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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Israel, Jordan Leaders to Sign Peace Treaty Today

WADI ARABA, Israel-Jordan Border — Under a huge banner proclaiming peace in three languages, Israel and Jordan are signing a treaty today to end 46 years of war—pushing a vision of hope in a Middle East convulsed by Islamic fundamentalism.

The signing, to be witnessed by President Clinton and 5,000 guests, is taking place on a hastily asphalted former minefield—an apt metaphor for an uncertain future.

**President Clinton Travels to Mideast to Witness Historic Treaty Signing**  
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Despite the spectacular ceremony planned at this uninhabited patch of desert just north of the Red Sea, the Israeli mood was sober Tuesday in the aftermath of a string of terrorist attacks by Islamic fundamentalists.

### Serbs Refuse to Withdraw From Demilitarized Zone

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs sprayed a Sarajevo streetcar with machine-gun fire Tuesday, while Muslim-led troops spurned U.N. demands to withdraw from a demilitarized zone.

Officials at the city's main hospital said eight people were wounded in the sniping, one seriously.

The attack heightened tensions in the Bosnian capital a day after a shootout between Bosnian government troops and French peacekeepers in a demilitarized zone on Mount Igman, a strategic summit outside Sarajevo.

Bosnian soldiers refused again Tuesday to totally withdraw from the zone, demanding that U.N. peacekeepers first secure a key supply route.

### U.S. Federal Judge Halts Return of Cuban Refugees

MIAMI — A federal judge Tuesday blocked the United States from returning Cuban refugees to their homeland, intervening just one minute before a military plane with 23 of them was to leave for Havana.

An immigration official raced to a pay phone to stop the flight from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay after U.S. District Judge C. Clyde Atkins issued his order, pending a hearing Wednesday.

The order was sought by attorneys who filed a lawsuit Monday to win freedom for the more than 30,000 Cuban refugees held at Guantanamo Bay and in Panama.

President Clinton has said refugees must return to Cuba and apply for immigration through routine channels.

### Senate Panel: CIA Director Was Too Weak in Spy Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Senate panel that reviewed the CIA's handling of the Aldrich Ames spy scandal concluded that CIA Director R. James Woolsey responded too weakly, officials said Tuesday.

A Senate Intelligence Committee official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the panel was putting the finishing touches on a 150-page report that chronicles the years-long hunt for the Soviet "mole" inside the CIA.

The report concludes that stronger action should have been taken against the senior agency executives who were chiefly to blame for letting the "mole" hunt flounder.

Ames sold CIA secrets to Moscow for more than eight years.

### 80 Million Gallons of Oil Reported Spilled in Russia

MOSCOW — An oil spill from a broken pipeline fouled two rivers and frozen tundra in Arctic Russia but posed no serious environmental threat, Russian officials said Tuesday.

The size of the spill was unclear. A U.S. Energy Department official cited in Tuesday's New York Times said more than 80 million gallons of oil had leaked—eight times more than in the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

Alexander Avdoshin, a spokesman for the Ministry of Emergency Situations, said the pipeline burst in February.

He said he had no figure on the size of the spill but it was "considerably smaller" than reported.

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### Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high 65.

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny; high 60.

## Deliberations Begin in Murder Trial

### The Jury in the David Allen Sokolowski Murder Trial To Continue Debate Today

BY KAREN WILLIAMS  
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HILLSBOROUGH — After more than four hours of deliberation Tuesday, the jury in the trial of David Allen Sokolowski was still unable to reach a decision.

Deliberations with continue today in the trial of Sokolowski, charged with the February 1992 murder of his live-in girlfriend, Pamela Owens Ellwood.

After only an hour of deliberations, the jury asked that the matter of reasonable doubt be explained further.

The jury was called back into the courtroom, and the law was read and explained. Cheryl Parker, an assistant for the prosecution, told Ellwood's family that the jury could return a verdict of not guilty.

She said that until the jury asked for an explanation of reasonable doubt, she had felt confident about the state's case.

Parker said because the prosecution could not prove the way in which Ellwood died and because there was no corpse, there was a chance the jury could find Sokolowski not guilty.

Members of Ellwood's family said they couldn't believe Sokolowski might beat the charge.

Teresa Choplin, Ellwood's sister, said the family never trusted Sokolowski and had asked Ellwood to leave him.

"She must have loved him," Choplin said. "She turned her back on her family for him."

The session began with the state's and the defense's closing arguments. Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox concentrated on Ellwood's character.

Fox emphasized her sense of responsibility and her hard-working attitude.

Therefore, he said, Ellwood was dead, and had not run away, as the defense has suggested.

Sokolowski attempted to give away or pawn several of Ellwood's personal items, indicating that he knew Ellwood was not returning, Fox said.

He also said Sokolowski lied about

Ellwood's whereabouts to several people, including her parents.

Fox then recapped the evidence brought against Sokolowski, including the garbage bag containing a blood-stained shirt and bra identified as Ellwood's, and the ears that police found on Sokolowski's property.

A genetics expert testified that at least one of the ears matched Ellwood's DNA, and linked the ear genetically to Ellwood's parents.

The severed ears proved the killing was premeditated and malicious, Fox said.

He then brought up Sokolowski's past indictment on the charge of first-degree murder for the death and dismemberment of his friend and neighbor, Rubel Hill.

Sokolowski was convicted in March of killing Hill, whose dismembered body, with several bullet holes in it, was found on Sokolowski's Hillsborough farm in February 1992.

Sokolowski said he killed Hill in self-defense after Hill went to his house and wanted money to buy drugs.

Defense attorney William Sheffield said the prosecution had made an emotional

appeal to the jury on behalf of the family, but asked the jury to put aside their emotions.

He said much of the state's evidence was irrelevant to the case.

The fact that Sokolowski tried to give away or pawn some of Ellwood's goods did not prove Sokolowski killed Ellwood, since pawned items can be reclaimed.

Sheffield said Fox's attempt to link Ellwood's disappearance to Hill's murder was irrelevant and could not be used to determine the guilt or innocence of Sokolowski in this trial.

He cited lack of testimony that pointed to any problems in Ellwood's relationship with Sokolowski.

He said that for five years the defendant had lived and worked with Ellwood, and the couple got along throughout the relationship.

Sheffield has said throughout the trial that Sokolowski doesn't know anything about Ellwood's disappearance.

Judge Cy Grant then read the instructions of law for the jury and dismissed them at 11:45 a.m. Jurors appointed Alfonso Jones as foreman.

## Firing of Employee Overturned

BY AMY PINIAK  
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A secretary in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions was recently reinstated after a University grievance panel on Oct. 7 overturned her firing.

Roberta Jones of Durham was fired May 12 for allegedly falsifying the computer record of an applicant, altering computer action codes to access that record, destroying letters relevant to the admissions decision on the applicant and failing to notify her supervisors or co-workers about the situation. She appealed her dismissal May 27.

"I'm glad I won," Jones said, adding that she expected to be back at work in about a week. "I hope that by doing this, I have helped other employees who don't want to go through what I had to go through."

In ruling in Jones' favor, the grievance panel found that "the burden of proof for the termination is on the University," but that the admissions office could not prove the allegations cited in the dismissal letter, according to the panel's report.

Jones said she received the news of her reinstatement by mail. An Oct. 19 letter to Jones from Chancellor Paul Hardin stated that he agreed with the University Staff Employee Grievance Committee's recommendations that Jones' dismissal be overturned.

The committee recommended that Jones' dismissal be revoked and expunged from her record, that she be reinstated and given back pay, and that no disciplinary action be taken against her in the case.

Hardin also approved the panel's recommendations that strong supervisory support be available for Jones. "If the supervisor and the management at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions are unable to provide such a work atmosphere, it is recommended that they, rather than (Jones), be assigned other duties," the recommendation states.

In addition, Hardin agreed with the committee's recommendation to openly investigate "whether one or more persons in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions lied or otherwise distorted the truth in presenting the case," the recommendation states.

"I was shocked and very happy to receive the letter, and I am glad that Chancellor Hardin asked Provost (Richard) McCormick to do an open investigation on this matter," Jones said.

Jones went through the first two steps in the University's grievance procedure, and McCormick, who was unavailable for comment, ruled against Jones in Step Two. In Step One, a direct supervisor reviews a case. McCormick reviewed the case at Step Two because he oversees the division of academic affairs.

Jones appealed the decision to the third step, which is a hearing in front of the grievance committee, where the panel ruled in Jones' favor.

## Registrar Charged After Testifying Against Accuser

BY PETER ROYBAL  
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The woman who accused assistant registrar Robert Grant Wolslagel of second-degree sexual assault filed charges against Wolslagel hours after he testified against her in another trial.

Charges against Wolslagel were filed at 11:32 p.m. Oct. 12, according to an Orange County Sheriff's report, the same day that William Dixon, an acquaintance of Wolslagel and the woman, was found innocent of assaulting the woman in a separate case.

Wolslagel's alleged sexual assault occurred Sept. 3, five weeks before the woman filed a report.

In Dixon's case, the woman "gave three versions of what happened that night," according to attorney Bill Massengale, who represents both Wolslagel and Dixon. Wolslagel produced an answering machine tape of calls the woman made to him on the night Dixon was accused of abuse. The woman's story about what happened was different in each message, Massengale said.

Massengale declined to comment further. A hearing is set for Nov. 4 to determine if there is probable cause to try Wolslagel.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox could decide not to try the case. Fox was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

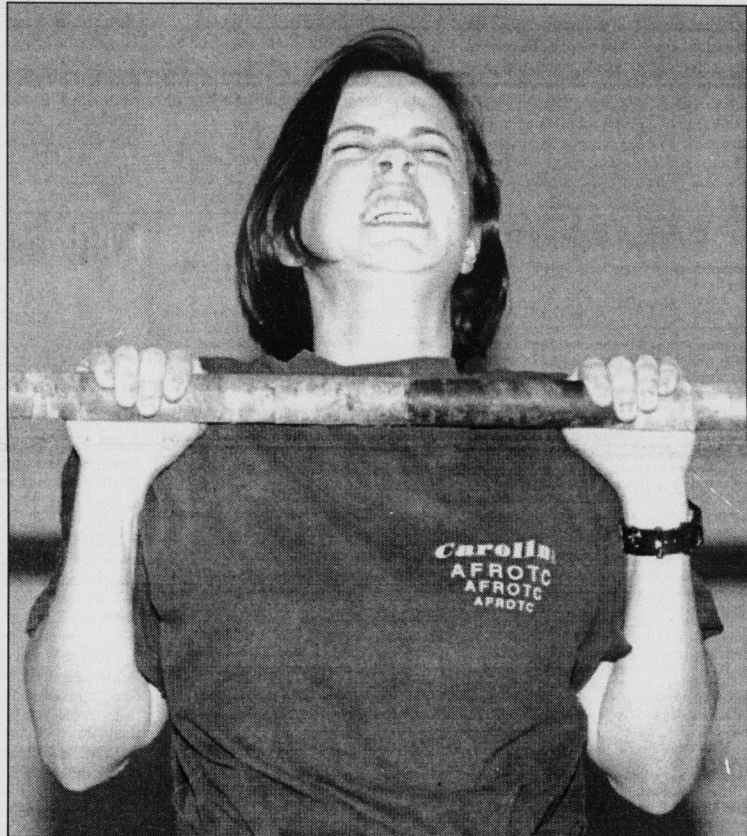
Meanwhile, Wolslagel continued work at UNC. "As far as I know, his employment status has not changed," the University's chief legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus said Tuesday. She would not speculate if UNC will take future action.

Wolslagel has worked at UNC for 11 years, according to University records. He was arrested Friday morning at the Orange County magistrate's office and released on \$10,000 unsecured bond.

The second-degree charge, which is defined as a sexual act with another person against that person's will or with an individual who is mentally incapacitated or physically helpless, is punishable by up to 40 years imprisonment, a fine, or both.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department report on the woman's complaint against Wolslagel says only: "A sexual assault was reported to Orange County Sheriff's Department." The report does not state where the alleged offense occurred.

## Hangin' In



Wendy Williams struggles to stay above the bar while doing chin-ups for the Air Force ROTC physical fitness test Tuesday afternoon. If a cadet cannot pass the test and complete a 1.5 mile run, then he or she cannot become an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

## Speaker Questions Congress Finance Chairman's Testimony in Investigation

### Cloud Says She Never Got Letter From Lyon Asking About BSM Funding Bill

BY MELISSA MILIOS  
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Tuesday, Student Congress Speaker Monica Cloud questioned Monday night's testimony of Finance Committee Chairman Tom Lyon.

Lyon testified before an investigative committee that is looking into alleged ethical violations of the Student Congress Finance Committee in their treatment of the Black Student Movement (BSM) and Bismexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (B-GLAD).

Lyon said he had refused to consider the BSM's request for funding this fall because the bill had not been presented to him 24 hours before the finance committee meeting.

"There were no typed bills in my box when I went to check on Tuesday night (before the meeting) or on Wednesday at 11 or 12 o'clock," Lyon said Monday.

"I even went so far as to write a note to Monica (Cloud) to tell her that I needed to see those bills."

Lyon said he had seen either a student appropriation requisition form or a typed bill for every other group that was voted on at the meeting by 7 p.m. the Tuesday before the finance committee meeting.

But Cloud said Tuesday that Lyon did not send her such a letter.

"I never received a letter from Tom Lyon requesting the bills 24 hours before the meeting," Cloud said. "I wish that he could produce (the letter), I really do."

She also said the forms for all of the groups requesting funding were in her possession by the appropriate deadline.

"Nothing was done any differently to the BSM bill than to any other bill at all," Cloud said. "Everyone was treated the exact same way."

"I believe that (Tom) didn't know about (the BSM's bill) because it had come in directly to me. But it bothers me because he didn't see a lot of organizations beforehand. What makes this organization different? Why were they treated differently? That's my real question."

Cloud said she expected to be called again before the committee to respond to Lyon's testimony.

The committee, headed by Student Attorney General Shannon Kete, was assembled by Student Body President George Battle to look into allegations that the finance committee discriminated against the BSM and B-GLAD.

Rep. Meredith Armstrong, Dist. 11, also testified Monday before the committee. Armstrong, who was recently elected speaker pro tempore, said she thought the recess called directly before the BSM bill came up in committee was suspicious.

"We took a 10-minute recess before the bill was heard, and in my opinion it seemed

to be so Jonathan (Jordan) could explain to Tom the procedure for not hearing a bill," Armstrong said.

Armstrong also said she did not interpret the code to say that the finance committee chairman personally had to see each bill before it was presented to the committee.

"The way I read the code, it says that if (a group) sends us a bill, then we need to hear it," Armstrong said. "All a bill needs to be considered is a number from the speaker."

Rep. Julie Gasperini, Dist. 14, was also interviewed by the committee Tuesday. She disagreed with Armstrong's interpretation of the code.

"The way I interpret it, I think that (Lyon) should see the actual proposal, the way we will see it 24 hours later," Gasperini said.

"He should have been made aware of the request formally, either in the form of a bill or a request form."

"Tom told us he saw this bill when we did. Not only did he not see the numbers, he was not even aware that there was a bill."

Wayne Rash, student body treasurer, said he expected to be called before the investigative committee to help determine if the finance committee violated the code in any way.

"Just from looking at what I know now, there haven't been any violations of the code," Rash said. "However, that is obviously subject to change."

## UNC Student Charged With Stabbing Ex-Boyfriend's Hand

### UNC Police Arrest Student With Bloody Knife in Her Possession Sunday Morning

BY SARAH BAHNSON  
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Police arrested a UNC student Sunday morning for allegedly stabbing her ex-boyfriend's hand in a dispute that occurred outside Ehringhaus Residence Hall, where she lives, and took her into custody. At the time of her arrest, she had a red-handled lock back knife with dried blood on the end of the blade, the weapon used in the attack, in her possession, reports state.

University Police Lt. Jeff McCracken said this was not the first time University Police had intervened in the couple's disputes. Sallie contacted police Oct. 21 to report that the man was trying to break into her brother's room in Morrison. The man claimed he was staying with her brother and said she had earlier burned his clothes outside the residence hall.

Sallie was scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court on Tuesday, but could also face disciplinary action from the University.

Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder said UNC's committee on extraordinary disciplinary emergencies would be responsible for dealing with the situation.

The victim, not a UNC student, had been living in Morrison and Ehringhaus residence halls for weeks, and was transported from campus Sunday, reports state.

UNC policy prohibits tenured stays by nonstudents. Unless incidents are reported, no disciplinary action can be taken, Housing Director Wayne Kuncl said.

*I rely on my personality for birth control.*

Liz Winston