stay together and preserve their majority, Hata probably will win the vote. Although Hata belongs to the coalition's more conservative faction and was once a member of the opposition Liberal Democratic Party, he has championed the promised reforms that was the basis of the coalition's popularity.

Hata, 58, heads the Japan Renewal Party, and has been elected to the lower house of Parliament nine times. He serves simultaneously as deputy prime minister.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high low 80s.
FRIDAY: Partly cloudy, breezy; high upper 70s.

Town Police Fire Sergeant on Leave

BY JAMIE KRITZER
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Chapel Hill police Sgt. Shauna Lauren Winston was fired Wednesday, eight months after she was placed on administrative leave with pay by the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Winston, 32, who had worked for the police department since January 1984, was placed on administrative leave with pay in August for several charges on noncriminal allegations. Chapel Hill Town Personnel Director Pat Thomas said that because of a N.C. statute, she could not comment about the results of the case. "The main thing I can say is that Shauna Porterfield is no longer with the police department."

Thomas said Porterfield, who now goes by Shauna Lauren Winston, was notified of her termination Wednesday. The allegations brought against Winston on Aug. 7 include operating a town vehicle without a valid license, allowing an unauthorized person to ride in a police vehicle and help transport a prisoner, and misusing the police department's terminal to access the N.C. Police Information Network.

A statement released Wednesday by Winston's attorney, Robert Hassell, said Chapel Hill police Chief Ralph Pendergraph had recommended that Winston be terminated from her employment with the Chapel Hill Police Department. Town Manager Cal Horton had accepted Pendergraph's recommendation.

"Sergeant Winston was placed on leave of absence with pay on August 7, 1993, after receiving an 'above excellent' performance evaluation," Hassell said in the statement. "She was given a raise while on leave of absence."

Hassell said the reasons cited for Winston's dismissal were insufficient as a matter of law. The actions to fire Winston denied her an opportunity to be heard as the town employee grievance policy and the law require.

Winston previously had filed three grievances about "discriminatory practices of the Chapel Hill Police Department based upon her gender and other practices of Chief Pendergraph and her supervisors which will be shown to exist in the appro-

appropriate forum," the release states. "No legal effort will be spared to redress the wrongs done to her, her family and other women who have chosen or will choose to make a career in law enforcement."

Thomas said Winston could appeal the decision if she had a viable argument. If she does appeal, the case would be handled by a personnel appeals committee made up of eight town council-appointed citizens. Hassell was not available Wednesday to comment on a possible appeal.

Chapel Hill police Capt. Gregg Jarvis and spokeswoman Jane Cousins said they could not comment on administrative matters within the department.

Town Manager Cal Horton also would not comment because of the N.C. statute.

Caroline May Ease Voting Next Year

BY ELIZABETH LINDSEY
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Get ready to warm up your redial button again. You might be able to cast your ballot in future campus elections via Caroline.

The Elections Board is holding a campuswide forum Tuesday to discuss the possibility of holding campus elections via the telephone registration system.

The forum will be held at 8 p.m. in room 226 of the Student Union, and all students are invited to attend.

"We want input from all types of students on whether they like the idea of voting over Caroline," said Elections Board member Dan Gregg.

"We haven't ruled anything out and we haven't made any decisions," Gregg said. "We want the forum to see how everyone feels about the feasibility of the idea."

The costs of making revisions to Caroline also are an issue. Gregg said student government might be asked to provide \$2,000 "as sort of a donation" to fund the program.

The funding "would give students and student government a voice in what happens with changes to Caroline," Gregg said. "We could always say that because we're paying for part of it, we have a right to be involved."

The need to alter the way campus elections are held arose when the UNC Registrar's Office eliminated the registration card, Gregg said.

In past elections, the Elections Board would mark a voter's registration card to indicate that they had voted.

"Without the (registration) card, there is basically no way of making sure people don't vote twice," Gregg said.

To track voting in the most recent election, the Elections Board arranged for a computer tracking system to replace the registration card.

The system, however, became a "logistical nightmare and a liability" when the Elections Board could not locate enough computers for each pollsite, Gregg said.

"We even had to borrow people's personal computers," Gregg said. "We obviously can't keep having that kind of liability."

Tom Black, UNC associate registrar, will speak at the forum to provide information on the logistics involved with implementing a telephone voting system.

"The main issue here is how to deal with student voting," Black said. "I understand that there is advocacy for using Caroline," he said.

"It's technologically possible — the

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Children's Advocate Calls for Stronger Gun Control

BY RACHAEL LANDAU
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American children are 15 times more likely to be killed by gunfire than those in Northern Ireland, Marian Wright Edelman said.

Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, focused on the importance of improving the welfare of children in America in a speech Wednesday. She presented the Martin Luther King Jr. lecture to about 700 people in the Hill Hall Auditorium.

The lecture was the conclusion of the six-part Bicentennial Lecture Series, which was co-sponsored by the Bicentennial Observance Office, the UNC Committee on Established Lectures and the School of Social Work.

In order to solve the problems facing America's children, Edelman said there were several things that needed to be done. "I hope we can begin to reach a consensus and join in calling for a cease-fire in response to firearms and ammunition control."

Twenty-five American children are killed by guns every two days, Edelman said. About 800,000 American people have been killed by guns since 1968, and in addition to that, another 520,000 Americans have died violently from other means, she said. These numbers total 1.3 million deaths from violence, Edelman said.

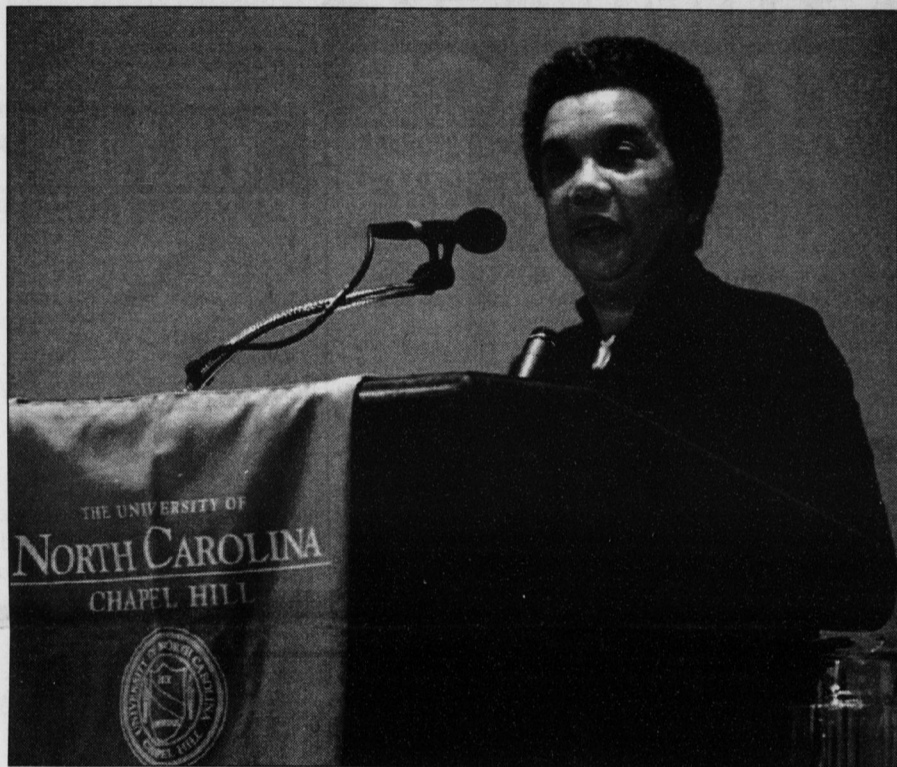
This quarter-century death toll is more than was lost total in the wars of the 20th century.

People need to take action and call for a new movement that will transform America, Edelman said.

"We need to cause change, not just witness it," she said. "We need to build a different vision of who we are."

Edelman said violence was not just an inner-city problem but that its effects were widespread. Homicide is the third leading cause of death among elementary and middle school children, and it is the leading cause of death in teenage black men, she said.

She also added that one child was reported to be abused and neglected every 13 seconds. "Young people need something to do to be off the streets. We've got to talk



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Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, addresses a capacity crowd Wednesday night in Hill Hall. Edelman is serving this year as an adjunct visiting professor in the School of Social Work.

about prevention," she said.

Never before has America seen children exposed to messages of sex and violence as early and often as they are today, Edelman said. "What I see is a total breakdown in American values, common sense, and parental and community responsibility to protect and nurture children," she said.

"We need to make sure every adult breaks the code of silence about the breakdown of society," she said. "The most important step each of us can take is to

change ourselves and add our voice to others in a new movement."

Edelman also stressed providing new opportunities for America's youth.

Children and teens are told what they need, and then they are denied jobs, Edelman said. The mass media tells children they need fancy clothes and shoes and other products to be acceptable in society, Edelman said. But when they are not given opportunities to earn money, children turn to crime for the money, she said.

UNC Music Department to Host Festival for Bicentennial Bands

BY MARISSA JONES
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High school bands disappointed by a seating mix-up at President Clinton's Bicentennial speech in October have been invited to return to UNC to play for prominent musicians.

The 20 bands attending UNC's Carolina Classic Band Festival May 6 and May 7 will not play for the president, but a panel of renowned musicians will critique their work and offer suggestions.

"We have been in contact with and hired some of the top composers of concert band literature and conductors of band," said UNC Assistant Band Director Matt Savage. "I would say we have some 'living legends' coming."

UNC also is hosting a choral festival April 29 and April 30 for high school groups that were supposed to perform at convocation.

The 13,000 band and choral members who came to UNC in October lost their reserved seats to an overzealous crowd. Most of the high school students were left outside the stadium or separated from their groups, and they were unable to play during convocation.

Some band directors and members still are bitter about their University Day experience and are refusing to attend the festival.

Tom Jenner, band director at Enloe High School in Raleigh, said he was fed up with Bicentennial events.

"My band has had enough dealings with the Bicentennial," he said. "The Bicentennial fiasco hurt a lot of feelings. My

students and myself are ready to say, 'Enough, we've had it, let's move on.'"

Savage said the University had agreed to pay for bands' transportation to the festival "on a sliding scale," depending on the distance members must travel.

Bands upset by the seating mix-up in November asked the University to reimburse them for expenses incurred by attending the convocation.

UNC officials said they could not afford to reimburse the 70 bands and 58 choruses — some of which spent as much as \$6,000 to come to the University — but proposed the festival as an alternative.

Steve Tepper, director of the Bicentennial Observance Office, said the festival was not intended to be compensatory.

"The opening ceremonies was a big event, and nothing we can do can bring that back," he said.

"A direct one-for-one retribution was not going to be possible, both financially and because not every band wanted that — some were very happy with the day."

Festival planners wanted to hold a statewide educational program that possibly could become an annual event, Tepper said.

"What happened October 12 was kind of an excuse to do something (UNC Band Director) James Hile has been wanting to do for a long time," he said.

At the festival, bands will play their choice of three pieces individually and receive taped comments from judges, Savage said.

"It's not a competition, it's just a festival," he said. "No ratings will be given; it's just comments and suggestions."

Anti-Greek Posters Show Up on Campus; Unknown Group Claims Responsibility

BY MICHELLE VANSTORY
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Some students at UNC are not happy with the Greek system, and they're making their position clear through several anti-Greek posters.

A group calling itself "Students Against Assholes Committees" posted several signs criticizing the University fraternities and sororities on campus buildings and in classrooms earlier this week.

The group is not an officially recognized University organization, according to UNC Student Affairs Division records.

The division conducts the application process by which student groups become officially recognized by the University.

The anti-Greek posters appeared just one week after a group calling itself the "Liberty and Justice for All Foundation" hung anti-conservative posters during last week's Conservative Awareness Week.

The posters accused campus conservative leaders of being racist and homophobic and criticized the Conservative Week events.

One of the anti-Greek posters suggests that fraternity men are homosexuals.

It reads: "In ancient Greece, young homosexual men joined groups called 'fraternities.' History repeats itself at UNC."

Edward Marshall, former president of the Interfraternity Council and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, said he thought the posters were funny.

"I think it's a joke," Marshall said Wednesday.

Be different:

Join a sorority.

NOT!



An unrecognized student group has claimed responsibility for hanging up anti-Greek posters.

"I don't think anybody would take it seriously."

Brian Kimzey, member of Sigma Nu fraternity, said he thought the posters resulted from ignorance.

"I don't know of any reason that we've called this upon ourselves," he said.

Another poster criticizing fraternities refers to evolutionist Charles Darwin.

The poster reads: "Darwin's theory of evolution says that idiots do not reproduce. Improve the gene pool. Kick a frat boy in the balls."

Sam Trachtenberg, a member of Kappa

Sigma fraternity, said he thought there always had been opposition to the Greek system at UNC.

Trachtenberg said he didn't pay much attention to the posters.

"I think it's to each his own," he said. "To be honest, I don't think any of us here care. We're certainly not concerned."

The group also took aim at UNC's sororities.

A poster showing a string of cut-out dolls, dressed alike and joining hands, reads: "Be different. Join a sorority. NOT!"

Delta Zeta sorority president Cindy Craig said she thought the posters were made by someone with a "bad attitude."

She said whoever put up the posters didn't understand the Greek system.

"I've found that a lot of times, people who are not in the Greek system don't understand," she said.

"That's probably what's happened here."

Craig added that the Greek system at UNC was trying hard to improve its image.

Stue Stowe, president of Kappa Delta sorority, agreed that the poster was not fair to sorority women.

"Obviously, I'm not going to agree," she said. "There are so many different women in sororities."

Stowe said that although there was a close bond among sorority sisters, sorority women were not all the same as the poster suggested.

None of those interviewed had any idea who could have created the posters.

Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can.

Danny Kaye