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**IN THE NEWS**

**Northwest Makes Deal, Awaits Board Decision**

WASHINGTON - Negotiators for Northwest Airlines and its pilots reached agreement Thursday on a deal that would end a strike that has grounded the airline for 13 days.

"I think the strike is over," President Clinton announced at the White House after speaking by phone with leaders from the pilots' union and the company.

Soon after Clinton spoke, spokesmen for the airline and the Air Line Pilots Association confirmed that a proposal to end the standoff would be put to a vote of the union's executive board on Saturday.

No details were released. Northwest's 6,100 pilots will remain on strike until at least Saturday, when the union's 17-member council will meet in Minneapolis to consider the proposal.

The development came as the length of the work-stoppage and its economic cost was increasing the possibility that Clinton would have to intervene and order the pilots back to work.

**12 U.S. Satellites Lost In Failed Space Launch**

MOSCOW - Twelve U.S. commercial satellites and the rocket that carried them partially burned up in the atmosphere Thursday when the Russian-organized launch failed after blastoff.

The Zenit-2 booster was launched by Russia's space agency from the Baikonur cosmodrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

The rocket's control system failed in its fifth minute of flight, shutting down the engines. The Ukrainian manufacturer said it was probably a computer malfunction.

Fragments of the rocket and the Globalstar satellites fell in a sparsely populated area in southern Siberia, the Russian Space Agency told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

— Associated Press

**Acme Tempts Taste Buds**

For those of you who thought Acme was only the name of Wile E. Coyote's gadget supplier in Roadrunner cartoons, the chic Carrboro restaurant is worth discovering. Acme is nestled in the strip of stores along East Main Street and opened in February 1998. With it came a sophisticated refuge which leaves quaint and inexpensive dining far behind.

As you walk in the restaurant, you work your way through a geometric layout that separates the small space into sections. Acme's decor is understated, with black tables and chairs and deep cranberry-colored walls.

The minimal decoration, a few black and white paintings, opens up the high-ceiling area and makes it seem bigger than it is. Bring a date or maybe a few parents - the close quarters and intimate atmosphere are more suited to couples than large groups.

It's buzzing enough that you won't feel like you're a part of the conversation at the table next to you, but having to decide on one meal from the diverse menu will leave you wishing you could share your neighbor's food.

Acme's menu changes every six weeks. With entrees that range from \$12.50 to \$14.00, it has the typical, expensive small portions where presentation is everything and price is inconsequential.

The menu of the moment offers several twists on typical Southern favorites, from the Oyster Po' Boy to Fried Grit Cakes and Apple Brown Betty.

Appetizers, dubbed "Small Plates," range from Ginger-Pear Soup to Clam and Corn Fritters.

The Acme Artichoke Spread may have been too safe of a choice. With its cold, bland taste and pimientos hidden throughout, it seemed more like a pale green version of the processed sandwich spread. My knife instead found itself in the butter, which is delicately whipped and dolloped like cream beside homemade sourdough bread.

The interesting "Bowls" section might not be a regular on Acme's menu, but it should be. These filling creations are available in half and full portions, and offer the minimalist fare of Pork and Beans to a Virginia Brunswick Stew that has chicken as well as rabbit in it.

A half portion of the Shrimp Curry was meal enough for one, and was piled on rice like an Indian-flavored gumbo.

Chunks of carrots, chickpeas and shrimp were covered in the yellow haze of curry and mixed well with the mild flavor of sweet potatoes. Cucumber raita, a blended cucumber dressing, was the perfect topping - a cool, nondescript taste that was welcome amidst the heat of the flavors.

Most southern purists would argue that grits are for breakfast, and many might not be familiar with wilted autumn greens. But the Fried Grit Cakes, one of the "Large

**ELIZABETH SCHATZ**  
Food Review  
Acme



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ACME restaurant, located in Carrboro on East Main Street, has been open since February.

Plates," were balanced beautifully as upstanding triangles on the dish and were too good to pass up.

Mushroom ragout and the wilted autumn greens cascaded over the grits, which had a deep-fried crust that broke at the slightest nudge of a fork.

Other Acme entrees are Baked Atlantic Cod, and an Austrian Weiner Schnitzel. The main dish was definitely the highlight of the meal, which seemed to go out with a whimper rather than a bang.

The Acme Mocha Custard, served in a coffee mug and lacking much mocha taste, was more like a coffee-flavored Jell-O. Maybe Billie's Famous Carrot Cake with Orange Cream Cheese icing would have been a more satisfying bet. Anything famous has got to be worth a few bites.

The waitstaff was attentive, the food sped out of the kitchen and my water glass was never empty.

Acme's bar is an attraction all its own, offering a wide selection of beer and wine as well as its signature martini.

Pride in its menu may grow over the next six weeks, as practice makes perfect on a few lackluster recipes. But for now, Carrboro's most upscale new addition is worth the upscale price.

Jenny Chang said her school was also prepared to raise funds for the Games.

N.C. State has already raised more than \$1,000. Although UNC-CH has not yet raised any money, Walters said some promising donors were lined up.

Chang and Walters both said campus groups such as fraternities, sororities, honor societies and community service clubs at each school would be asked to help contribute to the Games.

In addition, promotions such as candy sales, T-shirt sales and even car washes were being considered by both schools, the two presidents said.

Joe Freddoso, CEO of the 1999

Special Olympics World Games said the Games would include 7,000 athletes from 150 countries. About 400,000 spectators would attend the events. "We just need people to volunteer," Freddoso said. "It's all about friendly rivalry."

N.C. State graduate and Games employee Hannah Lichtner said the challenge would be good for both schools. "For students, they've been given a chance to showcase their university and get the experience of helping someone."

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**Political Groups Risk Losing Funds**

A court ruled the University of Wisconsin at Madison cannot use student fees to fund certain campus groups.

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Picture it: All the funding for campus groups that engage in political and ideological activities taken away.

At UNC - which consistently ranks in Mother Jones magazine's top-ten list of activist schools - the scenario is difficult to fathom.

But this plight currently faces some student groups at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. A court recently ruled that the university could not force students to pay for political and ideological organizations in their student fees.

Some Wisconsin students affected by the ruling were upset.

"Student fees are not just about a few students getting 20 bucks back for a six-

pack of beer," said Eric Brakken, the chairman of Associated Students of Madison.

"It is a systematic attack on students' freedom of speech," he said. "It will shut down student voices and civic institutions and change what universities are all about."

In April 1996, three Wisconsin law students filed a lawsuit against the university, claiming moral objections to 18 of the organizations funded with student fees, Brakken said. They believed it was a breach of their First Amendment rights, he said.

Last month, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled in their favor.

Groups such as Amnesty International and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center are now in

jeopardy of losing all their funding. Michal Osterweil, treasurer of UNC's Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice, found this ruling terrifying because it could easily happen at UNC. "The political organizations on this campus provide students and the community with vital education," she said. "That's one of the best things I can say about UNC."

Leaders of other UNC organizations echoed Osterweil's concern. "It's important to recognize the necessity of diverse groups on campus," said Annie Newell, co-chair of the Student Environmental Action Coalition. "We need to have doors open for life's experiences. To close these doors will cause the downfall of future leaders."

Derrick Miller, a member of UNC's Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, warned that the loss of student funding would lead to the impoverishment of the campus.

"An advantage of the university is you are faced with people that are different from you," he said. "It's nothing but an educational experience."

The court of appeals ruling would not affect non-political organizations. But it is seen as a victory for religious and conservative students as it would negatively affect primarily liberal groups.

Brad Morrison, UNC Student Congress Speaker and President of the UNC College Republicans, declined to comment.

If a campus group is officially recognized by the University, the University is obligated to provide funds on an equal basis, said Kevin McGuire, assistant professor of political science at UNC.

"It's a positive thing to support a diversity of voices on campus as long as the University does it in an even-handed way."

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"SEAC will definitely be affected," she said. "(The printed edition) has been our primary way of advertising major events."

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**TWENTY-FOUR SEVEN**

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Environmental Action Coalition, worried that not as many people would see the on-line Twenty-four Seven.

**FUNDING**

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Walk for Education. The walk, which will be Sept. 19, will raise money for individual schools. Last year's inaugural walk raised about \$40,000, Hoke said.

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