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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Bosnian Conflict Escalates As Serbs Threaten U.N.

WASHINGTON — Serbian forces massed outside a depot near Sarajevo Thursday and confronted French U.N. troops guarding artillery taken from the Serbs in February, administration officials said.

But U.N. officials in Sarajevo said the standoff had ended quietly after about a half hour when the Serbs withdrew a tank they had deployed at the depot.

Nonetheless, the incident raised new concerns about Serb intentions in Bosnia and questions about how the United States and its NATO allies might respond. President Clinton said he believed the Serbs would be making a mistake if they started treating U.N. and NATO forces as "adverse combatants."

Official Says Russia Won't Join Peace Partnership

MOSCOW — Protesting NATO air raids on Bosnian Serbs, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said Thursday he had dropped plans for Russia to join the alliance's Partnership for Peace program next week.

In a strong departure from his earlier positions, Kozyrev said there was no appropriate concept yet for Russia's role in the program.

Russia is angry it was not consulted in advance of the air raids on the Serbs, who are fellow Slavs and Orthodox Christians, and says the attacks have shattered Moscow's peace initiatives in the region. The attacks were almost unanimously criticized in Russia.

Palestinian Group Warns Of Three Imminent Attacks

JERUSALEM — A day after claiming responsibility for a bombing that killed five people, a Palestinian group warned it was planning three more attacks and told Arabs to avoid "crowded Israeli areas."

The leaflet was circulated Thursday by the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas, the leading opponent to the PLO-Israeli peace talks. It scolded PLO leader Yasser Arafat for condemning Wednesday's bombing and a similar one April 6.

Arafat phoned Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Wednesday and rejected violent acts by Palestinian opponents of the peace talks. On Tuesday, he sent a letter to President Clinton, in which he said he strongly rejected attacks on Israeli civilians.

Belgium to Pull Troops Out of Rwandan Mission

KIGALI, Rwanda — Rockets exploded at the capital's airport on Thursday, threatening the attempts of foreigners to escape the country, which daily is falling further into gruesome anarchy. Belgium announced it was pulling its troops out of the U.N. mission in Rwanda, threatening the entire multinational operation.

Mortar shells rained down on streets already bathed in blood as government forces battled the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front for control of the city.

More than 20,000 people are estimated to have died since fighting broke out between the army and the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front a week ago.

Vote Allows Death Penalty For 70 Additional Crimes

WASHINGTON — The House responded to demands for tough anti-crime legislation by authorizing the death penalty Thursday for nearly 70 additional crimes.

Working on a \$15 billion crime bill, the House rejected by a 314-111 vote an amendment that would have substituted life without parole for the death penalty. Among new crimes that could result in execution: drive-by shootings, a killing committed while stealing a car and activities of big-time drug dealers, even if they don't result in death.

President Clinton focused on other parts of the bill as he addressed a ceremony honoring police officers. The bill, he told the officers, would give them "the tools you need to do your jobs."

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Weather

TODAY: 30-percent chance of rain; high low 80s.

SATURDAY: 80-percent chance of rain; high mid-70s.

SUNDAY: Mostly clear; high 65-70.

Few Students Turn Out for Chancellor Forum

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Members of the chancellor search committee heard a variety of suggestions from students at a forum Thursday, but said they would return again to meet with students due to the low attendance at the forum.

The 12 committee members greatly outnumbered students at the start of the meeting. By the end of the forum, 15 students of the approximately 25 people in attendance had spoken.

Search committee chairman and Board of Trustees Chairman John Harris said he would meet with Student Body President George Battle to set another time to hear student concerns.

"If you tell me to be in the Pit, I'll be in the Pit," he said.

Although one student called the forum "a parade of special interests," nearly all of the speakers agreed the next chancellor should be someone who was devoted to improved communication between the

administration and the students.

Susan Dodge, speaking on behalf of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said the organization would like to see a chancellor who was committed to environmental concerns, but the most important quality in a new chancellor should be listening skills.

"It all boils down to someone who will listen to students' needs," Dodge, a junior from Katonah, N.Y., said.

Mike Easterly, a senior from Rochester, N.Y., said the next chancellor should focus more on undergraduate education. He said many of the hopes he had as a freshman had gone unfulfilled.

"I understand there have been budget cuts and other problems, but I don't feel that the administration has done enough to make up for that," he said.

"A lot of people's priorities were elsewhere."

But Marty White, a first-year law student and Student Congress representative,

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New Leader Should Value Nonfaculty, Employees Say

BY CHRIS GIOIA
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UNC faculty and staff had the opportunity to address members of the chancellor search committee with their concerns Thursday at two public meetings, the first in 100 Hamilton Hall and the second in Gerrard Hall.

The first meeting was attended by approximately 40 people, among them Ann Hamner, an administrative manager in the biostatistics department.

"I'm here because I'm interested in hearing what is said today, and I particularly want to hear what Margaret Balcom (chairwoman of The Employee Forum) has to say on behalf of the forum," Hamner said.

Three University officials spoke to

the 10 committee members and stated the qualities they thought essential for the new chancellor, who will replace Paul Hardin when he retires in June 1995.

Balcom, the first to speak, said her constituents wanted a chancellor who would respond to the needs of University employees, especially those who did not hold faculty positions.

"We need someone who is accessible and who does not receive her or his input about employees solely from faculty and administrators," Balcom said. "Someone who values employees' advice and who will continue the inclusion of employees on policy-making and advisory committees."

Patricia Bigelow, chairwoman of District 25 of the State Employees Association and an accounting assistant in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said her constituents would value a candi-

date who respected employees and included them in administrative operations.

"We ask that a new chancellor consider the employees as equals, persons who enjoy working in the University environment, persons who do their jobs well," Bigelow said.

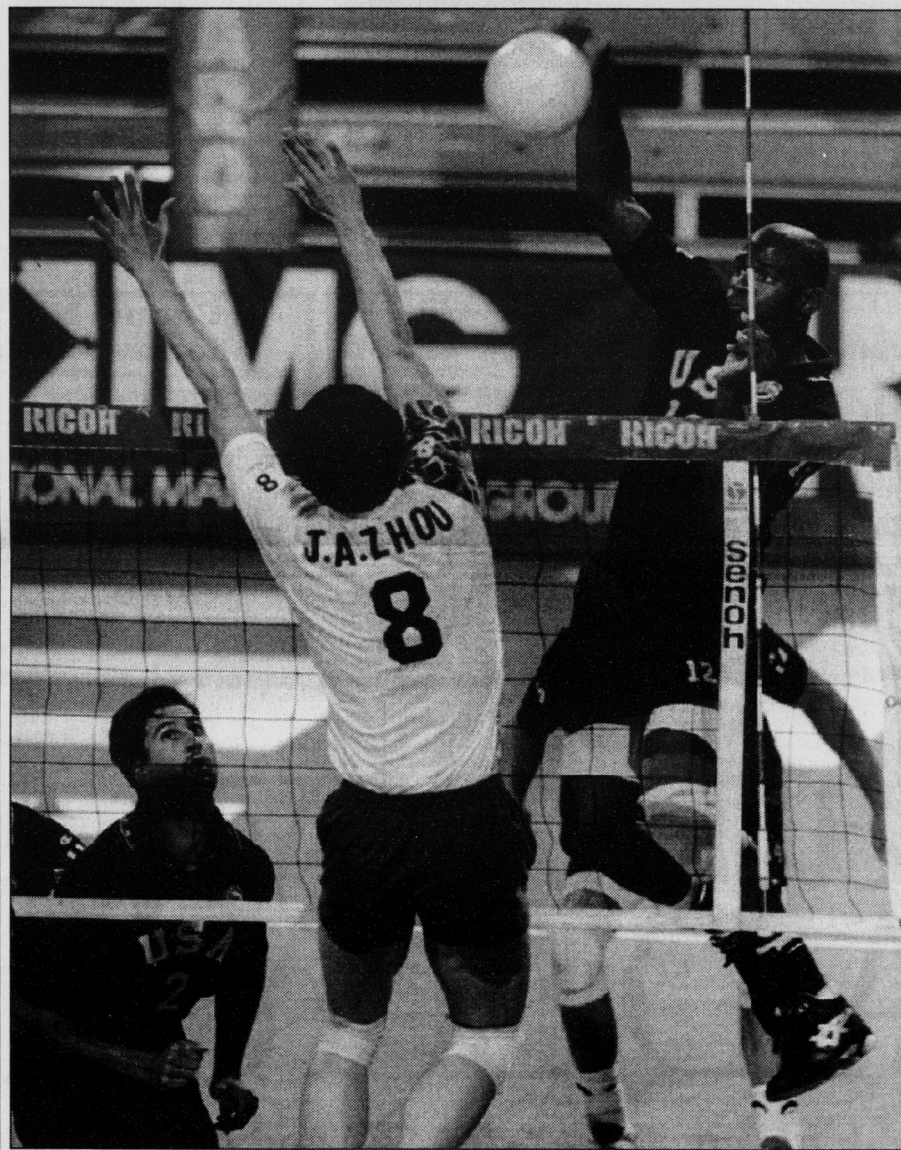
"Persons who want to participate actively and fully in the operations of the University, including membership on significant committees, such as this search committee," she said.

Larry Hicks, associate director of university housing, said he thought it was important for the search committee to select someone who would support student programs such as Student Health Services.

The second meeting, held at 4:30 p.m., lasted less than 15 minutes. After com-

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In Your Face



USA's outside power hitter Dexter Rogers puts a fast one past Zhou Jianan of China's national men's volleyball team in Carmichael Auditorium on Thursday night. USA won the match 3-0. See story on page 8.

Friendly Fire Destroys American Helicopters

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WASHINGTON — American fighter jets mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army helicopters over northern Iraq Thursday, killing the American crews and passengers from four other nations. "Something went wrong," said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and President Clinton promised to find out what.

The dead were military officers from the United States, Britain, France and Turkey working to support the U.N. humanitarian relief operation aiding the Kurdish minority in northern Iraq. Five Kurds also were aboard.

The helicopters were shot down by two F-15C fighters enforcing the "no-fly zone" over the area. Clinton expressed "terrible sorrow" and pledged a thorough investigation.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary William Perry said initial reports indicated the fighter pilots had mistaken the UH-60 Blackhawk choppers for Iraqi "Hind" helicopters.

Both jets apparently had the helicopters in sight during the daylight mission and both fired missiles, Perry said. F-15s carry AMRAAM or Sidewinder air-to-air missiles.

An AWACS reconnaissance plane was overseeing the helicopters' flight.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, the Joint Chiefs chairman, said the final order to shoot normally was given "on the scene" and not from military commanders at the jets' base in Incirlik, Turkey.

"Clearly, something went wrong, and an investigation will have to determine exactly what did go wrong," said the four-

star Army general, who spearheaded the relief effort for the Kurds in 1991.

U.S. warplanes and helicopters normally use electronic identification systems designed to tell friend from foe.

If proper procedures were followed, the helicopters' identification beacons should have been operating routinely, Shalikashvili said. He did not say whether the Pentagon knew if the beacons had been on or if they had emitted the proper coded messages.

A Kurdish spokesman said the helicopters were ferrying U.S., British, French and Turkish officers from the U.N. office in Zakho, near the Turkish border. The group planned to meet Kurdish leaders in Salahaddin, the central region of the Kurdish zone.

Clinton said those who died were a part of a "mission of mercy."

"They served with courage and professionalism, and they lost their lives while trying to save the lives of others. The important work they were doing must and will continue," he said.

The dead included 15 from the United States, three from Turkey, one from France, two from Britain and five Kurds, Lt. Gen. Richard Keller, the chief of staff of the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said in a telephone briefing with reporters at the Pentagon.

"There were no survivors," Keller said. The bodies were being taken to the base in Turkey.

Both Perry and Shalikashvili appeared shaken by the event, the secretary appearing somewhat pale and the general red-

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Student Union Changes Great Hall Party Policy

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Fewer non-UNC students will be able to attend parties and dances at UNC due to a new Great Hall party policy enacted by the Student Union.

Student Union Director Don Luse met with Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder, National Pan Hellenic Council adviser Darryl Lester, University Police and students to revise the rules.

The new policy requires limiting guests to one non-UNC student per UNC student, leaving all lights on during the event and discussing security plans with University Police before the event.

The first event that will be affected by the new policies is the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Greek Freak party. Greek Freak, a step show sponsored by the fraternity, will be held Saturday, and the party will follow.

The changes are the result of an early-morning fight on March 27 between UNC football players and Durham Technical College students during a Great Hall party. About 800 people were attending the party hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. University Police arrested a Durham Tech student after a shot was fired at a UNC student.

Carlos Pauling, Kappa Alpha Psi president, said it was unfortunate the violence occurred at his fraternity's event and said the fight could have happened anywhere on campus. Pauling, who is also Carolina Union Activities Board president, said he understood the change in the policy but hoped the policy would be revised.

"It's really unfortunate for the groups who try to have events under the new policy," he said.

A committee headed by Vice Chancellor of University Affairs Harold Wallace is working to develop a policy for events for the fall, Pauling said. He also said he hoped the new policy would include a more proactive role for the police officers at the events. "I would like to see the police be more of a presence at the events not just around to break off the scuffles — maybe walk through the Great Hall to let people know they are there," Pauling said.

"I would also like to see more controls on the people who congregate outside the Great Hall and don't actually pay to attend the event," he said. "The majority of the problems come from outside students and maybe one or two UNC students."

The ban on parties in the Great Hall was lifted in August 1992 after six months. The ban was enacted after a fight broke out involving UNC and N.C. Central University football players. Sixteen University Police officers were needed to get the situation under control. The fight two weeks ago was the first case of fighting since the ban on parties was lifted.

Other restrictions in the current party policy include installing a metal detector and requiring four University Police officers to attend the event. Before the new policies, anyone with college identification could attend the events.

Pauling said the Great Hall parties were a fund-raising outlet for most black Greek organizations and a social outlet for UNC black students. "I am just glad that they didn't take away Great Hall parties."

City Schools Face Suit From Eagle Scout

BY LYNN HOUSER
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A ninth-grade Eagle Scout plans to file a lawsuit Tuesday against the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, claiming that a new mandatory community service requirement is unconstitutional.

Although Aric Herndon, 14, is no stranger to community service, he said he believed the government had no right to require it. "First of all, it's unconstitutional," Aric said. "And also, they call it 'mandatory voluntary,' which is an oxymoron."

Beginning last fall, Chapel Hill High School required freshmen to perform 50 hours of community service during their high school years in order to graduate. Students cannot be paid for the work.

But when the school board approved the requirement about two years ago, they did not call it "voluntary," said school board chairman Ken Touw. The board left the details of the program up to the high school, he said.

Touw said the board had decided the benefit students would get from performing community service outweighed the fact

that a small percentage of students might not want to participate. "It's a benefit," he said. "They learn by doing. That's the best way to learn."

The Institute for Justice in Washington, D.C., stated in a press release this week that it will file two lawsuits, one for Herndon and one for a student in Mamaroneck, N.Y., who is in a similar situation.

Individuals in a free society should not be required to serve others, and the government should not dictate what individuals "owe" the community, the release states. The decision to serve others must be between an individual and his conscience, it states.

Aric agreed. "Community service should come from the heart," he said. "People should want to do it, not have to do it. If people don't want to do something, they won't do a good job."

Aric spent more than 80 hours on his Eagle Scout project alone, said his father, John Herndon. For that project, Aric designed and built several split-log benches at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

"He has hundreds of hours, countless hours, since he was 5 years old," said Aric's mother, Christiana Herndon. "He

has always helped people and won't stop doing that. It doesn't matter what he has done, he'll still do more."

If prisoners cannot be forced to work without pay, then neither should students, John Herndon said. "The government is usurping authority not constitutionally granted to it."

High school officials have asked Aric if he would drop the suit if they counted his past service hours toward his graduation requirement, Christiana Herndon said.

She said Aric told them it was nice of them to offer, but that was not why he was filing the lawsuit.

Touw said the requirement came out of a communitywide task force that set guidelines five or six years ago on what should be expected of graduates. "One was that they should be effective citizens who had contributed to the community," he said.

Most students already perform community service, Touw said. The program's purpose is to benefit the small percentage who aren't participating and who don't get encouragement at home to do so, he said.

In 1990, two families in Bethlehem, Pa.,

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Indecency and fun are old cronies.

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