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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

U.S. Soldier Found Shot in Haiti, Suicide Suspected

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — An American soldier was found shot to death Tuesday in the northern part of the capital, the first fatality among U.S. troops since they intervened to restore Haiti's elected government.

Pentagon officials in Washington said that it appeared to be a suicide but that the death was still being investigated.

The soldier was not identified immediately.

Pentagon spokesman Dennis Boxx said the male soldier, who was part of the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., "died of an apparent gunshot." He called the death "an apparent suicide" and said it was being investigated as such.

Boxx said he could not discuss why military officials came to that conclusion.

Rwandan Refugees Flee to Zaire to Escape Violence

GOMA, Zaire — In a grim sign that the Rwandan crisis is far from over, the flow of refugees fleeing violence in their country is picking up again.

After weeks of trying to convince refugees it is safe to leave the squalid camps in Zaire and return home, U.N. officials say more refugees now are coming out of Rwanda than are going back.

The latest arrivals tell similar stories of killings, arrests and harassment by the army of the new Tutsi-led government.

Martin Semanza, a 20-year-old with bloodshot eyes, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Tutsi soldiers killed his parents and three younger brothers as they fled toward Zaire.

Another young refugee said he saw a truck filled with bodies of Hutus.

U.S., N. Korean Leaders Make No Progress in Talks

GENEVA — U.S. and North Korean negotiators made no headway Tuesday in talks on easing nuclear tensions, and North Korea's military staked out its own position ruling out inspections of suspected nuclear sites.

The two sides agreed to try again in a sixth day of talks Wednesday, officials said.

In Pyongyang, North Korea's military made a rare public intervention in the communist-run country's foreign policy by declaring it would refuse to open its nuclear facilities to U.N. inspectors.

The statement by the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces, carried by the official Korea Central News Agency, appeared aimed at heading off any concessions by North Korea's delegation.

Jordan Gives Up Religious Ties With West Bank Area

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan renounced its religious links to the West Bank Tuesday in a move seemingly aimed at avoiding further conflict with the PLO, but maintained its spiritual claim to Jerusalem.

A statement issued by Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali said Jordan also was dismissing hundreds of employees of nearly 40 religious sites in the West Bank.

The statement, read on national television, stressed that Jordan would continue to "support the Palestinians by all means and ways, and will not allow any side to harm the deep-rooted relations between the Palestinian and Jordanian people."

It said the action was taken on King Hussein's orders.

Iranian Guerrillas Attack Security Zone in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon — Iranian-backed guerrillas detonated a roadside bomb in Israel's self-designated "security zone" Tuesday, wounding three pro-Israeli militiamen, security sources said.

The Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrilla group claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred as a mechanized patrol of the South Lebanon Army was driving past the Kfarfallous post, east of the southern port of Sidon.

Tension has gripped south Lebanon, the last active front in the Arab-Israeli conflict, since a June 2 Israeli air raid killed about 50 recruits at a Hezbollah training camp in the eastern Bekaa valley.

Hezbollah opposes the U.S.-sponsored Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 80.
THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high 70.
WEEKEND: Partly cloudy; high 70.

Jordan: Recall Is 'Personal Vendetta'

BY PETER ROYBAL
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President George Battle confirmed Tuesday that the 110 signatures asking for a recall election of law school Rep. Jonathan Jordan were valid.

The signatures represent more than 15 percent of Jordan's district, the amount required for a recall. Jordan, Dist. 1, will face a recall election Oct. 11, along with Rep. Tara Servatius, Dist. 12.

"(The recall is) just a personal vendetta against me by someone at the law school and it has everything to do with my opposition to the Battle administration," Jordan said. "If there were real concerns, I can deal with that, I can talk with people, but this is just a personal vendetta."

Mary Leazer, a third-year-law student who said she was one of 10 to 15 students who initiated the recall, said Sunday, "This has nothing to do with Jordan's political

views, simply his behavior and ethics."

Leazer said the students who circulated the petitions represented different political views and demographics.

Representatives can be recalled at any time, but there must be three Tuesdays between the time the petition is presented and the election, according to student government code.

The recalls of Jordan and Servatius are a contentious issue among Student Congress members, some of whom charged that Battle organized the recalls.

"The executive branch is behind the recall election," said Rep. Amy Cummins.

Tom Lyon, chairman of the finance committee, said the recalls were "definitely an inside job."

"I think (Jordan and Servatius) were singled out by the Battle administration because they (presented) the most articulate opposition to the Minority Recruitment Bill," he said.

"This has nothing to do with Jordan's political views, simply his behavior and ethics."

MARY LEAZER
Law School student

The Minority Recruitment Bill passed congress 11-10-1 and was signed by Battle after a lengthy debate in congress that included an attempt to reconsider the bill after it had passed.

"I state unequivocally that I am not involved," Battle said. "Even if I was involved, how could I get all these people to sign a petition if there were not problems between constituents and representatives?" "Although I would disagree with most of the things (Jordan) has done in Student

Congress, this office in no way, shape or form organized, promulgated, or participated in these efforts to recall Jonathan Jordan or Tara Servatius," he said.

Members of the executive branch may vote and sign petitions, but cannot "play a leading role in getting signatures or lobbying people to sign (a petition)," Battle said.

"Anyone who is in violation of that will be promptly dismissed from their position."

Hugh Davis, who lives in Servatius' district, said he organized her recall and that no members of the executive branch were behind it. "This recall petition drive was entirely accomplished through my efforts and the efforts of other individuals in residence halls in this district," he said.

"The only contact I had with George Battle was when I called him after I had collected more than the required number of signatures to have a recall election."

Davis lives with Battle's senior advisor

John Dervin but said Dervin did not organize or help lead the drive.

"While I do room with John Dervin, he did no more than sign his name as a constituent," Davis said. "John had nothing to do with the petition drive."

Davis said he knew there was a recall provision in the student code and consulted it for the procedure because he was motivated by discontent with Servatius.

"Initially my discontent was with her votes on the Minority Recruitment Bill and Race Relations Week, but the more I thought about it, I realized my dissatisfaction stems from the fact that she was not accountable to her constituents because there was no communication and therefore not adequate representation," he said.

Although some Student Congress members disputed the recalls, others were eager to claim the recall was fair and that the

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Russians Get Taste of Southern Part of Heaven

Visitors From Saratov Travel to America to Repay Visit From Local Officials

BY ALISON BAKER
STAFF WRITER

Visiting Russian officials had a chance to absorb a little American culture with local residents at an outdoor celebration held in their honor Tuesday evening. And what better way than with a picnic — indulging on steaming apple pie, butter-milk biscuits, pizza, potato salad, apple cider and turkey sandwiches?

Red, white and blue balloons welcomed the guests of honor to the front lawn of the WHCL radio station on East Franklin Street, and flags from Chapel Hill and Saratov, Russia hung side by side.

Residents from the Russian city are spending two weeks with host families in the area while they visit the University, Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The trip is sponsored by Sister Cities, an organization designed to promote global understanding through international programs. Chapel Hill and Carrboro are sister cities to both Saratov and San Jorge, Nicaragua.

Betty Caldwell, a volunteer who helped schedule entertainment for the picnic, said she wanted to welcome the Russian guests in an informal, fun, yet American way.

"We tried to get groups that are representative of entertainment in the U.S.," she said. "I think we succeeded to fit that into two hours."

The agenda included performances by the High Kicking Heels, the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble, the Badgett Sisters, the Chapel Hill Brass Ensemble, the Apple Chill Cloggers and the Carolina Blue Barbershop Quartet. Third- and fourth-graders from Estes Hills Element-

ary School also presented the guests with picture books that they had made.

Sister Cities is a program started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. The nonprofit organization has since grown to include over 900 U.S. cities and 1,500 foreign cities in 110 different countries.

The Russians said they were enjoying the American culture as well as the celebration.

Konstantin Ilin, an associate chemistry professor at Saratov State University who is visiting the U.S. for the first time, said he was pleased by both American technology and personality.

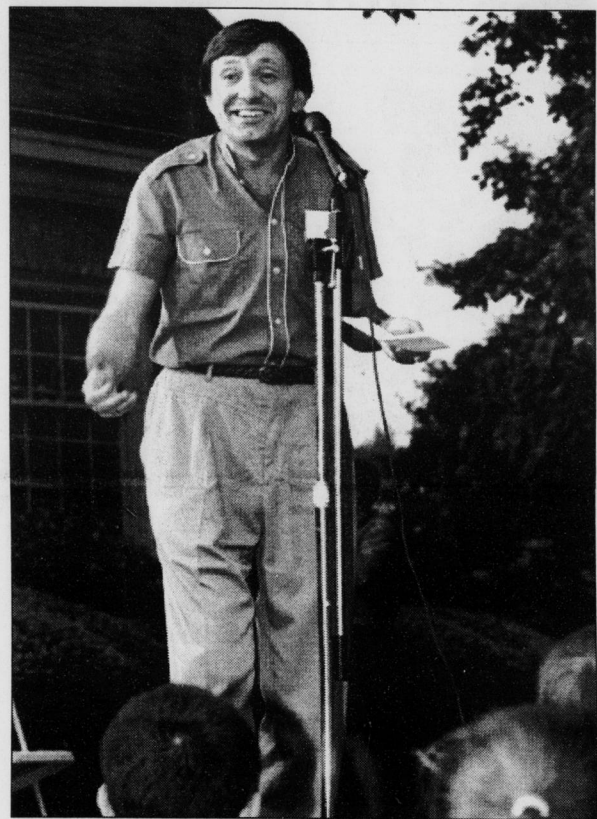
"When we first came to Washington (D.C.), we were impressed with the roads," he said through a translator. "America, for us, began with the wonderful highways and roads. Wonderful hotels. Wonderful restaurants, libraries and universities."

"But the most wonderful of all are the people," Ilin added. "They are all well-wishing and open."

Anatoli Avrus, a history professor from Saratov and first-time visitor to the U.S., reflected similar sentiments. "From what we've seen of American industry, it is very wonderful," he said, also through a translator. "You know how to work and how to relax very happily." Avrus added that the most important goal of their trip was to cement the friendship between the United States and Russia.

The Russian visitors said the exchange program gave encouragement for positive future Russia-U.S. relations.

Roza Bazyleva, president of the Sister Cities organization in Russia, stressed the global significance of interactions of this kind. She teaches English at the University of Saratov. "I think that the more contact we have with each other, the more peace and stability will come to the world," she said. "It's important to communicate, to understand and to reach each other."



Honored guest Konstantin Ilin shares a Russian fairy tale with children Tuesday evening. Ilin is visiting from Saratov, Russia, as part of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sister Cities Program.

Bones Spur Excitement On Campus

BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

UNC's Mitchell Hall is practically a shrine for all things ancient, and many of its classrooms and labs are dedicated to studying rocks and fossils that are millions of years old.

But Tuesday, the home of the geology department was buzzing with information of a newer sort: the incredible discovery made by UNC seniors Marco Brewer and Brian Coffey of the largest and most complete phytosaur skeleton ever found in North Carolina.

"It looks like a rather remarkable beast," geology Professor Charles Paull said Tuesday afternoon. "It is clearly a significant predator. It's wonderful anytime anyone finds a large, well-preserved vertebrate fossil."

"Being a geologist, having a really great fossil find uncovered locally is exciting," he added. "They're going to have a great time with this. I personally look forward to watching this develop."

Phytosaurs, which roamed the earth during the late Triassic Period more than 225 million years ago, are similar to crocodiles and are distinct for having nostrils near their eyes. The carnivores, also known as parasuchids, were typically about 7 feet long, Brewer said.

On Sept. 14, roommates Brewer, of Raleigh, and Coffey, of Boone, went digging near Research Triangle Park as part of Coffey's honors thesis on the climate of the

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Recruitment Efforts Add 21 Minority Faculty Members to UNC's Campus

BY SARAH BAHNSON
STAFF WRITER

UNC officials are striving to increase the number of minority faculty members as part of their efforts to increase the cultural diversity of the University.

Provost Richard McCormick said the only difference between minority faculty recruitment and faculty recruitment in general was that some deans might set aside special funds for the project.

McCormick said some recruitment efforts had already been successful. This academic year African Americans represented 13 of the newly tenured faculty, and more minorities than ever before were appointed to the staff, he said.

Minority candidates, as well as all other candidates, must go through the same detailed selection processes conducted by each academic department, he said.

McCormick said the recruitment effort hinged on convincing community members of the importance of a diverse faculty.

"The key to (recruitment) is the spread of convictions that racial diversity is an essential component of academic excellence," he said. "Bringing more minority faculty members to the campus would give us teaching and research in areas otherwise not available. It would also provide more students with role models."

Journalism professor Jane Brown, chairwoman of the Faculty Council, said members are considering encouraging the enrollment of minorities in graduate school programs in order to increase the pool of qualified applicants to faculty positions.

Although the Faculty Council is not directly involved with minority faculty re-



Faculty Council Chairwoman JANE BROWN said more minority faculty members were needed as role models for all University students.

cruitment, members passed a resolution in the spring in support of the recruitment.

Brown said the resolution represented members' awareness of the need for faculty diversity and their commitment to achieving it. "We're in full support of minority recruitment and are committed to high standards," Brown said. "We still have a long way to go."

According to the fall 1993 Faculty Employment Review prepared by the Affirmative Action Office, there were 139 minority tenured faculty for that academic

year compared to 1,574 white tenured faculty. These minorities included blacks, Asians and Hispanics.

The University's Department of Political Science has no minority faculty members and has formed a committee to try to correct the problem, said David Lowery, department chairman.

Brown said the department would be improved by minority faculty members.

"It's too bad that one of the best political science schools in the nation has no minority presence," she said. "Women and minority faculty bring perspectives that haven't been looked at before."

Chancellor Paul Hardin, who was unavailable for comment, addressed the Board of Trustees on Friday about the issue. According to McCormick, there was not much response to the issue because attentions were focused on Hardin's announcement of NationsBank's contribution to the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

Brown said her own experiences convinced her of the importance of having minority faculty members to teach and to serve as role models. "When I was an undergraduate, there were no minority faculty members to serve as role models for the students," Brown said. "It would have been so helpful to have someone to look up to in the position that I aspired to be in."

"All sorts of people have so much to teach — they need to be given the chance."

The current effort is not the University's first move toward minority recruitment. In 1993, graduate students in the Department of English protested its lack of minority faculty members. In 1992, UNC students formed a coalition to bring Native American professors to the University.

Orange Lesbians and Gays Aim for National Attention

BY SARAH CORBITT
STAFF WRITER

Many gays and lesbians among the nation will celebrate National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11. In Carrboro, gays and lesbians will have extra cause to celebrate, as registration for domestic partnerships begins.

Members of Orange Lesbian and Gay Association are hoping to attract national attention Oct. 11 and are meeting tonight to plan a press conference to be held, according to OLGA member Doug Ferguson.

The domestic partnership ordinance, which was passed by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Sept. 13, allows town workers to register their domestic partners. This law gives the domestic partner health benefits and recognizes domestic partners as persons sharing the same domestic needs.

Ferguson hopes this press will include coverage by Good Morning America. He also said OLGA would like to encourage Chapel Hill to adopt such a policy.

Ferguson said passing a domestic partnership ordinance in Chapel Hill might be more difficult than in Carrboro. "There are a few more financial considerations," Ferguson said.

Ferguson knows of one couple who may be the first to register, he said.

On the UNC campus, Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity is planning a dinner in honor of Mike Nelson, the Carrboro alderman who proposed and supported the domestic partnership ordinance. Nelson is the only openly gay member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the only openly gay elected official in North Carolina.

Patrick Willard, a junior from East Bend,

and co-chairman of B-GLAD, said he was pleased with the passing of the ordinance. He said he also would like to see Chapel Hill pass a similar law.

Derek Easley, a freshman from Jacksonville, said of the ordinance, "It's great. It seems like it shouldn't be a big deal, but it's good they have positive press."

Registration for domestic partners will begin Oct. 11 at the town hall. A staff meeting today will determine the exact place and time, as well as what people registering their domestic partners will need to bring.

Loretta DeLoggia, a board member of Our Own Place, a lesbian center in Durham, said, "Anything that validates the gay-lesbian lifestyle within society is a step towards equality."

DeLoggia, who specializes in helping minorities get into law school, lectured at a Monday night B-GLAD meeting.

Kenda Kirby, a member of the North Carolina Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality, said that while Durham has no domestic partnership laws, her instinct is that it could pass with majority but not with unanimity.

Kirby, who supports the measure, said, "It's about time lesbians and gays get recognition for long term, committed relationships."

Sexual preference is included in city employee nondiscrimination clauses in Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Locally, the NCCGLE is planning an open house Saturday. While the open house will focus on the opening of a new NCCGLE office, National Coming Out Day will be on the minds of those present, Kirby said.

Keep these books well stocked away and take your happy home.

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