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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Marines Return to Somalia In Response to Violence

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The U.S. Marines came back to the beaches of Mogadishu on Monday, returning to protect the last U.N. peacekeepers evacuating from Somalia's chaos.

More than two years after their first landing — lit by the glare of television lights — the Marines came ashore again, this time to mop up the remains of a humanitarian mission that fed tens of thousands of starving Somalis but failed to bring stability.

A vanguard force of about 150 Marines landed by helicopter and Helicop air cushion vessels on a beach at the city's seaside airport, where they were setting up a command headquarters and landing routes for about 2,000 other Marines and Italian soldiers.

Ito Pulls Switcheroo; Lopez Will Testify on Videotape

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's lawyers today lost a bid to have one of their most important witnesses — a maid who could provide an alibi for Simpson and discredit a top investigator — testify in front of the jury rather than on videotape.

Moments before Rosa Lopez was scheduled to take the stand, prosecutors persuaded Superior Court Judge Lance Ito to reverse a Friday night decision allowing her to testify out of order, in the midst of the prosecution case, before the jury.

Lopez's critical appearance then was delayed by a closed-door meeting between attorneys and the judge. During the meeting, the defense sought a Spanish translator who is more familiar with Lopez's El Salvadoran dialect.

Violence Mars Mardi Gras; Festive Revelers Party On

NEW ORLEANS — With more than 300,000 visitors in town for today's raucous windup of Mardi Gras, city officials tried to reassure revelers Monday that the party was safe despite two shootings near parade routes.

Four people were wounded Sunday night during the Bacchus parade, whose grand marshal was TV star John Larroquette, and two were wounded in a shooting early last week.

Witnesses said that Sunday's shooting was near Larroquette's float and that he climbed down from his throne as other riders ducked for cover.

Police blamed both recent shootings on private disputes. Police Superintendent Richard Pennington said 600 police were along the parade routes.

Turkish President Cancels Planned Trip to Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb gunmen opened fire on Sarajevo airport Monday, after Turkey's president called off a planned visit because they refused to guarantee his safety.

In the city, Serb sniper fire wounded five civilians and halted tram service. A woman was killed by shelling overnight in the suburb of Hrasnica, the United Nations said.

Bosnia's four-month truce is supposed to run until May 1, but violence has been increasing recently.

In a speech to the Bosnian Parliament, Vice President Ejup Ganic accused Serbs of using the cease-fire simply to redeploy troops around Bihac, where the truce has never taken hold.

Russians Surround Grozny, Plan to Expel Rebel Forces

MOZDOK, Russia — Russian forces have completely encircled Grozny for the first time since the separatist war began and expect to rid the Chechen capital of the last rebels within days, Russia's military command said Monday.

A top Russian official, meanwhile, unveiled government rebuilding plans for Chechnya, saying the focus will be on restoring rural areas first rather than the devastated capital. Such a plan would make it easier for Moscow to control the breakaway republic where fighting since Dec. 11 has killed thousands.

The Chechens now control only the southwestern part of Grozny, a district known as Chernorechye. As many as 200 Russian armored vehicles and 50 tanks have circled the area since Sunday.

Weather

TODAY: Thunderstorms; high mid-60s.

WEDNESDAY: Rain; high near 60.

Democratic Legislators Pushing BOG Appointment Deal

Maneuver Could Signal an Effort To Depoliticize Selection Process

BY BRIAN VANN
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N.C. state Sen. Clark Plexico, D-Henderson, and a group of Democrats in the General Assembly have proposed a special arrangement with Republicans regarding the makeup of the 16 people who will be appointed to the BOG this year.

The new plan would force the Republican-majority House to appoint at least two Democrats to the

UNC-system Board of Governors. The Senate, with a majority of Democrats, would also be forced to appoint at least two Republicans to the BOG, the 32-member board that oversees the 16-campus university system.

D.G. Martin, UNC-system vice president for public affairs, said the plan might not be accepted in time. "The House has closed its nomination procedure, and it might be necessary for them to reopen it in order to get enough Democrats involved," Martin said. "As time passes, it's less and less likely that it will happen."

Under state law, the legislature appoints board members to four-year terms, which are staggered so

that 16 of the 32 seats become vacant every two years. Candidates must seek election from either the House or Senate, and each chamber fills eight seats.

Of the 104 people who have served on the board in 23 years, only a few have been Republicans. They were selected only because state law reserves a few seats for members of the minority party.

With Republicans now controlling the House, Democrats are worried that turnout might be fair play and that Republicans will name only loyal GOP members to the board.

So Plexico and other Democrats have offered a compromise: The Senate will elect at least two Republicans if the House will agree to name at least two

Democrats.

The final tally would be the same: each house would still choose eight members. But the compromise would allow the Senate to appoint former Gov. Jim Martin, a Republican board member who is expected to seek re-election.

Under the proposed plan, however, Democratic leaders could be embarrassed if the Democratic-controlled Senate didn't elect Jim Martin.

Joseph Stallings, secretary of the BOG's Committee on University Governance, said that although the proposal would not directly affect the everyday op-

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On a morning in late February, I interviewed Chancellor Paul Hardin in his South Building office. We talked for more than an hour about his seven years at the helm of UNC in a sometimes frank, sometimes meandering interview. Hardin is due to step down June 30, and sometime between now and then a new chancellor will be selected to take his place. With four months left to go, he reflected on some of the controversies and successes of his time at the University, and the direction UNC might take under new leadership and new political pressures.

INTERVIEW

DAILY TAR HEEL: What was your impression of UNC from the chancellor search process when you came here in 1988? Was that impression confirmed when you came here?

PAUL HARDIN: I had known Carolina from my boyhood because I grew up in the state. What really impressed me was, as I moved around the country literally, presiding over colleges and universities in South Carolina, Texas and New Jersey, I kept hearing about the Tar Heel state, and the things I heard about so often had to do with UNC-Chapel Hill. I learned that UNC-Chapel Hill is more influential nationally in many respects than my alma mater, Duke, is, and a great part of the reputation of North Carolina relates to Chapel Hill. So the search process was not so terribly important to me. I will say that the confidentiality of that process was very important to me.

I was very happy at Drew University, where I was president for 13 years, and I did not want to destroy the relationship I had with that board of trustees. So it was important to me that some confidentiality be maintained until the short list went to the president, and that was done. That enabled me to permit my name to go forward.

DTH: You spent 20 years leading private colleges and universities that were significantly smaller than UNC. Was it hard to make the transition to the helm of a large public university with all the pressures that accompany it? Did you have to change or adapt your leadership style?

HARDIN: It was difficult in some ways. There is a culture shock moving from the private sector to the public sector, regardless of the size of the institution. That culture shock can be summed up by saying that in the private sector I had problems, but I also had all the power and authority I needed working with my board of trustees to deal with those problems. In the public sector, you are confronted with the same problems and some more difficult ones, you work through what you think would be the best solutions, but you don't have the power commensurate with your responsibility. You find that there are so many layers of approval that you have to go through that it is hard to change the direction of a great public university. The trade-off is you have financial security in the form of very generous state appropriations. That's the big difference. You have the financial security in the public sector; you have the flexibility and the power to make an impact more I think in the private sector.

DTH: How did you change with the different tasks?

HARDIN: I chafed sometimes and sometimes still do over the fact that, for example, at Drew University if I decided in consultation with some faculty that it would be a good idea to put a PC on every student's desk and every faculty desk, we were able in a few weeks time to arrange to have it done, and just raised the tuition to cover it. And here we are a university far more advanced than Drew was when I got there, but I can't do a relatively simple thing like that because I don't control tuition revenues. When you make a suggestion like that, the question immediately becomes, "Can you do it for all 16 campuses? If you can't, we can't let you do it in Chapel Hill." So I have learned to work within the system, and I appreciate the cooperation from (UNC-system) President (C.D.) Spangler and from the Board of Governors, but I still am impatient sometimes that we can't react quickly and flexibly to the important changes taking place in higher education.

DTH: How do you see UNC-Chapel Hill's flagship status helping or hampering our relationship with the 16-campus system over the next decade or so?

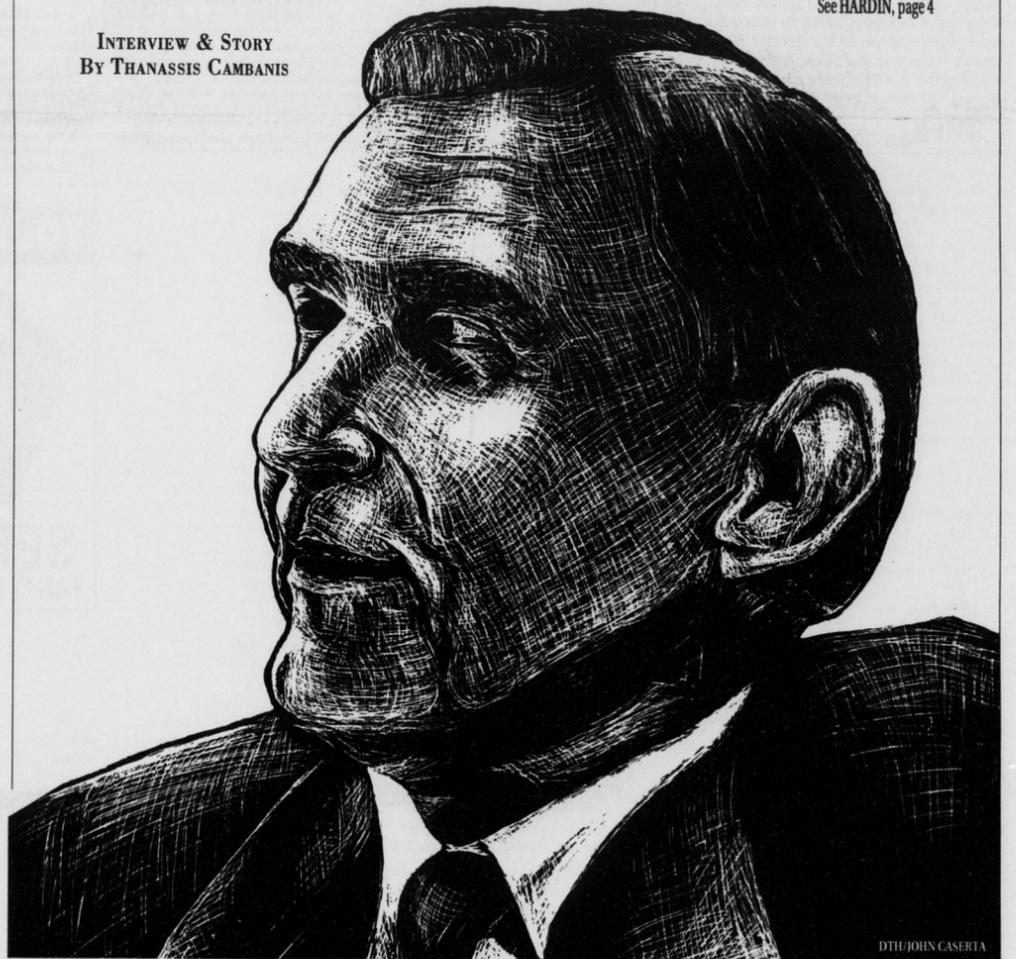
HARDIN: I addressed a lot of that in my University Day speech last October when I talked about the importance of mission differentiation in our system. I tried to say in that speech that excellence in higher education depends on doing your assigned mission. It does not depend on how lofty that mission is. To me, it's just as important to be assigned the mission of teaching undergraduate students really well without much of a research obligation as it is to assign to Chapel Hill and N.C. State the more complex task of teaching well but also being out in front

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Paul Hardin discusses the highs and lows of his seven years — from budget flexibility to the BCC to the Bicentennial

CHANCELLOR IN CHANGING TIMES

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UNC, Wake Hook Up Tonight

Deacons Disproving Critics; Need 2 Wins, Maryland Loss to Tie for Conference Title

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Wake Forest head coach Dave Odom has this knack of proving that sports writers have no idea what they are talking about.

Conference-area writers predicted the Deacons would finish a distant fifth at the ACC's Operation Basketball during the preseason in Greensboro. The Sporting News tabbed Wake as the seventh-best team in the conference, Barry Jacobs had it at sixth in his publication, and Street & Smith's predicted it fifth.

But for the first time since 1962 — the same year Wake finished third in the nation and Len Chappell was a consensus All-American — the Deacons (19-5, 12-3 in ACC) find them-

selves in position to win the conference regular-season title. They are also ranked ninth in the nation.

A couple of things must happen for the Deacs to share the title — they cannot win it outright: 1) Maryland must lose at least once, either to Virginia or Duke. 2) The Deacons must defeat UNC at the Smith Center at 7 p.m. tonight, and they must beat N.C. State Saturday in Winston-Salem.

That second item isn't exactly a walk in the park. The Tar Heels are trying to take first place outright and have not lost at home this year. The last time Wake beat UNC in Chapel Hill was in 1982, when the Deacs toppled the eventual national champions 55-48 in Carmichael Auditorium.

UNC forward Jerry Stackhouse knows a win tonight will put his team in good position for the conference crown, but he's not focusing on it.

"We're not even thinking about that," Stackhouse said.

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Hunt's Proposed Budget Cuts Dominate Academic Forum

BY HEATHER N. ROBINSON
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Discussion on Gov. Hunt's proposed budget dominated the University Academic Forum held Monday night in Lenoir Dining Hall's north dining room.

George Jackson, secretary of the Academic Affairs Committee of student government, said the committee had put the forum together in order to give students an opportunity to talk with the administration.

Jackson mediated the forum, which focused on its eight panel members. He opened the forum by asking questions on behalf of students.

He questioned UNC-system President C.D. Spangler about Hunt's budget proposal, made earlier this month. Spangler, who opposes the proposal, said the final word on the budget had not been spoken.

"I am disappointed in what the governor has proposed," he said. "If it were a depression-type time, I would understand the pressures, but North Carolina is in one of its greatest years economically."

Spangler described the process the governor's budget had to go through in order to be passed. He said the original budget proposal was prepared by the Board of Governors and then transmitted to the

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Lips only sing when they cannot kiss.

James Thomson