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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

PLO, Israel Reopen Peace Talks in Egypt After Delay

CAIRO, Egypt — The PLO and Israel reopened talks Tuesday on expanding Palestinian self-rule. Israel had broken off the negotiations last week after Muslim militants kidnapped an Israeli soldier. The session ended after three hours, and both sides said the discussions were positive. One Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the PLO had presented new ideas but he would not give details.

The talks, intended to work out the details of Palestinian elections, have made little progress since they began in Cairo early this month.

Before the session convened Tuesday, a source close to the talks said the Palestinians would offer to bar opponents of the peace process from the council.

Serbian Soldiers Kill U.N. Convoy Driver in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb soldiers shot to death a food convoy driver Tuesday, a day after comrades hijacked a medical supply convoy in some of the worst back-to-back blows to this year's U.N. relief effort.

The two actions underscore the Bosnian Serbs' determination to make their Muslim foes on government-held territory share their suffering.

Bosnian Serbs are increasingly short of supplies since being cut off by their former patrons in Serb-led Yugoslavia for rejecting a peace plan that would reduce their war-won holdings in Bosnia by one-third.

Adding to the tension, the Muslim-led government refused to give in to U.N. and Serb demands to withdraw its soldiers from a demilitarized zone.

Palestinian Leader Decries Jordan, Israel Peace Plan

JERUSALEM — PLO chief Yasser Arafat condemned the Israel-Jordan peace accord Tuesday, calling it an "outrageous infringement" of the PLO's peace agreement with Israel and a betrayal of Palestinian interests.

The Jordanian prime minister, meanwhile, said his country made a separate peace with Israel because it could not wait for other Arab states to move.

Arafat was outraged that Jordanian negotiators did not consult with the PLO before the accord was initialed in Amman on Monday. He was especially upset by a provision giving Jordan a "special role" in the disputed city of Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Syrian President Hafez Assad said Tuesday that the formula used to resolve the land dispute between Jordan and Israel would never work.

Simpson Judge Refuses to Throw Out DNA Evidence

LOS ANGELES — The judge in the O.J. Simpson case suspended jury selection Tuesday so he could review a sensational new book that could change the ground rules for picking a jury.

Earlier, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito handed the prosecution a major victory in refusing to throw out DNA tests on a bloody glove and other key evidence.

In his DNA ruling, Ito said he could find no proof that prosecutors acted in bad faith, and no law that would allow him to punish them for waiting to begin some genetic tests until three months after the slayings.

Simpson's lawyers had asked that the DNA results be thrown out, arguing that prosecutors dragged their feet in order to ambush them with late test results.

Iraq Opens Missile Testing Sites to Ease Sanctions

MUSAYYIB, Iraq — Desperate to have international sanctions lifted, Iraq opened a missile test site and an explosives factory for a limited tour by the press Tuesday.

The tour of two munitions plants run by the secretive Military Industrialization Corp. is part of Iraq's campaign to press the U.N. Security Council to begin testing the U.N. surveillance system in Baghdad and other Iraqi sites.

Once the Security Council determines that the weapons-monitoring system works, Baghdad wants the United Nations to rescind the debilitating economic sanctions it imposed on Iraq for invading Kuwait in August 1990.

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Weather

TODAY: Increasing cloudiness; high 77.

THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy; high 75.

Jury Seated in Sokolowski's 2nd Trial

BY CHRIS NICHOLS
CITY EDITOR

HILLSBOROUGH — A jury of seven women and five men will start hearing testimony today in the first day of David Allen Sokolowski's second murder trial. Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox and defense attorney William Sheffield seated the entire jury from a pool of 100 by late afternoon Tuesday.

Attorneys screened possible jurors on their personal lives, including marital status, employment and where they lived in efforts to weed out biased jurors.

The proceedings began with Superior Court Judge Cy Grant explaining the charges against Sokolowski to the potential jurors. Grant also asked them if they

had any prior knowledge of the case, and if so, the nature of that knowledge.

Sokolowski is standing trial for first-degree murder in the February 1992 murder of his live-in girlfriend, Pamela Owens Ellwood.

Sheffield said after the proceedings that Sokolowski seemed to be in relatively good spirits.

"He seems to be in pretty good shape," Sheffield said. "He's gained some weight since the last time he was in court. Clearly this is a stressful situation for anyone, and he doesn't take it lightly. And he has entered a plea of not guilty which puts the burden of proof on the state."

This is the second murder trial in the last year in which Sokolowski has been the defendant. He was convicted of first-degree murder last spring in the shooting death of his neighbor and friend Rubel "Little Man" Hill.

After shooting Hill, Sokolowski, 36, then chopped up Hill's body, put the parts in a cooler and built a bonfire to try to burn them.

Sokolowski's defense contended that a fight broke out between the two over money, that Hill was first to draw a gun and that Sokolowski killed Hill in self-defense.

Investigators found several bullets in Hill's body, and Fox said during the first trial that the self-defense claim lacked evidence.

The gun which Hill supposedly drew on Sokolowski was never found.

Sokolowski was sentenced to life in

prison for the conviction. He will be eligible for parole in 20 years.

Ellwood's body was also found on Sokolowski's Hillsborough farm.

Sheffield said after the jury was seated that Fox might try to bring in evidence from the previous trial to help the state establish motive or intent.

In order for that to happen, Sokolowski will have to take the witness stand — something he didn't do in the trial for Hill's murder.

After the first trial, Sheffield said he regretted that his client hadn't testified, adding that Sokolowski had feared the prosecution might "twist" his words.

Some of the evidence Fox might refer to includes DNA testing on a piece of evidence, but Sheffield would not elaborate

on what piece of evidence that might be.

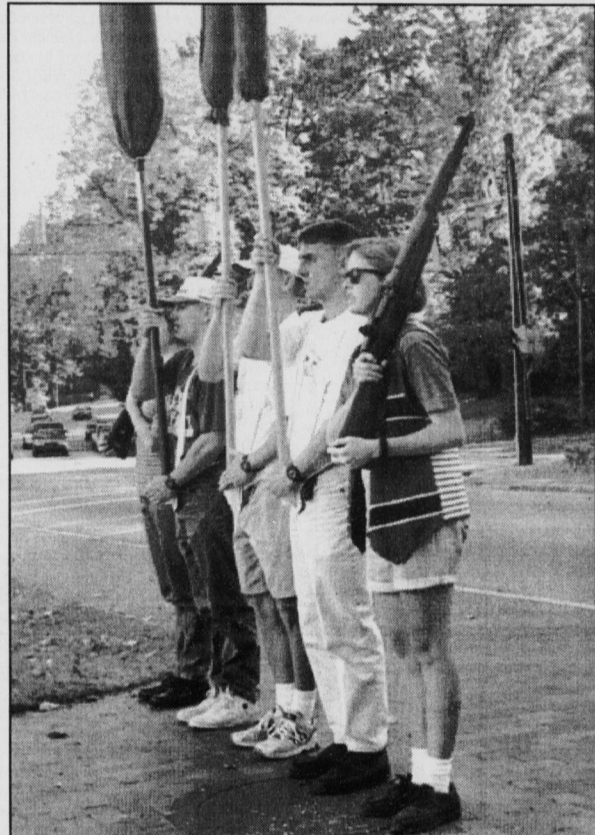
"We'll see what the test shows," Sheffield said. "You can't bootstrap everything that you might find in one area. They did a DNA test on one piece of evidence, and they may try to reach out and encompass everything they've found."

During the proceedings, Sokolowski, clad in a white shirt, gray pants and black shoes, sat quietly, reading from a series of court cases.

"It's the state's burden of proof in this case to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the defendant's guilt," Fox said during the proceedings.

The case is not a capital murder trial, so the jury will not be involved in sentencing at all. That responsibility will rest with Judge Grant.

Attention!



DTH/T.C. MORPHIS

Navy ROTC drill team members practice Tuesday evening for their Fall Ball. The drill team practices once a week for about an hour to stay sharp for its performances at football games, basketball games and occasional parades.

150 Employees of Carolina Inn To Start Looking at Job Market

BY NANCY FONTI
STAFF WRITER

When the Carolina Inn closes for renovation on Nov. 20, its 150 employees will have to find employment elsewhere.

To aid the staff in their search, the inn will hold a job fair today and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the inn.

Only a core group of employees will remain at the inn to handle sales areas and client relations, said Dorian Oliphant, Director of Human Resources.

Inn employees who remain committed to the inn until Nov. 20 and who are in good standing with their new employer will be on the list of preferred job candidates after the inn reopens in September 1995, Oliphant said.

Brenda Anderson, a housekeeping supervisor who has been with the inn for two years, said she was not worried when the staff was informed in March that the inn would close for renovations.

"It's domestic work," Anderson said. "It's easy to find a job. I can always go to another hotel, or go to a restaurant and flip burgers or go scan groceries."

Anderson said she did not think her fellow employees were worried about finding other jobs, either.

"We have some with children, and they might be worried, but I haven't heard anybody break down and cry," she said. "People don't stay on with domestic work. If you find someone who has stayed on the job for six months, you've found a good worker who is dedicated to the job."

Though the inn will be closed until next September, Anderson said she plans to

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return for its reopening.

"The manager and the assistant manager know we get really tired because we're busy, but if you have a problem, they are willing to listen," Anderson said. "They never sweep anything under the rug."

Charles Flembester, who also works in housekeeping, said he was not upset with the inn's closing. "It is something that has to be done," he said.

Jennifer Farris, banquet manager for Carolina Inn, said she has worked at the inn, which is located on West Cameron Avenue, for five years.

When the inn closes in November, she plans to work for another hotel within the Doubletree company.

"I have been in Chapel Hill for several years now. I started out as a part-time waiter, and I kind of stayed on," she said. "This will force me to make the big move away from Chapel Hill."

Farris said most of the waiters she supervises are not concerned with the inn's closing.

"Most of them are part-time, and this is a good time for the hotel to close, with

(Winter) Break and fall exams.

"This is not a permanent job, and for most of the waiters it is not a career," she said. "Most of the waiters I hire are very transient and usually last about a semester."

Although Farris still wants to transfer within the Doubletree company, she said she will attend the job fair offered by the inn.

Though employees have one month left to find other employment, Oliphant said they still remain faithful to the inn.

"This is a time when people tend to be fragile ... but it is remarkable what these people can do. They have really come together and astounded us with their talents," she said.

"At first people were full of a lot of questions, but we've kept a sense of open communication with the staff every step of the way," Oliphant added.

General Manager Terry Murphy agreed that the staff's morale has not suffered greatly. "The attitude is as positive as it can be, given the fact as of the 20th of November they will have to find other employment," Murphy said.

"There is a high demand for hotel workers, and a shortage especially of skilled workers."

Oliphant said 13 companies from Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham will visit the inn on Wednesday and Thursday.

Some of the hospitality employers that will visit Carolina Inn for the job fair are Holiday Inn of Chapel Hill, Red Roof Inn, Capitol City Club, Seven Seasons and

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Asian Students' Resource Center Will Expand Existing Services

BY ANDREW RUSSELL
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The development of an Asian-American resource center is in its preliminary stages and should be instituted by the middle of next semester, resource center coordinator Jeff Huang said Tuesday.

The resource center will not have a physical location, such as the planned free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center (BCC), but will act as an expansion of existing resources already available to students of the University, Huang said.

"We are not trying to create anything that does not already exist," Huang said.

"We are urging the expansion and diversification of current resources."

The resource center is designed to serve the campus community as a whole with special attention being paid to Asian-American students.

The center will provide a career counseling program, an alumni program, counseling services and the creation of a database containing information about Asian-American affairs.

Huang said that he had discussed the resource center with various administrators and that they were very supportive of the project.

Provost Richard McCormick said he

supported the resource center and would do anything to meet the needs of students.

"I believe each program that the center wants to institute could be very valuable to the University," McCormick said.

The circumstances surrounding the Asian-American resource center are not at all related to the BCC, he said.

"They are about as different as they could be," McCormick said.

"No one suggested a separate building for the center. They will be using existing resources."

The resources being expanded will be the career counseling program, the alumni program, counseling services and the in-

formation database. They will become specialized and concentrate on assisting Asian-American students.

"This is a center for Asian-Americans as well as all students," said Huang, a member of the Asian Students Association (ASA). "You don't have to be a member of organizations such as the Asian Students Association, the Korean-American Students Association or Sangam to utilize these resources."

Huang said he hoped the center would follow in the BCC's footsteps and become something larger in the future.

"Having a building, along with diversifying the curriculum, are some things that

we would like to see come about five or ten years down the line but are not in our plans at the moment," Huang said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Edith Wiggins said she was enthusiastic about the resource center.

"The ASA has some exciting proposals," Wiggins said. "We need to discuss what programs and services are needed and can be incorporated. It has a lot of potential."

ASA President David Liu said he thought the center had a promising future.

"Down the road, I believe this center has a lot of potential," Liu said. "We are now just building the foundation."

School Board Considering Ways to Replace Burnette

BY SARAH CORBITT
STAFF WRITER

The vacancy left by La Vonda Burnette's resignation from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Friday has caused a lot of speculation concerning her successor.

On Nov. 3, the school board will meet in an open forum to discuss Burnette's successor.

But first, the board has to build consensus on how to replace her.

School board Chairman Ken Touw outlined three processes by which the vacancy might be filled. Touw said Burnette's successor might be chosen by taking the person with the next highest vote count in last November's election in which Burnette won a seat. That person is Bea Hughes-Werner, who lost to Burnette by 112 votes.

Touw said another option was to choose someone who ran for the seat that opened when Ruth Royster resigned earlier this year. The third and least favored option

would be to open up the process and start over, Touw said.

Hughes-Werner and local attorney Grainger Barrett applied for seats in both the Burnette election and the Ruth Royster replacement. Touw indicated that one of these two might replace Burnette.

Hughes-Werner is a Chapel Hill resident, mother, acting president of the League of Women Voters, Parent Teacher Association member, volunteer with the Inter-Faith Council Community Shelter and holds a doctorate in genetics.

The board would choose from the most qualified people, but would still consider the person that the residents indicate they want, Touw said.

"I don't think we would want to go through the process we went through to replace Ruth Royster," school board spokeswoman Kim Hoke said. "I think people should remember it's for a year. The electorate will have a chance."

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Battle Cabinet Members Asked to Resign

Involvement in Posting of Anti-Homosexual Fliers Prompts Personnel Change

BY SARAH BAHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President George Battle and Chief of Staff Philip Charles-Pierre called for the resignation of one cabinet member Monday night and will possibly call for another because of their involvement in the posting of anti-gay fliers before National Coming Out Day, Charles-Pierre said.

The two cabinet members were involved in posting the Young Republicans' (YR) fliers in opposition to the Oct. 11 celebration.

The fliers posted by YR expressed sentiments such as "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." YR was also accused of defacing chalk messages which publicized National Coming Out Day around campus, but members deny that allegation.

John Phillippe, co-secretary of campus security, and Charlton Allen, adviser to the student body president, both YR officers, were seen posting the fliers late the night before Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (B-GLAD) held its National Coming Out Day celebration in the Pit.

According to Charles-Pierre, the Office of the SBP asked Phillippe to hand in his resignation, but he had not done so by Tuesday afternoon. Allen had not been asked to resign yet, but he probably would be, Charles-Pierre said.

Allen said no one had talked to him personally but he had heard rumors about the possible request of his resignation.

"I exercised my religious and political beliefs, and that in no way impairs my ability to serve in the cabinet," Allen said. "I will not resign, they will have to fire me!"

Phillippe, YR president, said the club wanted to voice its opinion on National Coming Out Day.

He said posting the fliers was a club activity approved by its executive board. The fliers were a form of silent opposition, he said.

"The radical homosexual agenda overall is more important (than the symbolic gesture of National Coming Out Day)," Phillippe said. "They are trying to corrupt the moral values of our society, and we wanted to counter that."

Charles-Pierre said the Office of the SBP was disappointed in the members' behavior, not in their opinions of the coming out celebration.

"It's a bad reflection that (the student government cabinet) can't allow others to first voice their opinion freely and then have opposition," Charles-Pierre said. "The way they interfered makes a difference, too."

"One can be in cabinet and express their position, but to do so negligently is in poor taste."

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I believe that sex is the most beautiful, natural and wholesome thing that money can buy.

Steve Martin