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Durable goods orders plunge in January

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories for durable goods plunged 10.5 percent in January, the biggest drop in 32 years of recordkeeping, the government said Tuesday in a report raising new concerns about widespread weakness in American manufacturing. While most private analysts maintained the country would avoid a recession, some were unsure, fearing that further weakness in manufacturing could lead to more job layoffs, sagging consumer confidence and cutbacks in consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity. Analysts were looking for Wednesday's Commerce Department report on the gross national product to show the extent of economic stagnation in the last three months of 1989.

Weather improvement allows shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The weather improved and NASA resumed the countdown Tuesday for a sixth attempt to launch the shuttle Atlantis on a mission to put a spy satellite in orbit. "Looks good to me. ... We're ready to go," Atlantis' commander John O. Creighton said as he and his four military crewmates returned from an overnight trip to Houston for what he called "spruce up" training in a simulator at the Johnson Space Center. Air Force forecasters said there was a 60 percent chance the weather would allow the liftoff at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday, up from 40 percent Monday. Capt. Ken Warren, an Air Force spokesman, said the main concern was clouds and wind. "It looks like conditions will continue to improve. It looks like the winds will be dying down."

Supreme Court says 'Yes' to drugs for thugs

WASHINGTON — Prison officials can force inmates to take anti-psychotic drugs without a judge's consent, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday. Voting 6-3 in a case from Washington state, the justices said prisoners' rights are safeguarded as long as staff psychiatrists say the drugs will help them, and not merely pacify them. "An inmate's interests are adequately protected and perhaps better served by allowing the decision to medicate to be made by medical professionals rather than a judge," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the court.

Indian elections lead to deaths of 47 people

NEW DELHI, India — At least 47 people were killed and 200 wounded by bombs, factional battles or police during voting Tuesday for legislatures in eight Indian states, news agencies reported. Press Trust of India said 45 people were killed in Bihar, an eastern state that is among India's poorest, and two in the western state of Gujarat. It said an election officer died of a heart attack in mountainous Himachal Pradesh state. Bihar is notorious for organized gangs that operate during elections. One of the victims there was an independent candidate shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. — From Associated Press reports

Election violations disputed

By MYRON B. PITTS
Assistant University Editor

The Elections Board decided to hold another student body president election with all five candidates on the ballot because candidate Bill Hildebolt had violated the elections laws and a re-election was the only practical solution, board members said Tuesday. But Gene Davis, co-chairman of candidate Mark Bibbs' campaign and speaker of student congress, said Tuesday that candidate John Lomax had defaced University property with his chalked campaign signs, and denied that Hildebolt had violated any rules. The board upheld Chairman David Smith's decision to hold a re-election by a 3-2 vote Monday after Hildebolt admitted he and some of his campaign workers removed Lomax's signs from campus sidewalks before last Tuesday's election. The board decided Hildebolt's action was a violation of Section 5 of Title VI in the student government code,

which forbids tampering with campaign materials. The incident may also be an Honor Code violation.

Davis said Lomax was the one who committed a violation by placing his message on University property that the facilities-use policy does not designate a "free speech" area.

"If anyone should have been cited with a violation it should have been the Lomax campaign for defacement of University property," he said. "Bill Hildebolt was doing a service to this University and in no way violated the elections laws or the instruments of student judicial government."

Davis, who was putting up posters for Bibbs at the time of the incident, said he decided to resign after talking with Bibbs. He denied involvement and said most of the Lomax slogan was already removed before he saw Hildebolt pour water on it. Some witnesses said Davis also participated.

"When I saw the 'Lomax for SBP'

slogan, there was very little of it left," Davis said. "By the time Bill had gotten to it, it was not readable. Bill had not done anything and it was already scuffed. Bill did very little to add to that."

Smith said he recommended a re-election on the basis of the "letter of the law." Under the student government code, the Elections Board can call a re-election if one of the candidates commits a campaign violation.

Mary Jo Harris, an Elections Board member, said rather than wait for the Undergraduate Student Attorney General to review the case, the board members decided they should handle the issue because of the obvious circumvention of the laws.

"When any of the articles in the code have been violated we can call for a re-election," she said. "What happened was obviously a violation and something had to be done. A lot of people say that it's very small, but it could easily

escalate later into major things.

"The board decided to have a re-election because we could not validate the votes. We felt the campaign had been affected whether it was per individual or total vote. In the re-election, every one on the first ballot who has not been disqualified by the Student Attorney General has the right to run."

Smith said the slogan-erasure incident came under two separate jurisdictions and that this added to the complexity of the matter.

"The honor court violation is the destruction or tampering (with) of other people's stuff, and the election law implies that in no way should there be an interference with a message from the candidate to the constituent."

Hildebolt will be removed from the ballot if the Undergraduate Student Court finds him guilty of honor code violations. The board can also remove a candidate from the ballot if he exceeds the \$400 limit for campaign

expenditures. No candidates reported excessive campaign spending.

The board's order also removed two workers from Hildebolt's campaign staff and led to Davis' resignation from Bibbs' campaign.

Hildebolt, who was issued a warning for his actions, said Monday he had no knowledge of the law's prohibition of washing away chalked slogans.

Harris said candidates were informed of general elections laws and were given condensed copies of the student code at a Feb. 8 meeting.

"We said if there were any questions as to what was legal and what's not, to call," she said. "We had nine (board members') telephone numbers and nine names on the candidates' information pack."

Smith and Harris both have worked with presidential campaigns, and said the complications of this year's elections were not considerably worse than in previous years.



What's up, Doc?

Junior Suzy Sharman from Bethesda, Md., reads about Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to Shaaistha Yoosef,

3, at Victory Village Day Care center as part of Project Literacy.

DTH/Todd Diggs

Minor details vary between departments

By STACEY KAPLAN
Staff Writer

Many departments are developing their own requirements for the new academic minor program that will take effect next fall, and professors said Tuesday that it will give students greater opportunities for a well-rounded education.

Douglas Kelly, mathematics department Undergraduate Studies director, said he favored the minor because it will give students credit for courses they take outside their major. "Students will have the chance to take a sensible program of courses structured by the department," he said.

Math minor requirements have not yet been approved by faculty members, but will be available in the fall, Kelly said.

Faculty members in the Department of Slavic Languages have been excited about the institution of a minor since it was first proposed, said Victor Friedman, department chairman. "Students

with other majors will be given documentable competence in a specific language, a useful keystone of a liberal arts education," he said.

The Department of Slavic Languages will offer minors in two areas: Russian literature and Slavic language and literature.

Jack Sasson, religious studies department chairman, said his department would require five courses for a minor. He said he favored the minor because it allowed students to have their choices recorded on their transcript.

"The minor will let people learn more about a specific topic without necessarily majoring in it," Sasson said.

Frederick Vogler, Undergraduate Studies director of French and Italian, said he expects the number of double majors to decrease because the minor program will be less structured and less rigorous than the eight courses required for majors. For the minor, only five

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Groups respond to Nicaraguan election

Chapel Hill delegation returns home pleased

By CAMERON TEW
City Editor

A group of Chapel Hill residents returning from Nicaragua Tuesday said that they were pleased with the country's election process and that Chapel Hill's sister city relationship with San Jorge would not be threatened by the new government.

The trip was the first by an official Chapel Hill delegation. The group spent several days in Managua, the country's capital, meeting government officials and traveling to San Jorge.

While in San Jorge, the delegation served as poll watchers at the town's 13 pollsites and were given complete access to the election process. "They let us do things we wouldn't let them do over here," Chapel Hill Town Council member and delegate Joe Herzenberg said.

Gil Joseph, a UNC history professor and delegate, said "they handled it very

professionally and were extremely competent people. They were really serious about what they were doing and having us there to observe it."

The town's residents lined up early Sunday for the 7 a.m. elections, and more than 90 percent of the residents voted, according to members of the delegation.

Joseph said the trip provided the delegates with a "civics lesson" and "there couldn't have been a cleaner election in Chapel Hill."

Herzenberg said he was pleased with the way both national and local elections ran in Nicaragua.

"As far as we know these were the first local elections in Nicaragua, and we were extremely pleased with the way the elections were conducted by any standards," Herzenberg said. "This was an extremely impressive election that even the United States could be proud of."

The 17-member delegation, which included professors, students and Chapel Hill residents, visited Nicaragua to observe elections Feb. 18-26. The delegation held a press conference Tuesday morning at the Vance Street home of Adam Stein, one of the delegates.

The delegates said many people, including the opposition party, were surprised that President Daniel Ortega's ruling Sandinista Party was defeated by United Nationalist Opposition (UNO) leader Violeta Barrios de Chamorro in Sunday's election. UNO is a coalition of 14 separate parties that banded together for the elections.

Herzenberg said San Jorge was supposed to be loyal to the Sandinista Party, but people voted for the opposition by a 2-1 ratio. He said the victory was so surprising that "it was like the

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Majority shocked by results

By ERIC LUSK
Staff Writer

Shocked is the reaction of a majority of Nicaraguans as opposition leader Violeta Barrios de Chamorro defeated President Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua's first-ever free elections Monday.

Final tabulations gave Chamorro 55 percent of the vote compared to Ortega, who received 41 percent. The remaining four percent was divided among a few minor candidates.

"The elections were surprising to everybody," said Gil Joseph, UNC professor of history, in a press conference Tuesday. "I don't think anyone would have predicted this."

The Sandinistas were the most surprised by Monday's elections, which took place on both a national and local level, Joseph said.

Polls taken just before the election showed Ortega still maintained the lead over Chamorro, said Sam Hope, direc-

tor of program resources for Witness for Peace, an organization helping monitor pollsites in Nicaragua on Monday.

"I'm not exactly sure what happened, but I guess people changed their minds," he said.

In addition to being the first time Nicaragua has ever had local elections, Monday's election stands as one of the cleanest to ever occur in Central America's history, Joseph said.

"In addition, this is one of the very rare times where an incumbent president accepts the results of losing the election. This is an accomplishment of real significance," he said.

Some minor infractions did occur at local pollsites, said Henry Landsberger, professor of sociology at UNC who helped monitor the sites. Isolated incidents such as lobbying and politicking

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Bill requires minority recruitment

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON
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Student leaders said Tuesday that a bill passed by Student Congress requiring organizations that request student government funds to actively recruit minorities is a good idea, but would have little practical effect.

Because there is no provision in the bill for enforcement, student organizations simply must sign a statement attesting to their recruitment efforts. Although the bill is already a law, it does not take effect until May 16, 1990, the first day of the congress' next fiscal year.

Dana Lumsden, the bill's author, said he proposed the resolution because student organizations lack diversity. "There are a lot of lily-white or minority groups," he said. "That's one reason this campus can't come together."

"We have a campus that's polarized

by race, but no one wants to discuss it year-round. Until we make it a year-round issue racism and polarization will never end."

"Minority" is relative to each organization, Lumsden said. "If an organization is predominantly black like the BSM, the minority to them would be Asians or Caucasians, whereas most other minorities in relation to groups would be colored students."

Lumsden said he would have preferred that the bill contain enforcement provisions. "This will act as a catalyst for change," he said. "It will cause people to think about if their organization actively recruits minorities."

Tom Elliott (Dist. 6), the bill's co-sponsor, said it was not meant to force groups to comply, but to make them think about diversifying their membership. "Since student government funds are intended for the benefit of the stu-

dent body at large, this encourages groups to reach out to all segments of the student body and avoid blinding themselves (to minorities)," he said.

"We had a hard time getting it through. Some (congress) members thought this was too strong."

The Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee would be responsible for investigating any group suspected of not recruiting minorities, Elliott said.

Mark Bibbs, committee chairman, said if a group were to violate the new law, the committee would either refuse to recognize the group or withdraw previous recognition. "It (a violation) would have to be brought to our attention," Bibbs said. "We wouldn't go out looking."

"The group would have to prove to us whether through literature, paraphernalia, a statement or an increase in

enrollment of minorities that it was recruiting minorities. It's a fine line to tell."

Student Body President Brien Lewis said the bill would not substantially change groups' operations. "It's a good step," he said. "It's not going to be anything that will impede groups from their normal processes, and it will heighten awareness of groups' need to be inclusive."

Mindy Friedman (Dist. 12) said the bill would be a positive step if it worked. "The only thing I'm afraid of is it might create a spirit of tokenism," she said. "But any step, small or not, is better than none at all."

Sam Bagenstos (Dist. 14) said he thinks the new law is a good idea. "I think it will help," he said. "Seems to me legislation like this is necessary to

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DTH seeks new staffers

Care to expand the boundaries of your mind to regions not yet discovered by mere mortals?

Come add your touch to the new and improved DTH at the new writers' meeting on Thursday in the Carolina Union, room 206, at 5:30 p.m. We need writers for most desks: University, state and nation, city and features. A special request from the Omnibus staff goes out to non-journalism types who specialize in art exhibits and theater.

Writers will be required to write a news story on a deadline. Those interested in copy editing should plan to spend 45 minutes after the meeting to take a copy editing test. A list of new writers will be posted next week.

By the time we've made it, we've had it. — Malcolm Forbes