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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Soldiers Kill 23 in Attack On Democracy Movement

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Soldiers massacred at least 23 fishermen and merchants in a west coast slum loyal to ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, witnesses and human rights advocates said Monday. It followed a wave of attacks on Haiti's pro-democracy movement.

The soldiers raided a seaside neighborhood in the west coast city of Gonaïves on Saturday, firing shots in the air but causing no reported injuries.

Hours later, they returned and began shooting indiscriminately at people gathering firewood on the beach. The troops also commandeered rowboats and attacked fishermen off shore. The weekend attack was first reported Monday.

The killings come as Washington has toughened its stance against the military, which has dominated Haiti since ousting the elected Aristide in a 1991 coup.

Car Bomb Raises Death Toll to 19 in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A car bomb devastated a crowded taxi stand used by black commuters Monday, raising the death toll to 19 in a terrorist spree aimed at disrupting this week's historic all-race election.

The terror spread to a Pretoria suburb late in the day, when an explosion rocked an area used by black commuters. Police said there were some deaths and up to 40 people were injured.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh said police were questioning someone in Sunday and Monday's bombings in the Johannesburg area, but he refused to give any details.

His announcement followed earlier police statements that they hoped for a breakthrough soon.

Serbs Block Aid Convoy Headed to Muslim Enclave

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs blocked a U.N. aid convoy headed for Gorazde on Monday despite pledges to allow free access, but appeared to be moving heavy weapons farther away from the Muslim town as demanded by NATO.

U.N. helicopters evacuated 91 more wounded people from the besieged Muslim enclave for treatment in Sarajevo. Hundreds more were awaiting flights.

The Serbs mostly halted their assault on Gorazde on Sunday, more than a day after NATO threatened air strikes if they did not immediately cease fire and withdraw armor and artillery 1.9 miles from the town center.

U.N. Requests Aid Money For War-Ravaged Rwanda

NAIROBI, Kenya — The United Nations appealed for money Monday to help Rwandans, even as the only two aid groups working in the country reduced their operations in despair over the ethnic slaughter.

Troops of the Hutu-run government and mainly Tutsi rebels exchanged more gunfire in the capital, Kigali, U.N. spokesman Abdul Kabia reported.

Speaking by telephone from Kigali, he said the United Nations was getting "disturbing reports" of widespread fighting and new massacres in the countryside.

An estimated 100,000 people have been slain since a suspicious plane crash April 6 killed the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, both Hutus.

Egyptian Police Attack Muslim Extremist Group

CAIRO, Egypt — Police killed a leader of the main radical Islamic group on Monday in a raid on his Cairo hideout. They killed four suspected members of the group in another raid in the southern city of Assiut.

Talaat Yassin Hamam, known as the "Tiger," exchanged fire with officers before dawn and was killed, police said. Weapons were seized at the hideout.

Hamam was the Cairo head of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, a security source said.

He was responsible for planning most of the attacks against police and banks in the past year, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 80s.
WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-80s.

New Policy Changes Senior Ticket Distribution

BY KIM GOINES
STAFF WRITER

The Carolina Athletic Association voted unanimously Sunday to establish a separate ticket distribution policy for next year's senior basketball game.

Jen Rasmussen, CAA co-president, said the senior game policy was the biggest change made in the 1994-95 student ticket distribution policy, which the CAA released Monday. All other changes were minor, she said.

In order to be eligible for a senior ticket, all graduating seniors and final-year graduate students must obtain senior verifica-

tion cards from CAA, Rasmussen said. With the change, CAA officials will be able to tell beforehand who is eligible for senior tickets, she said.

Rasmussen said CAA members hoped to distribute the cards with next year's athletic passes. Athletic passes for this semester were distributed at the beginning of the semester in the Pit.

Tickets for the senior game — UNC vs. Duke — will be given out on a random basis. Seniors will be given first preference for tickets. Beginning at 8 a.m. on the Saturday morning before the game, senior tickets will be distributed according to the number of students in line at the time of

distribution. As in the standard policy, each senior in line may get two tickets, she said. "Once they're in the lot, they will receive a presence voucher to show they were there at the time of distribution."

Tickets then are distributed randomly to seniors. "For example, if 1,000 students show up, then 2,000 of the best tickets — the entire lower level and some upper level — will be put into envelopes and handed to students randomly at the window," Rasmussen said.

"So, the first person in line could conceivably get an upper-level seat."

Rasmussen said this would discourage students from camping out because it would

not increase their chances of getting a better seat. All tickets left over after senior distribution will be distributed to undergrads in the usual best-to-worst order at 1 p.m.

Other changes in basketball ticket distribution deal with the times of distribution, Rasmussen said. Students will not be allowed to begin camping out until 6 p.m., an hour later than usual, on the Friday before Saturday morning ticket distribution. Distribution on Saturdays will begin at 8 a.m., an hour earlier than usual.

The changes in the policy for football games were minor ones, she said.

The CAA decided to move the student

block seating section from Section 13 in Kenan Stadium to the end zone because in the past, students sitting in the general admission section would spill over into the block sections. "There was a greater demand for security in block seating," Rasmussen said. "The individual seats of the blocks will be forfeited if people are not in their seats after 30 minutes."

The other change involves tickets for the UNC vs. N.C. State game. Students will be allowed only one guest ticket for this game, rather than the usual two tickets. Rasmussen said that because it was the biggest game of the year, CAA wanted to provide more tickets for UNC students.

Around the Clock



Elias Bingham, 17, a junior at Chapel Hill High School, brushes up on his skating technique Monday afternoon around the sundial in front of Morehead Planetarium on East Franklin Street.

Students Say Minority Leaders Good for UNC

BY MARISSA JONES
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in the University's history, the two most visible branches of student government are led by black students. February's elections brought more minority representatives to Student Congress than in past years, and key positions in the student body president's cabinet are held by black students.

And most of them say more minorities in student government will make a positive difference for the University.

George Battle, UNC's fourth black student body president, said having more minorities in leadership positions would make student government more effective. Battle's vice president, Donyell Phillips, along with Student Congress Speaker Monica Cloud and six members of congress are minorities.

"Anytime you have substantial minority representation, I think it benefits the whole body," Battle said. "I think as many different viewpoints as congress and student government can get, it better serves the student body."

Including members of traditionally underrepresented groups in student government also discourages prejudice, he said.

"It goes a long way toward dispelling a lot of the myths some people have about minorities and women — about our capabilities to handle and exercise power."

Battle also said high minority representation could indicate that race was becoming less of an issue in UNC campus elections.

"My best bet would be that people realize that these particular candidates were the best, regardless of race, and I think that says a lot about where (UNC students) are going as a group," he said.

Omar McCallop, the Dist. 15 Student Congress representative, said he thought increased minority representation would have positive effects on Student Congress processes.

"I think it will allow Student Congress to include views from all minorities," he said. "It will be reflected in the funding of groups and in all the aspects of Student Congress."

But Philip Charles-Pierre, Battle's chief of staff and former congress member, said some UNC students were wary of the increased representation of minorities and women in student government.

"I've heard that people have noticed it and are wary, and I don't understand that," Charles-Pierre said. "I think it's an attempt at marginalization, and it puts a lot of pressure on people who have positions of power now."

Charles-Pierre said he thought the increase in minority leaders would create positive results. "I think because of the pressure, it's going to make people in power work a lot harder, so I think it's going to have a wonderful effect on student government and the University in general."

McCallop said he felt a pressure to perform his duties well but said the pressure was self-imposed. "I feel like it's my duty to set an example — to do well — for minorities who might come into congress in the future," he said. "Everything we do, bad or good, is going to stand out."

Eddie Hanes, executive secretary for human relations for Battle's administration, said he thought pressure from campus groups was not an issue for most minorities in leadership positions.

"I think my motivation comes from within," Hanes said. "I don't feel any outside pressure from community groups, and I don't think any minorities in student government positions would feel that pressure because they're very motivated people."

McCallop said some leaders feared a backlash against minority candidates in future years because of this year's high representation.

"I've heard talk that because there are so many minorities in student government there will be some kind of backlash in future years that would come from a need to compensate for the lack of white leadership this year."

Hanes said he hoped UNC students would not vote for candidates based on their race. "I would hope that students at this University would not vote just because of race."

But Hanes said it was counterproductive to worry about future elections.

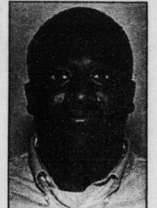
"You've got to worry about the here and now," he said. "I don't want to muddy the water around having positive people in leadership positions."



Analysis



OMAR MCCALLOP says having more minority representatives will improve congress.



PHILIP CHARLES-PIERRE says greater minority representation will help UNC.



GEORGE BATTLE is the fourth black student body president in UNC history.

Buyback Program Still Seeking Funds

BY KATHRYN HASS
STAFF WRITER

An auction held Saturday to raise money for the Buy Back the Hill gun buyback program fell short of its \$5,000 goal by about \$3,000, program chairman Fred Meier said Monday.

Meier said a little more than \$2,000 was raised at the auction, sponsored by Chi Psi fraternity and a community volunteer task force. The money will be used to buy back unwanted guns from local owners who bring them to the Chapel Hill police station on Airport Road on May 7 or May 21.

Gun owners can receive anywhere from \$20 to \$50 for guns in operating condition. Guns collected most likely will be turned into some sort of art object, Meier said.

Though the auction was well organized and received many donations, only about 25 people attended, Meier said. Local businesses and residents donated items that were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The highest bid, \$350, was for a lunch date with UNC men's basketball coach Dean Smith. Meier said a 15-foot sailboat netted \$300. "We were disappointed that we didn't have more people and raise more money. We're not worried about the community's attitude because everybody

that has talked to me is for it."

Concern about an increase in gun-related violence prompted Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Protzman, chief executive officer of Franklin Street marketing and advertising firm FGI Inc., to start Buy Back the Hill in September of last year.

Protzman said that the low attendance was due to other weekend events and that the program would fall short of its overall \$20,000 goal. "It's kind of discouraging," Protzman said. "We're not giving up our fund-raising — we're keeping it going on all the time. Regardless of what ends up, we'll be able to make a dent."

Chi Psi member Matt Cheek, a senior from Pennsylvania, said the turnout was less than he hoped, but he was not disappointed. "Certainly it was successful — you have to start somewhere," he said.

Cheek said about 25 members of the fraternity helped set up the event. He said the death of Appalachian State University student Christopher Todd Stewart at the Chi Psi house during a party sparked the fraternity's involvement in the program.

Stewart, 20, was killed Jan. 27 after a Glock 40-caliber semiautomatic pistol accidentally fired and killed him. Chapel Hill District Court Judge Patricia Love decided Friday that ASU student William Scott

Barnes, 21, would face a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with Stewart's death.

Another auction will not be held, but fund-raising efforts will continue, Meier said. The program has raised about \$6,000, or 30 percent, of its overall goal of \$20,000 since its beginning in January. "We have a long way to go," Meier said. "We need all the help we can get."

Meier said program organizers studied gun buyback events in other towns to establish how much to pay owners and to estimate how many guns would be received. "What we decided is we would let the Chapel Hill Police Department put a value on the guns — anywhere from \$20," Meier said.

The most recent buyback occurred in Stoneville, N.C. Thirty-eight guns were collected in the town of 1,500 on one day March 4. A similar program in Minneapolis collected 6,000 guns in a six-day period.

Organizers of buyback programs told Meier not to underestimate the number of guns that would be turned in on the specified days.

"There are guns (out there), and there are people who will be willing to turn them in," he said. "I think (the number of local guns) number is probably pretty good."

New Japanese Prime Minister Suffers Blow With Collapse of Coalition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata suffered a severe blow after less than 12 hours in office early Tuesday when the largest party in his coalition quit due to political disputes.

The departure of the left-leaning Socialists deprived Hata of his majority in Parliament and raised severe doubts about whether he would be able to deal with pressing issues, such as trade frictions with the United States, an overdue budget and tax reform.

Hata said he hoped the Socialists would change their minds. "I will call for us to open our hearts and talk, and ask them to remain," Hata told a 3:30 a.m. news conference at his official residence.

He postponed plans to form a Cabinet until at least later Tuesday. The current Cabinet includes six Socialist ministers, all of whom would have to be replaced.

The move brought new turmoil to the six-party coalition, which bickered for two weeks before uniting behind Hata as prime

minister.

Hata, a former foreign minister, had hoped to quickly name a Cabinet and move ahead with the government's overdue budget. He also has promised to settle trade disputes with the United States.

Despite quitting the ruling coalition, the Socialists' chairman, Tomiichi Murayama, said the party would cooperate in passing the budget for fiscal 1994, which began more than three weeks ago.

It was not immediately clear whether Hata would attempt to govern with a minority and rely on support on individual issues from the Socialists or the conservative opposition Liberal Democrats.

The departure of the Socialists left Hata's coalition with 180 to 190 seats in the 511-seat lower house of Parliament, far short of a majority. That means Hata would need significant support from opposition lawmakers to pass any bill — a sure formula for political gridlock.

And if the Socialists, with their 74 seats, teamed up with the Liberal Democrats,

who have 206, they could pass a no-confidence motion against Hata at any time.

Parliament elected Hata, 58, on Monday afternoon to replace Morihiro Hosokawa, who rose to power with a promise to clean up corruption but resigned after eight months in office amid allegations of financial wrongdoing.

The coalition's split grew out of an agreement by a group of conservative and centrist parties, led by Hata's Japan Renewal Party, to unite in a single parliamentary bloc that excludes the leftist Socialists. The Socialists were not told of the move until after Hata's election.

The move appeared to be a bold step by conservative power broker Ichiro Ozawa — Hata's top ally — to isolate the Socialists, who have fought endlessly with Ozawa over his plans to raise the national sales tax to pay for a cut in the income tax demanded by Washington.

Murayama said at a news conference that the move "will increase the distrust of the people" in politics. He criticized the

other coalition partners for not informing the Socialists of their plans.

Speaking before Hata's call for new talks, Murayama said his party's decision was final.

The turmoil will make it unlikely that Japan will be able to respond with decisive market-opening measures in the face of U.S. threats of trade sanctions over the \$59 billion annual U.S.-Japan trade imbalance.

American officials have demanded that Japan cut the red tape wielded by powerful bureaucrats in Tokyo, which they describe as a barrier to foreign products. But a divided or minority government would hardly be capable of battling the bureaucrats.

The division between the Socialists and the rest of the coalition was a familiar one. The two sides have feuded about how to pay for the income tax cut, which Washington is urging as a way of increasing Japanese consumer demand for imports. Hata has promised a decision on taxes by June.



TSUTOMU HATA lost his majority in Parliament because the Socialist Party left the ruling coalition.

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.

Gloria Steinem