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NATO, U.S. Prolong Yugoslav Attacks

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO pounded Yugoslavia for a second night Thursday, following through on a pledge to destroy President Slobodan Milosevic's military forces unless he accepts a peace plan for Kosovo.

Bombs rained down on Kosovo's capital of Pristina shortly after dark. The sky lit up with bright flashes as three heavy blasts were heard from the direction of an army base next to the airport.

Explosions were also heard north of Belgrade, in northern Kosovo, and in Serbia and Montenegro, the two republics that make up Yugoslavia.

"We're going to systematically and progressively attack, disrupt, degrade, devastate and ultimately — unless President Milosevic complies with the demands of the international community — we're going to destroy these forces and their facilities and support," said U.S. Gen. Wesley Clark, supreme commander of allied forces in Europe.

But there was no hint that the assault was causing Milosevic to rethink his refusal to end his offensive against eth-

nic Albanian separatists in Kosovo or accept a plan calling for 28,000 NATO troops to enforce the peace.

His aides scorned the airstrikes as "a grave crime against the people" of Yugoslavia, and his forces kept up their rampage in Kosovo, hunting down leading ethnic Albanian politicians and editors and burning villages.

Serbia, meanwhile, ordered foreign reporters belonging to NATO countries to leave. Most journalists heeded the warning — and several were threatened by angry Serbs on their way out.

Yugoslavia also announced it was cutting diplomatic ties with the United States, Britain, France and Germany for participating in the airstrikes.

More than 2,000 people have been killed and at least 400,000 forced to flee their homes in a year of fighting between Yugoslav troops and ethnic Albanian rebels in Kosovo, a province in Serbia. The ethnic Albanians have already signed the U.S.-backed peace plan. A devastating first round of airstrikes Wednesday reportedly killed at least 11 people and delivered serious blows to Yugoslavia's military.

Kosovo Air Strikes - Day 2

NATO-led bombings continued Thursday on strategic targets in Yugoslavia in an effort to persuade Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic to sign a U.S.-backed peace treaty with ethnic Albanians.



HISTORY OF THE KOSOVO CONFLICT

* In the 14th century, Kosovo was the center of the Serbian empire and the site of its most sacred churches and monasteries. The Serbs treasured it as their Jerusalem, their holy land.

* Over the next 500 years, neighboring Albanians leave their homeland to settle in the Kosovo region.

* Ethnic Albanians became a majority in Kosovo in the 1950s. Today, Albanians outnumber Serbs 9 to 1 in this region.

The events of recent history have compelled the Albanians to proclaim the land as theirs.

* In 1945 a constitutional revision gave ethnic Albanians in Kosovo control over local affairs and made the Albanian language equal with Serbo-Croatian.

* In 1974 Yugoslavia's Communist President Marshal Tito granted Kosovo autonomy.

* In 1986 Slobodan Milosevic became the leader of the Serbian communist party. He urged Serbs to fight for the province he declared they would win back.

* In 1989 Milosevic became president and stripped Kosovo's autonomy.

* In 1995 two major groups emerged—Muslim ethnic Albanians and Orthodox Christian Serbs. The Serbian government is the official authority, but the Albanian ethnic majority operates a parallel government that stages its own elections.

CURRENT CHAOS IN KOSOVO

* NATO continued bombing Yugoslavia Thursday following through on a pledge to destroy Milosevic's military forces unless he accepts peace in Kosovo.

* Details about the effects of bombings are sketchy due to a lack of media presence in Kosovo and Serbia. Reports do state that Kosovo's capital, Pristina, was bombed, and that Albanian rebels attacked several government outposts following last night's barrage.

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Professors: Strikes Won't End Ordeal

Two Albanian students at UNC support the bombings, although they would have rather seen the conflict end peacefully.

By ÅSTA YTRÉ
Staff writer

UNC student Altin Fortuzi tried to call friends in Albania and Kosovo before the air strikes began, but to no avail.

An Albanian graduate student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Fortuzi said the bombings were tragic but necessary.

"All my thoughts go to the civilians living near army barracks," he said. "They are the poorest, and the ones who will pay the most. I don't think (President Slobodan) Milosevic will get a scratch."

But as the NATO-led bombings of Yugoslavia continued into late Thursday night, some professors' opinions differed from Fortuzi's.

Dr. Robert Greenberg, assistant professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at UNC, said he was very worried the situation might spark other conflicts.

"When you start this kind of bombing, the Serbs will have to react," Greenberg said. "I am afraid this will accelerate the war."

Not enough consideration was given to the decision, Greenberg said. "This is the wrong time. There has not been any systematic killing and this might just increase the number

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New Policy Toughens Drug Rules

Athletes will no longer get a 365-day suspension for their second drug violation but will lose eligibility.

By MELISSA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

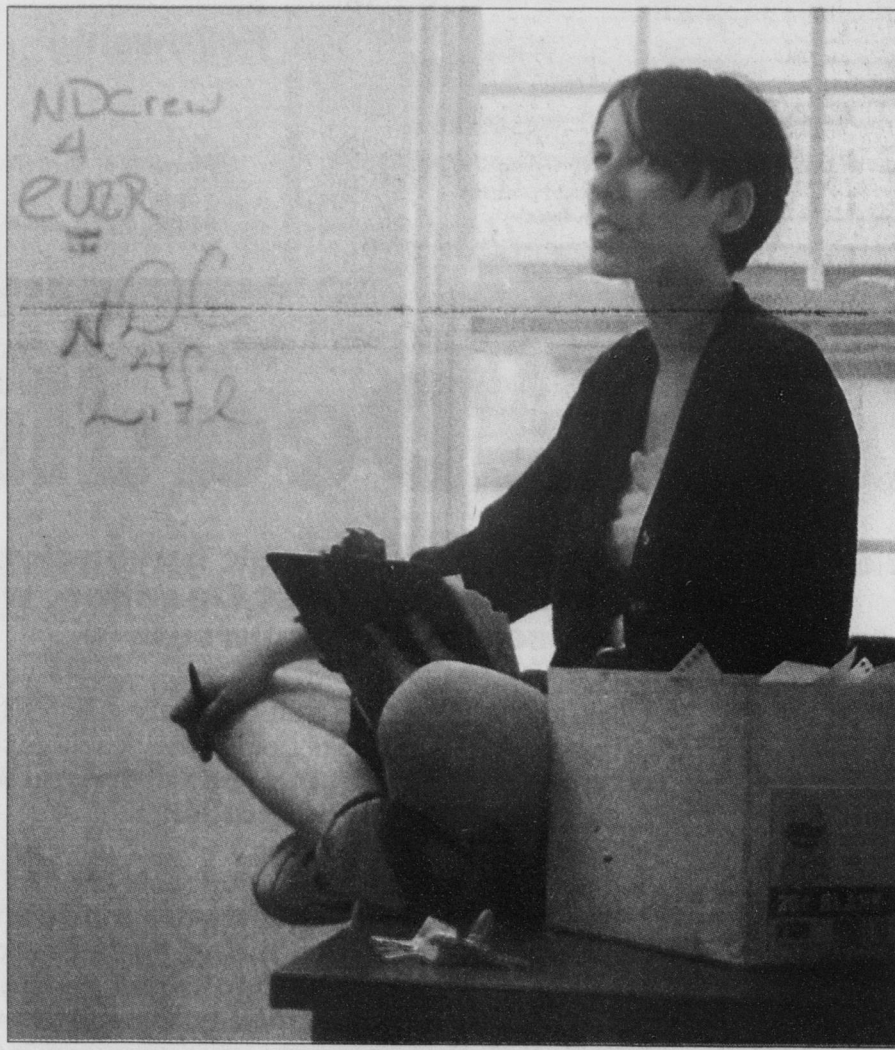
UNC athletes used to have three chances to strike out against the University's drug policy, but a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on Thursday reduced these chances to two.

The new resolution cut out the second of three punishments for drug offenses. An athlete who violated the drug policy used to face a 365 day suspension period. The new procedure allows no grace period, going from notification of parents and probation for the first drug violation to immediate cancellation of eligibility for the second violation.

Susan Ehringhaus, vice chancellor and general counselor to the chancellor, presented an updated version of the athletic drug policy at the meeting. She said if an athlete was absent for a urine drug test for any reason, the test would be administered the next day. She also said the athlete's parents would be notified of a drug situation regardless of the student's age.

A summary of student drug policy violations from the Board of Governors prompted Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Susan Kitchen to examine and address the drug matter for the past

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Bernadette Holmes, 15, a student at School in the Community, says she will probably attend home school after the Carrboro charter school closes this month. Officials say debt has caused the school's demise.

DTH/JON OSTENDORF

Teachers: Rules, Deficit Crippled Charter School

By MATT LECLERCQ
Assistant City Editor

Although the decision to close School in the Community next week because of a \$50,000 deficit surprised no one there, students and teachers said money was not the school's only worry.

The rushed enrollment of students last fall to meet state guidelines filled classrooms with students who needed structured academics and discipline more than anything, teachers and students said.

"As teachers, we have been vilely abused by some of these kids," teacher Carol Hayes said, standing in her window-less classroom where she teaches math around a single long table. "It has been an abusive environment, with verbal abuse and being threatened."

The tiny charter school, which opened in 1997 as a place for students who cannot succeed in traditional schools, will close Wednesday.

"It's extremely frustrating," Hayes said. "It's extremely sad. I've really lost my perspective as an educator."

The school's four teachers will be laid off, and its 44 students will either transfer to other schools or undergo home schooling, teachers said.

Over the past year, the school has faced so many problems that Hayes said she could not even count them.

Used furniture is crammed in corners and along walls littered with graffiti. A scant supply of teaching materials and

used equipment clutter a room that used to be part of a mortuary. Hayes points to a dimly lit corner where she says on one occasion three female students shoved her against the wall and threatened to beat her up.

"I didn't come here to be able to feel I had to be a policeman," she said. "I never got used to it."

The school began two years ago with 132 students and an unusual approach to education that gave self-motivated students independence and an unstructured atmosphere. But despite increased community support, the 132 students thinned to 44, and the state threatened to revoke the school's charter if leaders didn't meet the mandatory enrollment of 65.

"Where the support could have been handy was in volunteers and donations of money, time or equipment," teacher Aaron Winborn said.

Fred Good of Association for Quality Schools, a nonprofit board that opened the school, said administrators would decide next week whether to liquidate the school's few assets. The board will also face a \$10,000 to \$15,000 debt.

"The school has spent so much time and energy answering to the state while (we're) trying to answer to the kids," he said. "The priority is not kids for the state."

Lead administrator Debra McHenry could not be reached Thursday.

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Hooker Calls His Cancer Incurable, But He's Optimistic

Chancellor Michael Hooker may be in partial remission for three years and will continue therapy treatment.

By SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

Board of Trustees members got an update from Chancellor Michael Hooker Thursday — not about the state of the University but the state of his health.

Hooker told the trustees about the progress of his chemotherapy treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which he

was diagnosed with in January. Lymphoma is cancer of the lymph nodes. The major symptom of the disease is the enlarging of the lymph nodes.

Hooker said his four chemotherapy treatments had been awful.

"It has been a surreal experience that you think would happen to someone else, but not to yourself," he



Chancellor Michael Hooker said chemotherapy had reduced the size of his tumors by 50 percent.

said.

The chemotherapy seems to be working, he said, and his last CAT scan showed that his tumors had shrunk by more than 50 percent.

Despite the positive outlook, the disease is not curable, he said. It is, however, possible that he would go into remission for two to three years, he said.

Hooker said his oncologist was optimistic about a sustained remission.

If the cancer does go into remission, Hooker said he planned to line up the best therapy possible.

Vaccines have been recommended by Hooker's oncologist to treat his non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

While Hooker is battling cancer, col-

leagues say his chemotherapy treatments have not slowed him down.

"I think he is doing fine," Brenda Kirby, secretary to the chancellor, said. "He is coming in full-schedule every day, and he has not slowed down one bit."

Kirby called Hooker's dedication to his job amazing. The chancellor was in his office everyday, working hard to complete his job the same as he would have before, she said.

She said Hooker also recently attended the NCAA basketball tournament games to help support the University's athletics.

Sue Kitchen, vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, said she admired

Hooker for the courage he has demonstrated throughout the duration of his illness.

"He still works harder than most people I know," she said. "I think he has a lot of inner strength, and he's coping with it admirably."

Hooker said he was optimistic about overcoming the cancer.

"There are some good days and some bad days," Hooker said.

"But, I am confident that I am going to lick this disease."

Melissa Williams contributed to this story.
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INSIDE Friday

Shoulder to Shoulder

Educators and parents rallied at the Legislative Building in Raleigh to urge legislators to increase funding for salaries and projects. See Page 2.

Sights on Seminoles

The third-ranked UNC baseball team travels to Tallahassee this weekend to face No. 1 Florida State. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Rain, snow mix;
Lower 40s.
Weekend: Mostly cloudy;
Mid to upper 50s.

History is a vast early warning system.

Norman Cousins