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Soviets vote for members of republics' legislatures

MOSCOW — Millions of Soviets from the Polish border to the Bering Strait voted Sunday in what President Mikhail Gorbachev said was a struggle between reform and bureaucracy for the country's Slavic heartland.

"I think it is a battle," Gorbachev told reporters after voting in the Lenin Hills area of Moscow, "but I am convinced that perestroika will win." Almost 150 million voters were registered to choose among more than 11,000 candidates for 1,800 seats in the legislatures of the Russian, Ukrainian and Byelorussian republics. Thousands of seats in local governing councils were being contested also.

No results are expected until Tuesday in the three republics, which hold more than two-thirds of the Soviet Union's 290 million people.

Gov. Martin observes Confederate Flag Day

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin, who last year halted sales of novelty Confederate license plates by the state's license plate dealers, for the second year proclaimed Confederate Flag Day.

The observance, held this past weekend, displeased some blacks but heartened history buffs who admire Confederate flags as symbols of the region's heritage.

"The idea is to try to educate the public on the true Confederate flags," said Byron Brady, N.C. commander of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Brady's group, which requested the observance, displayed Saturday in the N.C. House chamber replicas of the four different Confederate flags and the 1861 N.C. flag from which the current state flag is patterned.

Iranian, Syrian discuss freedom for hostages

DAMASCUS, Syria — A senior Iranian envoy met Sunday with Syria's foreign minister and discussed efforts to free Western hostages held in Lebanon, an informed source said.

The Syrian source, who refused to be further identified, said the meeting between Mahmoud Hashemi of Iran and Farouk al-Sharaa of Syria "appears to be to coordinate efforts between the governments of Syria and Iran to gain the release of all the hostages" held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem militants in Lebanon.

Applications to replace Greyhound strikers down

PHILADELPHIA — Some striking Greyhound Lines Inc. workers stayed off the picket line Sunday in memory of co-worker killed while picketing. A federal official said fewer small companies than expected had applied to temporarily take Greyhound routes.

Glenn Eady, regional compliance officer for the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) in Philadelphia, said an ICC board approved four temporary applications on Saturday for bus companies in the eastern region. The region includes 23 states from Maine to Florida, but none of the companies serve points south of Virginia, he said.

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International flair

Vandana Ramaswamy, a freshman from Harrisburg, N.C., performs the BhaRatya Natyam Dance at the International Festival Sunday.

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SBP election taken to student court

Court to decide election fate | BSM to rally for speaker

By JENNY CLONINGER
University Editor

A Student Supreme Court trial tonight will decide whether the student body president election will be a runoff between Mark Bibbs and Bill Hildebolt or a re-election, with all four remaining candidates on the ballot.

Chris Brannon, a sophomore from Charlotte, submitted a complaint to the court Thursday, requesting that it both overturn the Elections Board's Feb. 26 decision to hold a re-election and reinstate the results of the Feb. 20 campus election. The court heard from both Brannon and the Elections Board in a hearing Sunday night and decided the case merited a full Supreme Court trial.

In another hearing Sunday, the Elections Board found insufficient evidence against Bibbs in a charge that he had falsified his campaign financial statement.

Kurt Seufert, a former campaign manager, charged that Bibbs had omit-

ted a purchase of \$14.44 worth of adhesive tape from his statement, but Bibbs said the tape was for a friend and was not used in his campaign.

The student code states that falsification of financial statements results in disqualification from the race and in Undergraduate Student Court action.

Brannon said he decided to bring the complaint to the Supreme Court when the Elections Board decided to hold a re-election after Hildebolt was found to have violated elections laws. Hildebolt admitted to washing opposing candidate John Lomax's chalked signs from campus sidewalks. Brannon charged this decision was unfair because erasing chalk did not constitute grounds for a re-election.

"When reading the elections laws, it appeared to me that there was no violation by Hildebolt," Brannon said. "The student body decided that one of these

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From staff reports

Members of the Black Student Movement are planning a rally in support of Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis today, before the Student Congress Ethics Committee considers a case being brought against him tonight alleging neglect of his duties as speaker. The case was filed by Jürgen Buchenau, Ethics Committee chairman, and Mindy Friedman, a non-voting member of the committee.

The rally will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Davis and several BSM members will speak. The location has not been announced.

"There are some students on the UNC campus that do support Gene," said Trisha Merchant, one of the rally's organizers. "We realize what he has done for the student body."

Davis could not be reached Sunday.

Week's events to raise awareness of rape

By JENNIFER DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Rape Awareness Week, which begins today, will focus on increasing student awareness of one of the biggest problems on college campuses.

Michelle Bienvenu, publicity chairwoman and treasurer for the Rape Action Project, said many people were unaware of the resources for rape victims.

"The issues can be covered in a lot of ways," Bienvenu said. "I think knowledge of available sources is lacking. It's important for people to know their resources."

Kathleen Benzaquin, advisor to the Rape Action Project, said she hoped the week's activities would attract people who may not have come to such programs before and would increase their awareness.

"Rape Awareness Week is another way to advertise our concern about this issue, but it's just a small part of what we do," she said.

The organization has several presentations during the year, including visiting sororities, fraternities and residence halls to discuss rape, Benzaquin said. "We hope to reach different people with every program."

Bienvenu said men were welcome to attend all events. "The Rape Action Project has applicability to guys because sometimes they don't know the definition of rape and the consequences if they are accused," she said.

"There can be honest misunderstanding on the guy's part, and that's unfortunate for both parties involved."

Students need to realize that rape affects everyone, Bienvenu said.

Some statistics indicate that more than 80 percent of rapes aren't reported. Other statistics show that as many as one in five women will be raped, Bienvenu said.

Laura Smyth, a freshman English major from Winston-Salem, said she felt awareness was important. "I think

it's a good idea to educate people because it's still something people think will never happen to them. We need to be aware of the problem."

Karen Nowell, a junior psychology major from Raleigh, said she agreed that knowledge was necessary for safety. "The name (of the program) is Rape Awareness, and people who don't know can be taken unaware."

People walking alone at night are at high risk of being raped, Nowell said. "Rape Awareness Week might get them to get someone to walk them home."

Ed Moreadith, a sophomore political science major from Durham, said it was as important for men to know the facts about rape as it is for women. "Being ignorant doesn't make you not guilty. Guys need to be aware for everyone's sake."

Moreadith said people who know about a rape and fail to do something were also at fault. "People who are passive are just as guilty. It's important

Rape Awareness Week

Schedule of Events

| Monday, March 5 | | |
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| "The Accused" | 7 p.m. | 205 Union |
| Tuesday, March 6 | | |
| Self-Defense Demonstration | 7:30 p.m. | Fetzer Gym C |
| Wednesday, March 7 | | |
| "Clarifying Issues of Date Rape" | 7:30 p.m. | 205 Union |

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Source: Rape Awareness Project

for everyone — men and women — to be aware of what kind of crime it is."

The movie "The Accused" will be shown Monday at 7 p.m. in Union 205. A discussion led by trained peer presenters will follow the film.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. a demon-

stration in self-defense techniques will be held in Fetzer Gymnasium C. Sang-Il Choi, physics and astronomy professor, will conduct the demonstration.

A discussion on "Clarifying Issues of Date Rape" will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Union 205.

UNC delegation for Soviet exchange finalized

By AKINWOLE N'GAI WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The UNC Soviet Exchange Program, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs, has announced the 12 members of the Spring 1990 Delegation to Rostov-on-Don, USSR from May 9-23.

The students chosen are Margaret Bass, Caroline Cannon, Stephen Clossick, Benjamin Hanson, Melinda Hart, Nicole Hooper, Nancy Johnson, Karen Laslie, Dana Lumsden, Jon Rust, David Tucker and Quinn Wofford.

The exchange program was organized by students at UNC and Rostov-on-Don State University in an effort to

improve the relations and destroy the stereotypes and suspicions between the two superpowers.

Senior Jon Rust, student coordinator for the program, said the members of the exchange were selected by the amount of work that each potential delegate did for the exchange program.

"For most students, being selected for the program is basically a two-year process," he said. "Students work toward the exchange. If they display a great commitment to it, they can earn a trip to the Soviet Union."

Once in the Soviet Union, the delegates will spend two weeks in Rostov-on-Don and several days in Leningrad.

"We can work toward respect and dignity for one another."
— Jon Rust

Rust said the delegates would participate in cultural, political and educational classes and forums that are designed to give the delegates a chance to learn as much as possible in their short stay in the Soviet Union.

"The Soviet students will set up a number of forums that will include

such topics as nationality, abortion and other health issues," he said.

Rust expressed his concern about the mission of the exchange program.

"We would like to bring a cross-section of American students to the USSR. Our mission stresses diverse interests," he said. "Three members of this year's delegation have no Russian background at all. This is a crucial time for Americans to go to the USSR as it is on the verge of opening up to the world."

"The U.S. can help by passing on experience, and together as human beings we can work toward respect and dignity for one another," he said. "We have much to learn from each other.

There is much that we can learn from their burdens as well as the beauty of their culture."

Dana Lumsden, chairman of the publicity committee for the exchange program, said he truly was excited and honored to be chosen as one of the delegation.

"I have been working with the program all year and am really looking forward to this learning experience," he said. "This trip will be interesting because it comes at a time when the Soviet Union is experiencing a great deal of change. As a political science major, this will be especially interesting."

Sen. Simon addresses literacy awareness with keynote speech

By JENNIFER BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

Illiteracy is one of the nation's greatest social problems, but student and community effort can reverse the statistics and give hope to individuals, Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) told about 250 people at Hanes Art Center auditorium Saturday afternoon.

The speech was the keynote event of the Campus Y's Literacy Awareness 1990 program.

Simon, who was elected to the Senate in 1984 after serving in the House of Representatives, was introduced by David Price (D-N.C.). One of his chief projects as the sponsor of the Comprehensive Elimination of Illiteracy Act of 1989 is attacking illiteracy in America.

Simon said he became involved with the problem of illiteracy while he was a member of the House, when he held open office hours for people to come in with concerns. To assist his constituents, Simon needed them to sign forms

granting him permission to look at their personal records. He noticed that many were hesitant to sign their names or asked for assistance from their spouse.

"It gradually dawned on me that these people couldn't write their names."

As a result, he began the first hearings in history in the House on the problem of illiteracy. Research into the problem revealed that more than 23 million American adults are considered functionally illiterate, while 4 million are unable to recognize their name in print. About 75 percent of those who are unemployed are functionally illiterate.

"Illiteracy is related to all kinds of problems in our society," Simon said.

A major impediment to combating illiteracy is that it is a hidden problem because people who cannot read or write can find ways to cover it up.

"We have to create situations where

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Sen. Paul Simon speaks in Hanes Art Center Saturday for the Campus Y's Literacy Awareness program

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Don't have a cow, man. — Bart Simpson