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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Taiwanese Plane Crashes While Landing, Killing 259

NAGOYA, Japan — A Taiwanese jetliner crashed and burned while trying to land at an airport in central Japan on Tuesday night, killing at least 259 people and narrowly missing a nearby housing area.

The China Airlines A300-600R Airbus had 271 people on board.

Airport officials said 10 were being treated in hospitals, and two were unaccounted for.

Minutes before the crash, pilot Wang Lo-chi radioed that he would abandon his landing attempt and try again, the Transport Ministry said. The pilot did not give a reason or indicate any trouble.

In his last transmission, he simply said: "Going around." The plane, flying to Nagoya from Taipei, Taiwan, crashed several hundred yards to the right of the runway.

Had it gone another 200 yards straight ahead, it would have hit houses.

It ended up just short of several hangars of an air force base at the airport, and the quick response by airmen was credited with saving some lives.

A Transport Ministry official said the fire was put out about 40 minutes after the crash, the second worst in Japanese aviation history.

Hours later, some 3,000 police, firefighters and troops were gingerly lifting wreckage with cranes and by hand in the search for the remaining victims.

The plane, Flight 140, was carrying 256 passengers, including two infants, and 15 crew members when it crashed at 8:18 p.m., officials said.

Serbs Withdraw Weapons Following NATO Threats

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb forces were withdrawing their heavy weapons Tuesday from around Gorazde under new threats of air strikes, but it was not clear if they would complete the pull-out by a NATO deadline.

NATO has given the Bosnian Serbs until 2:01 a.m. Wednesday (8 p.m. EDT Tuesday) to withdraw their big guns 12.4 miles from the center of the eastern Muslim enclave.

There were conflicting accounts of Serb compliance. The Serbs claimed they had completed the withdrawal. A U.N. official said they had moved a "significant portion" of the weapons out.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the Serbs had moved some weapons, but not enough.

Demonstrations Break Out in Hebron After Killing

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank — Demonstrations broke out in Hebron on Tuesday after Israeli troops killed a Palestinian they said tried to stab a soldier. Palestinian witnesses said the shooting was unprovoked.

The Islamic militant group Hamas, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for killing an Israeli soldier, and officials said two Israeli Arabs were among 27 Palestinians arrested overnight for a suicide bombing of a bus two weeks ago.

Police identified the two Arabs as Atef Kabaha, 46, and Majed Kabaha, 48, of the Arab village of Barta, which straddles the West Bank and Israel.

Atef Kabaha is suspected of taking the assailant to the northern town of Hadera on April 13, where he set off the bomb that killed five Israelis. Majed Kabaha is suspected of conspiracy, said police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen. The two men are members of the same clan.

U.S. Creating Diplomatic Package With North Korea

WASHINGTON — In a renewed effort to break the deadlock with North Korea concerning nuclear inspections, the United States is putting together a new package of diplomatic incentives, a senior administration official said Tuesday.

Robert Gallucci, assistant secretary of state for political and military affairs, said the package probably would include an offer to suspend the military exercise the United States and South Korea plan to hold in November.

He said it also was likely to include resumption of talks between the United States and North Korea as well as between the North and South Korean governments.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 80s.

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high upper 80s.

South Africans Vote in First All-Race Elections

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Black South Africans made history Tuesday, voting by the tens of thousands to take control of their country for the first time since whites arrived 342 years ago.

Refusing to be cowed by a wave of deadly bombings, the elderly and infirm came in droves from squatter settlements and thatched villages to mark a simple cross on a piece of paper.

Some literally crawled, and others were pushed to the polls in wheelbarrows. Many broke down in tears after making their mark.

"We need freedom," said 72-year-old Florence Ndimangele, voting with other elderly people near Cape Town. "We are tired of being slaves."

Underscoring the epic change, a new South African flag was raised at midnight in ceremonies at nine regional capitals after the old flag that many blacks viewed as a symbol of white rule was lowered.

The anthem of the anti-apartheid movement, "God Bless Africa," was sung for the first time as one of the two official national anthems, along with "Die Stem" (The Call), a hymn of the Afrikaners, whose five-decade rule is about to end.

Despite late-arriving ballots and lines so long in some places that people collapsed, the mood among blacks casting the first vote of their lives was jubilant.

Tuesday's voting was reserved for the aged, invalids, people in hospitals and the military. General voting begins Wednesday, when African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk will cast their ballots.



NELSON MANDELA is predicted to win this week's election.

"Today marks the dawn of our freedom," Mandela said.

For Gladys Shabalala, a 62-year-old retired nurse voting near Durban, it was a day of immeasurable significance.

"There have been so many white elections," she said.

"I used to pass the posters on the road and dream about whether I would be able to vote. That's why I came so early, to see if this is really happening."

Her seven daughters will see "a real new South Africa," she said.

After two days of bombings by suspected right-wingers that killed 21 people and injured more than 150, no violence



F.W. DE KLERK oversaw the end of all-white rule.

was reported Tuesday. Election officials said they were generally pleased with the voting, despite some glitches.

The heavy turnout was a striking repudiation of the bomb-throwers, as blacks went out of their way to show they would not be denied their moment of glory.

"I can't wait to vote," said 29-year-old David Maimola, speaking from a hospital bed where he is recovering from injuries sustained in a bomb blast Sunday.

"After what has happened to me ... I want a new government."

The election, set to conclude Thursday night, will select a national assembly and nine provincial assemblies. The ANC is expected to win about 60 percent of the vote. Second place should go to de Klerk's National Party, which implemented apartheid to separate the races, then dismantled it under growing pressure at home and abroad.

The 75-year-old Mandela, who struggled all his life against apartheid and spent 27

years in prison, is expected to be sworn in on May 10 as president of South Africa's first democratic government. He will govern a deeply divided country, with unemployment and illiteracy higher than 50 percent among blacks.

The vote brings to a close an era in which 5 million whites dominated 35 million blacks, coloreds and Asians.

"It's the end of an epoch," said Adeline Barkhuizen, 66, who lives on a farm outside Pretoria. "It will be difficult for the Afrikaner people."

Many whites said they shared the blacks' joy. "I never thought I would see the day when I would wish I was a black person," enthused one white caller to a talk-radio station.

Waits of four or more hours to vote were not uncommon. At Empilweni Hospital in Port Elizabeth, sick and elderly voters collapsed in the hot sun.

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Hammering It Out



At Roots of Charron Sports Services straightens a piece of bent steel on the Carmichael Auditorium bleachers. Repairs also include tightening and lubing the moving parts of the folding seats on the west wall of the auditorium.

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UGa. Adviser to Oversee Greek Affairs

BY MARTY MINCHIN
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

After months of searching, the University has hired Ron Binder, who currently works in the Greek Affairs Office at the University of Georgia, to serve as assistant dean of student affairs and full-time adviser to Greek organizations.

"We are just very excited and positive about his coming up here," said Frederic Schroeder, dean of students. "I think he will bring to the position not only similar experience gained in his eight years of work in Greek affairs there, but also he brings to it a real full-time focus on the issues of Greek affairs."

Binder is known for turning the UGa. fraternity and sorority system from one of

the worst in the country to a model university Greek system. He said he wanted to make a long-term commitment to improving UNC's Greek system.

"I would like to eventually see the reputation of the Greek system at Chapel Hill equal to the reputation of Chapel Hill itself," Binder said in a phone interview Tuesday night. "I think that with substantial effort and a lot of patience, there's a good possibility for the Chapel Hill Greek system to have a national reputation."

Binder's decision to take the job comes at a time when alumni, sorority and fraternity members, and UNC administrators are working to improve the University's Greek system.

UNC has been without a full-time Greek adviser since August, when former Assis-

tant Dean of Students Judi Barter left the University.

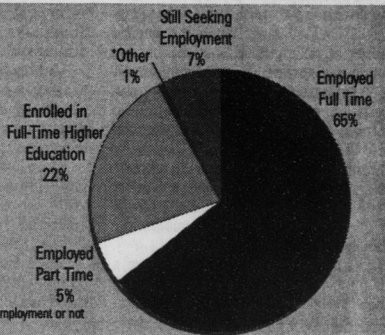
Binder said one of the main reasons he decided to come to Chapel Hill was that he saw a strong commitment among all involved with the system to work together to improve the UNC Greek system.

"I sense they are making a commitment to really work with the Greek system," Binder said. "They've made a decision to really embrace Greek life."

Bettie Ann Everett, a member of the UNC Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs, said she thought Binder would bring major changes to the UNC Greek system. "I'm so thrilled that such a qualified, confident person is coming," she said. "I think this is a turning point on this campus."

Employment Status of 1993 UNC Graduates

These figures represent a response rate of 44.1 percent to a University Career Services survey sent to all 1993 UNC graduates.



*Graduates not employed, not seeking employment or not enrolled in further education.
SOURCE: UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES

Job Market Not Too Hopeless for Seniors

BY MARTY MINCHIN
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

Sunny spring days for many mean it's time to bring out towels, sunglasses and other necessities of basking in the sun. But for some graduating seniors, fun in the sun signals something a little more sobering—unemployment.

But several recent studies suggest a better job market for these soon-to-be graduates, with slight increases in the number of college graduates hired.

According to a study released by University Career Services, 64.7 percent of 1993 University graduates who responded to a survey were employed full-time eight months after graduation. Some of those graduates are working for The Wall Street Journal, CNN, members of Congress and the PGA Tour.

"I think (the possibility of seniors getting jobs) is very hopeful," said Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services. "The numbers really don't say very much."

Harris said the percentage of unemployed graduates six months after graduation was very low, and the number of graduates who reported being satisfied with their job was high.

Compared to the 1992 UCS survey, 1.5 percent more of the respondents were employed full-time, while 2.6 percent fewer were employed part-time. The survey results were compiled from questionnaires sent to every 1993 graduate by University Career Services. Of the 2,360 surveys sent out, 1,034 were returned—a response rate of 44.1 percent.

Of the respondents to the survey, 5.2

percent were employed part-time, and 7.1 percent still were seeking employment. Only 0.7 percent of the respondents were not employed, enrolled in further education or seeking employment.

USA Today also reported good news Monday for graduating seniors—the job market is improving. An annual Northwestern University survey of corporate hiring plans last year projected a 2-percent increase in college hiring this spring.

Victor Lindquist, director of placement at Northwestern University, told USA Today that the quality and number of jobs available to graduating seniors was much better than it had been in years.

Forty-six percent of employers will increase their hiring of four-year college graduates this year, while 32 percent plan to cut back, according to the Northwestern study.

But for more and more college graduates, higher education has become a necessary prerequisite to the job they want.

The UCS study reported that 22.3 percent of 1993 respondents were enrolled full-time in further education. 1993 UNC graduates are pursuing higher education at schools ranging from Harvard University to the University of Kansas to Gregorian University in Rome. At least 50 1993 graduates are pursuing further education at UNC, according to the survey.

Henry Dearman, director of graduate studies at UNC, said the University had seen about a 10-percent increase in the number of applicants to UNC graduate schools this year.

But Dearman said he could not say

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Professor Steps Down From Search Committee

BY PHUONG LY
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Former Faculty Council Chairman James Peacock, who recently resigned from the chancellor search committee, might be a possible candidate for the chancellorship.

Several people have mentioned that Peacock, faculty chairman since 1991, would be qualified to head the University after Chancellor Paul Hardin steps down in June 1995. A new chairman was elected Friday.

"A lot of people think he ought to be the next chancellor," said journalism Professor Chuck Stone, also a member of the search committee. "He's highly regarded. He's a wonderful scholar and a great human being."

As a professor of anthropology, Peacock fits at least one of the criteria—being a "superior academician"—that UNC-

system President C.D. Spangler outlined at the first meeting of the search committee.

But Peacock, who resigned at the search committee's April 14 closed meeting, won't say much on the possibility of being a candidate for the chancellorship.

"I'd really rather not discuss that," he said Tuesday night. "The search process is confidential, and I'll just maintain that."

Stepping down from the search committee was not because of any dissatisfaction with the committee, but because of

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JAMES PEA Cock would not comment on his decision to resign.

Employee Group to Start Letter Drive for Raise

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

University staff and faculty will use the power of the pen to persuade state legislators that they deserve raises at two State Employee Association of North Carolina workshops May 5.

The workshops, called "Early Bird Letters For 6 Percent in '94," will focus on writing letters to the members of the General Assembly, who will meet for their short session beginning May 25.

The workshops will be held in room 210 of the Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The goal of the letter-writing campaign is to obtain 6-percent raises for all state employees, which includes UNC faculty and staff, said Kay Wijnberg, the political action chairwoman for SEANC's Dist. 25.

"The raise is for all state employees, but the focus is on University employees," she said. "We're part of the state work force, so a raise for state employees affects us. Our goal is to have as many letters as possible mailed by or on May 20 to reach the General Assembly by May 25."

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KAY WIJNBURG
SEANC's Dist. 25 political action chairwoman

Although the push for increased salaries is not a new project, the "Early Bird" workshops represent a more concentrated effort, Wijnberg said.

"This is a specific focus as a preliminary to the General Assembly's short session," she said. "We want to involve employees on their own behalf."

At the workshops, employees will learn why a 6-percent raise was chosen as the goal of the campaign. Wijnberg said the salaries staff members currently received were not competitive with other area jobs.

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Studies on the turnover rate for staff employees show that these employees of-

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Editor's Note

This is the last issue of The Daily Tar Heel this semester. Pick up a copy of the annual DTH Graduation Gift Guide on Thursday or on graduation weekend.

The DTH office will close at 5 p.m. Friday and reopen May 16. The first summer issue will be published May 19.

The DTH still is accepting applications for the summer DTH staff.

Applications are available at the DTH office, Union Suite 104. Some desk editor positions also are still available.

Contact Kelly Ryan (406-7249) if you have any questions.

I ain't no lady. I'm a newspaperwoman.

Hazel Brannon Smith