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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

U.N. Working to Convince Serbs to Restore Utilities

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — U.N. officials tried to talk Bosnian Serbs into restoring utilities Tuesday to Sarajevo, but for a sixth day the capital remained without running water and electricity — and too cold for comfort.

As temperatures dipped into the 40s on the eve of autumn, a halt in the humanitarian airlift added to the miserable reminder of the two past winters when Sarajevans were short of food and fuel.

Additionally, just hours after the airlift resumed Tuesday morning, a small-arms bullet pierced the fuselage of a C-130 French aid plane as it landed in Sarajevo.

No one was hurt and the plane was able to unload its cargo, but the airlift was halted anew by U.N. authorities.

Irish Leader Asks Clinton For Monetary Assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A leader from one side of Northern Ireland's sectarian divide pushed President Clinton on Tuesday to increase U.S. financial aid to the troubled country as a way to help both sides live in peace.

John Hume, the Catholic leader who helped pave the way for the IRA cease-fire, said he told President Clinton that "the next stage has to be agreement among our divided people ... and that the best assistance that I thought could come from the United States would be economic assistance."

A senior administration official said the White House was studying proposals to increase aid to Northern Ireland.

Vietnamese Boat People Incite Riot in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Prison officers in riot gear broke up a protest Tuesday by hundreds of Vietnamese boat people who are to be forcibly returned to Vietnam. Thirty-four people were injured.

Eleven Vietnamese who were staging a rooftop protest at the High Island detention camp were dragged away kicking by officers who used ladders to reach them.

Hong Kong radio said the 11 were among 21 Vietnamese who were defying plans to force them home on flights this week. Prison officers found the remaining 10 during a search of the camp, the broadcast said.

The 11 protesters sat tied together with string and huddled under raincoats on a roof. About 1,300 boat people surrounded them when authorities moved into the camp in a driving rain early Tuesday.

Citizens Flee as Volcanoes Erupt in Papua New Guinea

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea — Rain-soaked ash crushed buildings and trees in the port of Rabaul on Tuesday while ships picked up thousands of people who fled the simultaneous eruption of two volcanoes.

Thick ash, dense black smoke and poisonous fumes blanketed the area around the city, which is on New Britain island about 500 miles northeast of Port Moresby, the capital on New Guinea.

"You cannot see Rabaul. You cannot see the landscape. You can only see smoke and ash," the prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, said after flying over the devastated region.

Most of Rabaul's residents fled just before the Tauruvur and Vulcan volcanoes erupted on opposite sides of the harbor.

Former Interior Minister Charged With Mafia Ties

ROME — A former interior minister who directed anti-Mafia operations was arrested at dawn Tuesday and charged with having ties with mobsters.

Antonio Gava and 97 others, including three other former members of parliament and prominent businessmen, were accused of working with the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Sicilian Mafia.

Gava, 64, was first investigated in 1993 for suspected ties with organized crime. He had headed the interior ministry from 1987 to 1991, and was a top-ranking Christian Democrat.

He lost parliamentary immunity from arrest this spring, after he chose not to run for re-election. The balloting swept away the Christian Democratic domination of politics in the wake of corruption scandals.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high 78.

THURSDAY: Chance of showers; high mid-70s.

Hardin Orders Review of SHS Policy

BY PETER ROYBAL
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Chancellor Paul Hardin ordered a review of the new Student Health Service policy that requires patients to pay for services when they receive them after a member of the Board of Governors protested the change.

In a letter SHS Director Dr. Judith Cowan received Monday, BOG member Mark Bibbs wrote that the policy change "is unwise and should be abolished" and said he would not support SHS fee increases until the policy was recanted.

Following a late Tuesday afternoon meeting on the subject, Hardin said he had directed Vice Chancellors Wayne Jones and Edith Wiggins to meet this morning with Cowan and University Cashier Kermit Williams to find at least "a temporary

solution to the problem."

"Maybe we'll end up encouraging up-front payment but not requiring it," Hardin said. "We don't want any student to be turned away because he or she comes up there without cash."

While noting that many students have paid SHS at the time of service without complaint, Hardin said he was determined to relieve student concerns.

"I want to do what I can to facilitate the correcting of the problem," he said. "These problems don't arise out of any high-handed

treatment of students."

Student Body President George Battle said he wanted the new SHS policy corrected soon. "In changing the way they collect fees, Student Health Service has done a great disservice to students at this University, and I hope they will move quickly to correct this error," he said.

The changes in payment policy, which were enacted at the beginning of this semester, stemmed from a combination of administrative directives and computer changes. First, some in the office of the vice chancellor for business and finance believed it was inefficient and too costly to have bills from SHS for \$2 or \$3 charged to student accounts, for which the cashier must process paperwork.

Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the cashier had processed 1,488 charges from SHS since Aug. 23.

"If some of those charges can be collected when the service is rendered, particularly smaller charges, it could be more efficient," he said.

Second, the cashier will install a new computer system Oct. 17 that will make it part of a larger Student Information System, which is not compatible with SHS's unique computer system.

In the past, SHS had worked out a way to transfer bills from its computer to the cashier's computer. Now, the cashier will use a system that does not easily permit bills to be transferred from SHS. Williams said SHS was told last fall that the cashier planned to change to a new system.

SHS will have a direct connection to the new computer system and could charge student accounts, but they would have to enter the billing data into both the SHS computer and the cashier's system, Wil-

iams said.

Entering the data, according to Dan O'Neal, Student Information System applications manager, is a short process in which a social security number, department code and charge are keyed in a procedure he estimated to take less than one minute.

Cowan said previously that SHS would have to hire more people to enter data in the new system. She did not return calls Tuesday for this story. A third case made by SHS for the "pay when you are served" policy is that the cashier will no longer immediately credit SHS's account when a student is billed. In the past, SHS was immediately credited. Student Health Service is funded by student fees, which must be approved by the Board of Trustees and the BOG. SHS received \$248 per student this year, for a total of about \$5.7 million.

Memos About New Recruitment Bill Sent to Members

Student Congress Speaker Pro Tempore Debates Invalidating Votes From Two Other Congress Members, Parliamentary Rules

BY ANDREW RUSSELL
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Jonathan Jordan, speaker pro tempore of Student Congress, issued two memorandums Tuesday — one that questioned the voting conduct of two congress members on the Minority Recruitment Bill and one that reiterated his previous argument that Student Body President George Battle had illegally signed the bill into effect.

The first memo stated that because the bill involved an appropriation to the executive branch, no member of the executive branch could vote on it. This is a stipulation of the Student Congress Code or of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," the memo stated.

The members in question are Meredith Armstrong, editor of the Carolina Course Review, and Michelle Reeve, Chapel Hill Town Council liaison. Jordan claims that both members hold positions in the executive branch and that their votes should be declared invalid, thus affecting the 11-10-1 vote on the bill. If their votes were declared invalid, the Minority Recruitment Bill would not have passed at last week's congress meeting.

Student Congress Ethics Committee Chairman Roy Granato said he wanted the situation resolved quickly with no further delays. Jordan addressed Tuesday's memo to Granato for consideration.

"I am tired of all the bickering, and I want it to end," Granato said. "In my opinion, these two members should be able to vote on the bill."

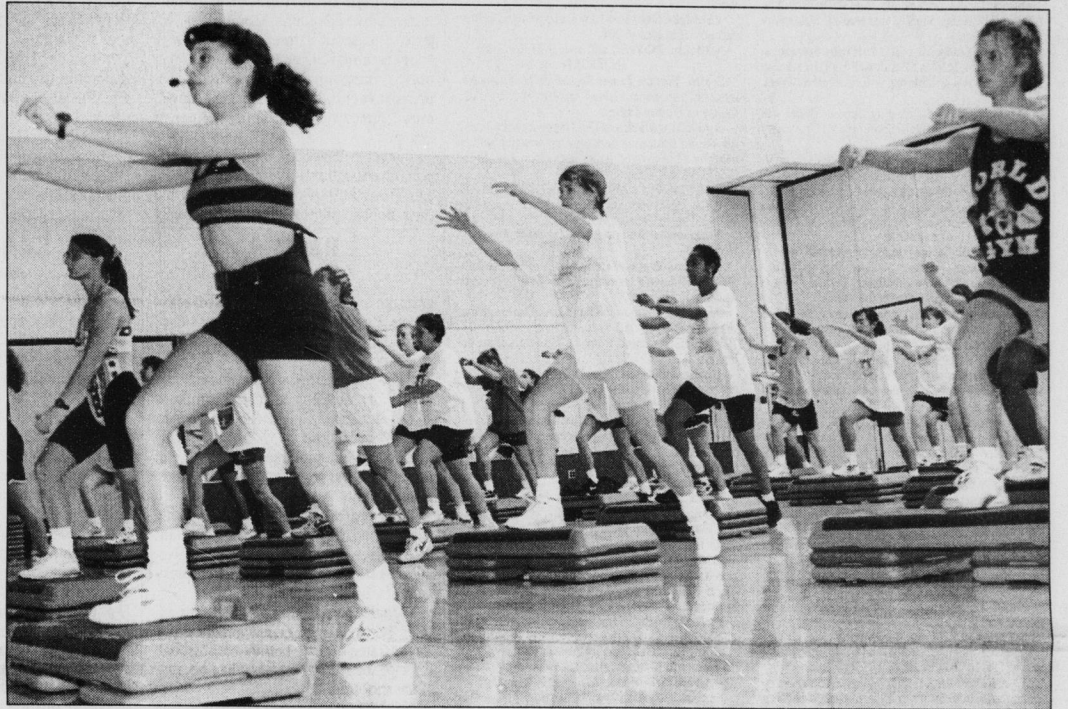
Armstrong's position is completely separate from the executive branch and Reeve represents student government on a lower level than the executive branch, Granato said.

Armstrong and Reeve both said their positions were independently recognized.

"I am completely separate from the executive branch, and they are completely separate from minority recruitment," Armstrong said. "The Carolina Course Review is not even funded by the executive branch. I checked with Roy beforehand, and I had every right to vote on the bill."

Reeve said she agreed that her vote should count. "I am a representative of the student body," Reeve said. "I am not a part of the executive branch, therefore I should be able to vote on the bill."

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Tanya Jackson teaches step aerobics in the Student Recreation Center's Studio A. The SRC celebrates its one-year anniversary today. DTH/KATIE CANNON

SRC Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

BY KURT TONDORF
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Today, the Student Recreation Center will celebrate its first full year of service to fitness-conscious UNC students.

There certainly won't be a shortage of noise-makers for the event — the usual 2,000 or so students who use the on-campus facility on a daily basis are expected to attend.

Indeed, it will be business as usual for Rick Satterlee, director of the SRC Programming Council, and the rest of his staff, who enjoy the attention the building receives from appreciative students.

"I think the variety of programming and the size and scope of the SRC has brought current, former

and even non-students to the facility," said Satterlee, who is in his first year as the building's director. "Woolen (Gym, site of the former fitness center.) lacked a lot of the activities that we can provide for people here."

Since last year, the facility's staff has improved the state of the SRC by steadily adding new equipment to the building's two floors.

Last fall, Satterlee's predecessor, Tyler Hill, promised to double the number of cardiovascular machines within the year, and the current director has fulfilled that promise. But the new machines aren't the only additions that the SRC and Satterlee can boast about.

"We've met requests for lighter dumbbells and more lat pull-down and triceps exercise equip-

ment," he said. "The fitness and aerobics classes are being scheduled up to 50 (students) per day. We've also changed the layout of the free-weight machines, providing more space for their users."

"But the most notable addition has been the artwork," Satterlee added.

The artwork, which includes a hanging sculpture in the building's lobby, was created by Mary Ann Mears, a local artist selected by the SRC's planning board. The project was partially funded by the Artwork for State Buildings Program, and the SRC is currently holding a contest to find a suitable name for the as-yet-untitled work.

"It has created a more aesthetically pleasing

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Gore Addresses Raleigh Crowd at Rally

BY RYAN THORNBURG
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RALEIGH — While the Casablanca Orchestra played "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and Democratic supporters were eating fried chicken and hush puppies, Vice President Al Gore's campaign stop at the N.C. State Fairgrounds Tuesday looked like an old-time political party.

Gore was in North Carolina to drum up support for the nearly 30 Democratic candidates in the state. He joined Gov. Jim Hunt in the rally at the Kerr Scott Building of the N.C. State Fairgrounds before attending a private, \$1,000-a-plate reception at the Angus Barn Restaurant. Approximately 500 people paid \$100 to attend the rally.

Hunt approached the podium, which was placed in front of a background made to look like a turn-of-the-century train, and spoke for about 15 minutes, warming up the crowd for Gore.

"Folks, we're here about seven weeks from the election and this is a very important election for our party, our state and our nation," Hunt said.

The governor cited the progress the state's Democratic leadership had made during the last two years of his administration. Hunt said the work that was being done in education, crime prevention and economic revival in the state paralleled work being done by the Democrats in Washington, D.C.

"We ought to be proud of President



Vice President AL GORE appeared at a Democratic Party rally at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. DTH/DAVID ALFORD

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Yes, they have made their fair share of mistakes ... but they remember what got them there (in Washington). It was putting people first," he said.

Much to the approval of the approximately 100 students at the rally from UNC, Duke University, N.C. State University and other local colleges, Hunt told the crowd that thanks to the Democratic leadership in Washington and Raleigh, the job

market was improving.

"Many of you are going to college and you expect to get that job when you get out," he said.

Hunt said student support was very important, using students' work for John Kennedy in the 1960 election as an example. Kennedy carried North Carolina, the only Southern state he won, by only 1,500 votes, many from students.

But many N.C. residents, including the crowd of protesting N.C. State students gathered outside the parking lot, believe the Democrats are facing a large-scale defeat in November.

According to polls done by both major parties and reported by the Associated Press, Clinton's approval rate in N.C. is under 40 percent, Gore's is near 60 percent.

This might be why Gore was chosen to stump for the party. He carried the state in his 1988 presidential bid and was the main campaigner here for the 1992 Clinton-Gore ticket.

Hunt introduced Gore, who used two crutches to aid himself on stage. The crutches are the result of a basketball injury sustained three weeks ago. Hunt told the crowd that Gore was known in the pickup games of Washington as "The Raging Bull."

"He plays with the kind of ferocity we know here in the Atlantic Coast Conference," Hunt said.

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Man Given 3-Year Suspended Sentence in Chi Psi Shooting

BY HOOPER GRAHAM
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Twenty-two-year-old William Scott Barnes, charged with involuntary manslaughter in the January shooting death of his college roommate, Christopher Todd Stewart, pleaded guilty to the charges Monday in Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough.

At a preliminary hearing, superior Court Judge D. Marsh McLelland sentenced Barnes to a three-year suspended sentence. According to Assistant District Attorney Jim Woodall, this means that if Barnes follows probationary terms, he will not serve any time in jail.

The probationary terms were the result of a plea bargain presented by Barnes' defense attorney, Joe Cheshire. Barnes will be on probation for five years and is not allowed to own or possess any firearms during that period, according to Joan Terry, Orange County clerk of court.

Barnes was also sentenced to 250 hours of community service. In addition, he must continue psychological counseling and either re-enroll in school or find a job, Terry said.

Barnes dropped out of Appalachian State University, where he and Stewart were students, after the shooting.

Barnes was charged in February with the shooting of Stewart, which occurred

when the two attended a party at Chi Psi fraternity house in Chapel Hill.

Stewart and Barnes were on the third floor of the house during a fraternity mixer when Stewart was shot by a .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun that Barnes owned.

The gun, which Barnes said he thought wasn't loaded, fired when he and Barnes were wrestling with it. According to Chapel Hill police, the two friends were intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Lt. Robert Frick of the Chapel Hill Police Department said Barnes had a .20 blood alcohol level at the time of the shooting.

This served as a strong case for the prosecution.

"Alcohol and guns are almost always a deadly combination," Woodall said.

"It was an accident, but it was an accident that never should have happened. The fact that they were very good friends, both drinking, both playing with guns and the fact that no one knows who pulled the trigger makes it a complete accident. If he was found guilty by a jury, he would have received almost the same probationary terms from a judge."

The accidental shooting occurred 12 hours before a press conference concerning the town's "Buy Back The Hill" pro-

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We don't make mistakes. We just have happy accidents.

Bob Ross