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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Mexico Agrees to Talks With Guerilla Leaders

SAN MIGUEL EJIDO, Mexico — Rural villagers greeted with cheers the announcement Monday that government and guerrilla leaders would begin formal talks this month to end southern Mexico's 16-month-long insurgency.

The agreement to meet April 20 in Larrainzar, a town with strong rebel sympathies in the highlands of Chiapas state, is the most positive progress in more than a year of stalled peace talks.

Although there has been no fighting since mid-January 1994, the government's failure to end the uprising has added to worries about instability in Mexico amid economic crisis.

The choice of Chiapas for talks with the Zapatista rebels was considered a win for the government.

Conservative Democrat Makes Switch Over to GOP

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — Rep. Nathan Deal, a conservative Democrat who often voted with the Republicans, switched to the GOP on Monday, just three months after pledging to resign if he changed parties midterm.

Deal becomes the third Democrat in Congress to switch since the Republicans seized control of both chambers in the Nov. 8 election. The others were Sens. Richard Shelby of Alabama and Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado.

Deal, 52, represents a northern Georgia district that is 95 percent white and heavily Republican. It also abuts the district of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, architect of the Republican takeover.

Deal's move increases the Republicans' House majority to 231-203, with one independent.

Bob Dole Launches His Bid For White House in 1996

TOPEKA, Kan. — Embracing the conservative agenda of lower taxes, smaller government and a balanced budget, Bob Dole launched his third White House bid Monday by casting himself as uniquely qualified to "lead America back to her place in the sun."

Dole, 71, entered the race with a scornful critique of President Clinton as a "clever apologist of the status quo," elected on a platform of change in 1992 but now fighting the change voters demanded in the Republican sweep in 1994.

There was nary a mention of his Republican rivals. Befitting his status as the clear early GOP front-runner, Dole chose to ignore them. His announcement was elaborately choreographed, complete with a charter plane marked "Dole for President."

Arafat Begins Crackdown On Islamic Militant Forces

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — In a move that could push Palestinians closer to civil war, Yasser Arafat cracked down on Islamic militants Monday after suicide bombings killed seven Israelis and an American college student.

Arafat's security forces arrested 112 followers of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad group after Sunday's deadly back-to-back bombings near two Jewish settlements in the PLO-ruled Gaza Strip.

Angry Islamic militant leaders raised the specter of civil war, apparently trying to force Arafat to back down.

Despite the tensions and anger, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told negotiators to resume talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Nine Tajik Militants Killed In Russian Border Fighting

MOSCOW — Russian helicopter gunships fired at Tajik opposition positions along the Tajik-Afghan border Monday, the fourth straight day of fighting.

The missile strikes, reported by the ITAR-Tass news agency, were aimed at militants trying to seize a border post at Dashti-Yazgul. The report did not say whether there were casualties.

Overnight, Russian border guards killed nine Tajik rebels who tried to storm the post, said Anatoly Prokopyev, a border guard spokesman in Moscow.

At least 43 people have been killed since fighting began Friday. It has been the bloodiest few days in months along the mountainous border in Central Asia.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; high 65.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy; high in the 60s.

Cuts Could Eliminate Sections, Faculty

BY KATHRYN TAYLOR
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The most severe budget proposal yet for N.C. higher education — which would include a total of \$48 million in cuts — is on the block in the General Assembly this week.

The House of Representatives is likely to make a decision later this week on the preliminary proposal that passed in a House subcommittee Thursday, said Jim Newlin, senior fiscal analyst for the legislature.

The House Subcommittee on Education approved a proposal that would almost double the dollar amount of cuts that Gov. Jim Hunt proposed in February.

More than \$48 million would be cut under the committee proposal, compared with \$26 million under Hunt's plan.

Donald Jicha, associate dean of the General College, said the University did not have funds to spare.

"Every year, there's no surplus, no extra cash to throw away as it is," Jicha said.

"I do not think the adjustment is going to be very pleasant because even now we never come back in the fall with any extra funds."

The proposal includes a faculty productivity plan to reduce funding for teaching positions at 11 campuses, including UNC, by more than \$12 million. Half of the savings from the plan would be used for special salary bonuses for faculty who teach more than an average load.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown said the faculty productivity clause of the proposal could lead to burnout among teaching staff.

"Already, we are working very hard, giving 150 percent, and this so-called productivity plan is like a slap in the face," Brown said.

"The legislature looks like it is saying, 'We don't want to support excellent public higher education.'"

Higher quality education would not be guaranteed if faculty taught more classes, Brown said. Graduate student teaching

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JANE BROWN
Faculty Council chairwoman

assistant positions, which account for most recitation sections for larger classes, could be eliminated, she said.

"They are threatening quality for the sake of quantity," she said. "The discussion classes can sometimes provide a more quality education than the large lecture classes alone."

An additional 2.5 percent of nonteaching staff positions and 1.5 percent of other staff positions would be cut to reduce the budget by about \$10 million.

Students also would be affected by the subcommittee's budget proposal. Nonresidents at UNC, N.C. State Uni-

versity and the N.C. School of the Arts would pay an extra \$6 million for instructional and general costs through tuition hikes. Also, about \$650,000 in student scholarships would be cut for the next school year.

The tuition remission program, which provides in-state rates to nonresident graduate students who act as TAs or research assistants, would be reduced by \$4 million under the proposal.

"Most likely, [the cuts] will result in larger classes and fewer sections of classes," Brown said. "Also, undergraduates may have trouble finding the classes they need to graduate."

"The triple hits that graduate students will suffer may be the worst result. The so-called productivity plan would eliminate TA jobs while tuition remission is being removed and tuition rates are going up."

Other reductions would affect UNC Hospitals and the Smith Center, and increases in overtime, worker's compensation and disability would be deleted.

Jicha said that University officials had to prepare for the worst but that he did not expect the final cuts to be as severe as the proposals were.

"The worst-case scenario would be that some courses would have to be cut," he said. "The little freshmen are the kids that are going to be hurt because they are the last to register and there are so many courses that freshmen would like and could use, but upperclassmen have already filled them."

The General Assembly must compromise between the House proposal and a less severe plan recommended by a Senate committee before a final decision can be made.

Brown said she was optimistic about some of the possible changes in the budget. "I'm hearing that there may be opportunities buried in here somewhere," she said.

"For example, if out-of-state tuition has to go up, at least we may be able to use the extra money within the University. We have never been able to do that before."

Pat the Bunny



It's that time of year again — time for the Easter Bunny to make its annual visit to University Mall for children and adults. The Easter Bunny spent Saturday afternoon handing out free coloring books and visiting shops.

Council Pleased With Town Advice for UNC

BY JENNIFER FREER
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The first round of suggestions for the future development and preservation of the Horace Williams and Mason Farm properties was brought to the attention of the Chapel Hill Town Council and residents to stimulate thought.

The UNC-Chapel Hill Planning Panel introduced its first interim report, which proposes goals and principles for the properties, at a public forum, and the council had no questions regarding the preliminary report.

Rosemary Waldorf, chairwoman of the planning panel and council member, said she viewed the report as a beginning. She reminded the council that the report was preliminary in form and content and said she looked forward to constructive criticism from council members and the public.

"We (the panel) thought it would be beneficial to the council, the public and the University to let it be known early in the process the council's interest and forward the recommendations to the University," Waldorf said. "Hopefully, our advice will be built on in the future."

The panel was divided into five subcommittees: land use, neighborhood issues, transportation, environmental issues and fiscal issues.

Alan Rimer, spokesman for the land-use subcommittee, said the reality was that Mason Farm tract had little land that could

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Consultants Familiar With Local Growth

BY LAURA GODWIN
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The town of Chapel Hill and the University are in the midst of a complicated and controversial land development phase, and once again, the development is being led by the firm of Johnson, Johnson and Roy.

JJR was first hired by the University in 1991 when UNC looked at constructing South Loop Road, which would have realigned Manning Drive so traffic would be routed away from hospitals and would have run a road through Odum Village. That project, like the development of the Mason Farm and Horace Williams tracts now, was met with controversy.

JJR will be on campus Tuesday through Thursday conducting numerous meetings and hearings concerning development of the 970-acre Horace Williams Tract and the 1,300-acre Mason Farm Tract, both of which are owned by the University.

The University is looking at using the two areas for a satellite campus, while the town would like to change the zoning of the land and prevent UNC from building structures taller than seven stories. As a result of the conflicting opinions between town and University officials, Chancellor Paul Hardin postponed development of the land until next year.

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Registration Denied: Caroline Breaks Down

BY KAMAL WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

UNC students usually have a difficult time registering for the following semester's classes because of Caroline's busy telephone lines.

But students had a particularly frustrating registration experience Monday as they could not get in for part of the day because of a computer malfunction.

The Computer-Assisted Registration On-Line, better known to most students as Caroline, broke down early Monday afternoon.

The problem occurred at about 1:30 p.m. and the computer remained unavailable for more than two hours, said Donna Redmon, associate University registrar.

"The computer that handles all of the incoming calls was not receiving those calls," Redmon said.

"People involved with University communications as well as data processing are working on it now," she said.

At about 4 p.m., half of Caroline's 64 telephone lines were once again receiving calls from students desperate to register.

Joe Ward, computer operations manager, said he did not know why the system had broken down.

"We are not sure what the exact techni-

cal problem was, but we reloaded the software and Caroline is now back online."

This is the first time Caroline has broken down, Redmon said.

Reza Rahbar, a freshman from Wheeling, W. Va., voiced the thought that was on the minds of many freshmen Monday.

"It really annoyed me," he said.

Erika Bono, a freshman from Charlotte, said she had struggled all day to get through to Caroline.

"It was really frustrating trying to get through," she said.

"I'm glad it wasn't a sunny day, or I would have been more upset than I already am."

Eric Bohlen, a freshman from Charlotte, said he knew of people who had had plenty of trouble getting in.

"My suitemate tried 835 times to register from his computer, while it only took me 28 tries," he said.

Bohlen believed that it was a burden on other students as well.

"I'm sure it was such a hassle. No one was in class today because they were trying to register, so if Caroline was broken, then people really got screwed over," he said.

David Y. Lee, a freshman from Cary, agreed.

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Sexual Encounter Not Covered in Policy

New Amorous Relationship Policy, Started April 3, Considered 'Progressive'

BY JILL DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

A UNC professor's sexual relationship with a student has caused controversy over the University's newly instituted amorous relationships policy, which does not provide sanctions against professors unless they are instructing or evaluating the student.

Ako Shimada, a junior, was taken to court in January for having sexual relations with James Williams, director of composition in the English department. Shimada had to pay \$10,000 to Williams' ex-wife, Ashley, and write her a letter of apology for breaking up her family and having sex with her husband.

UNC sexual harassment officer Judith Scott said the policy, which took 18 months to finalize, was instituted "not because of anything that had happened here or because of any outside pressure."

According to the policy, which went into effect April 3 with Chancellor Paul Hardin's approval, "faculty members or other instructional staff shall not initiate, pursue, or be involved in any amorous or sexual relationships with any student whom they are in a position to evaluate or supervise ..."

Scott said that she had not even known

of the Williams case until she read about it recently in a newspaper and that she then started receiving phone calls from people asking questions regarding Williams.

"To look at this isolated incident and assume it means this kind of behavior goes on at the University or any university is not reasonable," she said.

"It may happen from time to time, but I think it is very much an exception."

Scott said she thought the policy was very strong.

"It is very progressive. It is one of the strongest policies that I have read," she said.

Scott said it had been a trend among many universities in the past three years to take a more cautious stance on professor-student relationships because of the power differential that existed between the two.

"Support for implementing such a policy was very strong," she said. "We received extensive feedback from students and faculty."

Scott said she thought the only objections to the policy came from people who did not understand what it said.

Chapel Hill attorney Terry Harn, who represents Ashley Williams, said he was astounded that no policy regarding amorous relations had existed at UNC until April 3.

The policy should include any students with whom a professor comes in contact, not just students professors instruct or evaluate, Harn said.

"The professor is in an advantage posi-

tion because of his authority position," he said.

"I'm not sure if (amorous relations between faculty and students) has any business in the University setting."

Scott said it was her understanding that the policy was limited to professors and the students they instructed or evaluated because it was more feasible than trying to prohibit relationships completely.

The policy does address amorous relationships outside the instructional context, but it does not provide for sanctions against violators who are not in an instructive or evaluative position.

Scott said that throughout the process of drafting the policy, many faculty and staff members had told her they believed the policy should be stronger.

"I think our faculty are outstanding in all respects, including ethical behavior," she said.

"This policy is not intended to prohibit relationships where two parties happen to meet, fall in love and things work out splendidly."

She said the policy was necessary to protect students and faculty.

"Unhappily, sometimes relationships where tremendous power differentials exist can start out consensual and turn out badly for all concerned," Scott said.

"Unfortunately, more times than not, this is what happens."

She said, "UNC-CH, albeit one of the most outstanding universities, is not an exception to what goes on in society."

Clothes aren't dirty unless someone sees you in them.

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