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# Apollo 13 astronaut shares story

# POLICE BEAT

## ■ Uncertain future awaits Israel

JERUSALEM — Less than a week after the assassination of Israel prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israel is already looking toward the future.

Shimon Peres is Israel's acting prime minister. He has decided that elections for a new prime minister will not be held until November 1996; he felt holding elections too quickly would have taken advantage of the wave of sympathy over Rabin's death. Rabin's cabinet has already resigned and is acting as an interim cabinet until Peres chooses a new one.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the leader of the rightist Likud bloc, is so far Peres' only opponent in the elections. Netanyahu has been verbally attacked by the widow of Rabin for his party's involvement in the overall hatred of Rabin.

Yigal Amir, an Israeli student, has been arrested and charged with the shooting. Rabin was shot three times in the back at close range and was dead before reaching the hospital. Services were held Monday. President Bill Clinton and former Presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush were in attendance at the services.

## ■ FDA to approve new AIDS drug

SILVER SPRING, Md. — A new drug called saquinavir is expected to be approved shortly by the Food and Drug Administration as one of the new drugs in the fight against AIDS.

Instead of attacking the virus like the current drug, AZT, saquinavir interferes with the production of the virus.

The FDA's advisory panel also recommended approval of the drug 3TC for use with AZT. When used together, the drugs raise the t-cell count and produce smaller loads of the virus in the blood.

The new drugs would cost around \$6,000 for a year of treatments.

There is no guarantee that either of the drugs will be approved, but the results of tests are positive, and they are expected to be approved.

## ■ Chapel Hill student acquitted

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. — Wendell Williamson, a University of North Carolina law student, was found not guilty, due to insanity, for the random shooting of two people last January at Chapel Hill.

Williamson, who had been treated for paranoid schizophrenia before the shooting, was placed in a mental hospital immediately following the trial for guarded hospitalization. His lawyers said they predicted a long period of hospitalization for Williamson.

The defendant said he believed that he was telepathic and that by shooting the two men, he could prove to the world that he was able to read minds.

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Anybody up for a trip to the moon? When NASA posed this question to thousands of American pilots back in the early 1960's, Ken Mattingly signed up.

At 7 p.m. Friday night, Student Union brought Mattingly to Brendle Recital Hall to describe his days as an astronaut and prepare movie-goers for the scheduled showing of *Apollo 13*, also sponsored by Student Union.

An original crew member of the Apollo 13 mission, Mattingly was portrayed in the film by actor Gary Sinise, remembered by many as Lieutenant Dan in the movie *Forrest Gump*.

As depicted by Sinise in the film, Mattingly had worked on the Apollo 13 mission seven days per week, 12 to 14 hours per day, for almost a year, but was grounded shortly before launch because of an exposure to the measles.

"I was feeling so low; my world had come to an end," Mattingly said.

Instead of remaining at Cape Canaveral through launch time, as shown in the movie, Mattingly headed back to the "fly center" in Houston, Texas. There, he planned to aid in the mission from the ground.

Day one of the mission brought a slight problem during liftoff. Having dealt with this, Mattingly said, they thought that they had had their one little glitch and everything else would go okay. But day two was another story.

The crew of Apollo 13 spent most of their second day in space running a systems check. As Mattingly said, "NASA had a big objective (in sending men into space), but was very meticulous."

Late in the second day, the crew was ready to execute what Mattingly called a "non-free-return trajectory." With this maneuver, the crew sent Apollo 13 around the back of the moon in such a way that the ship would not immediately re-enter the earth's atmosphere. Soon after the crew initiated this new flight path, the flight center received the now famous words, "Houston, we've got a problem."

According to Mattingly, the next three and a half days were a magnificent display of everything good.

"We didn't know what was happening, but we knew we needed to get the Apollo 13 back on a trajectory towards earth and we knew we needed to cut the time it would take to do it," Mattingly said. "Every one of us was working together."

As Apollo 13 headed away from earth without any



Margaret Feinberg

**Apollo astronaut Ken Mattingly signs autographs after the talk he gave at 7 p.m. Friday in Brendle Recital Hall. The talk preceding a showing of the movie *Apollo 13*, which portrayed a mission to the moon gone awry in which Mattingly took part.**

"That brief loss was an eternity," Mattingly said.

After re-entry, when contact was restored and the ground crew heard that first voice, Mattingly said everyone shouted in jubilation.

The sense of commitment displayed by all involved, along with an attitude that Mattingly described by saying, "I may not know all the answers, but this (mission) isn't going to fail because of me," is what Mattingly called the "Spirit of Apollo." Mattingly credits this spirit with the safe return of the Apollo 13.

In discussing the film *Apollo 13*, Mattingly complimented the cast and director Ron Howard.

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In ending his lecture, Mattingly had a challenge for the next generation of astronauts: "You guys have got to send somebody to Mars so I can watch."

Mattingly graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering from Auburn University. He flew in the United States Navy and was a test pilot at Edward's Air Force Base in California before being chosen to work for NASA. Mattingly eventually made it to the moon on NASA's Apollo 16 mission.

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electrical power, Mattingly said the ground crews prepared a hand-written list of brand new procedures for re-entry. It was during this re-entry that radio contact between the ship and the ground was momentarily lost.

## ■ ARAMARK cars spray painted

An ARAMARK vehicle was vandalized in Lot M behind Reynolda Hall with spray paint between 8:15 p.m. Oct. 30 and 8:30 a.m. Oct. 31. The rock walls near the Magnolia Patio at Reynolda Hall were painted also.

**THEFT** — Coins totaling \$20 were taken from a university employee's desk in Wingate Hall between 5 p.m. Oct. 19 and 9 a.m. Oct. 30.

A compact disc player worth \$250 was taken from a student's car in Lot Q near Scales Fine Arts Center between 9:45 p.m. and 11:10 p.m. Oct. 30. A window was broken in the car.

A cassette case was taken from a student's car in Lot Q between 3 p.m. Oct. 14 and 12:14 a.m. Oct. 31. A window was broken in the car.

A stereo, amplifier, radar detector and compact discs worth more than \$2,000 were taken from a student's car in Lot Q between 2:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 12:42 a.m. Oct. 31.

A compact disc player and compact discs worth more than \$500 were taken from a student's car in Lot Q between 11 a.m. Nov. 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

An amplifier worth \$300 was taken from a student's car in Lot Q between 5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 5:20 p.m. Sunday.

The front tire of a student's bicycle was taken from a North Residence Hall bike rack between 10:30 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. Oct. 31.

A student's calculator, identification card and keys were taken from a bookbag in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library between 7:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Friday.

A student's compact discs, wallet and \$20 were taken from a Graylyn Conference Center locker room between midnight and 12:30 a.m. Nov. 1.

A telephone headset and jewelry worth more than \$800 were taken from the Graylyn Conference Center sales office between 11:55 p.m. Nov. 2 and 5:55 a.m. Friday. A window was pried open in the office.

**DAMAGE** — A painting in Poteat House was damaged between 10:40 p.m. Oct. 31 and 1:40 a.m. Nov. 1.

Vandalism was reported in Davis House at about 3 a.m. Saturday. Insulation and wires were pulled out of the wall, foam was sprayed on the walls and ceiling, and an exit sign was broken.

A power supply box and two exhaust fans were damaged in Taylor House between midnight and 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

A window in a student's car was broken in Lot H near Collins Residence Hall between 6 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Seventeen students reported losing their identification cards.

Campus Police handled 63 calls Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, including 35 incidents and investigations and 28 service requests.

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