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## World leaders meet to honor Chernenko

From wire reports

MOSCOW — Vice President George Bush and other world leaders traveled to Moscow Tuesday to attend the funeral of Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko on Wednesday and to meet newly-appointed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

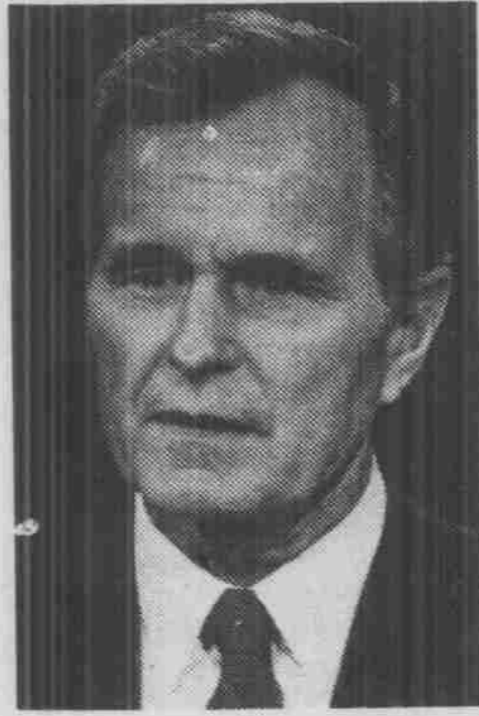
Soviet newspapers heralded a new era of leadership by displaying pictures of Gorbachev on the front pages while downplaying Chernenko's obituary.

Around Moscow many of the usual preparations were made for the funeral, but they were less elaborate and included fewer flags and photographs than were prompted by the deaths of Yuri Andropov and Leonid Brezhnev.

Other world leaders traveling to Moscow to attend the Red Square funeral included British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and delegations from other communist countries.

The visiting leaders are planning to hold short meetings with the new leader, who at age 54 may have over two decades to establish Soviet policies.

The unusually quick selection of Gorbachev, only four hours after Chernenko's death had been announced, promises a transition in Soviet leadership from the leaders who came to power during the era of Stalin and World War II to a new



George Bush

generation of postwar leaders.

Gorbachev, known for his reforms in the sluggish Soviet agricultural system, pledged to maintain the policies of Chernenko and Andropov and joined Politburo members in paying their last respects to Chernenko's family.

The Central Committee proclaimed three days of official mourning for the deceased leader, who Gorbachev called "an outstanding figure of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

Chernenko is to lie in state in the prestigious Hall of Columns until the funeral Wednesday afternoon.

## Cheerleader's fall prompts change

By LORRY WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

It has been almost two months since a junior varsity cheerleader fell while dismounting from the top of a pyramid stunt and fractured her skull. Since then University officials have been working together to draw up guidelines on safety standards they hope will go into effect next year.

At a press conference March 1, Donald A. Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, released an official report of Robin Davidson's accident and an overview of cheerleader safety practices used at the University.

Recommendations and guidelines for cheerleading safety used by the Universal Cheerleaders Association also were released at the conference.

The pyramid stunt in which Davidson, 20, of Rocky Mount, was injured is called a 2-1-chair. The squad had practiced the stunt three times in its warm-ups before the fall occurred.

In the 2-1-chair pyramid, two male cheerleaders act as the base, and a third male stands on their shoulders. A fourth cheerleader assisted Davidson into the high-chair position on the third cheerleader. The fourth cheerleader then faced the pyramid to act as a spotter. Davidson was supposed to dismount to this spotter.

As Davidson was placed into the high-chair position, however, the pyramid became off-balance and moved backward. Spotters jumped forward to break Davidson's fall from the top of the pyramid, but her body turned sideways, and her upper body hit the floor, the report said.

Boulton said one reason for the conference was to get out an official report of the accident because none had been released.

Boulton has been working with the cheerleaders, their adviser and other University officials to put together some tentative safety guidelines.

A final draft has not been prepared, but Boulton said they were still working on the regulations.

"We've been working on our own safety standards for a year and a half now," he said.

Mary Sullivan, UNC cheerleading adviser, said guidelines used by the Universal Cheerleaders Association were pretty much what the UNC cheerleaders had been using.

"We will use those guidelines and operate from those because we think they're very sound," she said.

Because the UNC cheerleaders already follow many of the UCA recommendations, Sullivan said, many changes are not anticipated in any new guidelines.

One change that will be made, however, is the use of tumbling mats for pyramids, she said. Cheerleaders will begin using the mats next year in the new Student Activities Center.

In addition, Sullivan said there were two relatively major yet tentative changes.

The first suggestion calls for several couples for the junior varsity squad to be selected during the spring varsity try-outs. Those people would then be able to attend Universal Cheerleaders' summer training camp, Sullivan said.

Choosing four people for the junior varsity squad to participate in summer camp would assure seniority and training on the jayvee squad, she said.

Varsity cheerleaders are trained each summer under the direction of the UCA. They receive training in crowd participation, gymnastics, spotting, partner stunts, pyramid-building and dance.

Jayvee cheerleaders are selected and trained under the direction of the varsity squad. There are two UCA instructors on the UNC varsity squad. Only one will leave next year. The other still has a year of eligibility and will stay, Sullivan said.

The second suggestion involves implementing a mikeman for the whole year. The mikeman would be used to motivate the crowd during football games but would act as a spotter during basketball games, Sullivan said.

"He will be a spirit leader and a spotter," she said. "He will be an extra member of the squad."

Sullivan said that while the two suggestions were tentative, she did not foresee any problems.

Some of the changes the cheerleaders have suggested are little things that might not even be noticed, Sullivan said, including changing who calls

signals in stunts and not wearing jewelry while performing.

"They are small things but will improve safety standards," she said.

University officials said they would have something in writing by July 1.

Cheerleading is becoming more of an athletic event, Sullivan said, and cheerleaders are picked on the basis of their athletic ability, not just for "being a pretty face." That's one reason safety regulations are being stressed.

A cheerleader's first focus is on crowd participation, she said.

"During a tight game they are going to be out there screaming and yelling trying to get the crowd going," she said. "They're not going to be out there building a pyramid during a tight game."

Davidson still is listed in fair condition, but she continues to improve and make progress, said Dave Kalbacher, a spokesman for N.C. Memorial Hospital. "She's doing very well," Kalbacher said Monday. "She seems to be pretty clear about what's going on around her."

Doctors have upgraded her condition from critical to fair since the accident happened.

Doctors have been amazed at the progress Davidson has made. On Feb. 11, doctors said there was an 80 percent mortality rate in most cases involving head injuries similar to Davidson's, Kalbacher said.

Davidson is now walking with some assistance from her parents, and she is talking.

"She's physically stronger," Kalbacher said, but added that she tires easily.

Davidson also is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. In occupational therapy, she works on refining motor skills and practices things like making her hands go where she wants them to.

"Some people who have been incapacitated for a while go through occupational therapy," Kalbacher said. "It's sort of like a next step."

He said that progress might be slow but that doctors had been pleased so far.

## RHA governor's election disputed

By GRANT PARSONS  
Staff Writer

Certification of the Morehead Confederation governor's election must be delayed so charges against the winner, David Venable, can be decided, according to a Student Supreme Court ruling handed down Tuesday night.

Venable won the election last month, but candidate Leslie Nesbit filed charges calling for his disqualification.

The Supreme Court upheld an earlier lower court decision to delay the elections. Nesbit had brought allegations against Venable of soliciting at the polls and defacing her posters, but the decision to delay the elections was not based on these charges.

"The election chairpersons failed to inform each candidate equally and consistently of all the regulations regarding elections," said Mark Stafford, former Residence Hall Association president. "The election chairpersons were not approved by the Morehead Confederation, so the election was invalid."

Since Nesbit's allegations were not addressed by the tribunal, she appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court handles matters that affect the entire student body, as opposed to the Honor Court, which handles disputes between individuals.

"We found that, according to precedent, the Supreme Court does not have the power to remove a person from office (once the election returns are validated)," Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Norburg said, "so we decided to delay the (certification) so that if (Venable) is found guilty, he will not have to be removed from office."

The delay will allow Nesbit to present her case again, and she said she planned to charge that Venable made obscene phone calls to her; that Tony Kearney, the previous governor, was biased while working at the polls; and that individual ballots were numbered, which jeopardized voter anonymity. All are election violations.

Nesbit said she would also charge that 83 ballots were missing and unaccounted for, that ballots and registration

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DTH/Jonathan Serenius

Hey, bud

Though the clouds were far from lonely Tuesday, a host of golden daffodils still

crowded around the Arboretum.

## Federal aid cuts threaten all students

By TIM WEBB  
Staff Writer

If the proposed Reagan administration budget cuts in education spending are passed, approximately 2,500 UNC students would be affected and 1,400 of those students could lose all federal funds.

"If these cuts are put into place, the importance of students applying now cannot be overemphasized," said Eleanor Morris, director of student aid.

The deadline to apply for federal funds is March 22, and financial aid applications are processed on a "first come, first served basis," Morris said.

If the proposed aid program is implemented, aid would be based solely on income, not on need. The present system also considers factors such as family size, number of family members in college and exceptional medical expenses. There would be a \$4,000 cap on federal aid per student under the proposed program. Morris said this especially would affect married graduate students with families as well as out of state students.

There would be a \$25,000 income cap for Pell Grants, Supplemental Grants, National Direct Loans and work study jobs. This would affect about 650 UNC students. A \$32,000 income cap would be implemented for Guaranteed Student Loans.

Morris said "The state was proposing

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## Area on road to becoming commuter heaven

By LISA BRANTLEY  
Staff Writer

As traffic-weary commuters await the opening of the Interstate 40 extension in Orange and Wake counties, area transportation and labor analysts say the greater mobility it will provide could make Chapel Hill increasingly popular as a residential community for commuters.

"I-40 is going to mean that Chapel Hill will become more of a bedroom community serving the (Research Triangle Park and Raleigh)," predicted Leonard P. Van Ness, executive vice president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

Van Ness said he expected the number of commuters from Chapel Hill to continue increasing with the opening of Interstate 40, the improvement of other area roads and the growth of job opportunities in the Research Triangle Park.

The most recent study conducted by the Office of State Budget and Management in 1980 showed that, of 36,990 Orange County residents surveyed, 23,406 worked in Orange County, 11,373 worked in surrounding counties or out of state, and 2,212 did not report their workplace.

By comparison, approximately 9,707 residents of other counties entered Orange County to work, leaving a net loss of 1,666 people commuting to other areas.

Of those who worked outside the county, the most common counties of employment were Durham, Wake, Alamance and Chatham.

"We're creating jobs in this area, but the opportunities are still rather low," Van Ness said. "Everybody acknowledges we have an underemployment problem. People need to go where the higher paying jobs are — in the Park and Durham."

Van Ness said that, according to N.C. Employment Security Commission estimates, Wake County was the greatest drain on the labor force within the Triangle area. Wake County had a net gain of 18,570 commuters, and Van Ness said he expected continued growth there because the undeveloped southernmost portion of the Research Triangle Park lies largely in Wake County rather than Durham County.

The Research Triangle Park employs 25,000 people, and this number has steadily increased by nearly 2,000 per year, said Laura Dino, a Research Triangle Institute spokeswoman.

Roughly 10 percent of employees at the 6,300-acre park come from Orange County, Dino said.

Transportation planner Pearson H. Stewart, also of the Research Triangle Institute, said he expected that the opening of the Interstate 40 extension and the widening of N.C. 54 between Chapel Hill and Raleigh would significantly speed traffic flow and allow

continued growth. Plans call for the widening of N.C. 54 from two lanes to four in 1990 or 1991.

Although Stewart conceded that a traffic flow problem existed near the Park during peak morning and evening

hours, he added that people's reactions to the sometimes lengthy waits at major interchanges varied.

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JTH/Jamie Moncrief

Richard H. Jenrette, chairman of a Wall Street brokerage firm and UNC alumnus, spoke here Tuesday night. See page 3 for story.

## Missing 11-year-old located in Arizona

By LORETTA GRANTHAM  
Staff Writer

Sol Plante, an 11-year-old Durham boy reported missing Feb. 18, was found nine days later in Benson, Ariz., said detective I.M. Vick of the Durham Police Department.

Police said that Plante was staying with Terry Jackson Spivey of Chapel Hill and that they located the pair through a post office box address. Spivey is being held in Durham County Jail. He was served with a warrant for kidnaping, but those charges may be changed, said Allen Mason of the Durham County District Attorney's Office.

"Spivey had applied for a job at IBM in Tucson just two hours before I contacted them (IBM)," Vick said. Several sources had told Vick that Spivey was trying to obtain an IBM job.

Because of Spivey's application, Vick discovered the boy's location, went to Arizona and brought Plante back, Vick said.

Vick would not elaborate on the motive behind the youth's

disappearance.

Helen King, principal at E.K. Powe School, where Plante is enrolled, said Plante was doing "real, real well" but added: "Sol told me today that the jailer had called him because Spivey wanted to see him. It shook him (Plante) up."

Plante told King he had wanted to go with Spivey but soon had realized what a mistake it was, King said. The youngster also told the principal that he had learned a lot from his experience, she said.

Mason said he had also heard that Plante had gone willingly with Spivey. "To comment on that further wouldn't be appropriate because we're still investigating," he said.

Plante's schoolmates greeted him with a sign saying: "Welcome Home Sol. We Love You" along with a party, King said.

"He likes his teacher a lot, and she's made herself available to talk," King said.

Plante has had good experiences since returning home, King said, adding that his parents were providing protection for him.

If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it. — Calvin Coolidge