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Top stories from the state, nation and world

Britain wants to kill fewer cattle due to disease

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Britain will seek to persuade its partners in the European Union on Monday to reduce the number of cattle it must slaughter as part of a plan to eradicate mad cow disease. Britain argues the plan to kill 140,000 cows judged at risk from the disease needs revising after new scientific data indicates the ailment will die out anyway within five years.

The slaughter plan was agreed to by British Prime Minister John Major and other EU leaders at a June summit in Florence, Italy as part of a package designed to resolve a mad cow crisis that had paralyzed EU business.

Beef prices have plummeted across Europe since March, when British officials linked a fatal human brain illness to cattle tainted with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as mad cow disease.

On Monday, British Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg is to present his arguments to EU Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler and later to ministers from the other 14 EU nations. He will present new research by Oxford University showing mad cow disease is declining fast and will have disappeared by 2001 even without

the planned slaughter.

Dole asks for backing from Christian Coalition

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole personally appealed for the backing of the Christian Coalition Saturday, after the conservative group's founder said it would take "a miracle from Almighty God" for Dole to win.

Speakers and delegates at the group's annual meeting had been expressing disillusionment with Dole's campaign emphasis on economic issues at the expense of moral issues.

The appearance came barely more than an hour after Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson told the nearly 4,000 attendees:

"I want to say this as clearly as I can: This campaign for the presidency is far behind. Twenty-three points is about as insurmountable an obstacle as I can think of. In my personal opinion, there's got to be a miracle from Almighty God to pull it out, and that could happen."

Robertson said to do that, Dole needed to put his group's values agenda front and center in the campaign. Dole said he remained optimistic.

Waters to be tainted from Fran damage for a month

Leaks of untreated sewage, floating debris and hog waste spills in the wake of Hurricane Fran will taint rivers and streams in eastern North Carolina for at least a month, scientists and state environmental officials say.

More than 80 wastewater treatment plants failed during Hurricane Fran, dumping millions of gallons of raw sewage into waterways. Most of those rivers

and streams flow into the Cape Fear River past Wilmington and down to the sea. Three hog farms were flooded or spilled waste, officials say.

In short, rivers and streams are a mess. The state health director is warning people to avoid contact with streams because of the disease threat from spilled human and animal waste.

"This is not a time to go swimming in rivers or lakes," said health director Ron Levine. "There's a lot of potential for kids or workers to come in contact with sewage."

Miss Kansas takes 1997 Miss America crown

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Miss Kansas Tara Dawn Holland was crowned Miss America on Saturday night in a nationally televised ceremony in which viewers got to help select the winner.

For the first time, viewers could call in and vote on which of the 10 semifinalists they liked to narrow the field to five finalists. The final decision on the winner was solely up to the seven celebrity judges.

When the name of first runner-up Miss Louisiana Erika Schwarz was called, Holland's jaw dropped in disbelief.

She's the third Miss Kansas to win the crown. A 1994 music education graduate of Florida State University, she is a graduate student at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She hopes to teach music some day.

Holland's platform — the issue she will speak on — is illiteracy prevention.

The call-in poll was the latest innovation for the contest. The viewers, in effect, sat as the eighth judge in picking the finalists. Their collective votes were added to those of the seven celebrity judges, who picked the winner.

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city Career Services and the Department of University Housing.

"Dr. Susan Kitchen will bring vast experience and proven leadership in the field of student affairs to this vital position," Chancellor Michael Hooker stated in a press release.

"The University already has an impressive array of services available to help students learn and grow, and they will only get better with Susan at the helm."

Kitchen has worked as vice chancellor

for student affairs, associate dean of students and vice president for student affairs at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Katherine Kraft said she was particularly pleased with Kitchen's experience working with graduate students at UMBC.

"She has experience with a nontraditional student population," Kraft said. "Kitchen is an ideal individual in that she is already aware of the distinct needs of graduate and professional students."

Kraft said she was impressed with the diversity of Kitchen's previous experi-

ence.

Kitchen also has experience directing the Educational Information Center for the Malaysian-American Commission on Education Exchange, which advises Malaysians about educational opportunities at U.S. colleges and universities.

Kitchen also has worked on various projects concerning personnel and national issues. She was also co-chairwoman of the American College Personnel Association, wrote professional articles and made presentations worldwide on controlling health services costs, free speech, women's issues, racial awareness and training residence hall staff.

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students have been accepted as full partners in the process," Dervin said, adding that he would try to involve as many students as possible.

BOG Chairman C.C. Cameron, who headed the nominating committee, said the committees would accept students' ideas. "The state legislature elected us, the BOG, to manage the University system. We've been delegated to select and elect our chief executive officer."

"It's sort of like the board of directors of a company. You don't consult employees and stockholders before electing the CEO."

But Dervin said students were more than employees or stockholders. "The university would not exist if not for the students," Dervin said. "I think it's a very poor decision to have set up this structure

and only formally include one student. "This is a board that has tried to avoid controversy. They have effectively stopped controversy by eliminating students."

The leadership statement committee includes Dervin, four chancellors, three professors, eight at-large citizens and four BOG members. N.C. Central University Chancellor Julius Chambers will serve as co-chair with BOG members Helen Marvin and John Garwood.

The leadership statement committee will hold six public meetings around the state to decide what qualities the new president should have.

The screening committee will evaluate the applications and nominations. The search committee will select the final contender to be approved by the full BOG. BOG members comprise these committees exclusively.

Cameron persuaded Jim Holshouser

to chair the search committee and oversee the other committees, after "a little bit of arm-twisting." Cameron said Holshouser, a former N.C. governor, was the logical choice because he was well-respected in North Carolina.

Holshouser said he was initially reluctant to take on the job. "I know it's an important task, and it's just a matter of getting it off on the right foot by choosing someone where there was a little bit of consensus," he said.

Finding a candidate who can mesh well with the University system is important, he said. He also emphasized the need to keep candidates' names secret. "Getting the best person depends on confidentiality," Holshouser said.

Cameron agreed. "That is one thing that concerns me about having so many people involved in this process," he said. "I don't know how successful we'll be about keeping names confidential."

Opportunity knocks in Peace Corps

More than 600 UNC graduates have served in the Peace Corps.

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On Nov. 7, UNC students will have an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of more than 600 UNC graduates who have joined the Peace Corps.

Alex Cutter, a Peace Corps regional recruiter, said he would be bringing with him the chance of a lifetime when he comes to UNC.

"It was definitely the best thing I ever did," Cutter said in reference to his service in Guatemala for the Peace Corps. "This is an organization that allows you to integrate yourself totally into another culture. I don't know of any other organization that offers that."

Currently 41 of the 6,633 volunteers in the Peace Corps are UNC alumni, and over its history the program has had more than 600 UNC graduates in its ranks.

"I think that UNC has a lot of great community service organizations that

give people a lot of opportunities to volunteer," Cutter said. "It's this volunteer spirit that make UNC alumni great members of the Peace Corps."

One of those 600 graduates that went into the Peace Corps was Judith Berndt-Johnson. After she gained her bachelor's degree from UNC, she served in Jamaica as a community nutritionalist.

"It was a great experience. It helped me realize how wide the world really is," Berndt-Johnson said. "It definitely helped me utilize the knowledge that I gained during college."

Berndt-Johnson said the skills that she learned in the Peace Corps carried over to her job as project director of a maternal child program in South Bend, Ind. "The challenges are lot different but the Peace Corps gave me the resilience and the self-esteem to handle them."

Since President John Kennedy created the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, 145,000 volunteers have served in 131 different countries doing a variety of tasks. The Peace Corps' main goals have been to help countries educate people, so they can meet the needs of their local communities, and to help facilitate the understanding of both foreign and American cultures.

In 35 years, 2.5 million acres of cropland has become more productive, five million people have learned English, and 14 million people have gained better sanitation and health programs.

Peace Corps volunteers say the experience gave them an invaluable education. "You're being offered the ability to get a hands-on experience at a much higher level than you would in the states," said Felisa Neuringer, a public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps Recruiting Office.

"For example, if you graduated as an English major, we might put you over in Taiwan. There you'll be teaching English to your students. You'll be the one in charge. You're given a lot more responsibility at a young age."

Some other advantages of the Peace Corps are that it helps volunteers gain a complete understanding of a country's language and culture. "You're going to bring back a cultural experience that could give you an edge in the business," said Neuringer.

Cutter said, "If you don't know what you want to do when you graduate and you know you don't want to wait on tables, then the Peace Corps is a great route to go."

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wasn't possible to tell applicants about the grant. The application deadline was Jan. 31, and the school was still writing a proposal for the grant during the summer. She added that there was never any intention to slight second-year students.

The graduate students plan to meet this week to discuss ways to raise funds for current students. The school has offered to help with fund-raisers, and some faculty have said they would kick in.

Greg Makris, who heads the journalism school's Graduate Student Association, said the administration had been responsive. "I'm convinced our adminis-

tration will be receptive to meeting with us and seeing if there's anything that can be done," he said. "I sympathize with the students, and what I would love to see is a happy, harmonious resolution."

Nowak said a resolution can't come soon enough. "(The controversy) is causing a lot of problems and bitterness among students, which is distracting."

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