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Strikes to Target 'Genocide'

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WASHINGTON - The State Department said Monday "there are indications genocide is unfolding in Kosovo" as President Clinton worked to maintain allied support for the broadening air offensive in Yugoslavia.

Spokesman James P. Rubin accused the Serbs of "abhorrent and criminal action on a maximum scale." He detailed executions of ethnic Albanian school teachers, a negotiator, an editor and hundreds of unarmed civilians.

Rubin again raised the specter of war-crimes trials and said even Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic could be held accountable and subject to imprisonment for life. "We have no doubt that he bears political responsibility" for the killing and uprooting of civilians, Rubin

said. The White House insisted, meanwhile, that NATO airstrikes were not responsible for inflaming ethnic hatred in the Balkans.

Spokesman Joe Lockhart said U.S. officials believed Milosevic would aggressively repress Kosovar Albanians, "based on his past actions and what he was doing," regardless of whether NATO carried out the bombings.

"If you look at what's going on at the borders, you have what appears to be a textbook definition of ethnic cleansing," Lockhart said. "We knew that he was going to do this. ... And we faced a choice between doing something and doing nothing."

Meanwhile, ground-attack jets took off for Kosovo on Monday as part of NATO's attacks on the Serb forces carrying out a "scorched earth policy" in

the separatist province.

While tens of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees flooded neighboring countries, specialized A-10 "Warhog" planes were spotted taking off from Aviano Air Base in northern Italy. The A-10 is a tank-killer aircraft that could be used to strike Serb ground forces.

Air raid sirens blared Monday evening in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, and two detonations shook Pancevo, six miles to the north, marking the start of a sixth night of bombing.

As new atrocities were reported in Kosovo, Russia's prime minister announced he was going to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade on a peace deal, and rallies for and against the airstrikes took place in London, New York, Prague and other cities.

NATO spokesman Air Commodore

David Wilby said the latest air attacks targeted Serb and Yugoslav units involved in atrocities in Kosovo, a Serbian province, the main republic in Yugoslavia. Wilby said NATO had received reports that Fehmi Agani, an ethnic Albanian negotiator at the peace talks in France, was "executed" on Sunday and that others had gone into hiding. Four other prominent ethnic Albanians were also reported executed in the Serbs' "scorched earth policy," NATO said.

The Serbian Media Center in Pristina, the Kosovo capital, claimed later there was no evidence to support the accusations.

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon, speaking in Washington, said more U.S. aircraft, including five B-1 bombers, would soon join the mission.

Kosovo Chaos Continues

Thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees tried to escape war-torn Kosovo on Monday as the NATO-led bombings of Yugoslavia continued for a sixth straight day.

■ Some 80,000 to 100,000 Kosovar Albanians have arrived in northern Albania. Others have fled west to Montenegro and southeast to Macedonia.

■ Police were charging refugees \$60 per car to cross into Montenegro.

■ NATO officials have reported that several prominent Albanian leaders have been executed by the Serbs, including a delegate to the failed peace talks and the editor of an Albanian-language newspaper.

SOURCE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The western allies want Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop his campaign against Kosovo's separatists and accept a peace plan that calls for 28,000 NATO troops to enforce the accord, including 4,000 Americans. His refusal to accept the peacekeeping force triggered the NATO airstrikes.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 per-

cent of Kosovo's 2 million people. Serbs, however, consider Kosovo theirs because it was the birthplace of their culture before they lost it to Ottoman Turks in the 15th century. Serbia regained the province shortly before World War I. Serb reprisals against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have reportedly escalated since the attacks began.

■ The White House insisted Monday that airstrikes were not inflaming racial hatred.

■ State Department spokesman James Rubin again raised the possibility of war crimes trials following the conflict. He said Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic could be subject to life imprisonment.

■ U.S. intelligence officials say Yugoslav defense specialists consulted with Iraqi counterparts last month, seeking information on U.S. jets and combat tactics.

Historically Black Colleges Look to Blur Color Line

Some students say they fear increased diversity on black campuses will take away their school's identity.

By KIMBERLY GRABNER
Staff Writer

UNC-Chapel Hill senior Samantha Albright set out to apply to a law school in North Carolina with a prestigious reputation. Albright sent her application out to a traditionally white school and a historically black institution.

She marked "other" when asked about her race on both applications, identifying herself as a mixture of white and Native American. She said she never considered race as a factor swaying her decision one way or another.

"At any place, there will be discrimination because of the color of my skin, but I am willing to deal with that," she said.

Like Albright, more students might apply to historically black institutions within the UNC system in the wake of a predicted increase of 48,000 students during the next 10 years.

The increase in non-black students will raise the amount of diversity of these campuses, sparking opposition from students at these schools who fear losing their identity.

Historically black schools originated for black students to have the opportunity for post-secondary education since "Jim Crow" laws denied them this right.

"There is a long-standing tradition that (historically black schools) focus is to serve black students because of their

mission to be a historically black campus," UNC-system President Molly Broad said.

N.C. Central University was the first state-supported liberal arts college for black students in the nation in 1925, under the name of the North Carolina College for Negroes. It allowed all students to apply for enrollment, said Sharon E. Jones, NCCU admissions director.

Historically black schools continue to uphold the principles that they were founded on while also stepping up efforts to diversify through additional programs and increased scholarship opportunities, Jones said.

NCCU will hire a new staff member this summer to incorporate a program in the fall for middle school students and their parents to start thinking about college early, Jones said.

"We want them to get a better insight about the educational packages offered at (historically black schools)," he said.

The program will focus on schools with growing populations of Asians and Latinos in addition to schools with a predominantly white population.

"We will be looking at the racial composition of those middle schools in this area," Jones said.

"We will be looking at students who may come from medium-to-low income areas because a number of our students need financial aid."

Minority presence grants given to the schools have also been put to use as student scholarships.

Fayetteville State University as well as NCCU, both HBCUs, provide these scholarships to students.

Fayetteville State receives a total of \$63,000 to divide among white finan-

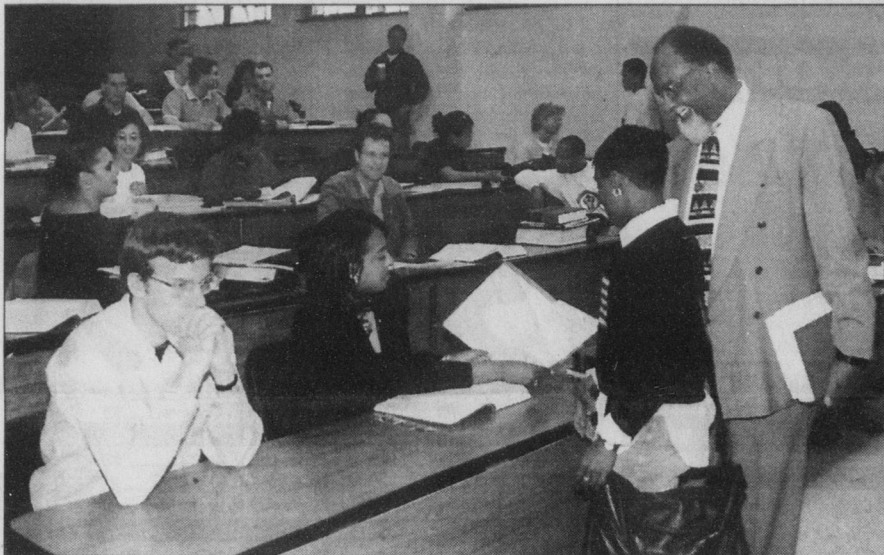


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About 15 percent of N.C. Central University students are white, Asian American, Native American and Hispanic American. Officials say diversity on black campuses will continue to increase in the future.

cial aid applicants, Fayetteville State spokeswoman Lauren Burgess said. This university also receives \$4,000 to \$5,000 specified for Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans.

Other HBCUs such as Winston-Salem State University have developed new programs to appeal to all students, such as nursing and physical therapy.

"The main thing is offering top-notch academic programs with high demand," said Van C. Wilson, director

of admissions at WSSU. The statistics at historically black schools back up Wilson's claims.

Out of the 4,000 students attending Fayetteville State, 22.1 percent are white, and 8.5 percent are neither white nor black.

NCCU has maintained about a 15 percent non-black enrollment during the past few years.

At WSSU, minority students make up almost 20 percent of the student population.

Minority students at these HBCUs are white, Asian American, Native American and Hispanic American.

But university officials say these numbers are not enough. While the percentages approach nearly one-fifth of historically black schools' student bodies, Wilson said, "We have some strides to make."

But not all students in the UNC system support increasing these numbers.

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UNC Staves Off Fine for Toxic Spill

Pesticide cleanup efforts at Finley Golf Course mitigate the damage that resulted in a \$57,000 fine, officials say.

By SHARIF DURHAM
Editor

A judge is giving UNC a chance to dig itself out of a legal and environmental mess left by Hurricane Fran.

Thanks to a ruling Monday by Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison Jr., the University has 60 days to negotiate with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources to stave off three \$25,000 fines imposed for a pesticide spill discovered on Finley Golf Course.

The University invited the inspectors to tour the golf course on Feb. 5, which is in the middle of an \$8 million renovation project, in an attempt to discover any problem areas.

But those officials did not know what the inspectors would find when they opened the door to an old chemical storage building. Pesticide containers were turned over, and spills and stains littered the concrete floor. According to the inspector's report, there was standing water in the building.

The officials believe a flood that hit the building when Hurricane Fran

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2 Spell Out Views on RHA Post

Students will decide who the new Residence Hall Association president will be in a vote today.

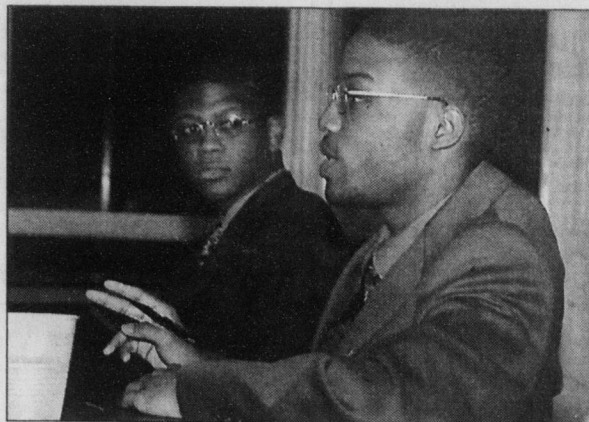
By AMY STEPHENS
Staff Writer

The only forum in the second race for Residence Hall Association president sailed by Monday night with little sign of the turmoil that has defined the race.

RHA sponsored the forum to offer Jermain Reeves and write-in candidate Murray Coleman a chance to voice their ideas prior to today's vote.

Students can vote from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Peabody Hall, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hamilton Hall and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Chase Hall.

The re-election follows a decision made by the Student Supreme Court,



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Jermain Reeves, front, answers a question in Carmichael Residence Hall on Monday during the Residence Hall Association candidates' forum.

which ruled that the Elections Board mishandled the Feb. 9 election. Disagreement surrounding the way the board counted graduate students' votes led to the court's decision.

While only Reeves appeared in the first RHA forum before the Feb. 9 election, both candidates arrived this time dressed in suits to appear before about 10 campus residents. "You can't get nervous anymore, especially after you've been up in front of people time and time again," Reeves said with a smile.

Each candidate opened with statements summarizing his platform. Reeves stressed the addition of water and energy conservation in residence halls to his platform, which he revised to include conservation for the re-election.

Reeves, while admitting he had little experience with RHA, said RHA publicity was a major priority for him if elected.

"I didn't really know much about

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Welfare Reforms Near Completion

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
Staff Writer

Despite lingering skepticism, officials say a long-awaited end to the stall of the state's anticipated welfare reform program might be on the horizon.

Confusion between county, state and federal governments has delayed implementation in 21 N.C. counties ready to launch their own welfare programs as part of a statewide initiative to increase local flexibility.

Jane Smith, director of the state's Work First welfare reform project, said the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services was set to implement its proposed welfare reform system as soon as the necessary federal funds arrived. "Our plan ... is to go forward with implementing some provisions (of the plan) as of April 1 and also deal with the Feds on some of the issues they have raised," Smith said.

She cited the pilot project, which allowed some counties - Electing Counties - to devise their own welfare programs, as one of the provisions the state could now implement. But Smith said she had no idea when implementation of the provision would occur.

Smith said the department had been in limbo since early this year due to a lack of word from the federal government. Smith said the majority of the state's plan could now be put into place.

But Leonard Beckum, professor of education and public policy at Duke University, said he was unimpressed with the speed at which the plans were moving forward. "Things are still moving along rather slowly and we are still uncertain how Electing Counties will be able to implement their plans," he said.

Andrew Dobelstein, president of the welfare advocacy group Conference on Poverty, said all the counties' proposals were held up because of reluctance at the state level to produce promised funds. He said the state stalled because

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INSIDE Tuesday

Duke Goes Down

Connecticut edged the top-ranked Blue Devils 77-74 in the NCAA Championship game Monday night, despite All-American Elton Brand's 15 points and 12 rebounds. See Page 9.

Zeta Makeover

After a motorist crashed his Ford Explorer into the dining room of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house, renovations originally planned for this summer will begin today. See Page 5.

On Thin Ice

The UNC Club Ice Hockey team plays and practices in Hillsborough during its season. Games and practices usually are held between 10 p.m. and midnight. See Page 2.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
High mid-70s.
Wednesday: Partly
Cloudy; high mid-70s.

We lost to a great basketball team.

Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski