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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

White House Gunman Faces 4 Federal Charges

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An ex-convict accused of spraying the White House with bullets was charged with four offenses in federal court today and ordered to undergo a 24-hour psychiatric evaluation. Francisco Martin Duran, 26, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was charged with possession of a firearm as a convicted felon, destruction of federal property, assault on a federal officer and the use of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence.

The first three charges each carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and the fourth carries a maximum of five years.

Duran wore a black polo shirt and black jeans in an appearance before U.S. Magistrate Deborah Robinson, who ordered the psychiatric evaluation.

Search Continues in S.C. Carjacking, Kidnapping

UNION, S.C. — Volunteers on horseback searched through woods, divers plumbed a lake and thousands of deer hunters kept an eye out for clues to the disappearance of two young boys, but nothing has been found so far.

No clues have appeared since last Tuesday night, when Susan Smith, hysterical, told police that a man had jumped into her car at a stoplight and driven off with her children.

Smith told police that a man had commandeered her car and ordered her out at gunpoint after several miles, driving off with 3-year-old Michael and his 14-month-old brother, Alex, still strapped in safety seats in the back.

The lack of an apparent motive has led to some speculation that someone within the family, namely Smith herself, might be suspect.

Israeli Leader Refuses to Withdraw From Lebanon

JERUSALEM — Israel won't promise to withdraw from southern Lebanon just to get stalled peace talks moving, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday.

President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon proposed Saturday that the two countries negotiate a timetable for an Israeli pullout and said he would guarantee an end to guerrilla attacks on Israel from southern Lebanon if Israel accepted his offer.

Rabin did not dismiss the proposal outright, saying he had requested clarifications from U.S. mediators.

The Israelis, who have fewer than 2,000 soldiers in southern Lebanon, have said they will only pull out after Syria withdraws its 40,000 troops from that country.

2 German Fugitives Seize Hostages, Kidnap Police

BONN, Germany — Two armed fugitives kidnapped two police officers, seized three groups of hostages and robbed a bank Monday on a wild cross-country crime spree.

The chase started before dawn near Stuttgart and continued Monday night in the former East Germany, with the gunmen and three hostages on an autobahn headed toward Berlin. Helicopters and some police followed the stolen getaway car.

The remaining hostages included two men and a woman. Six other hostages, including the two officers and two children, had been released unharmed.

The female hostage pleaded with police from a car phone in the getaway car to stop their pursuit.

Russian Leaders Approve AIDS Tests for Foreigners

MOSCOW — Russian legislators, trying to safeguard their country from the threat of AIDS, want to test all foreigners for the virus and deport those who test positive or refuse testing.

The bill sailed through Russia's usually fractious 450-seat Duma, the lower chamber of parliament, with only three deputies opposed.

It must still be approved by the upper chamber and by Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

But the bill's strong Russia-first appeal, which reaches across deep political divides to nationalists, communists and reformers alike, makes passage likely.

Weather

TODAY: Cloudy, scattered showers and thunderstorms; high 70-75.

WEDNESDAY: Sunny; high mid-60s.

Woman Drops Charge Against Employee

BY KARI COHEN
STAFF WRITER

The woman who filed a police report against UNC Assistant Registrar Grant Wolslagel charging him with second-degree sexual assault said Wednesday that she was dropping the charges.

"I'm going to try to put this behind me," she said. "I think that I'll be able to heal from this situation and relationship the sooner it's over."

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she reached her decision

after consulting with Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox, who was representing her.

She said Fox had left the decision up to her but had told her to expect much publicity with the case. Fox told her he would have gone to a probable cause hearing, which was scheduled for Friday, if she had decided to continue the case, she said.

The probable cause hearing would have determined whether there was enough evidence for the case to go to trial.

The woman stressed during a phone interview that her decision to drop the

charges in no way absolved Wolslagel of the accused actions.

"It's not by any means to say that this man is innocent," she said. "Had the media not been involved, I would have pressed charges."

Although Fox could not be reached for comment, Marilyn Ozer, one of Wolslagel's attorneys, said Fox had told her he was holding a press conference today to discuss dropping the charges.

Bill Massengale, Wolslagel's other attorney, said neither he nor Ozer would comment until the case officially was dis-

missed. Wolslagel could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The woman said that she had had tremendous support in the community and that some people were disappointed that she was dropping the case.

"They feel like this man is going to get by with this," she said. "But they're not the ones who have to go through the media; they're not the ones who have to have their lives ruined with this. Two and a half years was enough of this relationship."

David Lanier, University registrar, said

he was glad to hear the charges had been dropped.

"I've known Grant for 10 years, and I never believed that he could do anything like that," he said.

The woman filed a report with the Orange County Sheriff's Department Oct. 12 accusing Wolslagel of assaulting her on Sept. 3.

Wolslagel was arrested Oct. 21 after turning himself in at the Orange County Magistrate's office. He was charged with

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The Great Pumpkin



UNC students Anna Willingham, Brian Hard and Nathan McClintock spend Monday lunch carving pumpkins. The Student Stores sponsored the contest, which offered a \$25 gift certificate as the top prize.

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Finance Committee to Probe Executive Branch

BY LEAH MERREY
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The Student Congress Finance Committee voted Monday night to form a panel to investigate improper lobbying and possible improprieties in the executive branch's handling of the Minority Recruitment Bill.

Finance committee Chairman Tom Lyon called the meeting to vote on whether an investigation should take place. "I want a majority vote; should there even be an investigation or not?" he said.

Lyon said he wanted to investigate exactly what happened once the Minority Recruitment Bill left congress. Congress passed the bill 11-10-1, and after a late-night motion to reconsider the bill was defeated, Student Body President



Student Body President GEORGE BATTLE said he would not cooperate until Lyon contacted him.

George Battle signed it into law. "There's been a lot of talk going around," Lyon said. "We need to investigate these allegations."

There was confusion among some congress members as to why a vote was being held to form an investigation before the allegations had been defined.

Speaker Monica Cloud moved to postpone the formation of the investigative panel. "I motion that we postpone this committee until concrete evidence is brought forward," she said.

The motion to delay was defeated, and a motion to form the panel was passed by a majority vote of 7-3. Cloud, Speaker Pro Tempore Meredith Armstrong and Rep. Thad Woody voted to delay the panel's formation.

Lyon said there would be a meeting

Monday to decide the procedures of the investigative committee as well as the format of the investigation and the subpoenaing of students involved.

"We'll just set up the framework for the hearings," he said. "We will begin the investigation, but we won't be subpoenaing any students next week."

Battle said he had never been contacted by Lyon regarding the finance committee meeting. "I will not cooperate in some witch hunt if I am not told of the investigation," Battle said Monday night.

"This investigation is just insane," he said. "But if Tom Lyon thinks that this is going to slow my investigation of the finance committee, he's dead wrong."

Battle said he did not believe the finance committee had jurisdiction to conduct an investigation. "Until they prove that they have jurisdiction, we will not cooperate."

Battle said he did not understand why the finance committee wanted to investigate possible illegal lobbying and problems with the Minority Recruitment Bill.

"As for lobbying for the Minority Recruitment Bill, I called some congress members asking for their support," he said. "There was no bribery and no payoff involved."

Battle said the finance committee didn't have jurisdiction over the handling of the Minority Recruitment Bill. "Once a bill becomes law, it is our jurisdiction how the money is spent," he said.

"I'm tired of the political game playing," Battle continued. "If they wouldn't state the allegations, that's just due process. Even criminals have Miranda rights; they know what they're being charged with."

Lyon said the formation of a panel to investigate these possible improprieties was a power granted to them in the Student Government Code. "Everything we're doing falls under our jurisdiction. We're not here to decide what's right or wrong. Remember, this is not a court of law."

Consulting Firm to Aid in Future of Land Tracts

Carrboro, UNC and Chapel Hill Welcome Aid on Mason Farm and Horace Williams

BY JENNIFER FREER
STAFF WRITER

A nationally recognized planning and consulting company has been hired by the University to help with the future development of the Horace Williams and Mason Farm properties.

Johnson Johnson & Roy Inc. (JJR) from Ann Arbor, Mich., was hired by the Business and Finance Division on behalf of the University, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for business and finance.

In cases of architectural design, engineering or planning, outside companies often intervene to help move the process along.

"It will be a challenging project," said Dick Rigertrink, project manager for JJR. "The hardest part will be to get the communities and the University on the same wavelength."

The planning process for the properties will cost \$264,700, a fee the University will pay, Runberg said.

The University advertised for a consulting company and received applications from 18 companies across the nation. Those potential firms were narrowed down to six, and from those six, four companies were interviewed. The companies were interviewed by a seven-person panel, which consisted of members of the Business and Finance Division, a design architect and students.

"Someone with experience is needed," Runberg said. "It is the company's business to bring expertise into developing a long-term plan."

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BRUCE RUNBERG
Associate vice chancellor for business and finance

970 acres of University-owned land off Airport Road. The University has been studying ways to develop the land and has asked Carrboro and Chapel Hill to help. Committees have been formed to meet with JJR to begin the planning.

Mason Farm, located off N.C. 54, is another University-owned plot of land.

JJR representatives will come to town

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New Chancellor to Name Boulton's Successor

BY STEVE MAGGI
STAFF WRITER

The successor of Donald Boulton, former vice chancellor for and dean of student affairs, will be named by the new chancellor, Chancellor Paul Hardin said Wednesday.

Hardin, who will step down as chancellor in June 1995, said his successor should choose Boulton's replacement because the new chancellor and vice chancellor would be working closely together.

"We'll time it so the new chancellor will make the final choice," he said.

Hardin said the appointment for Boulton's successor was "one of the most important appointments made in a long time, along with the appointment of a new chancellor."

Hardin said he expected the number of candidates for vice chancellor would be narrowed down to three or four by the time his own replacement was found.

"We felt it was better to have the new

chancellor finish it," he said.

Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the search committee in charge of nominating Boulton's successor, said Monday that Hardin would probably work with the new chancellor to make the final selection for the position.

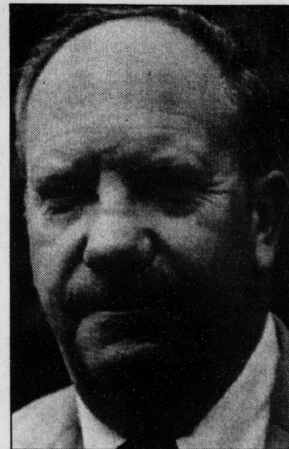
Birdsall said Oct. 24 that the committee had begun to review applications for the position.

"We've advertised and received applications, and now we are in the process of reviewing them," he said.

Boulton resigned July 31 to work with graduate students in the School of Education and to develop programs in its Institute for Academic and Professional Leadership. Boulton has worked at the University for 22 years and has taught part-time in the education school since 1974.

Boulton announced his resignation in February, and a committee to find his

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DONALD BOULTON resigned in July.

Societies that don't eat people are fascinated by those that do.

Ronald Wright