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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Officials Investigate White House Shooting Incident

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Colorado man who left a cryptic note about death faced arraignment Monday on property damage and firearms violations following his frightening White House shooting spree. The possibility of additional charges, including attempted assassination, was left open.

On Sunday, the day after the unsettling attack, yellow police tape stretched across the White House lawn and FBI agents armed with laser equipment conducted an inch-by-inch search for bullets around the pockmarked mansion.

The gunman, 26-year-old Francisco Martin Duran, remained silent at D.C.'s central cellblock, his motives a mystery, his demeanor described by the Secret Service as "completely flat."

Duran, who spent two years in a military prison for felony assault, left a note outlining how he would want his affairs handled if he died, a document that one administration official called "closer to a will than a suicide note."

Duran, scheduled to be formally arraigned before a U.S. Magistrate on Monday, was charged early Sunday with willfully damaging federal property and possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

The shooting spree left pockmarks scattered across the White House facade, five visible around the press area in the West Wing.

One shot struck just below a second-floor window to the Queen's Bedroom, not used on a day-to-day basis; another hit in front of the Old Family Dining Room on the first floor; a third struck waist-high on a low wall in front of the central doorway.

Christopher: Israel-Syria Talks Making Progress

CASABLANCA, Morocco — Rejecting Israeli accounts, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday that peace talks between Israel and Syria were making progress. He suggested both sides were making concessions.

Attending a first-ever Middle East-North Africa Economic Summit meeting in Morocco, Christopher took issue with suggestions by Israeli officials that President Clinton extracted very little from Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus on Thursday.

The negotiations, which opened in Madrid, Spain, three years ago, are bogged down in debate over security measures and peace terms.

Paramilitary Groups Still Evoke Fear in Rural Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Despite the thousands of U.S. soldiers in Haiti, armed thugs still hold sway in some rural areas and many supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide are afraid to go home, aid workers said Sunday.

The arrival last month of 16,000 U.S. soldiers on a mission to restore democracy has greatly improved security, especially in Port-au-Prince, where the troops are concentrated.

Aristide supporters who were in hiding under military rule now walk the streets of the capital without fear.

Members of paramilitary groups are still believed to have hundreds of weapons, and there are reports of violence in the countryside where local authority is virtually nonexistent.

Bosnian Soldiers Continue Offensive, Seize Positions

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs evacuated civilians from a northwestern town and fought Sunday to hold off Muslim-led government troops who are on their most successful offensive of the war.

Government forces also captured Serb positions for a second straight day in the mountains near Sarajevo. During Saturday's combat, government artillery fire landed near a U.N. observer post, prompting warnings of a NATO airstrike if it happened again.

Civil defense officials went door to door in the besieged Bosnian capital, advising residents to stay indoors because of fears that Serbs — after a nine-month lull — would renew bombardment of the city in retaliation.

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Weather

TODAY: Chance of rain; high mid-70s.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-70s.

University Administrators Return After Evaluating LSU

McCormick, Moran Bring Back Reaccreditation Tips After Serving on Committee

BY NANCY FONTI
STAFF WRITER

Last week, two UNC administrators got a first-hand look at reaccreditation, a process UNC will undergo in the spring.

Provost Richard McCormick and Dean of Information and Library Science Barbara Moran served on a visiting committee at Louisiana State University (LSU).

Visiting committees usually consist of 29 administrators from other members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) who spend three days

analyzing the programs and self-study report of the university being evaluated.

All universities must be reaccredited every 10 years to receive federal funds. UNC, which will be evaluated by a visiting committee in May, has self-study reports available in Wilson, Health Affairs, Law, Davis and Undergraduate libraries.

"We have to be ready to have everything we do looked over," McCormick said. "As a visiting committee, we worked very hard. We spent three and a half days studying every aspect of LSU."

McCormick said UNC must complete the self-study reports for the committee's visit this spring. "We have to fully prepare our self-study report," he said. "This is the most important part of reaccreditation before the committee gets here."

Although the SACS establishes 500 cri-

teria to be met for reaccreditation, McCormick said UNC's self-study should address improvements which go beyond the criteria.

He said that in addition to evaluating the self-study, visiting committees also make recommendations for improving the University. "At LSU, we found they were completely in compliance with 500 criteria," McCormick said. "There were no glaring problems. But we

did recommend they add to the sections available for the general education requirements."

Moran and McCormick spent time with faculty, staff, students, members of LSU student government and other student leaders. "It's interesting to see how things are done at other schools," Moran said.

Although she would not discuss specific recommendations made by the committee, Moran said she evaluated graduate instruction and the School of Library and Information Science at LSU. "(LSU) had prepared a good self-study report and an incredibly thoughtful program. They worked very hard to have every moment of the committee scheduled."

She said LSU made people on campus very accessible to the visiting committee. "Anybody we wanted to talk to was avail-

able," said Moran, who has also helped evaluate Mississippi State and Texas Christian University.

McCormick said he evaluated the undergraduate curriculum and the quality of the faculty at LSU, making two major recommendations.

McCormick said LSU should make sure there was enough room for undergraduates in required general education courses.

He also said the qualifications of LSU faculty should be available on file.

The visiting committee commended LSU on the access of faculty and administrators to the students.

McCormick said, "Apparently, the chancellor sees any student who wants to see him within a three-day turnaround, and the provost meets with student groups every two weeks."



Provost RICHARD MCCORMICK said the self-study was the most important part of the reaccreditation process.

STATEMENT

Tar Heels Ram the Wolfpack 31-17

UNC Steps Back On the Right Track By Running Over N.C. State

BY JACSON LOWE
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North Carolina State charged onto the Kenan Stadium field Saturday and literally ran over cheerleaders, band members and anyone else who stood in its way.

By halftime however, it was the Wolfpack's counterparts in blue doing the running over, and it was the N.C. State defense feeling the effects of the stampede.

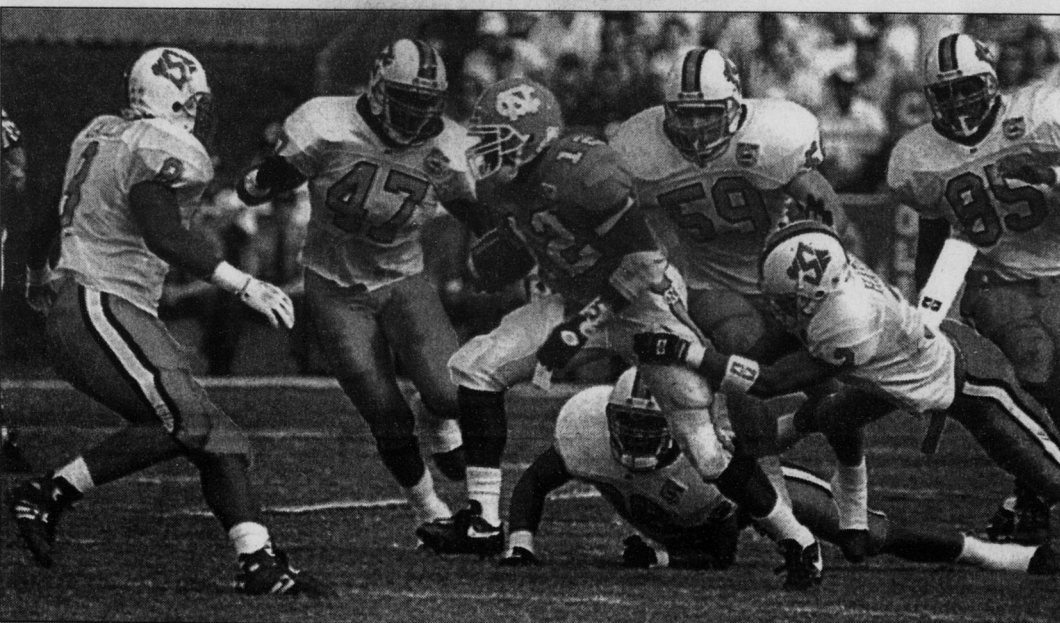
No. 19 North Carolina (6-2, 3-2 in the ACC) used a punishing running attack to explode for 21 first-half points and eventually topped N.C. State 31-17 in front of a record-breaking crowd of 54,300. The victory assured UNC of its fifth consecutive winning season, a feat that has not happened since the 1979-1983 campaigns under Dick Crum.

"We were very pleased that we came out and were able to run the ball as well as we did because we were running it against one of the best run defenses in the country," said UNC head coach Mack Brown.

N.C. State (5-3, 3-1 ACC) was ranked seventh in the country against the rush (81.3 yards per game) coming into the game and fourth in total defense (241.3 ypg). It was a different story Saturday, though, as the Pack gave up 280 yards on the ground and 375 total yards.

Credit much of UNC's offensive success to sophomore tailback Leon Johnson. The Morganton native finished the game with 133 yards rushing and 46 receiving. He also scored all three first-half touchdowns.

For the Tar Heels, Saturday's win was more



A pack of N.C. State defenders appear to have Leon Johnson trapped on North Carolina's first scoring drive, but Johnson did manage to scoot for a 16-yard gain. Johnson scored the Tar Heels' first three touchdowns in the Tar Heels' 31-17 win.

than needed following a 34-10 pounding at the hands of Virginia on the road a week ago.

"I think it's really satisfying because I think I had one of the worst weeks of my life, quite honestly," Brown said. "I was miserable (a week ago) Saturday night, and I was miserable (a week ago) on Sunday. I felt like I had let our team down. I felt like I let our assistant coaches down and all the Carolina fans because we were at a point where — whatever this proverbial 'next step' means — we were somewhere around it, and we took a step back."

Saturday, Brown's charges started going back in the right direction by playing near-flawless football in the first half.

The game looked as though it might be a defensive struggle early, with both teams exchanging

three-and-outs to start things off. The Tar Heels started at their own 25 on the next possession though and didn't stop until they reached the end zone, 11 running plays later.

Johnson sparked the drive with a 16-yard scamper up the left side on a second-and-9 from the UNC 26 and capped things off with a 3-yard run up the middle for the first score of the game. Tripp Pignetti connected on the point after, and North Carolina led 7-0 with just under five minutes left in the first quarter.

"They weren't doing anything special, it was just straight power football," said NCSU linebacker Damien Covington, who finished the game with 16 tackles. "We just weren't winning our individual battles, and things got out of hand in the first half."

UNC's offense gave the team a lead, but it was the defense setting the tone early in the game. Defensive end Marcus Jones broke up a third-and-3 pass offering from State quarterback Terry Harvey with 3:35 left in the first quarter and forced the Pack into its third consecutive three-and-out situation.

"I think our defense came out and got N.C. State's offense a little frustrated early in the ballgame, and it was hard for them to get into a rhythm until late in the third quarter," Brown said.

North Carolina continued to take advantage of the ground game on its next possession, taking the ball 64 yards on 12 plays for the second touchdown of the day. Curtis Johnson, who finished the day

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Chapel Hill Police Arrest 3 Men for Armed Robbery

STAFF REPORT

Chapel Hill police responded Saturday morning to a report of an armed robbery on the 100 block of Rosemary Street near the parking deck.

Three men have been arrested in connection with the robbery, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

At about 2:30 a.m., police arrested the three suspects on Airport Road near the Estes Drive intersection.

Paul Alan Murphy, 21, of 1835 Cheek Road, Apt. 1-A in Durham was arrested and charged with two felony counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, police reports state.

Murphy was being held in Orange County Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond, reports state. He will have his first appearance in court today in Hillsborough.

Alexander Melendez, 25, of 901 Chalk Level Road, Apt. Y-12 in Durham was arrested and charged with two felony counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, reports state. Melendez was being confined in Orange County Jail on a \$25,000 secured bond and will make his first appearance today in district court in Chapel Hill, according to reports.

Edward Santiago, 24, of 1426 B-1 Wyldewood Road in Durham was arrested and charged with two felony counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, according to reports. He was being confined in Orange County Jail on a \$25,000 secured bond. He will make his first appearance today in district court in Hillsborough, reports state.

At 2:15 a.m. Saturday, two men were walking along Rosemary Street near the parking deck when three men in a white 1987 Pontiac Firebird stopped along the road.

The driver pulled the car over and at least one of the car's occupants got out and pointed a handgun at the men walking down the street, according to reports.

The men were robbed of \$96 in cash, two NationsBank ATM cards, a credit card, a Blockbuster video card and a Columbia House card, reports state.

The two wallets, each valued at \$20, were also stolen. All of the stolen items were recovered, reports state.

Shortly after the robbery, police stopped the car on Airport Road, according to master officer Carl Moraven of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

SHS Hopes Coordinating Office Will Combat Substance Abuse

BY JULIE CORBIN
STAFF WRITER

In response to substance abuse at UNC, Student Health Services (SHS) hopes to create an office that would coordinate the many services already available.

The office would provide a full time employee who could coordinate all the treatment and prevention programs available at UNC, said Deirdre Laurilliard, a counselor at SHS.

This employee would serve as a substance abuse officer who works for campus-wide educational and prevention programs, much like the sexual harassment and racial harassment officers already at UNC, said Edith Wiggins, interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

The office would also research substance and alcohol abuse at UNC and create a database of resources, statistics and potential solutions, Laurilliard said.

The office would not provide treatment, which is already offered at SHS, or law enforcement, which is provided by the University and city police, said Judith

Cowan, director of SHS.

In researching substance abuse at UNC, the office would look at ways to intervene that would center on how students feel about drinking and potential options for entertainment besides drinking, Laurilliard said. It would try to find "the pulse of the campus," Laurilliard said.

The office would be housed in the dean of students' office or in health education, Laurilliard said.

Many services currently available to students are not well known or coordinated, Laurilliard said.

"We have a lot of groups, but right now many groups don't know about each other," Laurilliard said.

SHS has applied for a grant to hire a consultant who would look at the issue of alcohol and substance abuse at UNC and identify the services that are available, Laurilliard said.

Currently, SHS provides many preventative and treatment services, according to a report on substance abuse programming submitted to the Board of Trustees Subcommittee on Student Affairs.

SHS offers primary prevention programs, inpatient detoxification, several programs for treatment and evaluation and outside referrals when necessary, the report states.

An office to coordinate these programs is needed on UNC's campus, because substance abuse, particularly alcohol, is a serious problem here, Cowan said.

"Alcohol remains our biggest substance abuse problem," Cowan said.

Alcohol abuse on UNC's campus brings a host of problems, Wiggins said Sunday.

"Students are having a lot of problems with not being able to perform well in classes because they were out drinking the night before," Wiggins said.

According to a report by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, alcohol is implicated in more than 40 percent of academic problems and 28 percent of dropouts. Furthermore, 95 percent of all violent crime on campus is alcohol-related, 90 percent of all reported campus rapes involve alcohol and 80 percent of all campus vandalism is alcohol-related, the report states.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!

Linus Van Pelt