

# WORLD BRIEFS

## Clintons deny charges of extramarital affairs

BOSTON — With his wife at his side, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton tried Sunday to answer and move beyond questions about extramarital affairs that have disrupted his Democratic presidential campaign.

Clinton and his wife, Hillary, on Sunday taped an interview for CBS's "60 Minutes" to air after the Super Bowl, virtually guaranteeing them an audience of millions.

In the interview, the Clintons repeated statements that their 16-year marriage had problems in the past, but was now solid. Gov. Clinton "vehemently denied" an affair with Gennifer Flowers.

Flowers, in a paid interview with a supermarket tabloid, says she and Clinton had a 12-year affair.

Aides acknowledge that Clinton's success in getting his campaign refocused on its message hinges on whether he can put the controversy to rest quickly and perform well in New Hampshire's leadoff primary Feb. 18.

## Settlement controversy threatens Mideast talks

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Sunday the United States should "forget about" a freeze on Israeli settlements. But he claimed Washington had decided to grant Israel vital housing loan guarantees that Shamir seeks for Soviet immigrants.

The dispute over settlements has been complicating Middle East peace talks. Another snag developed Sunday when a PLO official said the Palestinians

would boycott Tuesday's round unless the Palestinian delegation included Arabs from east Jerusalem and abroad.

The PLO statement threatens chances for progress at the two-day talks and will have a greater impact on the next round of Arab-Israeli negotiations.

The United States said it will go forward with the multilateral talks as Secretary of State James Baker prepared late Sunday to head to Moscow.

Shamir's remarks were his first reaction to Baker's proposal Friday that Israel stop building new homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to gain \$10 billion in U.S. aid.

## U.N., Yugoslavs work to maintain cease-fire

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A senior U.N. official arrived Sunday to discuss deploying peacekeepers while a cease-fire generally holds.

The United Nations has made the deployment of as many as 10,000 peacekeepers conditional on the effectiveness of the truce, in effect since Jan. 3.

Marrack Golding, the undersecretary-general in charge of U.N. peacekeeping, was met in Belgrade by Yugoslav officials and Col. John Wilson, head of a 50-man U.N. liaison team already in Yugoslavia.

Goulding began talks with Branko Kostic, a member of the Serb-dominated remnant of the federal presidency.

Since Croatia declared independence June 25, thousands of people have been killed in fighting between Croats and ethnic Serbs backed by the Serb-dominated federal army. The Serbs fear persecution in an independent Croatia.

—The Associated Press

By Anna Griffin  
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Marcus Williams, a former UNC student body president and a dark horse candidate in the 1992 N.C. gubernatorial race, believes the voters are seeking inspiration and strong leadership in the upcoming election.

"This young country of ours is in trouble. Many people need some kind of optimism and inspiration," Williams said in a telephone interview. "We're moving toward the 21st century. It's time to change our thinking."

Williams, the current director of Legal Services of Wilmington, said he decided to run for governor last fall in the hopes of resurrecting state pride and improving living conditions for all N.C. residents.

A candidate's ability to inspire, rather than government experience, will be the major characteristic required of the state's next governor, Williams said.

"I've been blessed with a great family and some excellent experiences that will give me a perspective that some people have not had," he said.

While many political experts are already calling the Democratic primary a contest between two men — former Gov. Jim Hunt and Attorney General Lacy Thornburg — Williams said he can, and will, capture the primary.

But the former student body president at both UNC and the University of Minnesota, where he attended law school, recognizes the long road ahead.

"I have to be better in every performance, I realize that," he said. "I'm going to utilize the old shoe-leather campaign; I intend to campaign extensively around the state."

Williams said health care has

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emerged as the most important issue to voters.

"The average health care bill is \$4,200 per family. Sometimes that's half of a person's gross income," he said.

State leaders must take the initiative and force federal lawmakers to pass some form of a comprehensive health bill, Williams said.

"The only issue here is who's going to act first," he said. "Are we going to allow people to continue to suffer while we wait for the dinosaur at the national level to move? I don't think we have time for that."

Improvements in education could help ensure lasting economic prosperity for North Carolinians, Williams said. Children must be taught to work hard and set goals in order to compete with Japanese students, he said.

"The world is changing rapidly; our children are going to have to strive harder," he said. "If we teach them that early, then it will become natural habit."

Economic recovery, like educational reform, must take place at the local level first, Williams said.

"Economic development ... means transferring some money from unproductive state agencies to the local level so people can start creating at that level," he said.

The state's growing crime problem can be stopped by improving living conditions in urban areas and by providing housing and food for the poor, Williams said. "We want to destroy the incentive for crime," he said.

To improve the efficiency of state

government, Williams has proposed changing the state constitution to allow the governor to appoint the state labor commissioner, superintendent of public instruction and insurance commissioner. Currently, these Council of State positions are filled through statewide elections.

Recent scandals have crippled the offices of N.C. Labor Commissioner John Brooks and Insurance Commissioner James Long. Bob Etheridge, state school superintendent, has faced criticism for his education policies. Williams said allowing the governor to fill those positions would cut down on corruption and help restore public faith in government.

While most political experts admit Williams' chances of winning the Democratic primary are slim, the candidate said he believed voters would recognize his strong personal commitment to improving North Carolina.

"I don't view myself as a politician, I view myself as a statesman," he said. "I try to be honest. I am a hard worker, and I'm fun-loving at the same time."

Race, a major issue in the 1990 U.S. Senate race between Jesse Helms and former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, will not play a role in the 1992 gubernatorial election, Williams said.

"I'm the antidote to that racial poison politics," he said. "When you meet someone who's sincere, I don't care what color they are. You know you can rely on their word."

"Times have changed — people want to know what you're going to do and whether or not your loyalties are with the interests of the people," he said. Williams said he would appeal to a variety of voting blocs by organizing a coalition from virtually every racial and socio-economic group.

"My coalition will consist of central disciplinarians, thinking moderates, progressives and working people," he said. "I characterize myself as an eclectic."



Marcus Williams

## Campus Calendar

MONDAY  
3:30 p.m. UNC Study Abroad information meeting on Japan programs in Caldwell Hall.  
4:30 p.m. UNC Study Abroad will hold information meeting on Germany programs in Caldwell Hall.  
5 p.m. All Order of the Bell Tower's 1992 Extern program preparatory session in 226 Union.  
6 p.m. UNC Feminist Alliance, 205 Union.  
7 p.m. Leadership Matters to sponsor a workshop in "Publicity, Advertising & University" in 213 Union.  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha Co-ed service organization will have informal rush in 211 Union.  
UNC-Circle K new member meeting, 210 Union.  
7:30 p.m. Carolina Gay & Lesbian Association, 226 Union on how it's "illegal" it is to be gay in N.C.  
A student body president candidates forum will

be held in the Dialectic Chambers of New West.  
8 p.m. Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre auditions, 111 Murphy.

## Corrections

In the Jan. 23 Daily Tar Heel article, "Social work school in business of helping," the school received a \$400,000 share of the \$1.45 million donation from Burroughs Wellcome Co., not the full amount.

In the Jan. 24 article, "SBP candidates accused of unethical practices," the DTH was given incorrect information. SBP candidate John Moody is part of the student attorney general's staff, not a member of the Honor Court.

The DTH regrets the errors.

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