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Iraq requests of Iran to join oil pipelines

WASHINGTON — Iraq has asked Iran if the two countries can join their oil pipelines, a move that would allow Saddam Hussein partially to bypass the international embargo against his country, U.S. officials said Thursday. Iran has not yet responded to the Iraqi request, said the officials. Intelligence experts estimate a link between the two pipeline systems could be completed within a month across the countries' common border, if they decide to go ahead. One of Iraq's major pipelines, which runs along the Shatt-al-Arab waterway, at one point is just five miles from a major Iranian pipeline that goes into Iran's refinery at Abadan. Such a link would let Iraq export 500,000 barrels of oil a day in return for badly needed cash, food and medicine, said the officials, who commented only on condition of anonymity.

Luxury tax suggested to help federal debt

WASHINGTON — In their search for ways to tame the deficit, federal officials are intent on taxing some of life's little pleasures: beer, cigarettes, jewelry — even your new VCR. Although any deficit-reduction plan approved by Congress and President Bush is likely to rely chiefly on spending reductions and less-sweeping tax changes, it almost certainly would include several tax increases to consumers. Top White House officials and congressional leaders already have reached tentative agreements on several tax increases that would bring in \$59 billion over the next five years. Two-thirds of that would be paid directly by consumers, through higher prices for alcohol, cigarettes, airline tickets and a variety of higher-priced "luxury" items. Negotiators have been struggling since May to devise a package of spending cuts and tax increases that would reduce the budget deficit by \$50 billion during the next 12 months and \$450 billion more in the following four years. Unless agreement is reached by Oct. 1, \$100 billion of arbitrary cuts in most federal programs will be triggered automatically.

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Cystic fibrosis work reaches milestone

NEW YORK — Scientists have corrected a crucial defect in cells taken from cystic fibrosis patients, a step called a milestone toward eventually treating the disease through gene therapy or new kinds of medication. The cells carried the abnormal gene that causes cystic fibrosis, and researchers fixed the defect by giving them a normal copy of the gene. "It's a milestone," said Paul Quinton, a cystic fibrosis researcher at the University of California, Riverside, who was familiar with the work. Combined with research into gene therapy for other diseases, the new results "give us tremendous hope that gene therapy is going to become a reality in cystic fibrosis patients," said Robert Beall, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's executive vice president for medical affairs. "We're not talking decades, we're talking years, a few years," said Beall, whose organization helped pay for the new work.

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NCSU students to protest cuts' effects

By BETH MAJOR
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N.C. State University students are prepared to hold a sit-in and class boycott to protest cuts in library hours, said Robert Tuttle, chief copy editor at The Technician, NCSU's campus newspaper. Wade Babcock, Technician editor-in-chief, said that the paper was not involved in organizing the protest but would support it editorially. Tuttle said he launched a letter-writing campaign and organized the pending protests to focus attention on problems caused by recent budget cuts. He targeted shrinking library hours

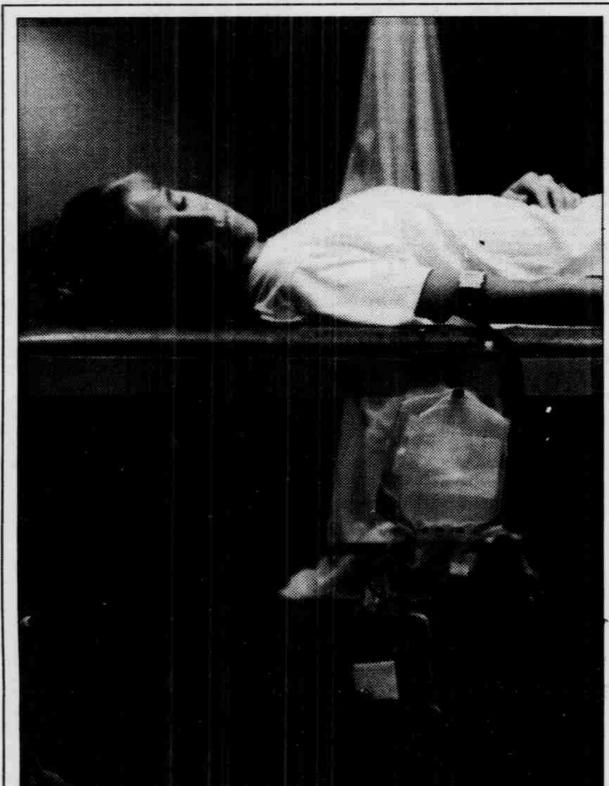
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because they are "the most obvious symptom of the budget cuts on campus. "Granted, shortened library hours are only a symptom of a much larger problem, but dealing with it would at least be a step in the direction of an overall solution," he said. Letters were sent to NCSU Chancellor Larry Monteith, Gov. Jim Martin, Sen. Jesse Helms, U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt and representatives of the 16 UNC-system schools. Monteith could not be reached for comment. UNC student leaders said they would

not participate in Tuttle's plan. Grant Vinik, UNC student body vice president, and Matt Heyd, UNC Student Congress speaker, said the boycott is misdirected. "It would be counterproductive to the image we want to present to the legislature," Heyd said. Vinik said, "They (administrators) are dedicated to making the best of a bad situation, and this would be a slap in the face for all they are doing for us." Tuttle said shortened library hours made it difficult for students to study. "This is just one of the many inconveniences students face as a result of state budget cuts." The NCSU library sit-in is planned

for Oct. 2. "We will assemble before the (library's) scheduled closing time and enter the library with our books to study," Tuttle wrote. "We will then sit and study until we leave at 1 a.m., a reasonable closing time." Tuttle said he hoped a sit-in would bring public attention to the problems caused by education budget cuts. "We just want to show our interest," he said. "We're not working against the legislators or the university, but rather we're working with them to try to make some positive changes." Charles Gilreath, assistant director for public services at the NCSU library,

was in favor of the protest, Tuttle said. Gilreath was unavailable for comment. Students are prepared to hold a second sit-in on Oct. 9 if the first does not receive enough support, he said. If the sit-ins fail to work, Tuttle said he wanted to organize a class boycott with other universities. "The plan would be to tell students not to attend classes on the specified day," Tuttle said. "We plan to speak with professors and ask them to make some concessions, such as assigning homework in lieu of classwork for that day." Tuttle proposed holding a student body rally if both sit-ins failed.



Drained
Ellen Corriher, a junior from China Grove, gives the gift of life at the Alpha Phi Omega bloodmobile in Great Hall Thursday afternoon.

Housing department may delay metal loft inspection

By MARCIE BAILEY
Staff Writer

UNC housing department officials will decide today if Sturdy Boy Lofts are sturdy enough, said Gretchen Diffendal, Residence Hall Association president. Wayne Kuncel, director of the housing department, said he received a Sturdy Boy sample loft Wednesday, but officials have not set a definite time to inspect the loft. His staff will try to assemble and inspect the metal loft before the Sept. 30

deadline for constructing lofts in residence halls, he said. Students' maintenance requests for air conditioning and furniture placement are presently occupying the housing department staff. Diffendal said the deadline for constructing lofts may be postponed beyond Sept. 30, depending on Kuncel's decision about the safety of the lofts. Dave Clanton, Sturdy Boy Loft Co. president, said he called Kuncel every hour Wednesday because he knew the loft had been delivered, but never got in touch with Kuncel.

"He (Kuncel) is sitting on this thing," Clanton said. "He hasn't done a damn thing about it. This is a power play for him; he doesn't give a damn about people who are waiting for their lofts." Sturdy Boy Lofts ran an ad in a summer edition of The Daily Tar Heel for its metal lofts. Metal lofts are not approved by housing department policy, preventing students who purchased the lofts from assembling them in their rooms. See LOFTS, page 2

Retired psychology professor William J. Eichman dies at 66

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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Psychology professor emeritus William J. Eichman died on Sunday at the age of 66. Memorial services for Eichman will be held today at Walker's Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Eichman worked at the University for 25 years before retiring. He made unprecedented contributions to both the field of psychology and the University, psychology professor Grant Dahlstrom said.

As director of psychological services at John Umstead Hospital in Butner, Eichman developed a clinical training program in conjunction with the University, Dahlstrom said. The program allowed for certain appointees of the hospital staff to teach at UNC. The staff members spent one day a week sharing their hospital experiences with psychology students. "This is a very unusual training arrangement in terms of other programs across the country," Dahlstrom said. "North Carolina achieved outstanding

status in the field of clinical training because of that program." Eichman's wife said he had a unique ability to work in both the academic and clinical arenas. "Students admired his ability to function in both worlds," Mrs. Eichman said. "I think that is the one thing his students remember him for." Eichman was a very respected clinician, Mrs. Eichman said. "I was told that people wanted to think like he did." See EICHMAN, page 4

Black Greeks to change membership procedures

By JENNIFER DUNLAP
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UNC black fraternities and sororities are making changes in pledging procedures, following a decision by national black Greek organizations to abolish "on line" practices. The pledging process, which includes "on line," was abolished this summer, said Darryl Matthews, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. national director of marketing and membership. "On line" was a private aspect of black Greek membership requirements. Members said they could not specify what "on line" entails because it was a secret part of the pledge process. Toija Riggins, a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said membership requirements will remain a private matter.

"Membership intake is a secret process for all black Greek organizations," she said. "We have a public image of public service. We have a private image which will remain private." But she said secret practices are not racially motivated. "Our secrecy is not directed toward any one race," she said. "This is something that is characteristic of any secret organization." Melodie Griffith, UNC Black Greek Council president, said differences in the membership process this year would be the lack of public lines and the way members would learn the organization's history. Each black Greek organization will enact its own changes in the pledge process, but members cannot say publicly what kinds of changes will take

place, she said. "Other groups won't tell me what they're doing," Griffith said. All the attention given to these changes is unnecessary, Griffith said. Rush, interviews and pledging will remain the same, except people won't see the lines, she said. Matthews said although national Alpha Phi Alpha has eliminated pledging, all other entry requirements for the organization, such as nomination by a brother, remain the same. The national organization is educating chapters about new procedures for accepting members, but the transition will take time, he said. "We don't pretend it's going to be a smooth cut." Discipline procedures for individuals who break the new rulings on pledging will be explained in a manual

written by national organization officials, Matthews said. "We will expel members of our fraternity who engage in pledge activities or hazing," he said. Matthews said the rules also apply to people who are hazed. Those people who allow themselves to be hazed will disqualify themselves from consideration for membership, he said. Sly Surels, president of UNC's Omega Psi Phi fraternity, said changes in his group's pledge process will help retain its integrity. "The Supreme Council (of Omega Psi Phi) is trying to make sure that the members in the organization are focusing on ideals (of the fraternity) rather than on demeaning pledges and bringing negative press to the organization," he said.

Changes will occur in his fraternity's pledging process, but he could not give specific details, Surels said. "There is to be no more line, per se," he said. Donee Thomas, a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said her sorority's national organization had not finalized changes in membership requirements. "We're waiting on the final word." Dana Lumsden, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member, said he thought by covering the pledging changes, the media overlook other aspects of black Greek organizations. "In my opinion, the concentration of news media in the black Greek pledge system is offensive," he said. "We do so much more than pledge people."

Martin faces challenge of '91 budget planning

By DAVID ETCHISON
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Many choices face Gov. Jim Martin as he prepares next year's budget and deals with this year's shortfall as well as the one projected for 1990-91. Martin formed the Council of Fiscal Advisers in August to examine long-range economic forecasts. He is presently working with the council and other experts to plan the 1990-91 budget that will be presented in January. That budget must include \$484 million of next year's budget that has already been earmarked by previous legislative sessions. "The long-range plan is being formulated now," said Jeff Merritt, Martin's spokesman. "He's pretty tight-lipped about what it will contain. There's nothing really set in stone." The central method being considered to offset the budget problem is raising revenues. An increased flow of cash to the state government is the only option left in battling the budget, said Dave Crofts, senior fiscal analyst with

the General Assembly. "You can't nickel and dime anymore in terms of spending reductions," he said. So far, government agencies have avoided cutting positions, but that has put the squeeze on operating funds, said Mickey Hutchins, deputy secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development. "We have to make the choice," Hutchins said. "I don't see a great deal of fat left. If we cut operating cost, we'll have people that have nothing to work with. I don't see much to cut further without there being a reduction in service. We never hear anything about cutting workload." There are many options available for raising revenue, including raising taxes, Crofts said. One measure already before the legislature is a proposal to increase the sales tax by 1 percent and close some loopholes in the sales tax laws. Raising



On the right path
Chris Civalier, research technician, and Holly Jenison, secretary, both in the pathology department, stand in front of a bulletin board prepared by business manager Nancy Nye during State Employees Appreciation Week.

Reality is a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs. — Lily Tomlin