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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

O.J. Defense Team Offers Alibi Evidence on 1st Day

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's defense Monday offered for the first time evidence of an alibi and contended that police might have moved his Bronco, as well as a bloody glove, after the murders. The contentions, contained in court papers, came during a busy morning that saw opening statements stalled by bitter arguments over late-submitted evidence from the defense.

During the afternoon, the judge ruled that defense lawyers cannot mention Detective Mark Fuhrman during opening statements but that they can question him during cross-examination about racial animosity. The defense contends he is a racist who may have planted a bloody glove as evidence at Simpson's estate.

Angry prosecutors asked for a weeklong delay because of last-minute additions to the defense witness list and the late submission of a defense video. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled that many of the witnesses could not be mentioned in the defense's opening statement. The question of whether the defense video should be a reason to delay the statements was pending when the proceedings broke for lunch.

In another development, Simpson asked for permission to speak to the jury briefly before his defense attorneys present their opening statements and to show panelists what court papers called "physical scars, injuries and limitations." It was unclear what he wanted to show to the jury and why.

Smith Fails With Appeal, Pays Final Visit to Mother

RALEIGH — Kermit Smith's final appeal was rejected Monday by the U.S. Supreme Court, clearing the way for Smith to die for the 1981 murder of a college cheerleader in Rocky Mount.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist referred the application to the full court, which rejected it without dissent. Smith was to be executed at 2 a.m. today.

Smith, 37, was sentenced to death in 1981 for the rape and murder of Wheelie Collins, who was kidnapped from the campus of N.C. Wesleyan College along with two other cheerleaders.

Smith's trial lasted four days. The appeals lasted 14 years.

After the news from the high court, Smith selected a last meal consisting of four pieces of Kentucky Fried Chicken, all white meat, a Mountain Dew and a Pepsi. He spent Monday visiting with his mother, Jean Smith, his attorneys and a minister, said Department of Correction spokeswoman Patty McQuillan.

Quake Death Toll Passes 5,000; Criticism Mounts

KOBE, Japan — A strong aftershock shook buildings Monday night as the death toll from last week's earthquake passed 5,000. Share prices tumbled, and criticism mounted against Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama for his handling of the crisis.

The death toll from Tuesday's 7.2 magnitude quake climbed to 5,060 when crews found more bodies in the ruins of this once vibrant port city. Police said 102 people were missing.

More than 26,200 people were injured, and more than 56,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed.

Three aftershocks shook the city Monday, including a 4.3 magnitude jolt that swayed buildings and shattered glass.

Foundation With Ties to Gingrich Delayed Taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A tax-exempt group that helps foot the bill for Newt Gingrich's TV college course has operated for almost two years while putting off government-required disclosure of its finances. Although the House speaker holds no formal title with the Progress and Freedom Foundation, it was created and staffed by some of his closest advisors and produces his weekly television call-in show. The foundation also helps underwrite the cost of the college course.

It received a series of filing extensions from the Internal Revenue Service that one agency spokesman called "rare."

The extensions allowed the foundation to raise more than \$1.7 million and to spend an unspecified amount to push the House speaker's conservative agenda.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny, breezy; high low 40s.
WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny; high low 50s.

Harris: Press Could Hurt Applicant Quality

BY ADAM GUSMAN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The search for a successor to Chancellor Paul Hardin has been narrowed to "substantially fewer than 180 candidates," search committee Chairman Johnny Harris said Monday.

Harris made the announcement after 14 of the committee's 22 members met in closed session for an hour and a half in the Morehead Faculty Lounge on the University's campus.

"We continue to move forward through the process," Harris said.

He said that the committee was talking with candidates who were under active

consideration and that nominations were still being considered.

Harris said the major difficulty in the process to select the University's next chancellor was the interest and involvement of the press on the matter.

"We would be hard-pressed to invite 12 (candidates) to Charlotte to visit with the committee for an hour," Harris said.

He said the process had been so secretive because roughly half of the candidates the committee was considering would take their name out of consideration for the position if their names were to be made public.

These candidates need secrecy because other administrators at their universities

are not aware of their interest in the job at UNC, and publicizing their names could adversely affect their career, Harris said.

"The people we're looking at have other responsibilities and other concerns."

The search process is being conducted in the way that has been requested of him by some of the candidates, he said.

Some candidates removed their names from consideration because they thought it was too public a process, Harris said.

"If we get ready to recommend two or three names to the Board of Trustees and they want to be paraded in here like a beauty contest, I would be happy to do that," Harris said.

But he said the process would remain

confidential at least until it was out of the committee's hands — when they send the names of two or three candidates to the BOT.

Harris said that because of the N.C. Open Meetings Law, candidates would not be coming before the search committee as a whole. Instead, two or three committee members would have to travel to visit candidates on an individual basis and then report back to the committee during closed session.

"We'll not do anything that could be remotely construed as a violation of the Open Meetings Law," Harris said.

The N.C. Open Meetings Law requires public notification of all meetings where a

majority of the members will be present.

Harris said he thought the search committee was right on schedule in their effort to find a replacement for Hardin. "I never expected the new chancellor to arrive before June," he said.

Harris also said he thought that ongoing searches for top administrators at other universities would not affect the size or quality of the applicant pool.

"Now that Cornell University is out of the picture, there are not a lot of institutions that are competitive on paper with us (that have ongoing searches)."

Harris said the chancellor search committee would probably meet again in Chapel Hill within three weeks.

No Business Like Snow Business

Blizzard of '95 Blankets Much Of North Carolina

Whopping 0.6 Inches of Snow Falls at Airport As Town Gets First Taste of Winter

BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

So, it didn't stick to the sidewalks. And, sure, only the most skilled snowball maker was able to pack enough of the white stuff together to whack a friend on the way to class.

But although there was no sledding, skiing or snowboarding to be had, six hours of snow flurries transformed an otherwise dreary Monday into the closest thing this part of the country usually gets to a winter wonderland.

"It was the most amazing thing. I was walking through the Arboretum, and the whole Arboretum was white," said Sarah Crissman, a freshman from Orlando, Fla. "It was just amazing. I can't even describe it."

The day was particularly special for Crissman, who saw snow for the first time. Although she was awed, it probably won't help her come finals time. "I was sitting in English, and I didn't hear a single word that (my teacher) said. I almost asked him to close the blinds so I could concentrate."

For others who, like Crissman, grew up in warm climates, the snow was a welcome change of pace.

"It amazes me to see snow. I grew up in the West Indies where you don't ever see snow," said Ralph Lewis, who works at Lenoir Dining Hall. "The closest they get to snow is a freezer."

About six-tenths of an inch of snow was measured at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and snow blanketed much of the state except for areas in the southern and eastern tips.

The precipitation, which started at about 11 a.m. and stopped at about 5 p.m., was caused by a low-pressure system coming off the Pacific Ocean, said Evan Stewart of the WTVB weather department. The same system caused 6 to 8 inches of snow in Arkansas yesterday, and it had already lost much of its moisture before arriving in North Carolina.

No more snow is expected in the next few days, although a rain-producing system is likely to come to the area this weekend.

Even though the precipitation didn't cause much in the way of slippery streets or public school closings — Chapel Hill's were already off for a teacher workday — it did cause some excitement and enjoyment around campus.

"I think it's lovely," said Chapel Hill resident Robin Harrington. "I still get excited like I did in grade school."

Bogomir Glavic, a sophomore from Pickerington, Ohio, and Carl Priecheufried, a sophomore from Lawrenceville, Ga., spent much of the day collecting snow off cars in the Davis Library parking lot to make a miniature snowman with twigs serving as arms and eyes.



Henry Tilley of Johnny's Sporting Goods in Carrboro said that the store carried sleds year-round and that they had sold two Monday morning with the arrival of the winter weather.

Meanwhile, other students saw the light snow as nothing more than a tease, denying them the true pleasure of a full-fledged snowfall. Some complained that it didn't accumulate and therefore didn't serve any purpose.

"It's all right, but it's irritating," said Keelan Lewis, a freshman from Nashville. "It gets in your nose, and it doesn't stick (to the ground)."

The winter weather did put smiles on the faces of several area businesses that carry merchandise suited to the snow. In Carrboro, six orange sleds graced the front stoop at Johnny's Sporting Goods on Main Street. As of 2:30 p.m., Johnny's had already sold two sleds, said Henry Tilley, an employee at the store.

"We've been waiting all winter for this," he said.

"We keep them in here all the time."

Larger hardware stores also reported an increase in business. True Value Hardware, located on Weaver Dairy Road in Chapel Hill, reported that it had sold 40 plastic sleds and 12 to 15 large bags of ice melt.

"Snow is always good for the hardware business," said Danny Carter, manager of the store.

The grocery business also often booms during Southern snow storms, as lines form in a frantic pursuit for perishable goods.

Personnel at several stores said slightly more people than usual had been picking up the must-have items such as bread, milk and toilet paper. For the most part, however, it was business as usual, and the stores had no trouble keeping up with the number of customers.

By Fall, Toll-Free Caroline May Give Access to Grades

BY MARY BETH MAURIELLO
STAFF WRITER

Almost every UNC student has a horror story to tell about Caroline; however, by fall 1995, the telephone registration system could be a lot more user friendly.

A new development will allow students to access their grades as well as register for their classes, said Philip Charles-Pierre, chief of staff to Student Body President George Battle.

In September, Battle proposed a toll-free number for long-distance registration. The new grades feature is linked to the toll-free service, which will be provided by the FX Voice Corp. Caroline will also become a higher quality system, with better sound and twice as many phone lines.

Charles-Pierre has been working with Associate Registrar Tom Black on the new program.

The only possible disadvantage is the 60-second commercial that will begin each call on a toll-free line. These advertisements, by companies such as MCI and Visa, will be directed toward students. Funds generated by the commercials will be used to pay for the line.

Matt Stowe, a junior from Glastonbury, Conn., said he was pleased by the possible change. "We don't call Caroline enough for the commercial to be a problem," he said.

"It would be a lot cheaper for me to call

from New England during the day, and I could find out my grades before they came in the mail."

Michael Brakas, a sophomore from Jamesport, N.Y., said he agreed. "I think most people would rather listen for 60 seconds than pay \$8 to \$9," he said. "A toll-free call would probably be a lot more conducive to parents' budgets."

Of the commercial, Brakas said, "They even do it in movie theaters now."

Charles-Pierre said he believed that many students would think that the benefits outweighed the inconvenience of the advertising.

"Right now, we have to find a way to convince the administrators that students won't care," he said.

Local students who do not need a toll-free line can continue to dial 962-UNC1 to register for class and avoid the commercial.

Once the toll-free number is approved, it will take between 30 and 60 days to hook up the new system, Charles-Pierre said. If all goes as planned, students could use the new line to register for their spring 1996 courses.

The toll-free Caroline number is one of several projects the Battle administration is developing with the Registrar's Office.

Another development is an unlimited transcript service available to undergraduates.

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FORMER VP OF PLANNING RETIRES TEACHING POST

Sanders Advised Legislature, Designed Desegregation Plan, Directed Institute of Government

BY JILL DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

Even at retirement, John Sanders refuses to boast about his accomplishments. After 40 years of University service, he is not permitting parties in his honor, he will not grant interviews to talk about himself and he never takes full credit for his achievements.

Still, anyone who talks to John Sanders, a professor in the Institute of Government, a representative for the governor, the adviser to the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies, and a former adviser to the state legislature, will have no problem finding out how much he means to the University and the state.

Sanders was born in Four Oaks. He graduated from the University in 1950 with a degree in history, and he earned a J.D. from the University's law school in 1954.

Sanders served as director of the Institute of Government twice and as vice president of planning for the University. He worked on the revision of the state constitution, helped found the State Capitol Foundation and worked on restoration of the state capitol.

H. G. Jones, former curator of the



John Sanders

N.C. Collection, called Sanders "a living encyclopedia." Jones considers some of Sanders' greatest accomplishments to be his chairmanship of the committee that prepared the original desegregation plan for the UNC system and his service to the Institute of Government.

Jones said he admired Sanders for the interest he took in the potential of UNC students. He said he recalled seeing Sanders eating at the Carolina Inn with students. "He talked to them about their futures and the future of the University," he said.

"Many of these students became prominent people," Jones said. "He and his wife, Ann, still have a kind of homecoming during Commencement as a kind of reunion for these people."

Sanders also serves as adviser to the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies. As a student at the University, Sanders was a member of the Dialectic Society

38 Years of Dedication

1950 — A.B. in history from UNC
1954 — J.D. from UNC Law School
1956-94 — Faculty member, Institute of Government
1962-73, 1979-92 — Director, Institute of Government
1973-78 — Vice President of Planning at UNC
1987 — Received Thomas Jefferson Award
1994 — Received Achievement Award from N.C. Association of Colleges & Universities

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before it merged with the Philanthropic Society.

Kris Koontz, president of Di-Phi, admires Sanders for his "dedication to causes" and because "he fits the society's needs into his schedule."

"A lot of people don't know what he does, even members of the society. He does so much," Koontz said.

Sanders is helping to plan the Di-Phi's bicentennial celebration, which will be in April, and he is helping to maintain the society's portrait collection.

This collection is one of the largest in the Southeast and the largest student-assembled collection in the United States.

In 1987, the University awarded Sanders the Thomas Jefferson Award, saying his career "embodies the ideal

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If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed.

Kate Halvorson