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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Israel Offers to Withdraw From Syria in Peace Effort

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israel is offering to withdraw from a slice of the Golan Heights for a three-year test period as a first step toward peace with Syria, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet Thursday. But Jewish settlers charged Rabin had already secretly agreed to withdraw over the three years from all of the strategic plateau, seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East War and annexed in 1981. With Cabinet ministers predicting an agreement may be only months away, Israel was rife with speculation on what kind of deal was in the offing.

A peace treaty with Syria is considered the most important of any with Israel's neighbors, despite progress with the Palestinians and Jordan over the past year.

Extremists Refuse to Trust Cease-Fire Offer From IRA

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Protestant extremists said Thursday that they wouldn't lay down their arms until they were convinced an IRA cease-fire was real and Britain and Ireland revealed their plan for Northern Ireland's future.

The demand to first see the details of the "framework document" being negotiated by London and Dublin effectively put any cease-fire on the Protestant side a month or more away.

The British and Irish governments missed their July target for finishing a proposal for restoring a degree of self-government to Northern Ireland. Prime Minister John Major's office said Thursday that the two governments hoped to complete the proposal sometime in the autumn.

Leaders Expectant About Resolution to Cuban Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After one week of migration talks with Cuba, U.S. officials remain hopeful an agreement can be reached. One reason: The continuing exodus of boat people benefits neither side.

The dramatic televised scenes of Cubans desperate to escape is an open-ended embarrassment for Fidel Castro, who still insists communism is the only system capable of meeting basic human needs.

For the Clinton administration, the outflow has meant a substantial mobilization of military resources to protect south Florida shores from hordes of migrants. It is also potential political dynamite for President Clinton in that key swing state.

Thus, the common interest of both sides in ending the exodus keeps the talks alive, although an agreement is far from certain.

U.N. Negotiators Work on 'Last Chance' Compromise

CAIRO, Egypt — With anger growing over the Vatican's hard-line stance on abortion, negotiators at the U.N. population conference Thursday hammered out what they called a last-chance compromise on the explosive issue.

A special committee assigned to write the provision on unsafe abortions agreed on a compromise text Thursday night. The main negotiating committee was expected to consider the new language on Friday.

But even if the compromise succeeds, the controversy at the conference won't end because negotiators still face other contentious provisions of the meeting's 20-year action plan.

The committee is expected to consider sections on reproductive health on Friday.

Air Force Presses Charges In Friendly Fire Incidents

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Air Force has brought charges of negligent homicide and dereliction of duty against an F-15 pilot involved in shooting down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq in April. The tragedy took the lives of 26 people.

In addition, five members of the AWACS radar plane that oversaw the action will face dereliction of duty charges, the Pentagon announced today.

The incident was one of the military's deadliest friendly fire tragedies.

Twenty-six charges of negligent homicide and two charges of dereliction of duty have been brought against Lt. Col. Randy W. May, of the 53rd Fighter Squadron, based in Spandahlm, Germany.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny, chance of rain; high 83.
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; high 78.
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high 80.

SBP Proposes Toll-Free Caroline Number, Unlimited Transcripts

BY TEE OMOLODUN
STAFF WRITER

If students approve a raise in student fees Caroline, UNC's telephonic registration system, will offer a wide array of invaluable services — including a toll-free number — that will make some of the hassles of student life a lot easier.

Student Body President George Battle and his administration will work alongside the Office of the University Registrar on a proposal intended to improve and expand the uses of Caroline.

The proposed system would also allow students to request an unlimited number of transcripts during the year.

Battle's proposal includes a 1-800 num-

ber to dial Caroline, thereby saving students money on long-distance registration, not to mention the many headaches.

Caroline would also be expanded to allow students to get the name of professors, class buildings and room numbers, and final grades at the end of each semester.

A raise in student fees would go to



Student Body President **GEORGE BATTLE** said student fees would pay for the changes if the students approve the proposal.

fund the project, which also would add more phone lines to Caroline for easier access.

Associate University Registrar Tom Black said 16 lines would be added to Caroline each year for the next three years — a total of 48 lines in addition to the existing 62 phone lines.

The raise would include a prepayment on transcripts, which would allow students an unlimited number of requests each semester.

Besides benefiting seniors, this would also benefit students who need their transcripts to apply for summer jobs or internships, according to Philip Charles-Pierre, student government's chief of staff.

Although the specifics of the fee in-

crease have not been determined, Battle said he "would not propose a fee whose cost will outweigh its benefits."

Battle said he believed students would be more receptive to the increase if they knew exactly how their money was being spent.

He added that the purpose of the proposal was to "provide a great increase in the level of customer service that the school provides for its major customers, which are the students."

Black said that Caroline might even allow students to vote or to receive a class schedule directory over the phone.

The proposal, a Battle platform goal during elections, will be presented to Student Congress sometime this semester,

Battle said.

It will also have to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

The final decision maker, however, will be the student body in a referendum, Battle said.

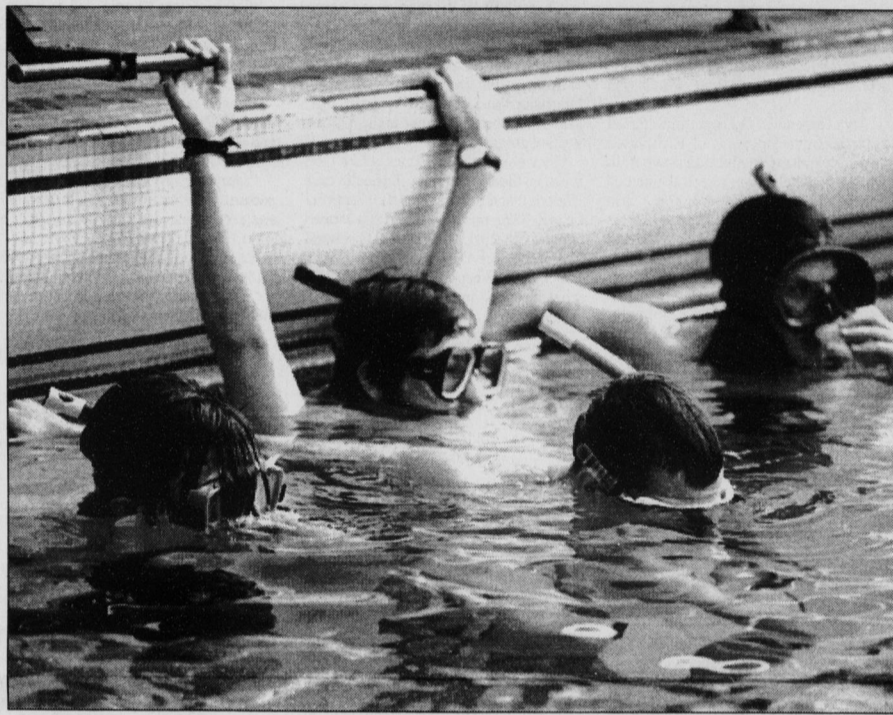
Battle said he did not anticipate a great deal of opposition but that he was sure some would come up.

"Until we are told 'no' by students, we are going to act on this as the best thing to do," Black said.

Student government hopes to have the proposal implemented by fall semester 1995.

Charles-Pierre said, "It's part of a continual effort to try and increase and better the University's service for students."

Poolin' Out



Participants in a scuba class take a breather before diving to the bottom of the pool Thursday evening. The class meets at Bowman Gray Swimming Pool.

CAA Plans Queen Selection Changes

Co-President: Homecoming Queen Process Probably Will Face 'Minor' Revisions

BY ANDREW RUSSELL
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The Carolina Athletic Association, which has decided to implement changes in the Homecoming queen selection process, will hold an open CAA Cabinet meeting at 9 p.m. Sunday.

CAA co-presidents Nil Dalal and Jen Rasmussen met with the Homecoming Queen Process on Thursday night to discuss changing the selection process. CAA leaders decided late Thursday night to open the meeting to hear comments from students after saying earlier in the day that it would be closed.

Students are welcome to attend Sunday's Cabinet meeting, Rasmussen said, "but discussion will be limited to the Cabinet."

Both Dalal and Rasmussen refused to say Thursday why the CAA was considering revising the process. Earlier in the day, no CAA representatives would comment on the current policy or on whether the

changes were being considered at all. Any changes made will not be major ones, Rasmussen said. "Because there was no adequate time to gauge student opinion, most of the policy will remain the same," she said.

Rasmussen said the CAA was considering some minor changes, one of which was how much the student body vote would impact the final selection.

Last year, the student vote counted for two-thirds of the queen selection, while an interview and a candidate application counted for one-third, Rasmussen said.

"The student voting percentage will remain around two-thirds, but we want to make it more of a percentage instead of a fraction," she said. "It won't vary more than 10 points."

Rasmussen refused to comment further, saying, "We'll talk about everything on Sunday. If we do change it, it's because the formula will work better that way."

The policy previously was changed in 1992 to allow students to become more involved in the selection process. The new policy called for a panel of student leaders, anonymous to the candidates, to review

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Construction Requests Include New Student Stores Addition

BY VIDIA FOUBISTER
STAFF WRITER

The University's 1995-97 construction request, including a four-story addition to Student Stores, was presented by University administrators at an employee forum Wednesday.

Construction requests are made for new buildings, renovations and repairs, and are composed of two priority lists, one from academic affairs and the other from health affairs.

Academic affairs' top four building and renovation priorities are: an \$8.3 million addition to the Paul Green Theatre to house the Department of Dramatic Art, an \$11 million addition to the law school, a \$7.1

million addition for the Department of Music library located in Hill Hall and a \$4.6 million addition to Knapp Building that would centralize the functions of the Institute of Government.

The expansion of Student Stores ranks fifth on the academic affairs' construction priority list. Adding four stories to the existing building would enable the University to consolidate all student services, including advising, financial aid, registrar and placement, in one convenient location.

The resulting vacant space on central campus would be used for undergraduate classrooms and other instructional facilities.

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Plane Crashes in Pennsylvania, Kills 131

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ALIQUIPPA, Pa. — A USAir jetliner nosedived into a field while trying to land near Pittsburgh on Thursday, killing all 131 people on board. It was the deadliest crash in the United States in seven years.

Flight 427 originated at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and was to stop in Pittsburgh before continuing to West Palm Beach, Fla.

"I looked up and there it was," said Tom Michel, who was at a gas station near the crash site. "It was just coming straight down. I was screaming for everybody to run. It looked like it was under full power and he just went straight in."

Air traffic controllers said they had lost contact with the plane when it had been about seven miles from the airport, said Pat Boyle, a spokesman for the Allegheny

County Department of Aviation. He said a report of an explosion before the crash could not be confirmed.

Michel said there was a "big boom and the sky lit up. There was black smoke everywhere and that was it."

Witnesses reported gruesome carnage in a clearing on a heavily wooded ravine.

"All we saw was body parts hanging from the trees," said Denise Godich, a nurse who was one of the first at the scene. "There were people everywhere. You could just see parts of them."

Another eyewitness said pieces of plane and baggage were scattered throughout the area.

The plane's black box, which records cockpit conversations and flight data, was recovered, said Jim Eichenlaub, manager of Hopewell Township and coordinator of

emergency services at the scene. "We have done a fairly extensive search of the area and there are no survivors," he said.

The Boeing 737 was carrying 126 passengers and a crew of five, said Dave Shipley, a spokesman for the airline.

The plane went down shortly after 7 p.m. in a field about seven miles from the airport, which is 20 miles northwest of Pittsburgh.

"The engines just went dead," eyewitness Sandra Zuback told CNN. "It just blew up."

Shipley said the weather had been clear. "There's no indication at all as to what caused the accident," he said.

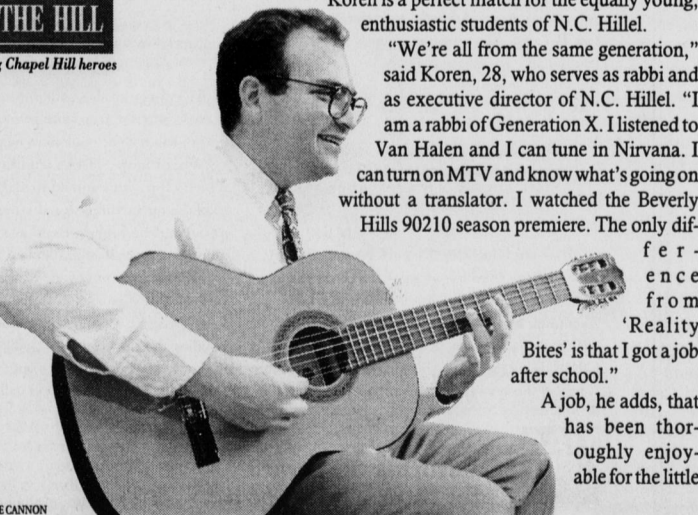
Linda Jones said she had been standing

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RABBI of a NEW GENERATION

HEROES ON THE HILL
A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes

Name: Andy R. Koren
Born: March 22, 1966
Miami, Fla.
Occupation: Executive director/rabbi N.C. Hillel
Education: B.A. in international relations from Tufts University, 1988. M.A. in Hebrew Letters and rabbinical ordination, HUC-JIR 1993.
Family: wife, Michal Koren
Hobbies: watching baseball, karate, guitar, computers.
Life's philosophy: "Knowledge and experience are the keys to identity. So study and have fun."



BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

When one thinks of a rabbi, a pious, stern, gray-haired man with a long beard probably comes to mind.

But behind the doors of N.C. Hillel at 210 W. Cameron Ave., a different breed exists: young, guitar-playing, baseball-crazy Rabbi Andy Koren.

And although he might not fit the traditional mold, Koren is a perfect match for the equally young, enthusiastic students of N.C. Hillel.

"We're all from the same generation," said Koren, 28, who serves as rabbi and as executive director of N.C. Hillel. "I am a rabbi of Generation X. I listened to Van Halen and I can tune in Nirvana. I can turn on MTV and know what's going on without a translator. I watched the Beverly Hills 90210 season premiere. The only difference from 'Reality Bites' is that I got a job after school."

A job, he adds, that has been thoroughly enjoyable for the little

more than a year he's been in Chapel Hill.

Koren devotes about half his time to administrative duties, which include monitoring the building's maintenance and overseeing three full-time employees.

But he regards this as a means to spend the remaining hours of his day with the students, the part of his job from which he derives the most satisfaction.

"It's what makes my work meaningful," Koren said. "If all I did was answer phones and sign checks, it would be meaningless to be a rabbi."

Many students agree that Koren has been an invaluable asset since joining the Hillel family.

"One of the best things about him is that it's really obvious how much he cares about students," said Gillian Steinberg, a senior from Fredonia, N.Y. "He really wants to know how you are. He's really committed to his work at Hillel. That's obvious because he's there all the time trying to make Hillel work better."

Koren regularly attends Hillel student board meetings, counsels people who come for advice, and teaches informal classes on Torah reading, keeping kosher and other Jewish customs.

In addition to these duties, the rabbi has been extremely busy lately in a more traditional sense. He led the services for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, this week and is preparing for Yom Kippur, the day of repentance, which is Thursday.

Despite his tight schedule, he always

has time for people who want to chat, some say.

"He can be sitting discussing holidays, and the next minute he can kick back and be talking about the Bulls," said Darin Diner, program director of N.C. Hillel.

One of Koren's goals for Hillel, which encompasses every college in North Carolina except Duke, is to further incorporate Jewish students from other schools. Hillel already has active members from UNC-Greensboro, Elon College and N.C. State University, but Koren would like to see participants from Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville.

With 750 Jewish students in Chapel Hill and hundreds at other local schools, N.C. Hillel doesn't have as many students as other universities. But Koren said this was not necessarily a disadvantage. He considers it a challenge and, in some ways, beneficial.

"There's a trade-off," Koren said. "In a larger Jewish community, you can take being Jewish for granted. You come to a community like this, and if you're not active, it's not going to happen. I don't mind the trade-off — let's take a smaller Jewish community with active students than a large, apathetic one."

More interested in baseball than religion as a child, Koren probably saw himself as more fit for the Durham Bulls than rabbinical school.

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To love is to admire with the heart; to admire is to love with the mind.

Théophile Gautier