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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Haitian President Aristide Returns to Power Saturday

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Jean-Bertrand Aristide proudly reclaimed the nation he was forced to flee three years ago, his persecutors gone and his people dancing Saturday to the promise of a society reborn.

His return — literally on American wings — completes the first phase of a world effort to sow democracy in a land cursed by a long history of tyranny. The diminutive priest-turned-president must now transcend Haiti's fractious history to unite his wretchedly poor nation and create true democracy.

The Clinton administration, which sent 20,000 troops to Haiti to ensure the departure of its military rulers, is hoping the restoration of Aristide's elected government will send a message to dictators around the world.

The U.N. Security Council welcomed Aristide's return by voting Saturday to lift stifling trade sanctions imposed to force out army rulers.

Aristide released a white dove into the air before he addressed thousands of singing, dancing Haitians at the National Palace.

"Today is the day that the sun of democracy rises, never to set," he said. "Today is the day that the eyes of justice open, never to close again. Today is the day that security takes over morning, noon and night."

Aristide spoke from behind a bullet-proof shield — a reminder of the danger he still faces from rightist opponents.

Serbian Troops Advance To Battle Posts in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Backed by heavy artillery barrages, Serb forces are advancing toward strategic hill-tops along the biggest battlefield in Bosnia, U.N. peacekeepers reported Sunday.

The Serbs are apparently trying to disrupt supply routes for the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

If they score further gains, taking a 4,835-foot peak called Dernak, the Serbs would dominate a vital north-south supply route for Tuzla and other north-central towns held by the Bosnian government.

A spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers, Maj. Koos Sol, said both sides were believed to have suffered heavy casualties in the fighting.

Most of the conflicts have occurred along the frequently shifting front line.

U.S., N. Korea Continuing Nuclear Talks in Geneva

GENEVA — Negotiators from the United States and North Korea held two hours of unscheduled talks Sunday on easing nuclear tensions but reported no movement toward a settlement.

But Defense Secretary William Perry, arriving Sunday in Beijing for talks, said an agreement could still come as soon as this week.

Perry described the Geneva negotiations as moving toward a very complicated agreement that would entail "working with the North Koreans for years and years to come."

Chief U.S. negotiator Robert Gallucci met informally with his North Korean counterpart, Kang Sok Ju, on Sunday, although no meeting had been planned. The two sides had seemed close to a breakthrough Saturday, but the talks ended acrimoniously.

German Leader Maintains Power Following Elections

BONN, Germany — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party won Sunday in the election pitting his conservative coalition against a divided leftist opposition, but the final results were unclear and the opposition refused to concede.

A projection by the ARD television network, based on exit polls and partial vote counts, gave Kohl's coalition almost 49 percent of the vote. The general secretary of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union party, Peter Hintze, announced the victory late Sunday afternoon.

But Anke Fuchs, deputy leader of the main opposition Social Democrats, said the race was still unclear.

ARD projected that Kohl's party and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, would win 282 seats in parliament and be able to count on their junior partner, the Free Democrats, with 51 seats.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high 72.
TUESDAY: Sunny; high 75.

Burnette Resigns From School Board

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Less than one month before a recall election that could have removed her from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, Lavonda Burnette resigned her post Friday, ending 11 months of controversy and speculation.

Burnette, with her daughter Brittany by her side, handed in her resignation letter to school superintendent Neil Pedersen about 6 p.m. Friday. Burnette's letter cites concerns about her family and the school board's ability to concentrate on the needs of students as reasons for her resignation.

Pedersen said Burnette indicated earlier last week that she was considering stepping down.

"Only a day or two before she called me and indicated that she might be (resigning)," he said. "At that point I knew that was what she planned. It looked like all the legal ways the recall might be blocked had been eliminated. I think that LaVonda surely realized that would be a difficult period to go through."

He said the pressure was probably just more than Burnette could deal with. "I believe in working with her the past month or two that the ordeal was taking a toll on her, and I certainly understand that."

Burnette has been under fire since December, when it was discovered that she was not a UNC student, as she had billed herself in her efforts to garner a seat on the school board.

In January, at Burnette's second meeting as a board member, her colleagues voted unanimously to remove her from the board. Burnette, however, refused to step down, saying instead that she would resign in July 1995.

The board then pursued a bill in the N.C. General Assembly to force a recall of Burnette, prompting another controversy. After the bill passed, resident Madeline



LAVONDA BURNETTE said she called it quits to protect herself and her 7-year-old daughter.

Mitchell last summer initiated a petition drive to force a recall election.

Meanwhile, two school district residents, David Mage and Harvey Carnes, brought a lawsuit against the school board for what they perceived as dereliction of duty.

Now that the controversy is effectively over, the board can better concentrate on its duties, Pedersen said.

School board Chairman Ken Touw said he did not expect the resignation, but said that in the last few weeks Burnette behaved as if she were depressed.

"I think that this is probably a good choice for the school system," he said. "It's unfortunate it wasn't done earlier."

The resignation should allow the board to get on with their jobs, he said.

The school board must now appoint a replacement to fulfill the remainder of Burnette's term, which would have lasted until November 1995.

"That appointment process is not set by policy, so the school board will need to discuss it," Touw said.

The next school board meeting is Thursday.
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Burnette's Sudden Resignation Leaves Local Residents Surprised

BY CHRIS NICHOLS
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For residents, community leaders and school board members, the past year has been one steeped in the controversy over school board member LaVonda Burnette.

But now that the dividing factor is gone, residents appear ready to move on. Madeline Mitchell, who initiated a petition drive last summer to force a recall election, agreed that the focus was no longer on the original controversy, but had become largely a racial issue.

"I think that although for me personally it was not a racial issue, some members in our community made it so," Mitchell said.

Many residents were concerned that the controversy over Burnette had af-

ected the school board's ability to function effectively.

"I think it did affect their ability," Mitchell said, adding that a less divided school board would have been more able to concentrate on the educational issues at hand.

Mitchell said she had no problems with the views Burnette held on the school board. "I think we need all the help we can get in our district," she said. "But I think you have to earn it."

Harvey Carnes and David Mage, who filed a lawsuit against the school board last year for not removing Burnette from office, both were glad Burnette resigned and the lawsuit could be dropped.

"It's just sad she did it," Mage said. "It's just sad the school board didn't do their job a year ago. The purpose of the

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It's Only Fair to Be On Top



The N.C. State Fair kicked off in Raleigh Friday afternoon and will run through Oct. 23. Beautiful weather Sunday drew thousands to the fairgrounds, as seen from atop the "Sun Wheel," to enjoy rides, games, food, agricultural exhibits and live entertainment.

UNC-System Schools Net Record-High \$356.7M In Grants for Research

BY BRIAN VANN
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The UNC system received a record high \$356.7 million in research grants last year, surpassing last year's total by over \$28 million.

The Chapel Hill campus maintained its status as the leading recipient, accounting for over 50 percent of the system's total. Grants received by UNC's researchers jumped from \$187.82 million to \$201.46 million, a 7 percent increase.

The grants were a combination of federal, state and private research funding. Professors from the 16 campuses put in requests to various organizations that approve or deny the requests.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler said the increase in research grants was good news for the University. "We were pleased about the increase," Spangler said.



UNC-system President C.D. SPANGLER praised the campuses that brought in more money for research.

"It will enable professors to do what they wish in their areas of research. They were the ones who requested the grants; they had the good ideas."

Spangler said the increase would make graduate programs better. "This will not only allow professors to search for new knowledge, it will bring in good graduate students who want to be a part of it and the graduate program will grow," he said.

Other campuses also experienced significant increases. Elizabeth City State University's research grants increased 1,805 percent, escalating from \$57,810 during the fiscal year 1993 to \$1.1 million in 1994. N.C. Central University's grants jumped 507 percent, and Appalachian State University's increased by 435 percent.

Spangler attributed the success of these schools to professors who anticipated what organizations were looking for in the funding requests.

At Chapel Hill, health affairs departments and professional programs drew the greatest amount of grants. Of the more than \$200 million total, these departments — including the schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health and Pharmacy — received \$166.9 million. This sum was over

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Teacher-Student Relationships Focus of Proposed Guidelines

BY MELISSA MILIOS
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The chancellor's Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee has drafted a proposal aimed at avoiding potential problems stemming from romantic relationships between teachers and students.

The proposal will be evaluated by the Faculty Council, Student Congress and the Graduate and Professional Students' Federation (GPSF) before the committee presents the final draft to Chancellor Paul Hardin for approval.

Committee chairwoman Judith Scott, the University's Sexual Harassment Officer, said the policy was still in the formative stages and the committee was strongly encouraging feedback before drafting the final policy.

"We're not interested in anything but feedback from the groups at this point," Scott said Friday. "What the committee is going to do is gather all the feedback and revise accordingly. Then we will present (the revised policy) to the chancellor."

The policy has already been presented to the Employee Forum, Scott said. "The feedback from members of the forum is that they're very much in favor of it and even want to extend the policy to all University staff, not just those in direct teaching relationships with students," Scott said.

As it stands now, the policy states that due to conflict of interest, "an amorous relationship between a faculty member or other member of the instructional staff and

a student is both inappropriate and unwise when the faculty or instructional staff member has professional responsibility for the student." The policy also states that "voluntary consent by the student in such a relationship is difficult to determine with certainty, given the fundamentally asymmetric nature of the relationship."

Scott said she hoped the policy would help decrease the possibility of faculty abusing their power by discriminating for or against certain students in the teaching situation. "We're looking at preventing abuse of power in the faculty-student relationship, where the power differential is very significant," Scott said. "Have there been problems of this nature in the two years that I have been here? Of course. But this University is no different than any other in terms of problems that might arise as a result of abuse of power."

"The policy needs to be looked at essentially as an expression of this particular higher education community's ethical values," Scott said.

More than 100 colleges and universities across the country have enacted similar policies, including N.C. State University and the University of Virginia, Scott said.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown, professor of journalism and mass communication, said the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council had reviewed the policy and would present it to the full council Friday.

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\$3.5B Budget To Give Boost To Salaries

BY JASON SILVERSTEIN
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The UNC-system Board of Governors on Friday unanimously approved the UNC system's proposed \$3.5-billion budget for 1995-97, which included a raise in faculty salaries and appropriations for several University projects.

UNC faculty and administrators would get average 5 percent salary increases in each of the next two years, according to the biennial budget request.

Faculty in public service, research and instruction in the UNC-system's research institutions would also receive another 2 percent each year.

The budget request also included another 1 percent increase to combat salary problems at the University. This increase will bring a total faculty salary boost of up to 8 percent for instructional, public service and research faculty.

Felix Joyner, the UNC-system vice president for finance, said Sunday that the Chapel Hill campus had the highest salaries in the system, but the increase of 1 percent was added so the University could compete nationally with other schools.

"We lost ground to schools in our size range. We lost even more ground at our research institutions," Joyner said Sunday.

C.D. Spangler, UNC-system president, said Sunday: "By far, the most important appropriation is the increase in salary. It will have the most significant effect on our university system."

Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown, professor of journalism and mass communication, said Sunday that part of the salary increase package was also to provide more stipends for graduate students.

Brown said although some graduate students lived poorly while in school, they offered much support to the professors.

"They keep us alive by sharing their new ideas with us and by helping us as research assistants and teaching assistants," Brown said.

The appropriations for the requested projects on the University campus included: \$24.8 million for a medical allied health building; \$28.2 million for a biomolecular research building; \$16.2 million for an addition to the Student Stores building; \$8.4 million for a center of dramatic art; \$6.3 million for an addition to Beard Hall, the School of Pharmacy; and \$10 million for additions and renovations to Van Hecke-Wettach School of Law.

Brown said these allocations would also help the UNC faculty as well as improve education as a whole.

"These capital expenditures will greatly improve our situation," she said. "For example, the center for dramatic art uses space in Graham Memorial. If we receive this money, the center would have the space they need and the undergraduate honors program could use the space in Graham."

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Doughnuts. Is there anything they can't do?

Homer Simpson