

# Lynyrd Skynyrd in plane crash; casualties unclear

GILLSBURG, Miss. (UPI) — A plane carrying 25 persons, including the popular southern rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd, crashed Thursday night in a heavily wooded area in southwest Mississippi.

Spokespersons for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Mississippi Highway Patrol announced the crash, but there was no immediate information on whether any of the band members were killed.

"We have fatalities, and we have injured," a highway patrol spokesman said. He said some emergency units were having difficulty reaching the scene.

FAA spokesman Jerry Lavey in Washington, D.C., said he had received a report of "multiple fatalities and some survivors" in the crash of a Convair 240.

He said the plane was traveling from Greenville, S.C., to Baton Rouge, La., for a concert Friday night when it crashed two miles northeast of Gillsburg, a small town on the Louisiana-Mississippi border.

A spokesperson in New York City for SIR Productions, which handles the band, said all occupants of the plane aside from the crew were connected with Lynyrd Skynyrd

or its members.

The Jacksonville, Fla.-based band has had a number of hits with its biggest single being "Sweet Home Alabama." Other hits included "Saturday Night Special" and "Free Bird."

The six members of the group are lead vocalist Ronnie Van Zant, guitarist Gary Rossington, guitarist Allen Collins, drummer Artemus Pyle, bassist Leon Wilkeson and keyboard player Billy Powell.

while sitting in a seat in the back of the Boeing 737 jetliner.

The pilot, copilot and attorney J. Roger Thompson were in the front of the plane when Hannan took his life a little after 10 p.m. EDT.

"The pilot and the copilot and Mr. Thompson were not harmed," said James Dunn, agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office.

## news briefs

### Hijacker frees hostages; shoots self in Atlanta

ATLANTA — A bank robbery suspect who hijacked a Frontier Airlines plane in Nebraska and flew to Atlanta in a bid to free his buddy from prison released his remaining hostages unharmed Thursday night and then shot himself to death as his attorney tried to get him to surrender.

The FBI said the hijacker, identified as Thomas Michael Hannan, 29, of Grand Island, Neb., shot himself once in the chest

## conference

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Much discussion centered around a government regulation limiting corporate giving to 5 percent of before-tax profits. According to Internal Revenue Service figures, the national average of corporate donations is around 1 percent of profits.

John Harper, a speaker at the symposium and representative of a large aluminum corporation, said that the one percent figure does not include other types of contributions corporations make.

"Social contributions should never jeopardize the ability to have flexibility in profit-making," he said. "Corporations must remain accountable to shareholders."

He urged corporations to make careful investigations before contributing to programs and to limit their efforts to problems within the corporation's expertise.

One representative said he thinks corporations have no social responsibility, only a responsibility to make profits for stockholders.

Other representatives generally disagreed, saying they realized the necessity for being responsible citizens in the places where they operate.

# Referendum opponents speak as proponents fail to appear

By ROBERT THOMASON  
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The Supreme Court of the Student Body Thursday heard arguments against a Campus Governing Council (CGC)-approved bill requiring student body approval of activity-fee increases, but supporters of the bill failed to appear at the hearing.

Plaintiff Chip Cox, chairperson of the CGC Rules and Judiciary Committee, argued that referendum approval of increases in student fees, as stipulated in both a repealed CGC resolution and a CGC bill, violates the student constitution, which gives the CGC the power to levy student-fee changes with the approval of the UNC Board of Trustees.

Cox originally contested a 1973 resolution requiring the referendum. When it was brought to his attention that

a 1976 bill repealed the resolution but retained the clause requiring student body approval, he asked the court to amend his complaint to encompass the later statute. The court granted the request.

Neither CGC speaker Gordon Cureton, the defendant in the case, nor his counsel J.B. Kelly, were present at the hearing. "I assumed that because the complaint questioned a resolution that is no longer on the books that the Supreme Court would throw the case out," Kelly said after the hearing. "I admit, it was a bad assumption."

The defense contends that the bill is constitutional because the constitution allows the CGC to delegate its authority for the benefit of the student body. "Section 1. of the constitution says that the CGC can pass legislation to promote the welfare of the student body," Kelly said.

## Graduation applications due

The Daily Star Herald Wednesday incorrectly reported that applications for December graduation are due Oct. 31. That is the date departments must turn in their graduation lists to the Office of Records and Registration. Applications were due on Oct.

11, but the College of Arts and Sciences is accepting late applications. Officials would like them as soon as possible, however.

Students in the School of Journalism should turn in their applications by Monday.

# Playmakers' banner stolen

University Police reported that a burlap promotional banner was stolen from Playmakers Theatre sometime Wednesday or Thursday. The banner is valued at \$80.

George Brooks of the grounds department reported the theft of a gasoline-powered grass edger from in front of Caldwell Hall Thursday morning, police said. The edger is valued at \$150.

Susan Joyner of 401 Cobb and Barbara Swain of 703 N. Columbia St. reported the

theft of their bicycles sometime Tuesday, police said. The bikes are valued at \$235.

Police also reported a rash of wallet thefts during the past four days. Pam Burch of 60 Ehringhaus, Donna Byrd of 27-C Laurel Ridge Apartments, Mary Covington of 213 E. Franklin St., Barbara Gordon of O-15 Colony Apartments, David Klein of 107 Hillcrest Ave. and Karen Torsen of 9-Q Estes Park Apartments all reported the theft of wallets and personal property from UNC campus buildings.

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## "WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?" Psalms 2:1 and Acts 4:25

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Book, The Bible, and in the closing words warned men not to meddle with it by taking from, or adding to! Martin Luther was quite an intellectual giant, and a very learned man. Hear what he said regarding some of the great of the earth who have raged against The Book of The Bible: "Infinite potentates have raged against This Book, and have sought to destroy and uproot it — king Alexander the Great, the princes of Egypt and Babylon, the monarchs of Persia, of Greece, and of Rome, the emperors Julius and Augustus — but they nothing prevailed; they are all gone and vanished, while the Book remains, and will remain for ever and ever, perfect and entire as it was declared at first." "Take heed Modernists, New Translators, scorers and scoffers, you too will all soon be gone and vanish, but The Book will remain because God is its Author. Jesus Christ said of it: "The Scriptures cannot be broken." Take courage and rejoice fundamentalist. John Wesley was called a "Bible Bigot" in mockery. But where are the mockers?

Don't rage against God and His Moral Law and Ten Commandments like the rebellious in The Second Psalm and get in line for the wrath and curse. Rather go back to the First Psalm, depart from evil counsel, evil ways, the seat of the scornful, and meditate day and night in The Law of The Lord with the prayer that you will come to delight in it. If this never happens would you enjoy heaven even were you to get there? Judging from the way many church members stay away from The House of God it is surely going to be a heavy strain on them to have to "dwell in the House of The Lord forever" — if they got the chance.

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