

WORLD BRIEFS

Witnesses to testify on Thomas allegations

WASHINGTON — Two witnesses are expected to testify that Anita Hill confided in them with allegations of sexual harassment when the Senate Judiciary Committee opens new hearings on the Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas, sources familiar with the allegations said Thursday.

Both Thomas and Hill, now a University of Oklahoma law professor, will testify before the committee when it meets Friday and possibly through the weekend to assess the allegations that forced a week's delay in the Senate confirmation vote.

On Thursday, Bush urged the Senate to "get on with this business in a fair fashion, get this matter resolved." But he said he did not intend "to inject myself into what's going on in the Senate."

"I am absolutely convinced he will be confirmed," Bush told reporters after a meeting with the president of Costa Rica. "I support him 100 percent."

One of the two pro-Hill witnesses is a former Yale Law School classmate Susan Hoerchner, an administrative law judge for the California Workers Compensation Appeals Board, sources said.

The other is Joel Paul, an American University law professor who has said that Hill told him during a job interview that she had been sexually harassed by an unnamed supervisor when she worked for the EEOC, which Thomas chaired for eight years.

Yugoslav army to leave Croatia within a month

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Yugoslavia's army agreed in principle Thursday to withdraw from Croatia within a month, and Croat militants pledged to lift their blockades of army barracks in the secessionist republic.

The combatants agreed to negotiate a political settlement to the civil war that would address the grievances of the Serb minority in Croatia, said Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek, who announced the agreement.

Van den Broek spoke after five hours of talks with the leaders of Croatia, Serbia and the federal military at a European Community-led peace conference in The Hague.

The accord appeared to offer the best chance yet for halting the three-month-old civil war in Croatia, which has pitted Croat militants against ethnic Serb guerrillas supported by Serbia and the Serb-dominated federal army.

But it was unclear whether the latest peace agreement would be observed by fighters in the battlefield, who have ignored eight previous cease-fires.

More than 600 people are known to have died since June 25, when Croatia declared independence along with neighboring Slovenia.

Baker warns of rising violence in Middle East

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker said Thursday he expected terrorists and extremists to attempt to disrupt his drive to set up a Middle East peace conference this month.

Baker said "highly classified information" led him to the conclusion, but he provided no details in his remarks to reporters before a meeting with four Palestinian Arabs.

Baker is scheduled to fly to the Middle East Saturday night to try to arrange an October peace conference.

"As we get closer and closer to the end of October," he said, "I think that there will be... a tendency on the part of rejectionists and extremists across the region to take actions designed to disrupt the possibility of peace."

Depending on how his trip works out, Baker said the United States and the Soviet Union, as co-sponsors, might issue invitations for a peace conference later in the month even if all the parties have not agreed to attend.

Fired postal worker rampages, kills 4

RIDGEWOOD, N.J. — A fired postal worker armed with a machine gun, grenades and a samurai sword went on a rampage Thursday, killing four people, including a former supervisor who had accused him of harassment, police said.

Joseph Harris killed the woman and her boyfriend at their home in Wayne, then went to the Ridgewood post office where he killed two mail handlers as they arrived for work, authorities said.

He surrendered there after a four-hour standoff during which he set off two small explosives, police said.

An explosive booby-trap was found at his rented room in Paterson in northern New Jersey west of New York City. — The Associated Press

CAMPUS AND CITY

Shortfalls hinder capital improvement

By Shea Riggsbee Staff Writer

New campus construction plans have ground to a standstill as capital improvement projects have become a casualty of recent state budget shortfalls.

"The UNC system hasn't started a new building in the last three years," said Sam Poole, Board of Governors chairman.

Wayne Jones, associate vice chancellor for finance, said state legislators used surplus money to fund capital projects in the past, but no such funds are available now.

Money might be available for such projects in next year's budget, but the state also might choose to replenish its emptied reserves before allocating money for capital projects, he said.

"Realistically, we're not expecting very much."

The lack of funds for construction puts the University in a "status quo situation," Jones said.

"What it does is put on hold the changes in the programs that otherwise would have been implemented or expanded."

Problems began in 1989 when budgeted money for capital projects was frozen due to a budget shortfall, Jones said. The 1990-91 budget allocated no money for capital projects.

Projects were not canceled, but were put on hold until sufficient cash was allotted, he said.

Herbert Paul, UNC physical plant director, said the reduction in appropriated funds for maintenance and repair was leading to an "accelerated deterioration" of campus buildings.

"We're talking about needing \$8 to \$10 million dollars," he said. The physical plant has received almost no funds in the last several years, he said.

Paul said the plant's biggest concern was system failures.

"You can only patch a roof so long," he said. Roofs that had been patched and repatched would develop leaks which would deteriorate the insides of buildings, he said.

"The systems have the potential of unscheduled, unplanned interruption," Paul said.

Many campus buildings also need to be repainted, he said. If wood constructions are left with worn coats of paint, they absorb moisture that is difficult to paint over.

Metal surfaces corrode and masonry

starts to seep through when wood is not repainted as often as it should be, he said.

"We have never had the amount of money we felt we need to accomplish necessary maintenance repair," he said, adding that the problem had worsened in recent years.

"I see a big problem in academic, health affairs, and administration buildings," Paul said.

Matt Drake, director of the office of institutional development at the School of Dentistry, said, "We continue to teach and treat patients in a 40-year-old facility."

Brauer Hall's proposed addition, a \$13 million clinical facilities building whose construction has been delayed due to lack of funds, is at the top of the University's capital project list, Drake

said. Dental research programs have grown from \$35,000 in 1963 to \$5 million in 1990. "Not one square foot of lab space has been added," he said.

The Dental School is raising private funds for the project, Drake said. "Our goal is to raise \$3 million."

The school wants to demonstrate to the state that it could do its part if the state is willing to fund it, he said.

Poole said a statewide bond issue would help alleviate the problem.

A bill for the bond was introduced in the legislators' last session but never got off the ground, he said. The proposal may be introduced again in the future.

Jones said a statewide bond issue would enable the state to continue its building plans.

New School of Business dean sought Committee formed to fill Rizzo's post

By Peter B. Smith Staff Writer

The search for a new dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School has begun as the present dean finishes his fourth year at the school.

The search committee formed to find a new dean is now advertising for the position nationally.

Their task is to find a replacement for Paul Rizzo, whose term ends June 30, 1992. Rizzo has decided not to seek another term.

Audrey Johnson, associate professor of social work and a member of the search committee, said advertisements were being placed in publications such as The Wall Street Journal and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"I would hope that we would get a large amount of well-qualified applicants because of our reputation as a good school," she said.

Julie Ketner, associate director of development and a search committee member, said, "We want someone with strong leadership abilities and who works well with people. ... Relationships with national businesses are helpful, but they are not the only thing we go by."

Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and chairman of the search committee, said in a press release that the members were looking for someone "who can continue the momentum the business school has built up over the years."

Cole was out of town Thursday and could not be reached for comment on the search.

The search committee is composed of 16 members who represent faculty, students and outside businesses.

Five North Carolina businessmen who are University alumni also will help select the new dean.

They serve as special resource people who suggest candidates and talk with the nominees.

All the applications will be screened beginning Nov. 15. Committee members hope to narrow the list of possible candidates to three and present them to Chancellor Paul Hardin by Feb. 28, 1992.

Hardin will select one applicant and present the nominee to the UNC Board of Trustees.

If the BOT approves the nominee, it will forward the application to the Board of Governors, which will make the final decision.

The new dean probably would take over the position July 1, 1992.



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Sucker cut

Garrett Tripp, age 2, gets his hair cut by Grady Sturdivant at Friendly Barber Shop in Carrboro. Garrett's good behavior during this second haircut won him a lollipop.

Committee to call seniors about gift

By Amy Eslinger Staff Writer

The Senior Class Gifts Committee is considering six proposals for the gift the Class of 1992 will give to a University department.

The Senior Class usually gives two types of gifts to the University — a monetary gift to a department and a physical gift for the campus. The committee has not made definite plans for a physical gift yet.

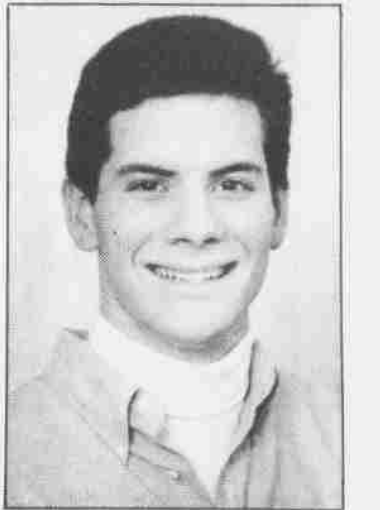
"Around the first of September we solicited different departments across campus for proposals for senior class gifts," said Ruffin Hall, a committee member. Six departments submitted written proposals by the Oct. 1 deadline, he said.

Committee members plan to ask students to help select the group that receives the gift. "We will solicit senior opinion through a phone-a-thon," Hall said.

The Ackland Art Museum submitted a proposal stating they would like to hire a director to generate interest in the museum among undergraduates.

Administrators in the Center for Teaching and Learning would use the money "to increase the quality of teaching among teaching assistants and professors," Hall said.

More need-based and academic scholarships are proposed by the financial aid office. The Student Opportunity Fund and University Career Planning



Ruffin Hall

and Placement Services both submitted proposals to use the money for travel.

UNC Microcomputing Services proposes "computerizing the classroom" and improving the technology of University computers, he said.

Pat Calhoun, a committee member, said the six choices would be narrowed down to four before the phone-a-thon. "We are in the process of doing further research," he said.

Hall said volunteers will call about 600 seniors Oct. 28 and ask which proposal they like best.

Residents: Subdivision may hurt environment

By Grant Holland Staff Writer

Residents close to a new subdivision near North Street said the development's construction is ruining the environment and killing wildlife.

Barbara Roth, who lives near the development, said trees would have to be destroyed by the construction.

"They (the developers) are going to have to cut a large number of trees down," Roth said. "Trees provide oxygen to help protect the ozone layer and are absolutely essential to saving our green space. I don't think the town is considering their green space."

The Chapel Hill Planning Board recommended the council approve the next phase of the North Street subdivision despite limited residential opposition.

Jim Eder, a North Street resident, said he and his neighbors have been following the development closely. The development was originally planned to be kept in one piece but is now being divided into 11 lots, he said. This raised concerns about "too many houses and too many cars" being brought into the area, Eder said.

But Gerry Barrett, spokesman for the



Raccoons are endangered by construction of a new development, one resident says.

Little Creek Company, which is developing the North Street subdivision, said he was not aware of much opposition to the development.

"I don't feel there is any resentment," Barrett said. "There is concern and rightfully so. ... Whenever you take a piece of land and develop it, there will always be environmental and residential concerns."

Andrew Peterson, a member of the planning board, said "there really was not much opposition."

Peterson said the subdivision would probably consist of eight or nine houses when it was completed.

"People really don't want to see another big development going in," Peterson said, adding that he supported the overall plans for the development.

But Roth said she is not satisfied with the planning board's opinion and approval of the continuing development.

"The town has no ordinance requiring an environmental impact statement," she said.

Roth said an impact statement, composed by environmental experts, would require the planning board to address environmental issues.

"If they won't listen to me then they would have to listen to a trained professional," she said.

Some neighbors said they felt that everything would return to normal after construction was finished.

"Once the building is over with, I will have no objections," said Marie Weiden, also a North Street resident. "What difference is it going to make if 11 new residents have cars?"

But Roth said she doubted everything would return to normal. Possible harm to wildlife is one of her concerns.

"A lot of birds congregate in migration, particularly thrushes," she said. "With the (thrush) population already decreasing, the development will take away needed trees and it will be one more thing that's going to stress them."

Roth also is concerned about the fate of raccoons living in the area.

"Raccoons live in all the trees and if they're cut down they no longer have a home or natural food," she said. "I think the wildlife will be greatly harmed."

Roth also discussed possible problems from excessive noise caused by the construction. Roth's house is located down a hill from the subdivision.

"There's no privacy as the steep hills act as an amphitheater," Roth said. "You can hear everything said."

Before the development was started, other uses for the land were proposed, including building condominiums.

Hazel Underwood, a resident of Lone Pine Road said, "It's reasonable to expect that (the land) will be developed."

She said she did not have any objections to the subdivision as long as the lots were large. "I'm not anxious to have small lots with a lot of houses because they might decrease the value of the property around it," she said.

Tax Watch forum slated for Sunday

Staff report Tax Watch, a local political watchdog group, is holding a forum Sunday afternoon for the Chapel Hill mayoral and town council candidates.

The forum, which will take place at the American Legion Hut on Legion Road in Chapel Hill, will take place from 3-4:45 p.m.

The mayoral candidates will be allowed to present speeches focusing only on town revenue and expenditures. The council hopefuls will be allowed two minutes to speak.

COMING NEXT WEEK - Minority Career Fair - October 15 and Carolina Career Fair - October 16 in the Great Hall