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Joint Chiefs Doubted Air Strategy Cabinet Decision Delayed

Officials say about 2,000 troops will handle missile launchers and helicopters used to escalate the attack.

From Wire Reports

While a heightened campaign against Yugoslav forces developed Sunday and the United States announced it would soon send troops to Macedonia, reports of deep reservations within the Pentagon have surfaced.

Today's edition of The Washington Post reports that in the week's leading up to Operation Allied Forces, U.S. military chiefs expressed concern about the Clinton administration's approach to Kosovo and warned that bombing alone would not achieve its political aims.

Sources familiar with their thinking said the Pentagon's senior four-star officers, argued in closed door meetings that the White House should employ non-military levers such as economic sanctions to encourage peace in the Balkans, the Post reports.

And though military leaders eventually voted unanimously in favor of airstrikes, they remain doubtful that the action will stop the violence in Kosovo and drive Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic back to the bargaining table.

It also reported that officials questioned whether the national interest merited intervention in Yugoslavia.

"I think it's safe to say that I don't think anybody felt like there had been a compelling argument made that all of this was in our national interest," said one senior officer knowledgeable about the deliberations.

But NATO warplanes and missiles continued their campaign Sunday, attacking an army headquarters, oil refineries and other targets in and around Belgrade, while Yugoslav forces drove toward Kosovo's western mountains where ethnic Albanian guerrillas were preparing a last stand.

Also, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon announced Sunday the United States was sending Apache helicopter gunships to Albania, adding to NATO's ability to attack Serb troops and tanks.

U.S. troops also will begin manning

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In a show of faith, an ethnic Albanian boy gives a victory sign as he travels on a bus after being expelled from Kosovo on Saturday. As NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia continue, tens of thousands of Kosovars are forced to flee to neighboring countries.

PHOTO COURTESY NEWSMAKERS/DARKO BANDIC

Iraqi, Yugoslav Conflicts Divide U.S. Forces

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has diverted important parts of the U.S. air fleet charged with monitoring the sky over northern Iraq to sustain its role in NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia, officials who refused to be identified said.

As a result, the American and British

fighter aircraft used to enforce a "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq have not flown since March 20, four days before NATO launched its airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

Not coincidentally, U.S. officials have reported no Iraqi violations of the flight ban in that period, and almost daily U.S. and British attacks on Iraqi air-defense sites in the north have stopped. Air

Force F-15E attack planes conducted the last attack in northern Iraq on March 16, against anti-aircraft artillery.

In the 10 days prior to that, U.S. planes attacked in northern Iraq almost every day.

The pace of confrontations in southern Iraq also has slackened, although allied planes are continuing to monitor the sky.

On Sunday, American and British fighters made two attacks on sites south of Baghdad in response to Iraqi violations of the southern "no-fly" zone, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. There also was a U.S. attack Friday, the first since March 19.

U.S. planes did not fly over the northern "no-fly" zone Sunday, the 15th straight day of no flights.

School Board: Cutting Budget Difficult Task

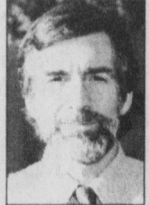
By ROXANA BARGOZ
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education members said Sunday that making expected cuts in next year's proposed budget would be easier said than done.

School board member Roger Waldon said the Orange County Board of Commissioners had given the school board a clear signal that the current proposal, which was 18 percent more than last year's, would not be a reasonable request.

But school board members said they were reluctant to cut many programs and expenditures that they considered vital to education.

"There really isn't a lot



School Board Chairman Harvey Goldstein said money for new teachers was crucial.

that can be eliminated," school board member Bea Hughes-Werner said. "Much of the budget is tied up in enrollment growth, the opening of the new Scroggs Elementary School and the new wing to East Chapel Hill High School and a state-mandated teacher salary increase."

At its meeting Thursday, the school board asked Superintendent Neil Pedersen to make cuts, school board chairman Harvey Goldstein said. Commissioners have final approval of the school system's budget. Pedersen could not be reached for comment Sunday.

One valuable program is the PREP Academy, which would create transitional classes for those who fail to meet proficiency standards before going to middle or high school, Hughes-Werner said. "We must help these kids at these levels to increase their chances at graduating high school."

Goldstein cited additional proposals considered crucial, including the hiring and recruitment of

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PUNK FUNK



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

The band "Dirty Politicians" performed at the Street Scene Teen Center on Saturday night as part of the center's annual benefit night. The Optimist Club of Chapel Hill, which does fund-raising and volunteer work related to youth issues, sponsored the event.

Student Leaders Say Court Case on Fees Won't Effect UNC

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
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Student leaders are confident a U.S. Supreme Court ruling slated for next year on the allocation of student fees to politically active campus groups at public universities will not affect UNC.

But a University professor says the ruling is not as open-and-shut as that. The dispute surrounding how student

fees are divvied hit the court's docket March 29 when the University of Wisconsin appealed a lower court's ruling that students could not be forced to fund groups they did not support. Both a federal trial judge and an appeals court ruled that such funding violated students' rights to free speech.

If the U.S. Supreme Court rules to overturn the lower courts' decisions, then fee allocation systems will not have

to change at any university. However, if the court upholds the decision, public universities would have to allow objecting students to opt out of funding groups they did not want to support, according to the ruling made by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year.

Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt, Dist. 1, who plans to run for Speaker of Congress, said UNC's fee allocation system already meets this standard and would

not see any real changes. "The political process we have in place should be sufficient."

An argument used to oppose the system of fee allocation at the University of Wisconsin was that it violated the free speech rights of students by forcing them to support certain groups.

This is not the case at UNC, Student Congress Finance Committee Chairman and Student Body Treasurer-select Ryan

Schlitt said.

"I don't see (the allocation of) funds corresponding to the free speech amendment," he said.

But UNC School of Law Professor Arnold Loewy said this was a legitimate First Amendment question. He said Supreme Court decisions since the 1960s had banned unions and bar asso-

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Cabinet Decision Delayed

Nic Heinke, student body president-elect, says all officers and cabinet will be in place by his inauguration.

By AMY ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Student Body President-elect Nic Heinke held a meeting that ran into the early hours of this morning to select members of his cabinet, which he plans to announce today.

Due to the holiday weekend and concerns of early disclosure, Heinke did not choose his cabinet members by Friday, his projected deadline.

But, with the exception of the press secretary and the human relations head, Heinke said he would fill all vacant positions by early this morning.

Since he wanted to mull over the interviews and discuss the applicants with each cabinet member, and since some people went away for the weekend, Heinke said he needed the extra time Sunday to gather the cabinet members to finish the selection process in person.

Heinke said he wanted to speak to every applicant, both those who were selected and those who were not, before releasing the names of new cabinet members. "One big reason why I have not chosen the remaining cabinet members is because I wanted to talk to everybody who applied and did not get (the position)," he said.

Rebecca Hockfield, head of the transition committee that sees to the smooth changeover between outgoing and incoming cabinet members, said applicants were told they would be notified of the decisions by late Sunday night or Monday morning. "Technically, we had selected people last Thursday in a meeting that ran late," she said. "But with people being gone for the weekend it was difficult to get in touch with all of them."

Hockfield also stressed the importance of applicants finding out the results from the mouths of the selection committee rather than reading about it in The Daily Tar Heel. "It happened to me," she said. "I read about the results in the paper, and I had not been notified. Nic and other officers were out of town this weekend which had a lot to do

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INSIDE

Hands to Yourself, Pal

After three women reported last week that a man riding a child's bike had grabbed their buttocks on Bolin Creek Trail, both Sunday joggers and plain-clothed police on patrols of the path said they kept their eyes peeled for the bicycle bandit. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 60s.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny;
Upper 60s.

Be the Man

The Daily Tar Heel is looking for a graduate journalism student to serve as the paper's ombudsman for the fall semester. The position entails writing columns that analyze DTH coverage and spending time in the newsroom to learn about the paper's operation.

Applications are available starting today in Suite 104 of the Student Union.

For more information, please contact Editor-select Rob Nelson at 962-0245.

Life is one long process of getting tired.

Samuel Butler