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Chancellor's Condition Improves to 'Good'

By MELISSA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Chancellor Michael Hooker's health took a turn for the better Thursday when UNC Hospitals officials reported an upgrade in his condition.

As of 7 p.m. Thursday, Hooker was in "good" condition, an improvement from the "fair" condition report he had since at least the weekend.

Lynn Wooten, spokesman for UNC Hospitals, said due to patient confiden-

tiality rules and regulations, the hospital administration could only give out one-word condition reports.

"We're treating the chancellor like any other patient," Wooten said.

Andrea Beloss, a public relations employee at UNC Hospitals, said the American Hospital Association defined a "good" condition as having stable vital signs, being conscious and having an excellent prognosis.

Hooker took a two-month leave of absence Saturday to battle non-

Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer that he was diagnosed with in January. He kept performing his job — sometimes with pain — until he was admitted to UNC Hospitals last week.

William McCoy, the for-



Chancellor Michael Hooker

mer UNC-system vice president of finance who is serving as acting chancellor during Hooker's absence, will make his first appearance before the Faculty Council today.

Hooker's upgraded condition was not known by several top administrators on Thursday until a reporter from The Daily Tar Heel contacted them.

"I'm learning about it from you," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen said.

There is no formal system within the

administration to spread word of Hooker's daily condition, Kitchen said.

She said since administrators were not getting day-to-day updates regarding Hooker's health, she had not been aware of the change in his condition.

"Hooker took a leave of absence so he could concentrate on his health and that is, in a sense, letting him be gone from UNC so this would be possible," she said.

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NATO Aims To Destroy Serb Units

NATO continues attacks on Yugoslavia after mistakenly bombing a convoy of fleeing ethnic Albanians.

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A day after its bombs hit a convoy of refugees in Kosovo, NATO pressed ahead with its air campaign Thursday, hitting military installations, TV transmitters and bridges throughout Yugoslavia.

NATO expressed regret over the "tragic accident," saying its planes were targeting Serb forces when they struck a column of ethnic Albanians fleeing the province. The bombing Wednesday left refugees' bodies dismembered and burned on a Kosovo road.

Alliance jets late Thursday pounded military targets around Montenegro in the strongest attack on the smaller Yugoslav republic in two weeks. Yugoslav media also reported attacks in Belgrade and Novi Sad.

Serb forces, meanwhile, lobbed artillery shells over the border into northern Albania in a running battle with the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. International observers said Thursday that five rebels had been killed in the past 24 hours.

Some mortars landed close to Albania's border checkpoint at Morini, where international aid workers were operating and refugees were passing through, said monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Thousands of ethnic Albanians crossed over into Macedonia and Albania on Thursday, fleeing what they described as a methodical Serb push to empty towns and villages in Kosovo.

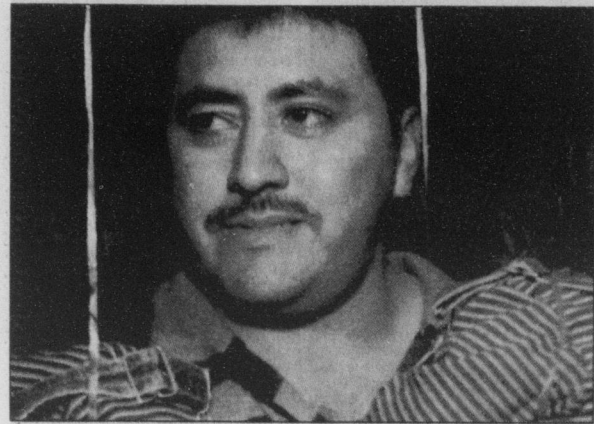
Yugoslavia renewed its denunciations of the attack on the convoy. "This is the worst picture of a humanitarian catastrophe brought on by the NATO bombings," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nebojsa Vujovic said.

Vojislav Seselj, a Serbian deputy prime minister, accused NATO of killing civilians on purpose. He said NATO knew it could "accomplish nothing by striking military targets" and was therefore "taking revenge by bombing civilians. The aggressor who behaves in this way has lost all military compass."

In Djakovica, the main town nearest the attack, an investigative judge said 69 bodies, mostly women, children and elderly, had been identified so far.

But there were additional charred bodies and body parts, making a precise

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Jose Campos is reunited with his family at RDU International Airport. Campos, who lived in Carrboro, was deported in October.

Deportee Makes Way Home

By MATT LECLERCQ
Assistant City Editor

MORRISVILLE — Holding "Welcome Home" balloons, Jose Campos' five children anxiously awaited flight 580 from Atlanta on Thursday night.

It was a moment that had taken an agonizing six months to arrive, but the support and gifts of hundreds of friends and strangers alike had finally brought their father home.

Campos was deported in October by Immigration and Naturalization Service agents to El Salvador because he missed a deportation hearing 11 years ago.

He had lived in the United States for 15 years with his fiancée Daisy Diaz.

Campos fought back tears Thursday night as he hugged his fiancée, children and mother after departing from the plane. "I'm happy, more than happy," Campos said. "What can I say but I'm happy."

Diaz said Campos' return was a miracle. "Every single night I prayed, every single moment of my life."

Campos received a letter last fall from the INS stating that he could go to Charlotte to receive a visa granting permanent U.S. residency.

Documents in hand, Campos made the trip Oct. 8, but when he arrived at

the INS office, he was arrested on the spot and sent to El Salvador. He was forced to leave his family behind, including his son who has a life-threatening disease that requires expensive treatment.

Campos had applied for political asylum in 1987 but was denied, Diaz said. One year later, he received a deportation notice but disregarded it after an INS agent told him he could become a legal resident through his mother, who had just become a legal resident herself.

The crusade to bring Campos back to Chapel Hill almost immediately united

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Workers Want Boss To Resign

UNC Housekeepers say their management did not listen to any of their suggestions when hiring zone managers.

By SELINA LIM
Staff Writer

UNC housekeepers chose to skip lunch and rally for respect in front of South Building on Thursday, calling for their boss's resignation and protesting their heavy workload.

Armed with a papier-mâché pig named for Director of Housekeeping Michael O'Brien, about 40 housekeepers, students and other members of UE150, the North Carolina Public Service Workers Union, waved signs and called for O'Brien's resignation. O'Brien began his position as director in November 1998.

Backed by chants of "No justice, no peace," and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Cathy Knight has got to go," Barbara Prear, head of the housekeepers association, said housekeepers were rallying because Knight, a supervisor, had been named a zone manager by O'Brien despite housekeepers' protests.

O'Brien refused to comment, saying that it was against University policy to comment on employee matters.

Many housekeepers signed a petition in March calling for Knight to be



DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

Carolyn Rankins (on the bullhorn), a housekeeper in Hinton James Residence Hall, participates in a protest demanding the resignation of the Director of Housekeeping Michael O'Brien in front of South Building on Thursday afternoon. The papier-mâché pig was named for O'Brien.

demoted and presented it to O'Brien and Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management Bruce Runberg. Prear said O'Brien had taken the petition, rolled it up and said he did not need a petition because he hired and fired as he chose. "Whenever we protest, (Runberg and O'Brien) don't listen to us and just blame the workers for

speaking out," Prear said. "I don't think O'Brien's the right man for his position. He doesn't have much experience, and he doesn't listen to the people."

At the management's request this year, a committee consisting of three housekeepers was formed to recommend supervisors as zone managers. "Nobody we recommended was hired

by O'Brien," Prear said. "I wonder why we had a committee at all."

Besides the hiring of Knight, housekeepers also protested their heavy workload. Carolyn Rankins, a housekeeper at Hinton James Residence Hall, said there were only seven housekeepers working in the 10-story building. "(Management) thinks we are slaves," she said.

Prear said the lack of housekeepers forced many to take on the overbearing load. "I do my eight hours, but don't ask me to pick up my brother's eight hours," Prear said. "I'm not my brother's keeper when I go to work."

Senior Delvin Davis, a participant in

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Landfill Neighbors Say Trash Dump Polluted Wells, Devalued Property

By GINNY SCIABBARRASI
Staff Writer

After years of living with the Orange County Regional Landfill as a neighbor, Gertrude Nunn decided she'd had enough.

Her home of 44 years on Eubanks Road has been tormented by rats and wild dogs, and some of her neighbors have endured contaminated well water.

"I'm feeling like I'm just tired," Nunn said. "It's been such a long haul."

The area was beautiful before the landfill was built in 1972, but now there

are problems with trash along the roads and speeding motorists using the facility, she said. "It's a real battle," she said. "I wanted to stay here and have something for my children."

Part of that battle will end Oct. 1 when the Orange County Board of Commissioners takes control of the day-to-day operation of the landfill and a 14-



A series on the politics of the landfill.

point package designed to compensate the landfill's neighbors is approved.

Bonnie Norwood, who has lived near the landfill at 8031 Sandberg Lane for 13 years, said there were unbelievable numbers of crows, vultures and bugs that circled the landfill.

"When the landfill moved across the street, my water turned to mud," said Norwood. "As the amount of garbage increases, so does the odor. Some of us are from the old school where you think you should be able to sit on your porch

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DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Mildred Rogers owns property adjacent to the Orange County Regional Landfill. Some residents in the area complain of tainted well water.

Nothing is more sad than the death of an illusion.

Arthur Koestler

INSIDE Friday

Bon Voyage, Eb

UNC senior Ebenezer Ekuban heads into this weekend's NFL Draft as the Tar Heels' lone potential first-round pick. The All-ACC defensive end had 96 tackles and seven sacks last year. See Page 7.



Steppin' to the Beat

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. will sponsor its 11th annual Greek Freak Stepshow and Afterparty Saturday. See Page 2.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Upper 70s.
Weekend: Partly cloudy;
Lower 60s.

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