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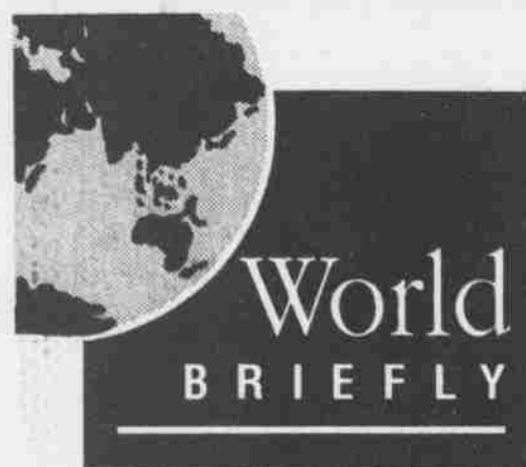
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Guerrillas try overthrow of Afghan government

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Soldiers led by the defense minister joined Moslem guerrillas Tuesday to try to overthrow Afghanistan's government, but were defeated by troops loyal to President Najib, Kabul radio reported.

The official radio said the loyalists controlled Kabul, the capital. An indefinite curfew was imposed at 7 p.m. In the Soviet Union, which sponsors the Najib government, the official news agency Tass said: "The loyal troops have now mopped up the main pockets of resistance, leaving the situation in Kabul firmly controlled by the government." Western diplomats, guerrilla leaders in Pakistan and the Soviet media reported heavy fighting and said Afghan air force planes had bombed Arg Palace, Najib's headquarters in the heart of Kabul.

Kabul radio said the coup leader was Maj. Gen. Shah Nawaz Tanai, the defense minister, a hard-line Marxist linked to at least two of the five previous coup attempts reported against Najib, who took office in 1986.

American hostages' release from Iran likely

NICOSIA, Cyprus — A Tehran newspaper close to Iran's president said today that 1990 would be the last year of captivity for the hostages in Lebanon, and resumption of U.S.-Iranian ties is not a precondition for their release.

In a second editorial, the English-language Tehran Times denied reports that a trip by the brother of President Hashemi Rafsanjani to the Syrian capital of Damascus last week was related to the hostage question.

Recent statements from Iranian newspapers saying the hostages should be released, along with optimistic assessments by Syrian and other officials, have fueled reports that a hostage release is imminent.

U.S. troop reductions considered in S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. officials said Tuesday they are considering withdrawing 7,000 troops from South Korea by 1994, a number that would reduce U.S. forces on the peninsula to the lowest level since the Korean War.

A reduction of 7,000 troops would leave roughly 36,000 U.S. servicemen in South Korea. It was reported earlier that the United States would be withdrawing about 5,000 troops.

U.S. population reaches quarter-billion mark

WASHINGTON — There are now a quarter-billion Americans.

This nation started life with just under 4 million people, about as many as now live in metropolitan Boston.

On Tuesday the population reached 250,000,000, according to estimates by the Census Bureau. A more detailed total will be calculated following the national head count to be taken April 1.

The U.S. population reached 50 million in 1880, 100 million by 1915, 150 million in 1949 and hit the 200 million mark in 1967. Census Bureau Projections indicate that the nation could reach 300 million within 30 years.

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Congress addresses poor attendance problem

By DIONNE LOY
Staff Writer

Poor attendance at Student Congress meetings and some representatives' lack of interest have become serious problems in the congress recently, said Jürgen Buchenau, Student Congress Ethics Committee chairman.

"This is a pretty serious problem," he said. "Really, half of the students are not being represented."

Student Congress attendance reports

show 10 absences from the last (Feb. 25) meeting. The count was taken after a 20-minute wait for enough members to achieve quorum, Buchenau said. Quorum is 50 percent plus one of the entire membership of Student Congress.

One of the budget hearings also had to start late because a quorum was not represented, Buchenau said. "I'm disturbed that people didn't feel it was worth their time."

Mindy Friedman (Dist. 12) agreed

that attendance, particularly at the budget hearings, was a problem. "I've kind of been disappointed that even for the budget hearing, we didn't have everyone there."

Several committee meetings have been forced to reschedule because quorum was not met, Buchenau said. The Rules and Judiciary Committee and the Student Affairs Committee were among the groups not reaching quorum in some of their meetings.

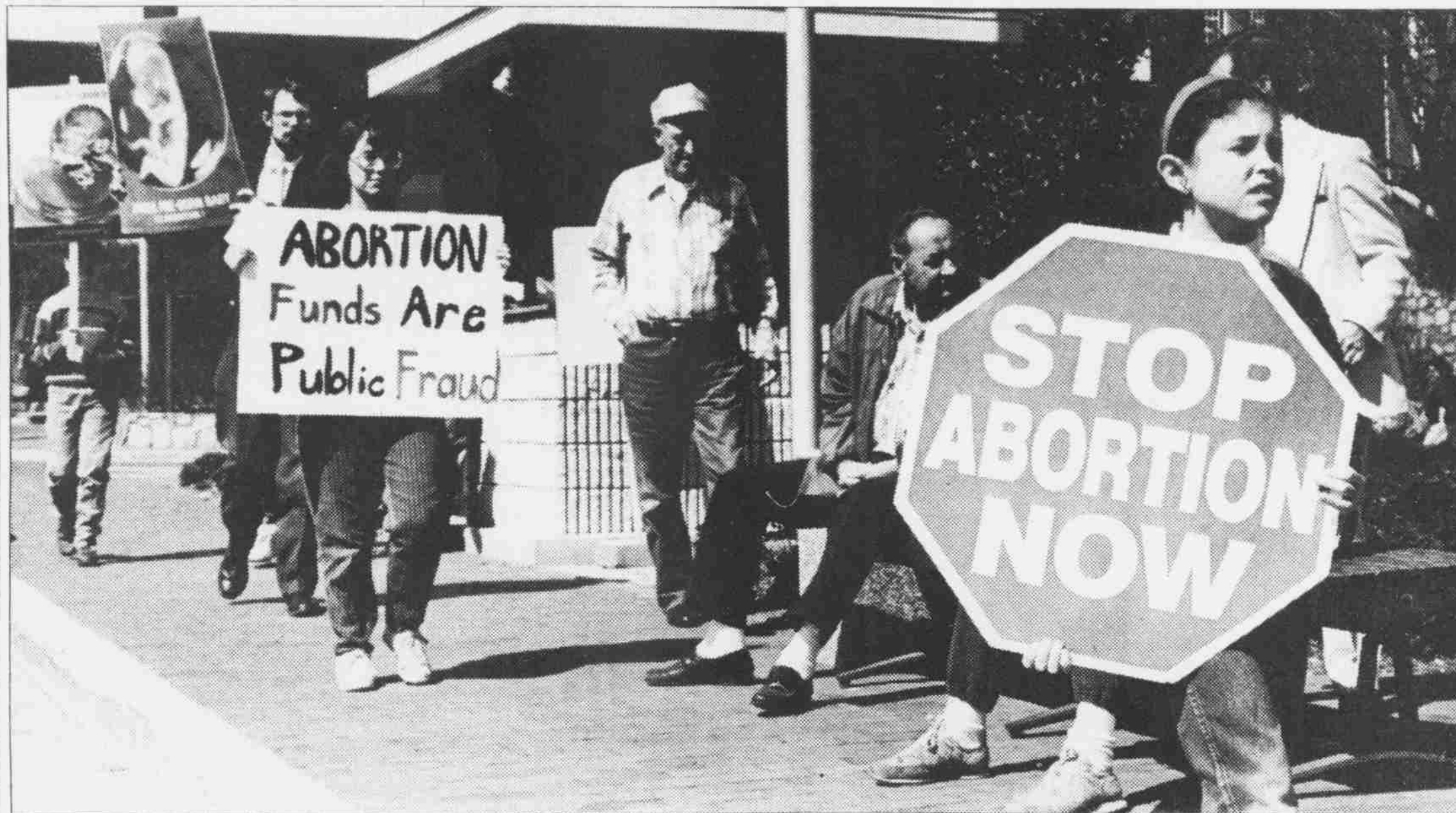
Todd Wyatt (Dist. 4) said he remembered three occasions when the Rules and Judiciary Committee did not have quorum. Attendance at the last committee meeting was especially alarming, he said.

"Because of our high turnover rate, we currently have only seven committee members," he said. "At our last meeting we almost didn't have the quorum of four — now there's a problem."

Nobody, however, is in ethical trouble for missing two meetings, he said. "We're continuing to function as a committee, though I don't think we've ever had every member there."

Buchenau said attendance is a much larger problem this semester than it was last fall. Internal struggles and a lost sense of accomplishment may be troubling the members, he said.

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Anti-abortion demonstrators march outside NCMH at noon Tuesday, protesting use of state funding for abortions

Activists protest abortion

Human rights advocates denounce hospital fund misuse

By MYRON B. PITTS
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Anti-abortion activists from the N.C. Human Rights League staged a protest at North Carolina Memorial Hospital (NCMH) Tuesday in opposition to the hospital's allegedly fraudulent use of state funds for abortions.

The protesters charged the hospital with exhausting the money given to them by the State General Assembly for abortions, but still performing them with additional state funds.

The marchers, about 20 men, women and children, carried signs that denounced the hospital's practices and called for State Attorney General Lacy Thornburg to take action against NCMH. They circled in front of the building for a half-hour.

John Long, chairman of the Wake Forest Human Rights League chapter, said he did not expect a large turnout for the rally.

"I personally expected just a handful (of supporters)," Long said. "We got more than I expected. We're just here to make a statement. We realize there is a lot of other important stuff going on inside."

According to a Human Rights League statement, the laws governing the state abortion fund allots \$424,500 yearly to NCMH, and that money ran out Dec. 19. The statement says state laws prohibit any further funding of abortions with state funds in excess of the limit.

Any excessive funding of abortions with state monies is fraudulent, Long said.

"The issue that we're trying to bring out today is primarily the misuse of funds," he said. "If there has to be a state abortion fund, then it should be enforced. There should be criteria for wise use. It should be explicitly stated and enforced by the attorney general."

Eric Munson, NCMH executive director, said the hospital was operating within its legal rights. A Jan. 9 letter from Thornburg confirmed the legality of the hospital's actions, he said. "He has rendered an official opinion that what we are doing is entirely legal."

Funds for abortions are taken from the hospital's \$250,000 general budget, which sets no limits and is funded by public interests, Munson said. In this budget, only about 15 cents of each dollar comes from state funds, he added.

"The fact is that our program is separate and distinct."

Although abortions were originally funded through the hospital's Department of Health and Human Resources as called for by the state, this is no longer the case, Munson said.

John Simmons, state attorney general spokesman, confirmed that the hospital was operating legally.

But Long said recent N.C. Supreme Court decisions backed his position. Specifically noted was a case in which the court declared that attempts made by counties to supplement the state-allotted abortion fund were unauthorized. Thornburg has been pressured to ignore the facts, Long said.

"The attorney general has so far refused to enforce the law," he said. "We believe Thornburg is ignoring this because certain pro-abortion radicals have gotten his ear. He probably wants to run for another office."

Long said he might take court action, but did not outline specific litigation plans. "We have not made any decision at this time. We are still considering litigation. I don't see how we could lose."

Long also noted a loophole in the NCMH abortion policy that allows abortions for health reasons. This statement is ambiguous and allows many abortions to be performed with no specific medical reason, he said.

"It's basically a gigantic loophole. The health requirement can encompass anything. Half of all abortions funded by the state fund have no reason at all."

Other protesters said they felt strongly about the issue because their tax dollars were being used to fund abortions.

Mark Yavarone, a UNC graduate student, said his student status at the University made him feel even more opposed to the issue. "I'm unhappy because my tax money is being used for child killing on this campus and in this hospital. I feel more strongly that way because I'm a student here."

Ron Taylor, a Wake Forest resident, said children were brought to the protest partly because they symbolized the message of the rally. "Children are what pro-life is all about. It's wrong, it's murder, and I don't want my tax dollars funding an abortion."

Vice presidential office an 'important force'

By DIONNE LOY
Staff Writer

The office of student body vice president has become an important force in the executive branch in its first year at UNC, Student Body President Brien Lewis said this week.

"The vice president is most valuable as a resource and a consultant," Lewis said. "The introduction of the position has made a lot of things in executive branch go smoother and faster."

The vice presidential office was created last year by Kevin Martin, 1988-1989 student body president (SBP). Applications for the position are reviewed and interviews are set up by a search committee, made up of the outgoing SBP, a representative of the incoming SBP, two members of Student Congress appointed by the speaker and the Student Supreme Chief Justice serving as chairman.

The committee then recommends a maximum of three candidates to the incoming president, who in turn can interview the candidates. The SBP can reject all three candidates or nominate one, who would be sent to Student Congress for confirmation.

The selection process was designed to guard against favoritism, Lewis said. Because Student Congress has repre-

"He'll be a hard act to follow."

—Brien Lewis, on VP Joe Andronaco

sentatives on the search committee and is empowered with the final confirmation of the appointment, it can check the process in the beginning stages and in the final stages, he said.

"Also, the design includes the impartial chairman (Student Supreme Court Justice), who is not politically involved at all," Lewis said.

The first application process began immediately after last year's election, with the final appointment issued a few weeks after the SBP was sworn in. With the election delay this year, the process may not begin and end at the same time, Lewis said.

The vice president has two constitutionally delegated responsibilities, he said. The vice president must first coordinate and receive all executive appointments, and is also designated to serve as acting president in the SBP's absence. "This also allows the vice president to fill in (at meetings, etc.) when the SBP is at another engagement," Lewis said.

Student Body Vice President Joe

Andronaco said his office has alleviated many of the burdens placed on the SBP. "In the past, the SBPs have had a tough time with their agendas," he said. "The VP has been able to take over a lot of the duties."

By delivering speeches, attending meetings and participating in panel discussions in place of the SBP, the vice president allows the executive branch to be represented in more places, Andronaco said. "It allows us (the executive branch) to be better spokespersons. In this way we're getting consolidated leadership."

Lewis said several other duties were delegated by the SBP. "I gave the VP a couple of projects to chair, just as I would to any member of the cabinet."

Andronaco said he felt the office had a positive impact on the executive branch. Past experience in the executive branch was helpful, he said.

"The toughest obstacle in the beginning was establishing the legitimacy of the office," Andronaco said. "Being involved (in the executive branch) in

the past helped a lot, though. It's given me some continuity and consistency."

Involvement in the University's development process was the most important and successful activity of the office, Andronaco said. He worked in an ad hoc committee to assign the location of the business school. Getting students to agree with the decision was a big accomplishment, he said.

Keeping things in perspective will be the most important thing for the incoming SBP to bear in mind, Andronaco said. "Different constituents have different agendas and goals," he said. "It shouldn't be us against them. We need to compromise and not stagnate."

The executive branch must always remember their positions as representatives of the people, he said. "They must always understand it (the executive branch) is for the students as a whole, not one or two people."

The office can only improve in years to come, Andronaco said. "Hopefully I've had enough of an impact to make it easier for others."

Lewis praised Andronaco's work as vice president. "He's always coming up with new ideas," he said. "He'll be a hard act to follow."

Recycling support requested

By JENNIFER PILLA
Staff Writer

Student Congress is expected to discuss a resolution tonight urging University administrators to establish recycling collection sites on campus for glass and newspaper.

According to Mark Chilton, co-chairman of the Tar Heel Recycling Program (TARP), the only sites now on campus to deposit glass or newspapers for recycling are at the Campus Y and Union Station.

"What we're trying to do is work on centers around dormitories," he said. "What we want to do is have large collection sites near each of the four South Campus dorms and three near each of the North Campus areas."

Recycling programs need to be supported by the University and not solely by student organizations, Chilton said. "If we continue to have programs run by students, there is the danger that once the students involved in the program graduate, the program will graduate with them," he said. "We need to implement something permanent."

According to Rhonda Sherman-Huntton, recycling coordinator for the University, efforts by the administration to recycle paper have been successful. Orange Recycling Services picks up high- and low-quality colored paper from 850 to 900 bins in administrative offices on campus. About 25 tons of paper were collected in February.

"It's been really successful and the amount collected has been increasing steadily each month," she said.

Chilton said efforts by administrators and students to recycle have been successful, but he sees room for improvement. "I think where we've seen concerted student effort to recycle, we have seen results there," he said. "But overall, there isn't a lot of recycling going on on this campus."

Chilton pointed to TARP's aluminum recycling program as an example of successful recycling on campus. Three hundred pounds of aluminum are collected each week, he said. The program allows any student to "adopt" a blue recycling bin in which aluminum cans are collected. The student is responsible for emptying the bins and bringing them to any of 13 sites on campus. Each week TARP members drive to the sites and take the cans to be recycled.

Barbara Bush to give speech

From staff reports

First Lady Barbara Bush will be in Chapel Hill for a luncheon at the Kenan Center at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, following a visit to Carver Elementary School in Henderson.

Mrs. Bush will give a short speech on the problems of illiteracy following lunch. N.C. Gov. Jim Martin will also speak, said Michael McFarland, spokesman for the University News Bureau. The luncheon will be attended by the advisory board members of the National Center for Family Literacy, members of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, the N.C. Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the N.C. University System, the Board of Governors of the N.C. Community College System and members of the press.

Before arriving at the Kenan Center, Mrs. Bush will take part in a tour of Carver Elementary School at 10 a.m., where she will talk with teachers and students in the "Families In School Together" program, one of seven such programs for parents and their preschool children sponsored by the Center for Family Literacy. The Carver program and three others in North Carolina are financed by the Kenan Charitable Trust.

Never eat more than you can lift. — Miss Piggy