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S.D. legislature bans most abortions

PIERRE, S.D. — Legislation to ban most abortions in South Dakota was approved by a House committee Tuesday, and panel members said it was the most difficult issue they've ever faced.

Gov. George Mickelson has said if the Legislature approves the measure, he would sign it into law.

The bill, similar to one that was signed into law in Utah last month, would allow abortions in cases involving rape, incest or a threat to the physical health of a pregnant woman. It also would permit abortions of fetuses that have severe handicaps.

No criminal penalties could be imposed, but doctors who perform illegal abortions could face stiff civil fines. The bill includes no penalties for women who have illegal abortions.

Gorbachev vetoes independence poll

MOSCOW — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev stepped up his war of words with Lithuanian leaders on Tuesday by rejecting their independence poll set for Saturday and ordering instead a Kremlin-controlled referendum.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis insisted the non-binding ballot would be held as planned.

"Lithuania is in observance of law ... and views the president's decree as impermissible political interference in the matters of the sovereign Lithuanian state," he said in a statement read by spokeswoman Rita Dapkus.

The decree followed Gorbachev's order for new talks with the Baltics and seemed a clear attempt to force Lithuanians to seek independence only on the Kremlin's terms. The decree did not threaten any action if the poll was held, indicating only that the Kremlin would not accept its results.

Charges in Mandela case not dismissed

SOUTH AFRICA — A judge refused Tuesday to dismiss kidnapping charges against Winnie Mandela, overruling defense claims that prosecutors failed to provide enough evidence to proceed with the trial.

Justice M.S. Stegmann ruled against defense motions that the state failed to provide enough information to enable Mrs. Mandela and three co-defendants to prepare their defense.

The judge, however, ruled Mrs. Mandela should be given more details about the state's charges on her alleged role in the kidnapping of four people in December 1988. The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Helms questions King holiday involvement

DUNN, N.C. — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has asked the postmaster general to explain why employees in North Carolina had to sign a statement saying they had heard a eulogy to Martin Luther King Jr.

In a letter to Postmaster General Anthony Frank, Helms wrote: "... either the Postal Service, or officials thereof, have gone too far — and the question becomes relevant as to whether this is done to honor Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln..."

The Daily Record of Dunn reported that postal workers heard a poem dedicated to the slain civil rights leader.

— From Associated Press reports

Opinions on tuition proposal vary

Officials: proposal would hurt small schools | UNC faculty support governor

By ASHLEY FOGLE

Staff Writer

Chancellor Paul Hardin endorsed a proposal by Gov. Jim Martin to allow individual institutions in the UNC system to control their own tuition increases, but chancellors at other system schools criticized the proposal.

The proposal, introduced in Martin's State of the State Address Thursday, called for raising up to \$28 million through tuition increases. Each university would control the revenue brought in by the increase, with 25 percent of the money being set aside for need-based financial aid.

Hardin said in a press release that he

welcomed Martin's initiatives. "Wisely administered tuition increases, with substantial sums set aside for financial aid, can help us enhance service to the people of North Carolina and achieve levels of quality that can not be attained by tax revenues alone."

Critics of the proposal said it could hurt the state's less fortunate students and make public education less accessible.

John Thomas, chancellor of Appalachian State University, said he strongly opposed Martin's proposal. Students and parents would suffer if the proposal were put into effect, he said.

"Tuition raises not enough money to

solve a university's problems, but simply narrows the tax base," he said. "That hurts students and their parents or whoever else is footing the bill. The General Assembly should appropriate funds to support higher public education, and should not use tuition to try to solve the problems of the state."

UNC-Asheville Chancellor Roy Carroll said he disagreed with the proposal. "I do not support any proposal that makes one institution less accessible than another."

Joseph Oxendine, chancellor of Pembroke State University, said allow-

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By BRIAN GOLSON

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UNC-CH faculty members are showing strong support for Gov. Jim Martin's proposal to allow UNC-system schools to increase tuition and control the generated funds.

The change in state budgeting procedure was among several Martin proposed to the N.C. General Assembly in his State of the State Address on Thursday.

Harry Gooder, chairman of the faculty, said he believed the faculty supports Martin's proposal for increased autonomy and spending flexibility.

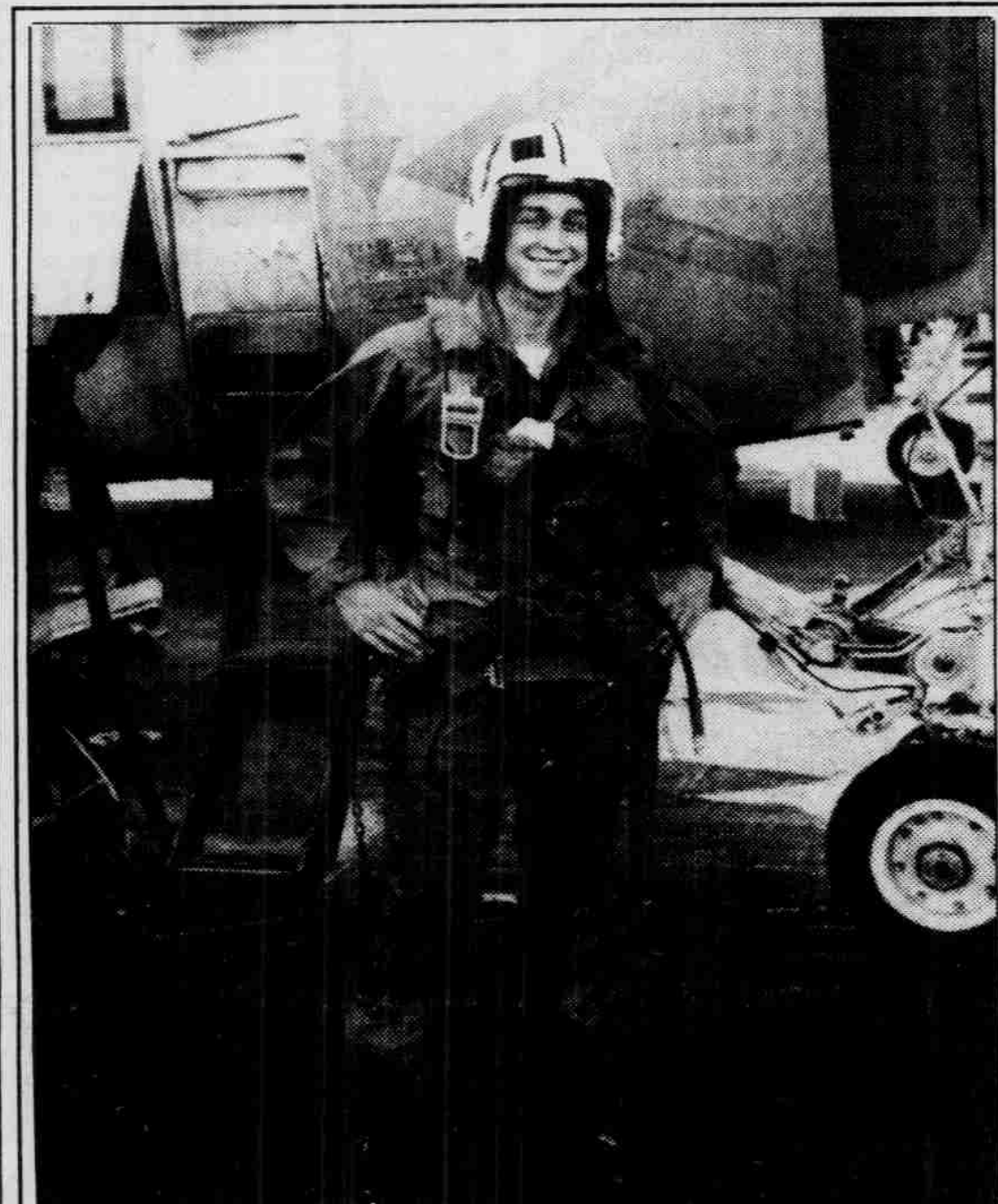
"I believe it (would be) a very good

first step for the legislature to give the University this flexibility," Gooder said. Martin proposed allowing each of the 16 UNC-system colleges and universities to raise tuition within limits set by the state and at the discretion of each school's board of trustees.

Some members of the UNC-system Board of Governors (BOG) oppose the proposal on the grounds that tuition should be kept as low as possible, in keeping with the original UNC charter.

The N.C. General Assembly and the BOG now control tuition at the schools. Gooder said he saw some potential

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Navy Lt. Junior Grade Pat Connor

1st alumnus reported missing in Middle East

By SOYIA ELLISON

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Lt. Junior Grade Pat Connor, a 1987 UNC graduate from upstate New York, is the first University student or alumnus reported missing in action in the Persian Gulf War.

Connor was reported lost at sea Saturday when his plane was shot down off the coast of Kuwait, according to a notice posted in the UNC Naval Armory.

A Navy spokeswoman said she could not confirm Connor's status. Connor served as a bombardier navigator in charge of navigation and all weapons systems on an A-6E Intruder attack plane stationed on the USS Roosevelt, said Ensign Michael Dodick, a 1990 UNC graduate and a friend of Connor.

During his senior year, Connor served as the regimental commander of his Naval ROTC unit, the highest NROTC position at that time. Connor outranked all other NROTC members at UNC and North Carolina State University.

Dodick said he was a freshman when Connor was regimental com-

mander, and remembered him as someone he looked up to and who influenced him.

"He was rather quiet but was always a great guy and would always try to help you whenever he could," he said.

During his time as regimental commander, Connor wrote a message to his fellow NROTC members, advising them to get good grades, prepare to be good leaders and become a "thinking" man or woman.

He also told his fellow members to take on as much responsibility as possible while in school. "You will do some things very well, while other things you will totally mess up," he wrote.

"Good — you get to see your mistakes and weak areas and work on correcting them now ... the fleet is not the place to make the mistakes that should have been hammered out as midshipman."

Connor said that the Navy was not just a job or an adventure. "For me, it's a commitment to the values and principles of freedom that I feel I owe a personal responsibility to upkeep and maintain."

Honor Court proceedings begin for Pit balloon attack

From staff reports

Honor Court proceedings have begun against the UNC College Republicans who participated in a water balloon attack Saturday night, but no legal action will be taken against the members at this time.

Members of the Committee for Peace in the Middle East voted by a wide majority Tuesday night not to pursue legal action against members of College Republicans who attacked them while they were camping in the Peace Village

in the Pit. They voted to let Honor Court proceedings continue and to cooperate with the court. The person who initiated proceedings is not a member of the committee, members said.

The group also voted to condemn the College Republicans for the attack on members of the committee. All committee members voted on what action should be taken. The committee has between 60 and 70 members.

Charlton Allen, College Republicans chairman and one of the participants in

the water balloon attack Saturday, said he had not been notified that Honor Court proceedings had begun.

One of the College Republicans who was involved in Saturday night's incident may bring legal action against committee members. He alleges a committee member assaulted him and tore a gas mask off his face.

Allen said the man, whose name he would not release, and the College Republicans are taking a "wait-and-see" approach to pressing charges.

RHA, DTH candidates answer questions at Morrison forum

By MARGIE BAILEY

and ERIC LUSK

Staff Writers

Candidates for the offices of Residence Hall president, Daily Tar Heel editor and Carolina Athletic Association president discussed their platforms and answered questions Tuesday night at a forum sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

Residence Hall Association President

Residence Hall Association presidential candidate Charles Streeter and co-presidential candidates Scott Peeler and Christy Pons said most importantly they wanted to help residents.

Streeter said that he was very committed to representing campus residents and wanted to address their concerns.

"I'd like to continue things already

started and expand on wherever the present president and board leave off," he said.

Peeler and Pons said their co-leadership would be an asset to RHA because they work well together and are interested in addressing students' concerns about housing, minority issues and recycling.

"As a team we can better represent the campus and get a better idea of what residents want and need," Pons said. Peeler is Granville Towers governor and Pons is governor of Morrison Residence Hall.

Streeter said he would like to try and get freshmen interested in running for empty governor positions.

By meeting with students and hearing their concerns he could better represent students, he said.

Peeler and Pons said that their love of

RHA, accessibility as a team and experience would make them effective leaders of an organization committed to students' needs.

Daily Tar Heel Editor

Jennifer Wing and Alisa DeMaio, candidates for editor of The Daily Tar Heel, fielded questions on the paper's editor selection process and diversifying the staff.

Wing, a junior from Greenville, N.C., said she would like to see a change in the present system of electing the DTH editor by student body vote.

Editor candidates who have to run a campaign may compromise the paper's best interests in order to win the race, she said.

"I think they (DTH editors) should

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Bush aides to assess gulf war effort

From Associated Press reports

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — As allied warplanes battered Iraq for a 20th day Tuesday, President Bush said he was sending his defense secretary and a top military man to assess the war effort.

The USS Missouri's 16-inch guns boomed again, silencing a troublesome Iraqi artillery battery in Kuwait with six 2,000-pound shells, the U.S. military said.

In other developments, Syrian and Iraqi forces exchanged fire near the Saudi border in the first reported combat by Syria in the Persian Gulf War, and the U.S. military said 10 more Iraqi warplanes reportedly sought refuge in Iran — bringing the total to about 110.

Baghdad was rocked early Tuesday by another allied bombardment, Associated Press correspondent Salah

Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital. Nasrawi said smoke and fire reached into the sky, and residents fled to bomb shelters. He quoted travelers as saying Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's hometown, Tikrit, also was attacked.

In Washington, Bush told reporters he thought the war was "going very well indeed," and again said the conflict would "not be long and drawn out."

The president said he was sending Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to Saudi Arabia to get "a firsthand status report."

Bush said Cheney and Powell will go to the war zone late this week for a brief trip, returning to Washington with their report. He said the trip did not signal that a decision was close on whether to begin a ground offensive.

The president said answers to questions about the likelihood of a ground offensive depended upon whether air power alone would force the Iraqis from Kuwait. "I'm somewhat skeptical that it would," he said.

The allies maintain they are targeting military and strategic targets, but Iraq has repeatedly insisted the attacks are killing civilians. In a letter to newspapers Tuesday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said civilian casualties have risen to 428 killed and more than 650 wounded.

The official radio reported 373 more air raids Monday and said residential areas were among those hit.

Baghdad radio declared that the allies must pay for the destruction they have rained on Iraq.

The radio broadcast a series of cryptic messages that sounded like coded instructions for terrorist attacks by agents abroad. It was impossible to tell if they were genuine.

Tehran television said four more Iraqi planes landed in Iran on Monday and Tuesday.

Troop Support

The Daily Tar Heel wants to know about students, faculty, staff or their family members who are serving in the Middle East and want more mail.

Please drop off the person's name, address in the Middle East and, if possible, a front-facing or profile picture to the DTH office in the Union. Please write the person's name on the back of the photograph.

The DTH will print the information for students interested in writing letters to service personnel in the Persian Gulf. Pictures may be picked up at the DTH office after they have run.

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