

news

**'Tar Heel' staff to meet today**

There will be a *Tar Heel* staff meeting at 3:30 p.m. today outside the *Tar Heel* office. All staff members are asked to attend the last meeting of this summer session.

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**Tree damages house during electrical storm**  
... blackout lasted five hours



Staff photo by Robert Anthony

**Workman repairs damage on Cameron Avenue**  
... 2,000 homes, businesses lose power

**Electrical storm causes blackout.**

By Yvette Ruffin

High winds and lightning caused blackouts in sections of Chapel Hill Monday night.

At approximately 6 p.m., during a severe electrical storm, a large tree fell across a primary conductor on Cameron Avenue between Roberson and Kenan streets. Several lines were damaged, resulting in a blackout.

Paul Martin, local manager of Duke Power Co., said the entire southern part of town was affected, including Granville Towers, Pittsboro Road, Columbia Street, Farrington Road, U.S. 15-501 and the area beyond Farrington Road.

"We've had other calls about blackouts tonight, too," Martin said Monday night. "In the Orange Grove area and on Piney Mountain Road we've had problems with trees falling on lines." There was also some scattered outage in the Colony Woods area.

Martin estimated that at the peak of the storm, about 2,000 homes and businesses lost their power. By 10:34 p.m. power was restored for customers on the Cameron Avenue circuit, which services most of Duke Power's customers. Martin also said that by 11 p.m., 95 percent of their customers had power restored.

The storm also left some damage in other areas of town.

At the home of R.B. Fitch, on 620 E.

Franklin St. a large tree was blown onto the house. "It just fell on the house from the wind and storm," Fitch said. "We were in the family room and didn't know it until our daughter came home from work around 6:30 p.m."

"We're trying our best to get it cleaned up," Fitch said. "We've got it (the tree) out of the way up on the porch."

"I couldn't tell you to save my neck how much it's going to cost," Fitch said. "It's going to cost right much though."

**Announcers needed**

Those persons interested in working as announcers at WXYC during the second session of summer school should stop by the WXYC studios, after June 29, for the dates and times of training workshops.

An informational meeting for those persons interested in working at WXYC will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 2 in the Carolina Union. Positions are open in news, public affairs, promotions, production and engineering as well as announcing. No experience is necessary and all persons are invited to attend.

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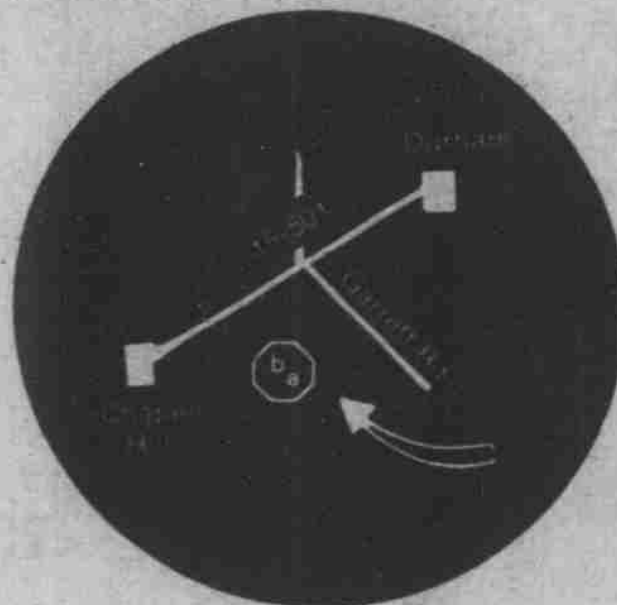
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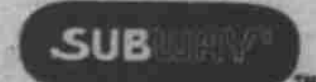


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