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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

U.S. Agrees to Talks With North Korean Government

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States has agreed to talk to North Korea next week in Pyongyang about establishing diplomatic ties with the hard-line Communist regime.

Simultaneously, the two sides will meet in Berlin on replacing a 5-megawatt experimental reactor that is part of North Korea's suspect nuclear program with new technology considered less dangerous.

Both meetings will be held Sept. 10 against a backdrop of North Korean promises to maintain a freeze on the program, which U.S. government analysts believe already has produced one or two nuclear weapons.

State Department officials, confirming the talks, said the Berlin meeting would also deal with ways to store spent fuel from the North Korean reaction safely.

Cuban, American Officials Meet to Discuss Refugees

NEW YORK — Hoping to halt the flood of Cubans trying to reach the United States, U.S. officials met with a Cuban delegation Thursday to discuss the exodus and the possibilities of legal migration.

The talks at the U.S. mission to the United Nations came after more than 19,000 Cubans fled their homeland in the past month. The exodus began when Cuban President Fidel Castro responded to Aug. 5 riots in Havana by suggesting he would no longer stop those trying to leave.

Neither side would comment on details of the talks when they took a brief lunch break at midday.

On Wednesday, Coast Guard and Navy ships picked up 2,159 Cubans trying to reach the United States in rickety rowboats, homemade rafts and sailboats.

Morocco, Israel Establish 'Low-level' Diplomatic Ties

JERUSALEM — Morocco established diplomatic relations with Israel on Thursday, the latest breakthrough in a banner year for Middle Eastern peace and a move that kindled hopes of wider regional cooperation.

The development comes after years of lukewarm, frequently secret ties and made Morocco the only Arab country besides Egypt to have official links with the Jewish state.

The ties will be low-level, with the two countries opening liaison offices in Tel Aviv and Rabat. But Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he expected "a continuation" when asked if the countries would exchange ambassadors soon.

U.S. Considers Monetary Aid Package for N. Ireland

EDGARTOWN, Mass. — The United States is holding out the possibility of increased economic aid for Northern Ireland to help cement the cease-fire the Irish Republican Army is offering after 25 years of violent resistance to British rule.

But Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate subcommittee that would deal with any request for additional funds, said there was no chance Congress would act this year.

The senator called the cease-fire the most positive news he'd heard in years and said he had discussed it Wednesday with Irish leaders.

The Clinton administration has made no promises, and the outline of an aid package remained unclear Wednesday.

Charlotte Man Guns Down NBC 'Today' Show Worker

NEW YORK — A man armed with an assault rifle tried twice Wednesday to enter the NBC building in Rockefeller Center, then shot and killed a stagehand who was trying to alert police.

Manny Tager of Charlotte knocked at the NBC employees' entrance at 5 p.m. and had the door closed in his face by a security guard who noticed a rifle dangling under Tager's coat, police said. The guard asked someone to call police.

Tager left for a few minutes but returned, said Louis Anemone, the police department's chief of patrol. Theron Montgomery, 33, came out of the NBC building in an apparent attempt to alert police and was shot in the back as he returned to the building.

Montgomery died later that night. Tager was charged with murder.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; high 75.
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high 78.

Kenan Stadium Tells Smokers 'No' This Year

BY MICHELLE LAMBETH
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

This fall, the only smoke in Kenan Stadium will be the trail following the UNC players scoring touchdowns.

That's because the University's no-smoking policy has finally reached the UNC football team's home field. Fans who want to spend their Saturday following the Tar Heels will now have to leave their cigarettes at home.

"We've been discussing this for a couple of years," said John Swofford, the University's director of athletics. "Last season, we instituted it as a suggested policy.

We informed ticket holders that we would have a firmer policy this year. Now, we're consistent with the campus policy as a whole."

Swofford said people who still wanted to smoke could do so — in the concourse area where concessions were sold.

"There will be no smoking in the seating sections," he said. "A number of our fans have expressed concern about second-hand smoke."

Swofford said many professional stadiums had already done the same thing, citing the Baltimore Orioles' Camden Yards as an example.

With this new policy in effect, almost

all of UNC is smoke-free. The only place smoking is allowed in campus buildings is in private residence hall rooms. Smoking was banned in the Smith Center three years ago.

In an area as large as a football stadium, it is hard to keep an eye on everyone to make sure no one is lighting up. But Swofford said no extra security would be hired simply to enforce the policy.

"We're not going to have the smoking police running around," he said. "If security guards happen to see people smoking, they will remind them of the policy."

Although season ticket holders and alumni have known about the policy long

enough to voice their opinions, Swofford said he knew of no opposition.

"The only feedback has been totally positive," Swofford said. "The vast majority have been very supportive. I haven't found it to be controversial at all."

Representatives from both the George Watts Hill Alumni Center and the Educational Foundation said they had not received any calls about the new rule.

"We'll probably get some calls next week," said a foundation representative who did not want to give her name. "We'll be curious to find out (what people think of the rule) ourselves after this weekend."

Swofford said he didn't think the smok-

ing ban would have an effect on football ticket sales.

"I don't think it will have an effect one way or the other," he said. "I think it will make for a more enjoyable environment."

UNC students who smoke may not necessarily agree.

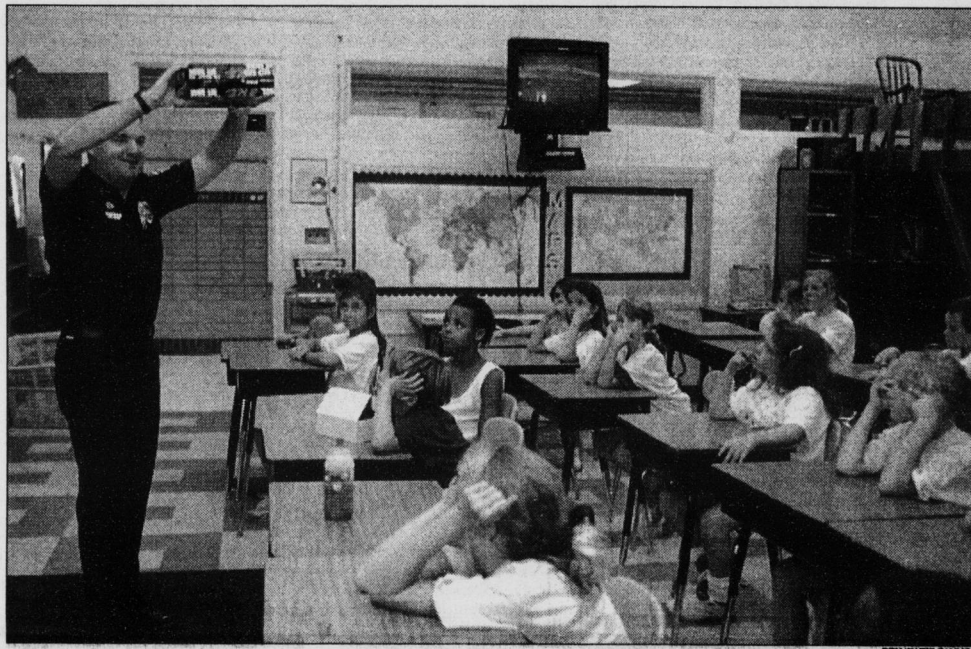
Antonio Rahman, a senior speech communication major and a smoker for the last five years, said he was not at all happy with the policy.

"You're outside," said Rahman, who was used to smoking at football games. "I think that's a key factor. The next thing

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A NEW SERIES HIGHLIGHTING CHAPEL HILL HEROES

HEROES ON THE HILL



DARE and Community Service officer Matt Sullivan tells Mrs. Hatcher's fifth-graders at Estes Hills Elementary School about the DARE box during his first visit to the classroom. The box is left in the room so that if children wish to ask Sullivan questions anonymously, they can drop them in the box.

daring to make a difference

Name: Matthew J. Sullivan
Born: March 26, 1967, Danvers, Mass.
Occupation: Community Service officer/DARE officer for Chapel Hill Police Department
Education: Chapel Hill High School, 1985. B.A., political science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1989. Currently in UNC's School of Social Work.
Awards: American Legion's Chapel Hill Police Officer of the Year, 1994
Family: Single.
Life's Philosophy: "Make a difference in whatever you do."

BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

When Matt Sullivan entered UNC as a freshman in 1985, he didn't have any lofty ambitions about making the world a better place.

He just wanted to direct music videos and play football.

But when MTV didn't call and then-head football coach Dick Crum cut him from the team, Sullivan changed his course. Looking for job experience, he accepted an internship during his junior year with the Chapel Hill Police Department for political science credit.

And, as they say, the rest is history.

Needing only 12 credits to graduate after his junior year, Sullivan stayed with the department full-time. He spent two

years as a public safety officer and then a wild year and a half as an undercover drug agent, which required the otherwise clean-cut Sullivan to grow shoulder-length hair and a shaggy beard.

"I looked nasty," Sullivan said. "I spent eight months of my life looking like a dreg."

Sullivan, now 27, enjoyed those four years with the department but grew frustrated by his inability to help people further. If he took a call about spousal abuse, for example, he might solve the problem temporarily but couldn't offer a long-term solution.

"It was satisfying, but I found I wanted to follow through more," he said. "The call load is such in Chapel Hill that you don't have the opportunity to follow through often."

Following through is about all Sullivan has done for the past three years as a community service officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer for Chapel Hill. He talks weekly about drug prevention, violence and conflict with fifth-grade classes at three area schools in the fall.

As one of 12,500 DARE officers nationwide, Sullivan uses role-playing, student participation and the incredibly popular stuffed "DARE bear" to drive his points home. He also places a DARE box in the corner of the room where students can anonymously submit questions about drugs, the police or any other subject deemed too embarrassing to ask a parent or teacher.

Much to Sullivan's delight, the DARE curriculum has changed since last year. The new format includes sessions

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Medical Student Reinstated After Aug. Conviction

BY RACHAEL LANDAU
STAFF WRITER

A fourth-year UNC medical student was suspended temporarily after he was convicted Aug. 9 of one count of assault on a female UNC student, according to a Roxboro official.

Paul Christopher Hicks of Washington, D.C., was waiting to hear from the N.C. Superior Court about the appeal he filed Aug. 16, said Tommy Humphries, clerk of court. Person County District Court Judge Patty Harrison found Hicks guilty of the misdemeanor assault charge despite his having entered a not guilty plea. Hicks was not available for comment Thursday.

Michael Simmons, dean of the School of Medicine, said he had suspended Hicks as soon as he had learned of the conviction. Simmons said Thursday that he and other school officials had acted quickly to resolve the situation.

A Student Affairs Hearing Board returned Hicks to his status as a full-time student early this week, but Hicks' case is now being looked at by the Student Attorney General's Office.

UNC Student Attorney General Shannon Kete will decide whether or not to press charges in the Honor Court, Simmons said.

Simmons said Hicks had a "stellar record in the medical school" and was regarded well by his peers and teachers. "This problem is not consistent with his previous record in the medical school," he said.

The warrant, issued July 1, stated that Hicks struck the victim, pushed her and held her down twice during the incident, which

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Health Problems Force Edwards to Seek Shared Leave

BY PETER ROYBAL
STAFF WRITER

Police officer Keith Edwards, who is pressing a seven-year discrimination suit against UNC, has turned to state employees for shared leave because of clinical depression and high blood pressure.

Edwards exhausted 420 hours of shared leave time she received from police officers when she took leave on June 14, but other University employees have already donated an additional 66 hours, according to Edwards.

Resting at home, Edwards said she had taken leave since June 14 because of clinical depression, high blood pressure and the "stress and strain of being in a grievance that has lasted this long."

"I think I had pushed myself mentally and physically as hard as I could," she said. "You can't have a lot of other things on your mind when you're out on the line."

Edwards, who contends the University Police discriminated against her when it promoted another officer to sergeant in 1987, has found relief through the shared leave policy, under which UNC employees may donate their leave time to others.

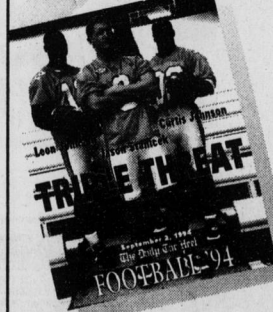
When Edwards was running out of leave time last week, Kay

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Tar Heels Open Season Against TCU's Dangerous Passing Attack

Don't miss it!

Catch the latest on the 1994 Tar Heels, their ACC foes and the Top 25 in our special insert.



Game and time: Texas Christian at No. 19 North Carolina.

Kickoff: is at 7 p.m.

Site: Kenan Stadium, Chapel Hill.

Playing surface: Natural grass.

TV/Radio: The game will not be televised. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide live radio coverage. The flagship stations are WCHL (1360 AM) and WTRG (100.7 FM).

1994 records: TCU, 0-0. UNC, 0-0.

Series: UNC leads, 1-0.

Last Meeting (Oct. 12, 1940): North Carolina 21, TCU 14.

Personnel update: North Carolina — SE Gray Boverder (knee), CB Tim Smith (knee), OG Scott Overbeck (ankle), CB Jimmy Hitchcock (arm), are out. LB James Hamilton (chest) is questionable. OT Brian Honeycutt (foot) is probable. Texas Christian — WR Jimmy Oliver (knee) is questionable. OG Bart Epperson (back) is probable.

Texas Christian offense: The success of the Horned Frogs depends greatly on the

performance of **Max Knake**. The 6-foot-2 junior is TCU's all-time single-season passing leader. Last year, he connected on 207-of-357 attempts (58.7 percent) in his first season as a starter. Those are also TCU records for most completions and attempts to go along with a record 2,130 yards total.

Junior **Brian Collins** led Southwest Conference tight ends in receptions with 37 catches for 446 yards last year. Oliver needs to play despite the nagging injuries.

Last season, he pulled in 13 catches and averaged 13.2 yards a reception.

North Carolina defense: Considered by many to be the best backfield in the nation, quarterback **Jason Stanicek** and tailbacks **Curtis** and **Leon Johnson** are the ones to watch. Stanicek is especially tough in Kenan. Last season he completed 63.8 percent of his passes at home.

If, for whatever reason, Johnson & Johnson cannot produce, receiver **Marcus Wall** will have to step up.

Texas Christian defense: The Horned Frogs rely heavily on **Royal West**, a 280-

pound defensive tackle. The senior has 14 1/2 career sacks, including nine from a season ago. Stanicek will also have to watch out for All-SWC linebacker **Lenoy Jones**, who tagged eight QBs himself last year.

North Carolina defense: It'll be a baptism by fire when UNC's depleted corps of defensive backs challenge TCU's potent air attack. The loss of Smith and Hitchcock propels freshman **Omar Brown** and juniors **Fuzzy Lee** and **Eric Thomas** into starting roles for the first time. The trio joins veteran **Sean Boyd** in chasing around the speedy TCU wideouts.

To take some pressure off the secondary, UNC's new 4-3 front set must penetrate the line of scrimmage. A new, lighter version of **Greg Black** joins **Marcus Jones**, **Oscar Sturgis** and **Riddick Parker** up front.

Final analysis/prediction: UNC's secondary will get burned at least twice, but that's from inexperience, not lack of talent. Cohesion will come later. Head coach **Pat Sullivan's** Frogs shouldn't be taken lightly — 19 starters return from a 4-7 team. It

won't be a 21-point blowout as the odds-makers seem to think.

When it's all over though, UNC's backfield will prevail. TCU has a solid defense, but it's not in the same league with North Carolina.

UNC 35, TCU 17

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Editor's Note

Today is the last day to be a part of The Daily Tar Heel.

The DTH is looking for enthusiastic, motivated students to take part in its daily production. Desk editors need editorial writers, reporters, photographers, copy editors, graphic artists, cartoonists and design/layout artists.

No experience is necessary, except for the photography and graphics/design desks.

Applications are available in the DTH office, Union Suite 104. All staff applications are due by 5 p.m. today. Please call the DTH newsroom at 962-0245 with any questions.

Here's a quarter — call someone who cares.

Travis Tritt