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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Truce Called for Signing of Peace Treaty in Angola

LUANDA, Angola — Angola's army, nearing military victory over UNITA rebels, ordered a nationwide truce Wednesday to allow the signing of a peace treaty ending 19 years of civil war.

Mistrustful UNITA rebels appealed for rapid deployment of U.N. observers to monitor the cease-fire.

Chief of Staff Gen. Joao de Matos, in a statement broadcast on state radio, ordered his troops to lay down their guns and respect the cease-fire "scrupulously."

As the cease-fire deadline passed, the government commander of the main, southern front, said his men were holding fire as ordered.

Military officials said the northern city of Uige, the last provincial capital under UNITA control, had fallen to government forces.

Army Says Three Divisions Not Prepared for Combat

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Three Army tank divisions whose assignments include reinforcing South Korea and the Persian Gulf are not fully ready for combat, the first time in 12 years the Army has been so rusty, officials said Wednesday.

The Army refused to disclose which divisions were involved, saying the information was classified. But officials commenting only on condition of anonymity said the 1st Infantry Division, Mechanized, at Fort Riley, Kan.; the 4th Infantry Division, Mechanized, at Fort Carson, Colo.; and the 2nd Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Texas, all had received the next-to-lowest readiness grade.

The Pentagon announced that three of the 12 divisions had gotten the second-lowest readiness grade from their own commanders.

Fighting Starts in Somalia; Aid Workers Evacuated

NAIROBI, Kenya — Hundreds of civilians fled and foreign aid workers were evacuated Wednesday in the first heavy fighting in northwest Somalia in more than a year.

The fighting came as the United Nations prepared to withdraw its 16,500 peacekeepers from southern Somalia and the country's warlords jockeyed for power.

Using mortars, anti-aircraft guns and small arms, rival clans battled for the capital of the breakaway Somaliland Republic.

A faction allied with warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid claimed that it had captured the capital, Hargeisa, and killed 70 Somaliland troops. It said it had taken 200 Somaliland troops prisoner.

U.N. Council Praises Iraqi Recognition of Kuwait

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday called Iraq's recognition of Kuwait "a significant step." Diplomats said the gesture could hasten the end of sanctions that had crippled the Iraqi economy.

In a carefully worded statement, the 15-member council said it would closely monitor Iraq's pledge last week to acknowledge Kuwait's sovereignty and borders.

Iraq's recognition of neighboring Kuwait is a fundamental step toward the lifting of the oil embargo and other economic sanctions imposed after Iraq's Aug. 1990 invasion of Kuwait, New Zealand Ambassador Colin Keating said outside the council chamber.

Ukraine Approves Nuclear Arms Reduction Treaty

KIEV, Ukraine — Progress in worldwide nuclear arms reduction got a major boost Wednesday with the Ukrainian Parliament's long-awaited approval of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The action, on a 301-8 vote, puts the world's third-largest nuclear power firmly on the road to total nuclear disarmament. The former Soviet republic of 52 million people now is obliged to get rid of its nuclear weapons by about the turn of the century.

Coming after months of intense lobbying by the international community, especially the United States, it also is a significant step in strengthening ties with the West.

President Leonid Kuchma had staked a great deal of his political credibility on steering the treaty through Parliament.

Weather

TODAY: Chance of rain; high 55-60.
FRIDAY: Chance of rain; high 60-65.

Man Attempts Suicide on NCSU Campus

BY RYAN THORNBURG
ASSISTANT STATE AND NATIONAL EDITOR

A retired N.C. State University librarian remains in serious condition after he shot himself in the head Wednesday morning in front of the D.H. Hill library on the NCSU campus.

Joseph Charles Lebourgeois, 60, of Raleigh shot himself with a .38-caliber semi-automatic handgun at 11:03 a.m. and was taken by ambulance to Wake Medical Center, according to Debbie Griffith, spokeswoman for NCSU news services.

Liz McRoberts, spokeswoman for Wake Medical Center, said Lebourgeois was listed in serious but stable condition after being treated Tuesday afternoon.

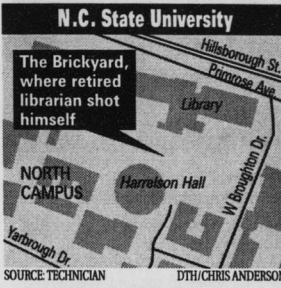
Students who heard the gunshot and went to see what had happened said they had seen a man lying on the ground, bleeding from the head near the Brickyard, a gathering place in the center of the NCSU

campus. No one else was injured in the incident.

Ulrick Casimir, an NCSU student, said he had heard shots and had arrived at the scene just before police arrived, about five minutes after he had heard the shots. Casimir said that 100 to 150 students had been in the area when it happened and that four or five had been standing very close to Lebourgeois at the time of the shooting.

According to NCSU police Sgt. Larry Ellis, campus police arrived at the scene in response to a call from a student who was in the area at the time. Ellis said that police were conducting an independent investigation into the incident but that they had received no indication about why Lebourgeois had tried to shoot himself.

"You try to look for the warning signs for this kind of thing, and hopefully there are warning signs," Ellis said. He said he didn't know how Lebourgeois had gotten a gun onto campus.



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"He could have just carried it on," he said. "Unless we have an idea that someone has a gun, you can't just search them."

Lebourgeois worked in the cataloging department of the Hill Library from 1987 until he retired in 1993. He worked part-time for the library until he quit in August, said Walter High, who was Lebourgeois'

immediate supervisor.

High called Lebourgeois a "professional librarian" and a "well-liked man." He said he had no idea why Lebourgeois had shot himself in front of his former place of employment.

"Everyone is in shock," High said. "We were close friends."

Griffith said that the event was a very unusual occurrence on the campus and that the prominence of its location was affecting both students and staff.

"I talked to the library director (Susan Nutter), and she said he was a well-liked employee and one of the most productive," Griffith said. "I can't think of anything like this that has happened, and I've been here five years. I would say it's very unusual."

Ellis said that although there had been no recent attempted suicides at NCSU as prominent as Tuesday's incident, he thought there had been four or five suicides

on the campus in the previous six years.

Although the shooting occurred in a central area of campus, more people would have witnessed the event if it had happened a few hours later, said Stan North Martin, adviserto student media at NCSU.

"There was not quite as much commotion as there would have been if it had been at lunchtime," Martin said.

Griffith said counselors would be available for students and staff who wanted to talk about the incident. She said that no additional security measures had been taken and that the library and Brickyard area had remained open throughout the day.

Brett Larson, an NCSU sophomore, went by the scene at 1:30 p.m. and said he saw four uniformed police officers and two plainclothes police officers searching the area for evidence then. He said that the police had been scouring the ground on their hands and knees with metal screens.

Search for New Chancellor to Be Finished by March

BY AMY PINIAK
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The chancellor search committee will have the names of the finalists chosen well before the June deadline, committee Chairman Johnny Harris said Wednesday.

Harris said he expected the committee to choose its final candidates before March 1. "I would hope to be done sometime in the not-too-distant future," he said.

Harris would not say how many names were still on the committee's list of possible replacements for Chancellor Paul Hardin, but he disputed a recent report that the list was down to 10.

"I don't believe anyone on the committee said there were 10 because we've never been at that number," he said.

"We're just not at that point yet," Hardin announced in January that he would step down as chancellor in June.

Harris would not comment on the backgrounds or the qualifications of the current candidates. "So many times, people have written things that are absolutely absurd, like that a politician who just lost in the elections was being considered for chancellor," he said. "People don't understand the need for confidentiality in selecting candidates."

Harris would not say whether any candidates had visited the UNC campus but did say, "How in the world could you do that (bring candidates to campus) with all the interest surrounding the selection? The process must be confidential."

Harris was not aware of the Campus Y survey that has been published in The Daily Tar Heel, but he said the committee would consider the results. The Campus Y organized the survey to gauge student opinion on the kind of person who should lead the University and will compile a report of its findings for the search committee.

"If somebody presented the survey to us, we would certainly take a look at it," Harris said.

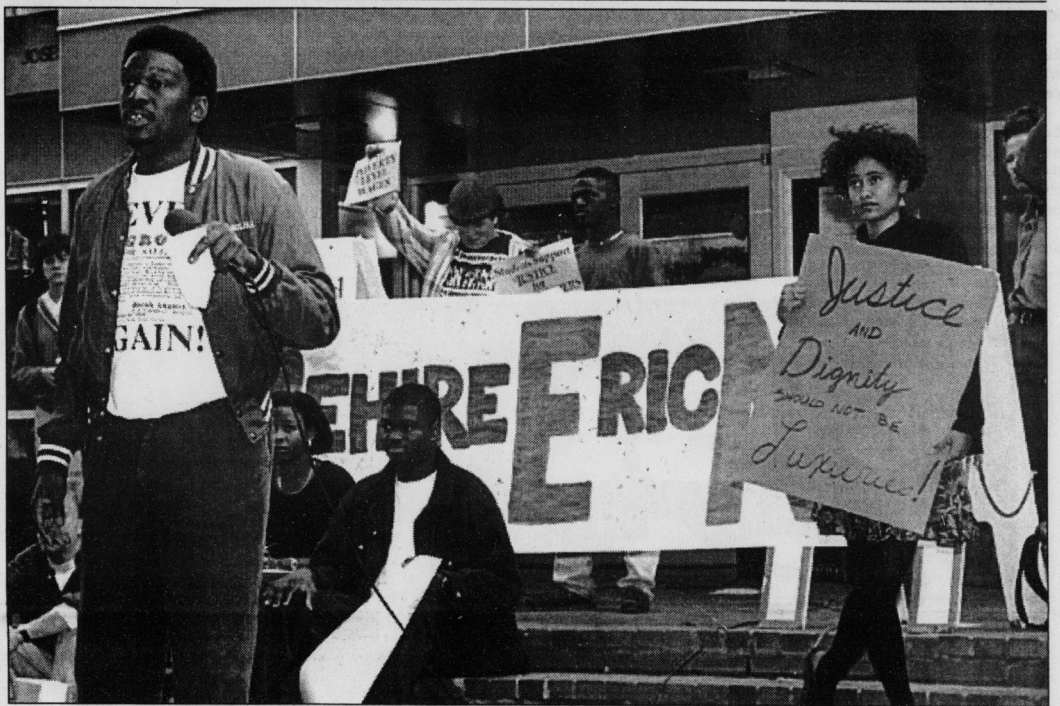
At the beginning of the chancellor search, he said, the committee met with student leaders on campus. "We met with student leadership to discuss with them and other students what criteria they wanted in a chancellor."

Every candidate had to send in an application and be interviewed by the committee, Harris said. Once the finalists are chosen, the committee will send those recommendations to the Board of Trustees, who will then send two or three names to UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

Spangler will send his recommendation to the Board of Governors, which oversees all 16 UNC campuses. The board will choose the next chancellor.



Search committee Chairman JOHNNY HARRIS said the committee would consider the results of the Campus Y's survey.



Eric Browning tells the crowd Wednesday at the Pit about how difficult it is to be a UNC housekeeper. The rally was intended for housekeepers and students to show their support for Browning in his attempts to be reinstated by the University.

UNC STUDENTS RALLY FOR ERIC BROWNING

BY CHRISTINA MASSEY
STAFF WRITER

Students and housekeepers showed their support for former housekeeper Eric Browning and criticized the State Personnel Commission in a rally Wednesday.

Representatives from student groups called for the rehiring of Browning and publicized the controversial record of the SPC.

"We are here today to show support for Eric Browning and to abolish the SPC's review of public employees," said Crystal Wiley, Campus Y co-president. "What has happened is a symptom of a truly great problem plaguing the University... institutional racism. We need to solve this problem."

Browning was fired in May 1993 after threatening to kill his supervisor. The SPC recently overturned a judge's decision that the University should reinstate Browning as an employee.

"I have to support five children," Browning said. "I've worked here for four years. I put in for 13 promotions and was denied 13 times."

"Yes, I threatened my supervisor. I was angry. I cursed. But I need my job."

Browning said he thought he would get his job back after Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison ruled in January that he be reinstated.

"For two days, I had a hearing concerning my disciplinary action. The judge understood what I was going through and ruled that I get my job back," he said.

Browning said he was upset when the SPC overturned Morrison's decision after a brief meeting.

"Where is the law? I thought the judge's decision was the law, but after 15 minutes with a bunch of radicals, I lost my job," he said.

Browning said he thought part of the reason the SPC had overturned Morrison's ruling was the idea that because he threatened to kill someone,

he was a terrorist.

"I am not a terrorist," he said. "I'm not going to blow up a building, and I'm not going to kill anybody. But after years of working for this University, I deserve a promotion."

UNC housekeeper Chris Smith, leader of the Housekeepers Association, said the housekeepers strongly supported Browning.

"We are totally behind Eric Browning," he said. "It's a shame what happened. All he did was make a statement. He did not hurt anyone."

Smith said he did not believe the accusations that Browning was a terrorist.

"I've worked with Eric, and I do not think he is a violent man. I am not afraid of him," he said.

Carol McDonald, a Black Student Movement (BSM) member, said Browning's situation involved a misuse of justice.

"It is ironic that we are holding this rally during

Speaker Calls for End to Human Rights Violations

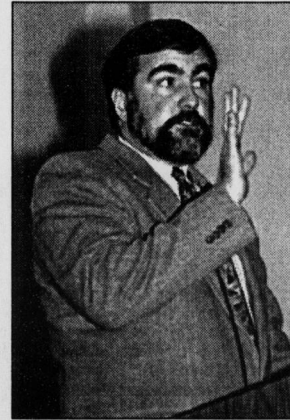
BY ERIC FLACK
STAFF WRITER

Human rights violations around the world and what can be done to stop them were the focus of a speech by the director of Amnesty International Wednesday night in Caroll Hall.

William Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International, spoke to an audience of about 60 people as a keynote speaker for Human Rights Week.

"Tibetan nuns are arrested by officials in Tibet while participating in peaceful protests and forced to endure shock treatment on their teeth and genitals for their crimes," Schulz said. "Teens who refuse to serve in Saddam Hussein's army in Iraq have an X branded in their foreheads and their ears chopped off."

"When we do think about things like these, we are often forced to wring our hands. Amnesty International exists to tell the world of these atrocities and put an end to torture, political killings, forced arrest



WILLIAM SCHULZ, director of Amnesty International, said the United States committed too many rights violations.

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Human Relations Summit to Unite Campus

BY STEPHEN LEE
STAFF WRITER

The first ever Human Relations Summit at UNC will involve student leaders from various organizations leading discussions designed to address a wide range of issues relevant to the University community.

The two-day event will be held Friday and Saturday, and all students are invited to attend.

Cynthia Greenlee, coordinator of the summit, said the event was the first of its kind at the University.

"This is our biggest project of the year," she said. "Our goal is to provide a forum for students to air their concerns about the current climate at UNC."

"We want to make it clear that there are other issues that have not been brought to the forefront," Greenlee said.

The majority of the programs will be facilitated by undergraduate and graduate students, she said.

Student Body President George Battle said creating dialogue was the main objective of the summit.

"I hope the summit will begin the dialogue necessary to improve human relations on campus," he said. "This is a really great opportunity for us to sit down and

Human Relations Summit Schedule

Friday	Saturday
3-4 p.m. Registration	9:30 a.m. Opening Session
4-4:30 p.m. Lobby of Hamilton	9:45-10:45 a.m. Session III Political Issues
4:30-5:30 p.m. Opening Session	Housekeepers Movement
5:30-6:30 p.m. Session I Race and Ethnicity	Stone Black Cultural Center
Native Americans	Student Government
African Americans	Student Rep. in Admin.
Asian Americans	Hamilton 517
Hispanic Americans	11-12 p.m. Session IV: Social and Academic Issues
Mixed Heritage	Campus Segregation
6:45-7:45 p.m. Session II Non-Racial Differences	Curriculum Diversity
Sexual Orientation	Minority Student/Faculty
Students With Disabilities	Recruitment
Women's Issues	Community Relations
Graduate Students	Hamilton 420
8-8:30 p.m. Closing Session	Hamilton 423
	12-1 p.m. Closing Session
	North Dining Room—Lenoir Hall

discuss openly with one another."

Battle said that although the summit would not solve all problems on campus, he hoped the summit would be the first step in improving human relations.

"I do think this will give us a base from which to spring," he said. "It will be a big step for this campus and for this community. I am looking forward to this."

Battle plans to speak at the opening session Saturday.

Philip Charles-Pierre, Battle's chief of staff, said the Human Relations Summit

would address a variety of campus issues.

"Part of it is information gathering, and part of it is bridging gaps," he said. "I hope it will accomplish dialogue between different groups on campus."

"We want to analyze and look at what's good and bad," Charles-Pierre said. "This affects everybody."

Student Body Vice President Donyell Phillips said that in addition to creating dialogue, the goal of the summit was to

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The supply of government exceeds the demand.

Lewis Lapham