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racial discrimination and prejudice, she said.

"We wanted to recognize that there were racial tensions on this campus and give students the opportunity to express them," she said.

"We needed something where students would feel comfortable talking about these issues."

The newspaper printed a retraction in its next issue, stating: "We did not realize that what we intended as outrageous statements would offend. We sin-

cerely regret the misunderstanding."

The number of minorities working for The University Times, which until the recruitment effort had mirrored the campus' student minority population of almost 12 percent, increased as 15 new black writers reacted to the editorial's call for more minority staffers. Now the staff is almost one-third black.

"A lot more minority students have come down and applied for a job and are working for us," said Melissa Manware, editor of The University Times.

Promises

Barnes said she thought General Assembly members thought that there was "less inclination to do it, having increased tuition two years in a row."

But she added that she thought some representatives still would advocate raising tuition for out-of-state students because those students still were partially funded by the state of North Carolina.

One issue that recently has come to the forefront of state issues is the pay and working conditions of the UNC housekeepers. The housekeepers are state employees who currently are paid on the lowest state pay grade, which is below the poverty level.

Both representatives said they were committed to increasing the pay of the University housekeepers. "I am the only person to have introduced bills to address that problem," Barnes said.

Barnes said that during her time in office, the General Assembly had passed legislation to allow people in the lowest pay grade to move up the pay ladder faster than those beginning at a higher level; raised the pay of the lowest pay grade; and increased pay by a fixed dollar amount rather than a percentage of salary.

But Barnes said she still was not satisfied with the status of the housekeepers. "My personal opinion is that it still is not enough," she said.

Barnes said she thought the ideal solution would be to eliminate the bottom two pay grades.

Hackney echoed Barnes' sentiment that the housekeepers were underpaid. He said he would support any legislation that Barnes proposed to increase the pay of the housekeepers.

Hackney said the state needed to work to give the individual campuses more flexibility in determining their budget. "Campuses need to have more authority in the tuition area," he said.

The General Assembly also needs to work to see that student tuition stays on campus because outside institutions currently get a portion of those funds, he said.

Enrollment

Walters said the University's academic reputation also had attracted many prospective two-year college students to UNC.

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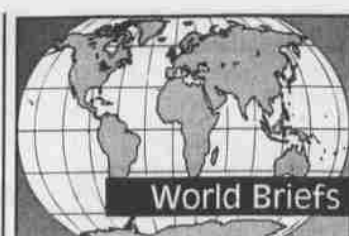
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On the other hand, the recession helped boost college enrollment, he said.

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World Briefs



Witness reports nuns slain by Liberian rebels

CARBONDALE, Ill. — The mother superior of five U.S. nuns slain in Liberia says a witness reported that rebels shot three of them at their convent as one of the women begged for their lives.

The witness said the two others were fatally shot earlier in a roadside ambush, according to Sister Mildred Gross.

"Through networking with other mission personnel and our friends in west Africa, we were able to obtain this message," Sister Gross said in a statement Monday. She said she could not reveal the source for safety reasons, but believed it to be reliable.

Sister Gross, who heads the Ruma convent of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, said the message was smuggled out of Liberia to a neighboring west African country. She said it was received Saturday and shared with the U.S. State Department.

The message sent to the convent said members of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia killed the nuns in late October. A representative of rebel commander Charles Taylor recently wrote a letter to the convent denying responsibility.

Britain begins inquiry into Iraqi arms scandal

LONDON — The British government on Tuesday announced an inquiry into charges that Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet secretly promoted arms sales to Iraq until within weeks of Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

The furor erupted after three executives of Iraqi-owned Matrix Churchill Corp. were accused Monday of selling arms-making machine tools to Iraq between 1988 and 1990, in violation of an arms embargo.

Prosecutors dropped the charges after former Trade Minister Alan Clark acknowledged that the government had encouraged the exports.

A British secret service agent testified that Matrix Churchill's former managing director, Paul Henderson, had been a spy for MI6, the external intelligence agency.

The opposition has charged that Thatcher knew of the arms sales and that the government was prepared to let Henderson and two other businessmen go to jail to cover up intelligence activities.

Testimony at the trial also indicated the United States would have known about the sales.

The sales, worth more than \$37 million, took place when Thatcher was prime minister.

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Inside the governor's mansion

McCormick said he hoped that newly elected governor Jim Hunt would utilize the resources of the University when

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trying to solve the state's problems.

"We need a state administration that looks to the University for expertise and support in a wide variety of areas," McCormick said.

McCormick cited health care, social work and education as three areas in which the University could be of service.

"We would welcome becoming a think tank for the state of North Carolina," McCormick said.

By functioning as a think tank, the University could help solve the state's social and economic problems, McCormick said.

In his campaign platform, Hunt cited improving the UNC system and providing necessary funds as key issues.

From Washington to Chapel Hill

Clinton has proposed making college loans available to all students who want them.

Clinton's plan, called the National Service Corps, would allow students to receive college loans that could be paid back either through a portion of students' income tax after graduation or through two years of community service.

Clinton has described the community service aspect of his plan as a kind of domestic Peace Corps in which people would work on tasks necessary to improve a specific community.

McCormick said he supported the idea of programs like the National Service Corps as an alternative for students in need. "We would welcome enhanced support for loans and ways to pay for college," he said.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. Hillel and Newman Center will sponsor a blood drive in Great Hall until 4:30 p.m.

NOON: Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will be showing "Roots" until 2 p.m. through Friday.

12:30 p.m. Ph.D. Public Policy Analysis Curriculum will welcome Professor Robert Hoppe, University of Amsterdam, to speak on "Successful Policy Formulation Processes: Lessons from 15 Case Experiences in Five Dutch Government Departments" in 301 New East.

2 p.m. University Career Services will sponsor a presentation by Harvard University-Kennedy School of Government in 209 Hanes.

3:30 p.m. UCS will offer information on resume writing for internships in 306 Hanes.

UCS will sponsor a presentation by Yale University School of Law in 306 Hanes.

4 p.m. Undergraduate Sociology Club will present Beinda Crayton from School of Social Work in 517 Hamilton.

5 p.m. UNC Vegetarian Club will hold a free feast in Gerard Hall until 7 p.m.

Carolina Association of Black Journalists will discuss future career fairs and internships in 104 Howell.

5:15 p.m. Asian Students Association will meet in 212 Union.

5:30 p.m. Lutheran Campus Ministry, behind ATO on Rosemary Street, will have a worship service followed by a fellowship meal at 6:15 p.m.

Newman Center will have student night following dinner.

Asian Students Association will hold an origami workshop in 206 Union.

7 p.m. Sangam, UNC India student association, will meet in 224 Union.

Ehringhaus RA Staff will welcome Countess Hughes to facilitate an African-American women's talk group on "Being Black and a Woman at UNC" in the Ehringhaus Green Room.

UNC Pre-Law Club will welcome Scott Zerner, third-year law student, to discuss the UNC law school experience in 206 Union.

Student Peace Initiative will have a general meeting in 218 Union.

Carolina Comic Book Club will meet in 151 Hamilton.

CUAB will welcome Martin Lee to discuss "Bias in the Media" in 104 Howell.

UCS will sponsor a presentation by Wachovia Corporation for Prescreen Students only in the Carolina Room, Carolina Inn.

8 p.m. Arab-American Anti-Discrimination League to sponsor lecture on Arab-American human rights at Hanes Art Center.

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Tenure

the tenure process.

Christine Powell, associate professor of geology, said she thought Stewart was denied tenure in the third departmental decision because of a lack of communication between the dean and the department.

"We really didn't understand the things going on in the department," Powell said. She added that having the dean's office ask the department to reconsider its vote twice created the confusion.

"It's really upsetting to the faculty to be asked to vote again and again," she said.

Birdsall said the general process for any tenure was taken seriously by the University.

Questions or concerns "about points made can lead to a request for elaboration" on a recommendation at any time, he said.

Provost Richard McCormick denied critics' complaints that research was the primary criterion used to judge professors and added that the University required a balance between teaching and research.

"(Monetary research) isn't what we weigh when we evaluate a lifetime personnel matter. Decisions aren't made that way," he said. "We'd be signing the death warrant at this University if we (did)."

Stewart said that since the September decision to overturn the tenure recommendation, more than half of all graduate students in the department have written both collective letters and individual ones addressing their positive opinions of Stewart.

In addition to writing letters to campus officials, some students wrote to U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., of the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families. Students stated in the letter that the academic integrity of a university is lowered when emphasis is on research.

"Undergraduates and graduates alike are neglected by advisers who would prefer to spend their time at research," the letter states.

Stewart, who was awarded the James M. Johnston Teaching Excellence Award in 1991, said he valued research and teaching. He cited several projects on the history of geological faults on which he currently was working.

Giral said most of Stewart's work had not yet been published but would probably be out in the next 18 months.

"Whoever gets him next will get one whose research has come to fruition," he said.