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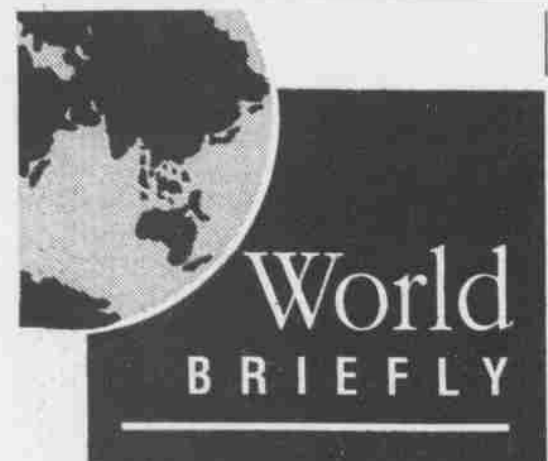
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Decade of measurements finds no global warming

WASHINGTON — Ten years of weather satellite data show no evidence of global warming from the greenhouse effect, scientists said Thursday, but they added it will take at least another decade of measurements to draw a firm conclusion.

The data, collected from 1979 through 1988 by the TIROS-N series of weather satellites, proved that the Earth's temperature can be measured accurately by instruments probing the atmosphere from space, two scientists say in a paper to be published Friday in Science.

"We found that the Earth's atmosphere goes through fairly large year-to-year changes in temperature and over that 10-year period we saw no long-term warming or cooling trend," said Roy Spencer, of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Soviets offer amnesty to Lithuanian deserters

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — The Soviet army offered amnesty Thursday to Lithuanian deserters who return to their units in what appeared to be a first step toward compromise in the crisis over Lithuania's independence drive.

The decision announced by the Defense Ministry General Staff came a day after Lithuania offered two compromises: it suspended a plan to institute its own border guard, and it told citizens not to resist Soviet attempts to seize their firearms.

Navy criticized for trying to reclaim gays' tuition

WASHINGTON — A Navy move to oust two homosexual Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and get back its Harvard and MIT tuition money drew fire Thursday from members of Congress.

The battle pits two dozen liberal members of Congress against the Pentagon over the military's policy of excluding homosexuals. In the middle are cadets David Carney, 23, a Harvard graduate now studying at Oxford, and Robert Bettiker, 22, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In separate cases, Bettiker in November and Carney in December told their Navy ROTC superior that they had discovered recently that they are homosexual. The Navy immediately moved to block their commission as Navy officers.

But in a move that prompted a letter Thursday from two dozen members of Congress, the Navy wants the two to repay the service for their college tuition.

For Carney, that translates into a \$50,687 tab. For Bettiker, the bill comes to \$38,612.

Spring ahead Sunday into Daylight Saving Time

WASHINGTON — America will shed some light on its evenings Sunday, when clocks will be moved ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time.

For the record, the official change occurs at 2 a.m. Sunday, local time.

The law calls for the change to be the first Sunday in April.

— From Associated Press reports

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Voters ignore write-in prohibition

Dissatisfaction evident in ballots supporting former candidates, others

By STEPHEN POOLE

Staff Writer

Tuesday's student body president (SBP) runoff yielded votes not only for candidates Bill Hildebolt and Mark Bibbs, but also former candidates Jonathan Martin, John Lomax and Mike Strickland, along with a few others.

The Elections Board announced last week that write-in candidates would not be counted, but that didn't stop students from voting for the likes of Josh Helms, the fictitious kin of Senator Jesse Helms, who got about 10

votes, and Bart Simpson, who received about five votes. Even Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis' dog, Monet, won about three votes, according to Elections Board member Mary Jo Harris.

Also entered as write-ins were "none of the below" and "none of the above," as well as about 75 ballots that bore derogatory statements, Harris said.

David Smith, Elections Board chairman, called this last group of ballots "short essays on the ineffectiveness of student government."

Despite the 175 write-in votes and a small overall turnout, some members of the Elections Board said they were pleased with the voter participation.

"I'm shocked but happy that we had 2,000 voters in light of everything that happened," Smith said. "It's a pretty significant sign of something — I just don't know what."

The Elections Board received a total of 2,075 ballots: 1,028 for Hildebolt, 872 for Bibbs and 175 write-ins, which were not counted. The first SBP election, held on Feb. 20, drew approxi-

mately 5,000 voters.

SBP-elect Bill Hildebolt said he was also pleased and hoped the decision to exclude write-ins would now make sense.

"If we hadn't closed the ballot, the elections would not be over," he said.

Turnout may have been hurt by the petition started on Tuesday, Hildebolt said. "A lot of people interpreted that (the petition) as 'sign that and don't vote,'" he said.

Mark Forbes, a freshman from Gastonia, voted but said he had wanted to

sign the petition. Signing the petition and voting would have been contradictory, he said. "If I had signed the petition, I wouldn't have voted."

James Clark, a freshman from Conover, also said he had wanted to sign the petition, but voted anyway. "I felt like I was choosing between the lesser of two evils," he said.

Dave Novak, a sophomore from Hendersonville, said the candidates' decision to keep a closed ballot was an invitation to write in. "I'm sick and tired of this whole election," he said.



DTH/Catherine Pinckert

Wet rush

Thursday's wet, chilly weather fails to slow the usual pace on campus, as these soggy Tar Heels slog onward in a blur through Polk Place.

Trademark royalty reallocation slated for review by BOT

By DIIONNE LOY

Staff Writer

A Faculty Council motion asking that money from royalties on licensed University trademarks be reallocated to the Student Aid Office will be considered by the Board of Trustees (BOT) next month.

The council passed a resolution last Friday suggesting that all royalties be distributed equally among scholarship funds for undergraduates, graduate students, professional students and student athletes.

The trademark system, which started in 1982, includes a series of University symbols, such as the Old Well and Tar Heel foot, that are sold to generate money for the University, said Stuart Hathaway, director of Students for Educational Access, a group that works through the Campus Y. The BOT decided that half of the money would go to the athletics department for scholarships and the other half to the student aid office, he said.

Student Body President Brien Lewis said other universities handled the allocations differently. "For example, at Stanford, all of the money (from the trademarks) goes to academics, and at N.C. State, all goes to athletics," Lewis said. "We've split the allocations halfway."

Hathaway said the Student Stores, which are required by law to give 50 percent of their profits to scholarship funds, had been a steady source for more than half a million dollars each

year since 1984. But several factors have contributed to a 40 percent decrease in contributions this year, he said.

The renovations of the Daniels building, the reduction of profitable merchandise, the closing of the Pit Stop and departmental budget cuts which limited purchases of supplies from the stores have reduced the Student Stores' contribution to \$300,000, he said.

"That's four or five ways the revenue which was used for scholarships was slashed," Hathaway said. "And this also came right at the time student fees jumped 20 percent."

The Student Aid Office has used part of the money from the trademark royalties to fund 25 minority and 25 non-minority merit-based scholarships, another part to increase the amount of grant and aid scholarships to 60 percent, and another part to establish an endowment, Hathaway said. "But now the Student Aid Office is using the money they were setting aside," he said. "The merit scholarships have been slashed in half, and next year the 60 percent grant and aid may be in jeopardy."

Paul Debreczeny, a professor of Slavic languages who brought the motion before the Faculty Council, said the full amount of the royalties should be given to the University. "It's arbitrary to give 50 percent to athletics," he said. "After all, the logo stands for the

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Sgt. Ned Comar to retire from police force today

By KENNY MONTEITH

Staff Writer

When University police Sgt. Ned Comar wakes up Saturday, he plans to go out to his garden and plant some corn and maybe, if the astronomical signs are right, some beans too.

To some people, this extracurricular project would seem natural for a Saturday activity, but for Comar it will be a new career.

Today will be Comar's last day at work, as he retires after 15 years with the department. "I can't say that I have regretted this," said the 59-year-old, reminiscing over the years. "It's been a different sense of humor."

Comar joined the UNC police in 1974 after serving in the Army during the Korean War. He has spent most of his 15 years with the department's crime prevention office and as a patrol officer.

"I took a course in crime prevention," he said. "Crime prevention was fairly new on campus back then, and a lot of them still don't (have it). I took what I learned, tailored it and made it unique to this campus."

Comar, who was raised in an orphanage in Columbia, S.C., said his new life would be an "emotional gear change."

"This will be the first time in 51 of my 59 years that my time will not be structured," he said. "In the orphanage, time was structured 24 hours a day."

There was more discipline in the orphanage than there was in the Army, Comar said. "In the Army, we were encouraged to date. In the orphanage, they didn't mind us dating, but they just wanted us to stand around."

While at the orphanage, Comar said he enjoyed writing. "I wrote my theme and almost everybody else's themes, except one," he said, "and he almost didn't make it."

An impromptu gift to the orphanage allowed Comar to follow a hobby that would stay with him for life. "Someone gave the orphanage a guitar," he said smiling. "They taught me four chords and then let me go."

"Some guy heard me one day outside my window playing guitar. He brought over his instrument (as did some others). I learned a lot more by just playing with them. Eventually, we got to play in a park in Columbia for a square dance."

Comar continued his love for music throughout his middle-age years. "I even wrote a march for the Tar Heel Marching Band," he said. A former band director told him if Comar would score



DTH/Todd Diggs

15-year University police veteran Ned Comar types in incident reports

the piece, the band might play it.

But after transposing the piece for the individual instruments in the band, Comar never got to hear it played because of various technicalities. "I've still got it in the closet at home, and I've still never got to hear it."

Later in his career, Comar continued his writing by working at various newspaper and print shops. He worked as a printer for The Cherokee Scout and eventually became the editor for the Clay Co. Progress.

"It (The Progress) was mainly published for advertising," he said. "It finally became a live paper, so I tried to write like Robert Louis Stevenson for the second page feature."

Comar decided to leave the N.C. mountains after what he believed was a bout with pneumonia. "I had what's called mitral stenosis, which basically stops up the heart," he said.

The disorder caused the Comars to move to the warmer climate of Florida. Comar continued his newspaper ven-

tures by working as a linotype operator on The Venice Gondolier. He realized he had a major heart problem when he was trying to cross a railroad trestle to avoid a train.

"When I got to the other side, I was out of breath," the sergeant said. "Then I realized something was wrong. I said to myself 'your tail's gonna die if you don't do something.' At that time (1961), they didn't have good programs for valve problems."

After two heart operations, the latter giving him "a heart that lasted about 14 years," Comar began working on a construction site as a pipe welder and fitter.

After arriving at UNC and establishing a crime prevention office, Comar began to speak to numerous UNC students about the prevention of rape, theft and other crimes.

He said he spoke to students because he loved being around them. "I would

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Signs urge energy conservation

By SUSIE KATZ

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The UNC Physical Plant has installed cardboard signs on light switches around campus that ask the University community to turn on to the idea of conserving energy by turning off the lights.

Roger Hayes, an energy conservation engineer at the Physical Plant, said the project was an attempt "to make folks on campus more aware of the need to cut lights off after class to reduce consumption and costs, primarily costs right now because of the budget constraints we're faced with."

But some members of the University community are worried about possible safety hazards that could arise in the face of the "lights out" campaign.

Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism, said he was concerned about the possibility of someone being injured after walking into a dark room and tripping over something. He removed the plates from the light switches in the rest rooms of Howell Hall because he was worried that someone

would trip on the floor, which has different levels.

"It's really dangerous to leave those lights out," he said.

Cole said he thought the Physical Plant had acted "with good motives," but added that it was a "penny-wise, pound-foolish" thing to do.

"You have to be reasonable about things like this," he said. "I think (safety is) a big concern. Safety is something you have to consider in all this. In some places, lights shouldn't be turned off."

Hayes said he was aware of safety concerns like Cole's, but said, "Some people overreacted to the signs being installed."

The goal of the project is to target "primarily classrooms and offices when no one is there," Hayes said. "It was never our intent for people to turn off the lights in areas where they need them," he said. "I do think people will be more conscientious and aware and we'll see a reduction in consumption and costs."

Herbert Paul, Physical Plant director, said he estimated the cost of 15,000

light switch plates at \$5,000. This figures to a cost of 33 cents per plate.

"This might seem like a lot to spend in an effort to save money, but Hayes said, "They have potential to pay back in one day if people will be more responsible with cutting the lights off than they have in the past."

Hayes estimated the cost of providing lights in an average office in the University at two cents an hour.

"If people are more aware and, say, turn off the lights during lunch for two days in a row, it pays for them (the light switch plates)," he said.

The Physical Plant has work-study students who walk around campus at night turning lights off in buildings where they are unused. He said there was only one student doing this job this semester, and that student can only go to certain targeted buildings each night.

If people were more responsible about turning off the lights when not in use, the work-study student could cover more buildings, saving the University's money, Hayes said.

It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. — Howard Ruft