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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Rebels Say Saddam's Son Shot in Assassination Try

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Saddam Hussein's eldest son has been wounded in a Baghdad assassination attempt, Kurdish rebels claimed Thursday amid widening reports of unrest and military moves across Iraq.

A radio station run by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of the main Kurdish factions opposed to Saddam, said Iraq's defense minister, Gen. Ali Hassan al-Majid, survived another attack while visiting the northern oil city of Kirkuk.

Both assassination attempts occurred in the last 48 hours, the radio said, according to Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia. Odai Hussein, 31, was apparently shot by several gunmen firing assault rifles in a Baghdad ambush.

Surgeon General Nominee Claims Racist Treatment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Surgeon General-nominee Dr. Henry Foster suggested Thursday that minorities nominated for high Clinton administration jobs are being singled out for attack because of their race.

Asked if he thought "nominees of color" faced orchestrated attacks, Foster said, "It certainly looks fishy. I can categorically say that minorities are certainly being attacked, but it may be for that reason," he said. "I cannot say that there's an orchestrated effort to pick out minorities, but I can tell you it certainly looks fishy."

Foster made the comments in response to a question at a Black Press of America luncheon. He did not say which nominees he was referring to, and the White House had no immediate comment.

Gingrich Submits Book Deal to Ethics Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Speaker Newt Gingrich submitted his proposed book deal to the House ethics committee Thursday, contending the agreement was a normal publishing arrangement that complied with all standards of conduct.

Stripped of the \$4.5 million advance that brought Gingrich a barrage of negative publicity, the agreement keeps the speaker's promise: He would accept the same formula for royalties as Vice President Al Gore got for his book on the environment. The speaker's proposed contract with HarperCollins, a publishing company owned by Rupert Murdoch, "is entirely proper" under House rules, according to the submission to the committee by the speaker's private lawyer, Jan Baran.

Prosecutor, O.J. Attorney Apologize for Tempers

LOS ANGELES — At the judge's urging, O.J. Simpson prosecutor Marcia Clark and F. Lee Bailey apologized Thursday for a burst of temper over whether the defense attorney lied about talking to a potential witness.

Judge Lance Ito told Clark and Bailey they went "beyond the bounds of professional conduct" on Wednesday.

Clark and Bailey clashed over whether Bailey spoke on the telephone with potential defense witness Max Cordoba, a black former Marine sergeant who has accused Detective Mark Fuhrman of using a racial slur. Bailey told Ito on Tuesday he had spoken to Cordoba "Marine to Marine," but Cordoba denied in a television interview that he ever talked with Bailey.

Croats Suspend Talks With Muslim-Led Government

ZAGREB, Croatia — Bosnian Croats suspended all talks with Bosnia's Muslim-led government Thursday, blaming a top government commander for the abduction of a Croat officer.

The move signaled trouble for the shaky Muslim-Croat federation coaxed into life by Washington last year and feted there Thursday, the federation's first anniversary.

Maj. Gen. Vlado Santic, commander of a Croat unit fighting with Bosnian government forces in the northwestern enclave of Bihac, has been missing since Friday, and Croats hold Gen. Atif Dudakovic, a Muslim, responsible.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-70s.
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high low 60s.
SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-60s.

1 Down, 5 to Go — Tar Heels Blow Westerwinds Out to Sea

BY ROBBIE PICKERAL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Western Illinois head coach Regina Miller said Wednesday that she wanted her team to force North Carolina into a slow, half-court game.

In a pre-game radio interview Thursday, the third-year skipper said she wanted her team to take 100 shots, thus quickening its offensive pace.

But the No. 14 Westerwinds did neither Thursday night at Carmichael Auditorium, Western Illinois 48 UNC 89

and the third-seeded Tar Heels cruised to an 89-48 first-round victory in the NCAA tournament. They will face No. 5 Seton Hall, who topped 11th-seeded Stephen F. Morris 73-63 in the early game, Saturday at 2 p.m.

"Something we really didn't want to happen was allow (UNC point guard Marion) Jones to get into the open court or (Tracy) Reid to fill the wings to get those easy transition baskets," Miller said.

"Because our guard was pretty deep in the penetration, it allowed them to get in the open court some, and that really hurt us."

That's an understatement. The Tar Heels had 19 steals in the game — including a career-high nine takes from Jones, and three each from Reid and Tonya Jackson.

Jones attributed her stealing prowess to her stints on the bench — which became more frequent as her fouls added up and

the un-air-conditioned court heated up.

"I don't know about you guys, but it was hot out there," Hatchell said to the post-game reporters. "And that's why we kept substituting — we were substituting much more often than we usually do. And again, that's good that we have such a strong bench, because down the road it makes a difference."

UNC opened the game when Jones converted a layup off the tip. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Deirdre LaFrance gave the Westerwinds their first and largest lead, but a trey by Stephanie Lawrence and a Jackson putback put UNC back up by one.

Western Illinois took the lead — its final lead — again a minute later when Lori Hasket hit a short jumper.

"The first two or three minutes I felt like we were really right there, we really played with them," Miller said.

But then the deluge began. In the next 13 minutes, Jones made five steals, pulled down three boards and scored 11 points. Charlotte Smith added 10 points, six rebounds and three assists, and UNC went on a 44-7 run.

"We hadn't played in quite a few days, and it takes a while to get back in the swing of things," Jones said. "Some of us were a little tired, but after we got things going it was nice to be playing back home again, and the atmosphere really helped us."

By halftime, UNC was ahead 50-24.

"We were tight when we first started, we knew that from our warm-ups," Hatchell said. "It had been a while since



NCAA Men's Basketball

Today, 2:45 p.m., at Tallahassee, Fla.
No. 2 UNC vs. No. 15 Murray State
TV: WRAL-5 Radio: WCHL 1360
NCAA coverage on pages 5, 7 and 9

we had played ... but once we got things rolling a little bit we really loosened up. We played well for most of the first half until we got sloppy on defense."

Miller said: "We went through a spell where we didn't score, and you can't win basketball games if you miss your foul shots and you miss your layups."

But that 13-minute "spell" was all UNC needed.

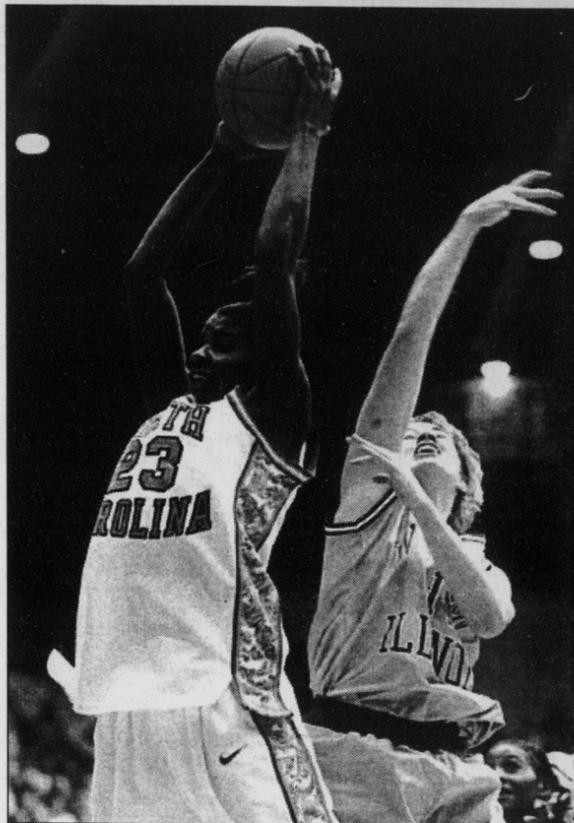
UNC opened the second stanza as Lori Gear fed Reid for a layin, the Tar Heels extended their lead as the second half wore on.

Hatchell substituted freely throughout the second half. UNC got 18 points off the pine, as all but one player scored.

Saturday, UNC faces a scrappy Seton Hall club that finished second to undefeated Connecticut in the Big East tournament.

Still, Hatchell knows her team has a long road to travel if it is to repeat as national champs.

She said, "I just told them in the locker room, 'one down and five to go.'"



UNC's Charlotte Smith stuck back this rebound for two of her six points in the Tar Heels' romp over the Westerwinds in NCAA first-round action.

Carolina Self-Study



About the report: The top-to-bottom review of UNC was written by 10 committees during a two-year period for the purpose of reaccrediting the University. The committee reports are now being assembled into final form and will be reviewed by an evaluation team in early May. A draft of the entire report is available in the reserve reading section of the Undergraduate Library.

About the series: This is the first in an occasional series about the University's self-study. Today's story is based on the undergraduate programs section and focuses on undergraduate academics.

Every 10 years, UNC produces a thick report on how it's doing. When it came to undergraduate academics, in 1995 the answer was often: Less Than Adequate

BY ERICA LUETZOW
STAFF WRITER

University faculty love to create grand theories, but some how when it comes time to turn them into reality, the theories never quite work.

Such is the case of the General College — the centerpiece of UNC's undergraduate education. In theory, it's a great program, designed to teach students the skills they need for more advanced work.

In practice, however, faculty increasingly report that students end up bored, confused and without mastery of even the most basic skills. Or so found a top-to-bottom review of undergraduate academics prepared for the University's reaccreditation.

"We concluded that the general education program is founded and built on very solid principles, (but) the current program is not doing as good a job as we think it can," said Pamela Conover, who led the self-study's review of undergraduate programs.

And the problems of the General College brim over Steele Building and spill into the intellectual life of the University.

"There's a substantial amount of dissatisfaction with the intellectual climate on campus," Conover said, echoing the report's statement, "Many faculty and students perceive that the current (intellectual) environment, despite its many positive elements, is on the whole unsatisfactory."

Making It Work

The study cites several reasons for the shortcomings of the General College program, which range from a lack of coherence in the curriculum to an inadequate advising system. The report also faults the perspective requirements as being too complex and chides the faculty for not being engaged in the program.

Many faculty don't understand how the curriculum is supposed to work, the report states.

Conover said the task force thought one solution to these problems would be a freshman year experience. Such programs typically combine a small, faculty-taught seminar with social events and academic advising. ("The freshman year experience")

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HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT ATTITUDES

There are many highly motivated undergraduates ... however, too many students approach their education with an anti-intellectual "frame of mind" that undermines the academic atmosphere of the University.

GENERAL COLLEGE

The General Education curriculum is doing a less than adequate job in achieving its goals. Too many seniors are graduating without adequately mastering the basic skills essential for successfully living and working in contemporary society.

Program requirements are overly complex and cumbersome (for example, the Western/non-Western/comparative perspective).

There is a lack of genuine multidisciplinary course: Despite the best of intentions, UNC-CH's General Education curriculum is a "cafeteria-like" program in which the development of true multidisciplinary perspectives is the exception rather than the rule. "Instead of seeing the General Education requirements as creating an integrated program that lays the foundation for their later disciplinary work, (students) see both the basic skills and perspective requirements as a series of discrete hurdles to be jumped and then forgotten."

Recommendations:

Create a freshman year experience that would include coursework, social events and advising

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Electric Station May Be Built Beside Odum

BY CHRISTINA MASSEY
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Odum Village student family housing might soon find an electrical substation in their back yard.

"We have tentatively identified a site for the substation that is west of Craigie Parking Deck and south of Manning Drive," said Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities planning and design. "The site is the most cost effective of all our options."

Despite opposition from some committee members, the planning officials and other members of the Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee still plan to build the substation.

Committee member Ted Teague said the community's concerns needed to be considered. "We need to see an effort to involve the community in this decision," he said. "It is irresponsible to make a decision without giving folks who live here the opportunity to be heard."

An electrical substation is used to lower voltage power so electricity can be more easily distributed to other sites, Rutherford said.

The University already has two substations, but it needs an additional one because the existing substations will exceed capacity by 1996, he said.

"We really need to have additional power by the 1996 cooling season because the existing substations will be full by then," he said.

Rutherford said that if the substation were built in Odum Village it would be made more inconspicuous.

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Here's Your Last Chance...

Applications are due by noon today for editor of The Daily Tar Heel and for one of the eight at-large spots on the editor selection board. Applications should be handed in at the DTH office in Union Suite 104.

Selection board members will be notified Monday if they have been chosen to serve on the board.

Please contact Editor Kelly Ryan at 962-0245 if you have any last-minute questions.

Teacher, Band Leader Digs All That Jazz

BY ELLEN FLASPOEHLER
STAFF WRITER

Life is full of "what ifs."

But one thing is certain: if James Ketch had decided in the 1970s to pack his bags and hit the road of musical fame and fortune, both UNC and the state of North Carolina would have missed out on the bragging rights to one of the Southeast's top music teachers and performers.

Ketch, a trumpet player and instructor in the UNC music department, didn't choose to seek out the career of a full-time professional musician then. Instead, he decided that a university campus was the right place for him.

"I had a great interest in all music types," he said. "I thought that being a professional

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HEROES ON THE HILL

A Weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes



James Ketch chose a teaching career over becoming a full-time musician.

Name: James Edward Ketch
Born: April 14, 1952, in Evanston, Ill.

Family: Wife, Susan; daughters, Katie, 17, and Megan, 12

Occupation: Bowman and Gordon Gray associate professor of music

Hobbies: UNC basketball, pets, travel, yardwork, and practicing and listening to music

Education: B.S., Indiana State University at Terre Haute, 1974; M.S. degree, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1976

Philosophy on life: "Life is a gift, and we are all blessed with certain talents. We have a wonderful opportunity to discover them and use them in a way to uplift ourselves and others. We all have a purpose, and I'm blessed that I am doing what I was put here to do."

Will all those snakes who would like to remain in Ireland please raise their right hands.

St. Patrick