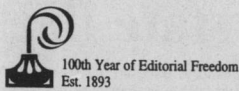


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TODAY: Cloudy early; high 60-65
THURSDAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 40s



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DIAGNOSED: Mario Lemieux with Hodgkin's disease. The Pittsburgh Penguins announced Tuesday night that Lemieux was diagnosed with the less serious form of the chronic disease, and it is not considered to be life-threatening or career-threatening. Lemieux is expected to miss four to six weeks.

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WEDNESDAY
IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

German court may set ailing Honecker free

BERLIN — Erich Honecker, whose Communist regime killed East Germans fleeing to the West, was close to freedom Tuesday after Berlin's highest court said imprisoning the terminally ill defendant violated his human dignity. If Honecker is released, it will bring a quick end to his manslaughter trial and thwart demands for justice for those who were slaughtered simply for dashing to West Germany. At the start, some Germans had hoped for a trial on the scale of the Nuremberg war crimes tribunals. Instead, they got two months of legal wrangling that the Die Welt newspaper called a "farce."

Honecker, 80, hopes to join his wife and daughter as early as Wednesday in Chile, where leftists reportedly are planning a warm welcome. Doctors say Honecker's spreading liver cancer will kill him in less than six months, possibly much sooner.

Honecker has been on trial for manslaughter for two months, charged in the killings of 13 East Germans who died during escape attempts.

Congress clears GOP in hostage-delay plot

WASHINGTON — A \$1.3 million congressional investigation has found no credible evidence that Republicans conspired with Iran in 1980 to delay the release of American hostages until after the U.S. election, according to a summary of the report obtained Tuesday.

The full document, to be released by the congressional task force today, seeks to lay to rest allegations that have haunted the Reagan and Bush administrations for years.

"There is wholly insufficient credible evidence of any communications by, or on behalf of, the 1980 Reagan presidential campaign with any persons representing or connected with the Iranian government, or with those holding Americans as hostages during the 1979-1981 period," said the summary.

The report also discusses in detail attempts by the Carter administration to achieve freedom for the 52 Americans.

The hostages were in fact freed hours after Reagan's inauguration.

Hunt's ties with Clinton may benefit N.C. goals

WINSTON-SALEM — Gov. Jim Hunt hopes his strong ties with President-elect Clinton and his wife, Hillary, can be turned into federal dollars for North Carolina.

Hunt promises to use his friendship with the Clintons as he tries to obtain federal money for state programs in education, child care and worker training.

Hillary Clinton and Hunt both have served as board trustees of the National Center on Education and the Economy, a group that wants to improve the skills of U.S. workers.

Richard Riley, Clinton's nominee for secretary of education, is a former governor of South Carolina and a colleague of Hunt's. He and Hunt were among the first Southern governors to bring school reform to the region.

—The Associated Press

Work for the DTH

EXTRA! DTH staff interest meeting today!

The Daily Tar Heel is on the move, and it's time once again to open the doors and call for new staff members.

Here's what we need: reporters, copy editors, photographers, layout/design artists and graphic artists.

Experience is NOT necessary for most positions, but there is a short application process. Applications are available now in the DTH office (Union Suite 104) and are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Applicants can attend one of two question-and-answer sessions today and Thursday. The meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Union 206.

For further details (or just for a good time), call 962-0245.

Hardin grants Ferguson extra year

By Thanassis Cambanis
Assistant University Editor

Although University officials have extended speech communication Assistant Professor Paul Ferguson's contract another year, the popular instructor said he did not believe the decision would affect his appeal for tenure.

The contract change does not have any bearing on his case for tenure, Ferguson said.

"This was one of a number of issues related to the case, and I doubt as to whether it will have any sort of effect on the final decision to grant tenure and promotion," he said.

Chancellor Paul Hardin sent a letter to Ferguson's attorney, Andrew Cohen

of Raleigh, dated Dec. 30, 1992, in which he said the University would extend Ferguson's contract to June 1994.

Ferguson's original contract was scheduled to expire in June 1993, but University guidelines require a one-year notification period before terminating a professor's contract.

Cohen said Hardin simply was following University policy.

"It's not exactly clear who was supposed to give him the extra one-year appointment, but it should have been automatic when a decision was not reached by June 30, 1992," Cohen said.

Cohen said it was unclear why the University waited so long to act on such a routine policy matter.

"It should be a matter of concern that

professors should have to hire attorneys to get the University to follow its own rules," he said.

Hardin's action followed an exchange of letters between Cohen and Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Birdsall responded to a letter from Cohen by denying any violation on his part of the University's notification policy.

Cohen said Hardin's action constituted an official reversal of Birdsall's action.

"I'm encouraged that Chancellor Hardin intervened here and forced the College of Arts and Sciences to comply with the trustee's regulations," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the 11th-hour deci-

sion was heartening. "Although it was done at the last moment before we were going to file a lawsuit, the University was willing to admit their mistake and grant me another year," he said.

Ferguson said the extension provided only a mild respite. "I'm elated by the additional year and the chance to continue to work with some of the graduate students I recruited," he said. "I'm also frustrated that I had to hire a team of attorneys to get the University to comply with their own regulations."

A subcommittee of the Board of Trustees will hear Ferguson's appeal today, and the full BOT must make a final decision on whether to grant him tenure by Jan. 25, Cohen said.

"We're hoping to get both tenure and

promotion, but the Board of Trustees could do anything they wanted with the case," he said. A provision in the BOT policy allows an appeal to the Board of Governors, Cohen said.

Valerie Halman, a member of Students for Paul Ferguson, said she was optimistic about Ferguson's chances with the BOT. "We are confident that he will be given tenure and promotion once the Board of Trustees looks at the case," she said.

Halman said the contract extension was not a victory. "I don't think Chancellor Hardin had much choice in the matter," she said. "We're glad (Ferguson) is going to be around for another year, but it's frustrating that that's all he's gotten."

UNC failing to make use of cable access, Capowski says

By Leah A. Campbell
Staff Writer

Although University students and faculty may submit material to be shown on the University's local cable channel, few have taken advantage of this opportunity, according to Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski.

"This university has such marvelous potential with 23,000 students, a talented faculty, the journalism school, drama department and RTVMP that I have a hard time understanding why channel 11 is not being used more," Capowski said.

Many people are unaware that public access channels are open to screening work produced by amateurs because this fact has not been well-publicized, Capowski said.

But Richard Elam, director of the broadcast journalism sequence in the RTVMP department, said the cable company did not want to cooperate when he approached it to produce student material.

"When we were with Village Broad-

casting a couple of years ago, we did a 30-minute news show, and they let us use their equipment," he said. "Now, the cable company is new, and we have to find the equipment on our own, which makes it more difficult."

Elam also said producing work for public access was difficult for his department because there were no profit returns.

But he added that although the quality of public access programming could not compete with network programming, it was important for students to have an avenue for creative broadcast talent.

John Bittner, a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said his department had no plans to use the public access channel.

"No one has approached me about using the public access channel," he said.

Officials in the drama department said they could not use the channel for production purposes for fear of copyright infringement.

Consumer Service for Cablevision

Vice President Bill D'Epagnier said cable access channel 11 was provided to the University as a part of the package for which each cable customer paid.

"Channel 11 is funded through the fees which are paid by each customer," D'Epagnier said. "The University has to pay for the production costs and Cablevision makes no profit from what is shown."

Tyler Johnson, director of operations for channel 11, said the channel had more than enough room for other programming.

"Right now, we run some STV shows and a campus bulletin," he said.

Capowski said public access channels were not heavily promoted by Cablevision since the company did not profit from this type of channel.

"This puts the public access capability at a disadvantage," Capowski said. He first raised the issue at the town council's meeting Monday night.

Currently, Student Television is the only university-based group which is utilizing the Time Warner-owned channel 11.

Tuition hike concerns Moody

By Jennifer Talhelm
Assistant University Editor

Student Body President John Moody said Tuesday that he was concerned about the tuition hike proposed for next fall and planned to take action against it.

"It's something we're definitely concerned about," Moody said. "In my personal opinion, tuition was raised six months ago, and it doesn't need to be done again so soon — from the students' standpoint, I'm sure that would be the way they see it."

The Government Performance Audit Committee, a subcommittee of the General Assembly, proposed the tuition increase to the General Assembly. If the General Assembly, which convenes Jan. 27, approves the recommendation, UNC-system undergraduates will have

to pay an additional 20 percent and graduate students will have to pay 50 percent more than current rates.

The tuition hike would add to a fast-growing list of large tuition increases since the late 1980s. Tuition increased 20 percent for in-state students and 15 percent for out-of-state students in 1989. Another increase approved during the summer of 1991 increased tuition an additional 20 percent for in-state students and 25 percent for out-of-state students. Out-of-state tuition was again hiked 11.5 percent last summer.

The N.C. Constitution mandates that tuition at the UNC-system schools be as close to free "as practicable." Tuition rates at UNC-system schools consistently have been among the lowest in the country, but budget woes and tuition increases have helped cause UNC's

traditionally high "best buy" ratings to drop in comparison with other state universities.

Moody said that despite concern about the increase, he also didn't want the state to suffer.

"I'm also concerned about the fiscal balance the state has," he said. "I don't want to have a huge deficit."

But Moody also said he didn't want to see tuition raised beyond the range of some N.C. students. "I would like not to see the University used as an outlet to raise funds for the state," he said.

Student Body Vice President Charlie Higgins agreed.

"The system is dedicated to provide as low cost an education as possible, and I think that's one of the reasons

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Churches question gay fellowships

By Jackie Hershkowitz
City Editor

Several pastors in Chapel Hill are questioning whether it is appropriate for churches to sponsor gay and lesbian fellowships.

Chapel of the Cross, an Episcopal church that sponsors a gay and lesbian fellowship, received complaints from some congregants who questioned the need for such a group.

The fellowship, which meets monthly, was formed nearly two years ago to give gay congregants the opportunity to explore their faith and sexuality, according to Rector Stephen Elkins-Williams.

Elkins-Williams said most of the complaints came from older congregants who were uncomfortable with the church's apparent endorsement of homosexuality.

"If I've gotten questions, for the most part, it's been from retirement-age church members," he said. "For some people the word 'homosexual' is an antithesis to the church."

"For the most part, it's just like any other fellowship," Elkins-Williams said, noting that about 25 people usually attended the meetings. "It wasn't created to get a lot of notoriety but just to create a fellowship."

But some church members and pastors at other churches have expressed

concern that gay fellowships do not belong in churches because of the church's traditional opposition to homosexuality.

Michael Hickman, who is a member of Chapel of the Cross, said he felt uncomfortable with his church's embracing attitude toward homosexuals. "I don't think anyone's sexuality should have anything to do with their activity at church," Hickman said.

Rod Chaney, pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church, said he would not support the formation of a gay fellowship.

"If a person has a lifestyle contrary to the church, we can't endorse that,"

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Detailed report of BCC program planning expected later this month

By Thanassis Cambanis
Assistant University Editor

Plans for a free-standing black cultural center are nearing completion, and members of the chancellor's blue-ribbon working group and the BCC Advisory Board said this week that they expected a complete report within the next month.

After completion of a programmatic plan for the center, the two groups will face two additional hurdles — finding funds for the center's construction and securing the approval of the UNC Board of Trustees, which must approve any new building on campus.

For now, the group is focused on planning what will go in the free-standing BCC, said Provost Richard McCormick, who has served as chairman of the working group.

"Until we have a firm proposal, we're not in the business of soliciting firm (financial) support," McCormick said. "We haven't been going around to alumni or any other groups for that matter."

McCormick said UNC-system administrators had been receptive to BCC planning efforts.

"The university-system administration is very supportive of our efforts," he said. "I don't know about the Board

of Trustees. Their reaction will be very important, which is one reason we won't rush this report."

Fund raising for the center will be the next concern after the planning report is complete, McCormick said.

"We know it's going to be difficult," he said. "The University has to make a commitment to raising the dollars."

McCormick said to his knowledge, there was no money set aside for building a BCC.

"It's a matter of planning fund raising," he said. "We're talking about fund raising over the next couple of weeks."

Harry Amana, chairman of the BCC Advisory Board, said fund-raising plans

would remain tentative for the time being.

"It's difficult to talk about fund-raising plans when you don't have specific plans for the building," said Amana, who also has chaired the joint meetings between the working group and the advisory board.

Some participants in the talks plan to take a more aggressive stand toward raising money for the BCC, Amana said.

"A small number of us will talk to Chancellor Hardin ... to discuss potential funding," he said.

McCormick said he preferred not to comment on the specific contents of the

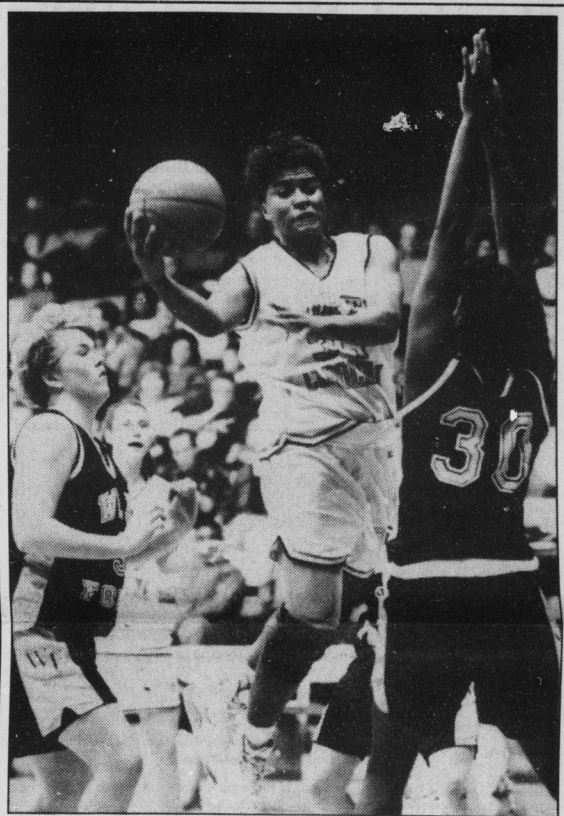
new BCC until the final report was released.

"I have said all along that I don't want to talk publicly about details of the building until the report is finished," he said. "I think the best way for us to go is to wait until it's all ready so we can present it to the community."

Amana said the talks had included a wide variety of faculty and students.

"It's much broader than (just) the chancellor's working group and the BCC Advisory Board," he said.

"Members of the Faculty Council, some students and members of the general University community have attended the meetings."



Tonya Sampson moves past Wake's Tracy Conner in UNC's win 92-68 win Tuesday

UNC stops hot Wake with 3-point barrage

By Pete Zifchak
Staff Writer

Rain was not the only thing dominating the Chapel Hill sky Tuesday night.

The North Carolina women's basketball team connected on 12 of 26 3-pointers and drenched Wake Forest 92-68 in front of 458 fans at Carmichael Auditorium. The 26 3-point attempts is a team record.

The Tar Heels improved to 10-2 overall, 1-2 in the league. Wake fell to 10-2 overall, suffering its first conference loss.

The 21st-ranked Tar Heels overcame an early first half deficit and drowned Wake's hopes of a 10-game winning streak.

"They came to play tonight," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "They know now what it takes to win in the league this year."

"I think we learned a lot tonight," Hatchell said. "A lot of people really stepped up tonight."

After a first half shoot-out, UNC led 43-39 but the Tar Heels promptly outscored the Demon Deacons 26-10 in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

UNC guards Stephanie Lawrence and Jill Suddreth consistently dispelled the Demon Deacons comeback hopes, hitting a combined 10 of 14 shots from beyond the 3-point stripe.

Lawrence, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, canned six 3-pointers, one shy of her single-game UNC record of seven. She was the game high scorer with 20 points.

Senior Toni Montgomery started at point guard in place of Suddreth for defensive purposes, but Suddreth finished with 15 points while dishing out seven assists. The Granite Falls native was deadly, hitting four of five 3-pointers.

Tar Heel center Sylvia Crawley outshined Wake center and ACC Player of the Week Tracy Conner. The 6-5 UNC junior hit all seven of her shots and both of her free throws. Her final tally was 16 points and four rebounds.

Sophomore center Gwendolyn Gillingham came off the bench for UNC with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Lawrence said the team felt good going into the locker room at the half

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She got her good looks from her father — he's a plastic surgeon. — Groucho Marx