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## Gorbachev softens stand on German allegiance to NATO

MOSCOW — Faced with a splintering empire, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is proposing to counter secessionist drives by transforming the Soviet Union into a looser federation of sovereign states, officials say.

The Soviet leader has also significantly softened his position on German reunification, saying a united Germany could be an "associate member" of the NATO alliance while at the same time joining a new pan-European security order.

He did not define exactly what "associate membership" would entail, but the Kremlin up to now has opposed a new Germany whose sole military allegiance is to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Gorbachev made his proposal about the Soviet republics on Tuesday, the same day the parliament of the huge Russian republic approved a resolution declaring its laws to carry more weight than federal statutes.

## Bush gave Attorney General waiver to help Clean Air Act

WASHINGTON — Government officials say Attorney General Dick Thornburgh acted within the law in heading discussions on revising the Clean Air Act even though 20 percent of his assets are in stocks affected by the legislation.

President Bush granted ethics-law waivers to Thornburgh last spring so the attorney general could head Domestic Policy Council discussions leading to proposals to amend the Clean Air Act, administration officials said.

Thornburgh needed the waivers because he held \$149,827 in stocks and bonds in 12 major industrial and oil companies and a public utility, Alvin A. Schall, a Thornburgh aide, said Tuesday. These holdings amounted to 20 percent of the attorney general's assets of \$722,083, Schall said.

## Mobil sued because trash bags don't decompose

BOSTON — Five states sued Mobil Chemical Co. on Tuesday, charging the company falsely claimed its Hefty trash bags would decompose.

Lawsuits were filed by Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas, California and Wisconsin. New York and Washington state were also expected to file lawsuits.

The lawsuits contend Mobil made false claims for the Hefty bags in advertisements by saying they break down when exposed to sun, wind and rain.

In March, Allen Gray, a spokesman for Mobil Chemical, said claims that the bags degrade in sunlight had been fully substantiated by tests.

"Unfortunately, Mobil's advertising claims break down faster than their garbage bags," said Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III at a news conference in St. Paul, Minn.

Hefty bags need to be exposed to a minimum of 26 to 42 days of sunlight in Arizona or Florida, and up to six months in other states, to trigger degradation of the bags, according to the lawsuits.

— From Associated Press reports

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**Flame on**  
Alan Forthofer of Dennis Equipment Rental uses an oxyacetylene torch to weld a part Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot near the unfinished Alumni Center on Stadium Drive. DTH/Dave Layton

# Hardin opens police records to the public

By DEVON HYDE  
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In a reversal of his earlier stance, Chancellor Paul Hardin decided last Thursday to halt University police access to education record information so that crime and arrest reports can be made open to the public.

Although city police are required by law to maintain open records, reporters and other interested parties are usually denied access to incident reports from campus police forces who fear they

would violate students' confidentiality. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment, the release of students' education records to the public is prohibited. Because many campus police forces have access to that information, they do not release incident reports for fear of violating the act. The University police have been releasing summaries of the reports instead.

"The University police will continue to have access to directory information about students because that is available to anyone," Hardin said Thursday in a letter to The Daily Tar Heel. "Similarly, the University police will have access to relevant student information in a health or safety emergency involving a student."

Hardin also said the University police, like other Orange County law enforcement agencies, will not release sexual assault victims' names on the reports and juvenile records will remain closed to the public.

The chancellor, acting on the advice of N.C. Chief Deputy Attorney General Andrew Venore and Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor and senior University council, originally denied a request by The Daily Tar Heel to open incident reports in January 1990. University officials have met several times since then with members of the local press attempting to strike a compromise.

University police director John DeVitto said the decision will not have a major impact on investigations and day-to-day procedures. "It will be a little more difficult, but nothing that's insurmountable," he said.

Kevin Schwartz, managing editor of The Daily Tar Heel, was pleased with the chancellor's decision. "They (the administration) were remarkably cooperative and prompt in acting upon our request."

"We appreciate the University's cooperation in this matter," said Kelly Thompson, co-editor of The Daily Tar Heel. "We are not trying to violate students' privacy. We are just trying to report crimes as completely as possible so that our readers can protect themselves."

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## Motives questioned in deaths

By THOMAS HEALY  
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Medical examiners reports, suicide notes and interviews support authorities' theory that a Littleton man killed his mother and then turned the gun on himself last Thursday in Berryhill Hall, according to a report released by University police Tuesday.

The bodies of William Rose, 47, and his mother Louise H. Rose, 78, were found in the first floor women's bathroom June 7 at around 5 p.m. after employees heard two gunshots in the building.

Autopsies on the bodies showed that Rose died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the head, while his mother died of a gunshot wound behind the ear.

According to the report, two suicide notes Rose left in his Littleton home as well as other documents indicate that he was despondent because of poor health and unsuccessful business deals. The notes said nothing about Rose's mother, mentioning only his own poor health.

The report also said it appears Louise Rose had no knowledge of what was going to happen, and that the trip to

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**Batter up!**  
Justin Leonard swings and hits during batting practice in Boshamer Field Tuesday afternoon as part of the UNC baseball camp. DTH/Dawn Delvecchio

# Committee approves Kenan site

## Members vote 2-0-5 in favor of School of Business location

By THOMAS HEALY  
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The UNC Building and Grounds Committee approved the controversial Kenan Heights Business School site last Wednesday, but committee members complained that their vote amounted to little more than rubber stamping.

Committee members said they were told Chancellor Paul Hardin had already made his decision, but Hardin said Wednesday that he was waiting for the committee's decision before finalizing his choice.

Two members voted in favor of Kenan Heights, none voted against and five members abstained from voting.

According to committee members, committee Chairman John Sanders and Provost Dennis O'Connor both stated at the meeting prior to the vote that Hardin had already decided to recommend the Kenan site to the Board of Trustees (BOT) June 22.

Committee member Hilton Goulson said, "We were told the chancellor was going to take the decision forward (to the BOT) ... I think what the administration was saying was, 'we're asking for your support in this very difficult situation.'"

One committee member said, "It was pretty clear that this was the favored site and the only one that would be entertained."

Yet in an interview Wednesday, Hardin said he had not decided to recommend the site to the BOT before the committee meeting. "I had indicated that I was leaning toward the Kenan site. I was waiting for the report of the committee."

University officials disagreed about

whether the vote would have an effect on the fate of the business school, which next goes to the BOT for approval. Sanders said as far as he knew it was of no interest to the BOT how the committee voted.

But Hardin said the committee typically reports straight to the BOT. "The BOT would have trouble with my recommendation if the committee opposed it," Hardin added he had never been in disagreement with the committee.

Hardin said he disagreed with Sander's interpretation, but then added, "I think the BOT always looks to the Chancellor on these things finally, and as I've said I've always been in agreement with the committee."

Hardin said Wednesday he still had not received the committee's report but that he would most likely recommend the Kenan site to the BOT at their next meeting.

Hardin said there was some urgency for getting the site approved because it needs to be passed by the General Assembly. The donation by the William R. Kenan Charitable Trust is contingent upon the General Assembly approving the site, according to Hardin.

One committee member said there was pressure on the committee to approve the site, but added, "There may have been good reason for the urgency," and cited funding and the \$5 million donation by the Kenan Charitable Trust as reasons.

When asked what he thought of the 2-0-5 vote, Hardin said he was not aware of the actual numbers, only that the committee had approved the site. He said he thought the vote obviously re-

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# Social work school regains funding

By MARISSA MILLS  
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Funding for a new School of Social Work was restored last week by the Senate and House appropriation committees, but funding for the new School of Business failed to be included in the budget after monies for both were frozen in March because of projected financial shortfalls.

Lobbyists and legislators say it is too early to tell if funding for either of the schools will be included in the General Assembly's final budget, although funding for the Business School is improbable.

"The budget is far from finalized and no one knows at the time," said Joe Hackney, D-Orange. "It's just too early in the session to be drawing final conclusions about what will be included or won't be."

The proposed \$7.5 million for the new School of Business was passed by the senate committee, but its counterpart in the House did not add it to the capital improvement budget.

"I don't have any idea why the funding didn't pass. You'll have to call Raleigh," said Paul Rizzo, Dean of the School of Business Administration.

"Whatever I read in the papers is all I know about."

The committees allocated \$4.1 million for the construction of the new School of Social Work. The project was approved by the General Assembly last year with the provision that the money would be allocated if it was available.

The total cost for the building was originally estimated to be \$8.3 million, but Dean John Turner said the project would cost approximately \$9 million because of delays and inflation.

Although the design for the new 7,500 square foot facility is complete, state officials will not start construction until the state allocates money for the entire project.

The remainder of the funding would not be distributed until the next biennial funding period. Turner estimates a two year delay and forecasts that each year would raise the \$9 million price by another 6 percent.

The new facility would replace the old administration building on E. Franklin Street. The School of Social Work is currently using part of Battle Hall as well as renting office space on Airport Road.

I can be smart if I need to be. — Marilyn Monroe