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Yugoslavia Border Closes; Mediator Works to Free U.S. Soldiers

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Yugoslav authorities sealed off Kosovo's main border crossings Wednesday, preventing ethnic Albanians from leaving as the wave of refugees approached the half-million mark.

Although NATO plans to step up its airstrikes, U.S. officials indicated that Belgrade's bombing would cease long enough today to allow a Cypriot leader to fly in with the hope of bringing back three U.S. soldiers.

Two loud explosions could be heard shortly before midnight Wednesday in

the center of Belgrade, and smoke could be seen rising in the direction of the army headquarters. A local resident, reached by telephone, said an army building near the headquarters was hit.

The area is a densely populated part of the capital with numerous apartment buildings nearby. Elsewhere, Studio B

television also reported that six missiles struck the town of Cuprija, 55 miles south of Belgrade, early Thursday.

Yugoslav media reported explosions late Wednesday in Pancevo, an industrial town just north of Belgrade that has been repeatedly targeted during the 15-day NATO campaign.

Serbian television early Thursday reported an attack on Kraljevo, 75 miles south of Belgrade. The missiles struck "mostly on civilian targets," the report said, but no other details were available and it was not possible to independently confirm the reports.

Earlier Wednesday, Albania's parli-

ment approved NATO plans to allow 24 U.S. Apache attack helicopters onto its territory — a move that should bolster NATO's firepower against the Yugoslav tanks and armor that have driven ethnic Albanians from their homes in Kosovo.

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Congress Names Kleinschmidt To Top Position

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
Staff Writer

Excited about plans for better communication between students and representatives, Rep. Mark Kleinschmidt, Dist. 1, led Student Congress Wednesday as speaker of the 81st session.

In addition to choosing Kleinschmidt as speaker, as well as a speaker pro tem and four committee chairmen, Congress members focused on opening the conduits of communication to students and tackling other issues in the future.

Kleinschmidt also said he looked forward to working with next year's Congress representatives. "This is an incredible group of people."

He was not the only graduate or professional student selected to head Congress. Rep. Patrick Link, Dist. 9, a student in the School of Medicine, received the position of finance committee chairman.

Rep. Abi Sommer, Dist. 11, was selected as speaker pro tem. Sommer said she wanted to improve accessibility to students. "I hope next year we have

office hours," she said. "I want to make sure people know what's going on."

When selecting the Finance Committee chairman, Congress members asked candidates to consider the issue of funding. Votally doing so, Link said he supported a student fee increase. "If you've ever sat in on finance committee you know there's just not enough money to go around."

In addition, reforming the Student Code was a concern while selecting the Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman. Rep. Erica Smiley, Dist. 16, received the position and said she wanted every incoming freshman to have a condensed version of the code. "(The code is) almost like a novel — you need the abridged version and the unabridged version," she said.

As for Ethics Committee chairman, members chose Rep. Craig Warner, Dist. 15 to head the committee. He said he would consider other members' opinions before starting any charges of ethics violations.

Coming in with her own plans for the

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AND THE BEAT GOES ON



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The loud rhythmic sounds of percussion lured crowds of students and diverted tour groups from their regular paths to listen to the Carolina Drumline on Wednesday afternoon in the Pit. The group came out to promote its concert "Rhythm Alive." Its upcoming show is at 8 p.m. today in 107 Hill Hall.

Day Leaves No Sounds Of Silence

Members of Queer Network for Change attended a meeting advocating Queer Studies curriculum at UNC.

By AMY ANDERSON
Staff Writer

While last year's National Day of Silence ended with a crescendo of screaming voices in the Pit, this year found participants fighting for Queer Studies in the classroom.

The National Day of Silence aims to protest the silencing of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders by those who oppress them.

Last year participants ended the day by screaming in the Pit. But this year, Queer Network for Change co-chairwoman Maia Kaplan and former co-chairman Ian Palmquist attended the Williamson Committee meeting to discuss Queer Studies on campus during the last hour of silence.

"We really didn't want to miss this meeting," Kaplan said. "Queer Studies does not exist on this campus. The Williamson Committee is so important because it distributes money for the creation of Queer Studies."

Palmquist said that when UNC alumnus Charles Williamson died, he left \$200,000 to UNC for the creation of courses focused on sexuality. The committee's mission is to help individual professors who want to incorporate Queer Studies into their curriculum.

Chloe Palenchar, an N.C. State University student and co-chairwoman of the National Day of Silence Project,

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NCAA Ruling Puts Morehead Athletes in Pinch

By BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

A ruling by the NCAA could end up costing some of North Carolina's most decorated scholar-athletes money.

And unless a UNC appeal filed this month is accepted, the ruling discovered

by the members of the Department of Athletics in February will limit the funds that student-athletes receiving the prestigious Morehead Scholarship can take.

While a full athletic scholarship covers an athlete's tuition, room, board and fees, the Morehead Scholarship includes an additional 'cost of attendance'

stipend. The stipend is worth about \$1,000 a semester.

As the ruling stands, Morehead scholar-athletes would have to pay the additional money back.

For Sam Hermitte, a senior rower and Morehead scholar, the decision could cost her \$4,000.

"It's retroactive," Hermitte said. "So basically what the deal is now, unless something changes, is that because I will have been a varsity athlete for four semesters, I'll have to pay back about four thousand dollars when I graduate."

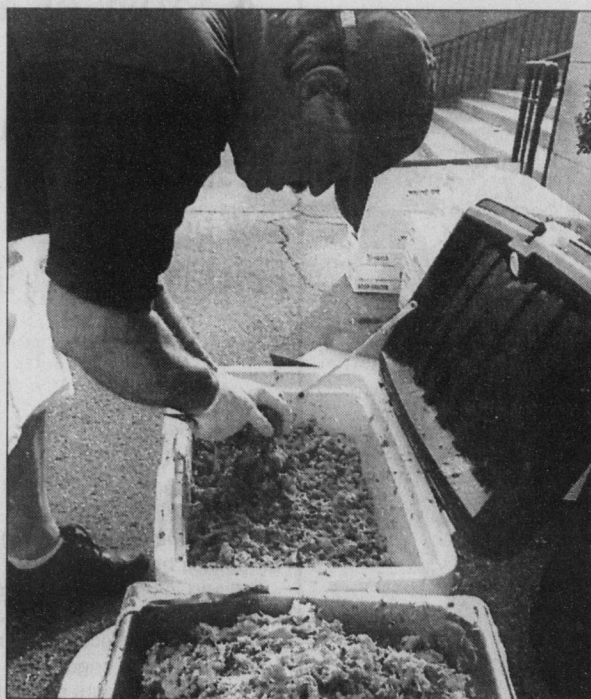
"It's absolutely ridiculous and absurd, and some people have said that they're

just not going to pay it back."

But UNC has filed an appeal with the NCAA to petition for a change in the rule. Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said a decision on the appeal could come by the end of the month.

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DTH/SEPTON IPOCK

Bill Spransy helps out at Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day on the steps of South Building. The festivities included singing from the Lorelei and Tar Heel Voices, and food courtesy of J.P.'s Barbecue.

Judge: Doctor Must Pay Fine in Williamson Suit

By CHRIS HOSTETLER
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A Superior Court judge upheld a jury's ruling that the psychiatrist who treated Wendell Williamson before his 1995 shooting spree owes him \$500,000.

Williamson, who shot and killed two people in downtown Chapel Hill, sued Myron Liptzin for negligence. Before the shooting, when Williamson was a UNC law student, Liptzin treated him at the request of the School of Law.

After a jury ruled in Williamson's favor, Liptzin's attorney, Bruce Berger, filed a motion to overturn the ruling.

Williamson's attorney Nick Gordon said he received notice in the mail Monday that Judge James C. Spencer had rejected Berger's motion. "We were very blessed in this situation to have a very conscious jury, a very capable

opponent and a competent judge."

He said Berger could file an appeal within 30 days to have the case reviewed by a higher court.

If that should happen, Gordon said, Berger again would probably try to prove that the suit was awarded to Williamson because of legal errors.

Williamson was awarded the case on the argument that Liptzin ignored signs that he was criminally insane.

Although the medication Liptzin prescribed seemed to help at the time, Williamson testified in court that the psychiatrist did not adequately inform him of the seriousness of his condition.

When Liptzin retired, Williamson chose not to see another psychiatrist or continue taking his medication. From that point in time, Williamson said, his condition slowly deteriorated.

Williamson testified that voices began telling him he was the world's first telepath and he felt he had to shoot people to convince the world of this. On Jan. 26, 1995, he took a gun to Henderson Street, killed two people and injured three more. Since the shooting, Williamson has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.

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INSIDE Thursday

Easy Listening

MP3 audio files have made access to music even easier than before. But, do these downloadable tunes spell the end of the music industry as we know it? This week's Divisions takes a look at the Web and free music.

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Questionable Heston

Student Congress allocated \$10,000 to Common Sense to bring Charlton Heston to campus. The National Rifle Association said he's not coming. But other student organizations will not have access to the funds until next fall.

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Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 80s.

Friday: Mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms; Mid 80s.

Power is like a woman you want to stay in bed with forever.

Patrick Anderson