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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Mars Spacecraft Remains out of Contact with NASA

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA engineers maintained a vigil Tuesday for their Mars Observer orbiter, which remained lost in space while it was supposed to be entering orbit around Mars.

"We're not giving up, and I need to emphasize that point strongly," said Glenn Cunningham, project manager for the nearly \$1 billion mission run by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "We are not giving up."

Mars Observer last communicated with controllers Saturday, but engineers insisted they were confident that the spacecraft — even without communicating — would execute automatic computer commands Tuesday, fire its maneuvering thrusters, and start orbiting Mars.

And no matter what happened, they hoped it would follow another set of automatic instructions and radio Earth on Wednesday afternoon. If the craft orbited Mars, it could stay safe for weeks while engineers tried to regain contact.

Detroit Officers Convicted in Black Motorist's Death

DETROIT — For two months, Sherry Green sat quietly in the courtroom's front row, listening to witnesses describe how police beat her only brother to death with metal flashlights.

Ex-officers Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn were convicted Monday of murder in Malice Green's death. A third former officer, Robert Lessnau, 33, was acquitted of an assault charge. The three were fired after the beating.

"I did not kill this man," Nevers said in an interview after the verdict.

Nevers, 53, and Budzyn, 47, could get life in prison when sentenced Oct. 12. Nevers sobbed and covered his face when the verdict was announced. Budzyn remained stoic. Their lawyers said they would appeal. In an interview published Tuesday in The Detroit News, Nevers bitterly lashed out at prosecutors and the jury.

"All these years, I gave myself to this city. And right off the bat, they turned their back on me," he told The News.

New Demjanjuk Evidence Cited in Plea for New Trial

JERUSALEM — Nazi-hunters seeking a new war crimes trial against John Demjanjuk said Tuesday they have evidence linking him to the Majdanek death camp in occupied Poland where 250,000 Jews perished.

The organizations also are following leads indicating that he was at Sobibor, another Nazi death camp in Poland. On Monday, a woman in New Jersey said she remembered Demjanjuk at Sobibor and would be willing to testify.

"We have some new information we are looking at that could be very important," said Efraim Zuroff, head of the Israel office of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Nazi-hunting organization.

Demjanjuk, 73, was acquitted July 29 of being "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Treblinka death camp who operated gas chambers in which 850,000 Jews perished.

Jackson Ranch Searched After Abuse Allegations

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's ranch and another of his homes were searched by police investigating a child abuse allegation that the pop star's security consultant blamed Tuesday on an extortion attempt gone awry.

Police confirmed that a complaint has been under investigation since Aug. 17, but officials would not elaborate.

Jackson's security consultant, Anthony Pellicano, said people Jackson knew made a false child abuse complaint against the entertainer after he refused to pay them \$20 million.

Search warrants were served over the weekend at Jackson's condominium in Los Angeles and his Neverland ranch north of the city. The warrants were sealed.

Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny, hot, humid; high 91, low 68.

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Female Residents Squeeze into Tight Quarters

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Several freshmen women will make a few more close friends this year. Literally.

An unusually large freshman class this fall has forced University housing officials to turn several double rooms into triples in Cobb and Joyner residence halls.

About 120 female students were placed in temporary triple rooms in Cobb and Joyner residence halls.

"We were very careful in determining which dorms could handle triple rooms," said Rick Bradley, assistant director of University housing.

"Cobb and Joyner have the largest rooms on campus, and we tried bunking the beds to give added space."

There are approximately 2,700 freshmen living in University residence halls this year, Bradley said.

The average number of freshmen living in the residence halls is about 2,600. The University has about 6,800 spaces available for students.

"The increased number of freshman

women is pretty consistent with the trends we have seen here at the University," Bradley said.

Students living in the triple rooms have found the situation frustrating but are learning to deal with the inconvenience.

Amy Allred, a junior from Asheboro, said most of the problems would come when classes began. Allred lives in a triple room in Cobb Residence Hall.

"We have a loft in our room, so that helped with the space problem," Allred said. "We only have two desks in our room; studying space will be at a premium."

Bradley said four additional students were placed in the Spencer-Triad area.

But Bradley said with the typical "no-shows," about 50 to 75 students could be moved to double rooms. "We always have students who chose to go somewhere else so we will have other spaces," he said.

"There are upperclassmen who change their minds about living the dorms, so those are additional spaces."

Katie Grover, a sophomore in a Cobb triple room, said that living in a triple made

getting to know her roommate harder.

"I was told that I had a third roommate, when I called her, she said that she had been moved to another room," said Grover.

One of Grover's roommates, Katie Tyson, also a sophomore, said she and Grover were not informed of their new roommate until they moved in last week.

The last time the University had this kind of a housing problem was in 1987. That housing shortage took about two to three weeks to solve, Bradley said. "We are letting students know that changes will be made within the month."

The residence halls, however, still have space for additional male students. "Our problems have come with the female students, so in the next couple years we may consider turning some male spots to female spots."

The entering freshmen class is about 58 percent female.

The large class of freshmen is an advantage for the housing department which is totally supported by residence hall rent. Bradley said: "The overflow students are a mixed blessing."

Freshman Class to Break UNC Enrollment Records

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The class of 1997 is close to breaking University enrollment records, and its members only have been here a couple of days.

The entering freshman class is one of the largest in the University's history, although official enrollment figures will not be known for another week, said James Walters, director of undergraduate admissions.

This year's freshman class of roughly 3,500 students is about 300 students larger than an average freshman class. "We accepted 5,900 students out of the 15,000 applications," Walters said.

"We figure our acceptances to yield a certain amount of enrolled students, but even with melt down of students who choose not to come here, we still estimate a class of 3,400."

The jump in enrollment can be attributed to several factors, Walters said. Cost played a big factor in many students' decision to attend UNC, Walters said.

"Carolina is an incredible bargain, a best buy so to speak," he said. "I think that students realize that they are getting a great education for not a lot of money, and that helps with the skyrocketing costs of a college education."

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11 Residents Face Off for Council Posts

BY ROCHELLE KLASKIN
STAFF WRITER

The race to secure one of five open seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council intensified this summer as 11 residents — incumbents, former candidates and political newcomers — filed for spots on the November ballot.

Council members Joyce Brown, Barbara Powell and Alan Rimer all will run for re-election. Former mayoral candidate Rosemary Waldorf and former council candidate Paul Tripodi, who both ran in the 1991 election, will also vie for a seat.

■ Tripodi, a local restaurateur, said he hoped he could bring a business perspective to the decision-making processes of the council. Supporting low-income housing and allocating funds for the Rural Opportunities Corporation to expand its job-training programs are some of Tripodi's goals.

If local residents have jobs, they will be better able to afford their mortgages. This will benefit individual residents as well as promote people in Chapel Hill to spend money in town.

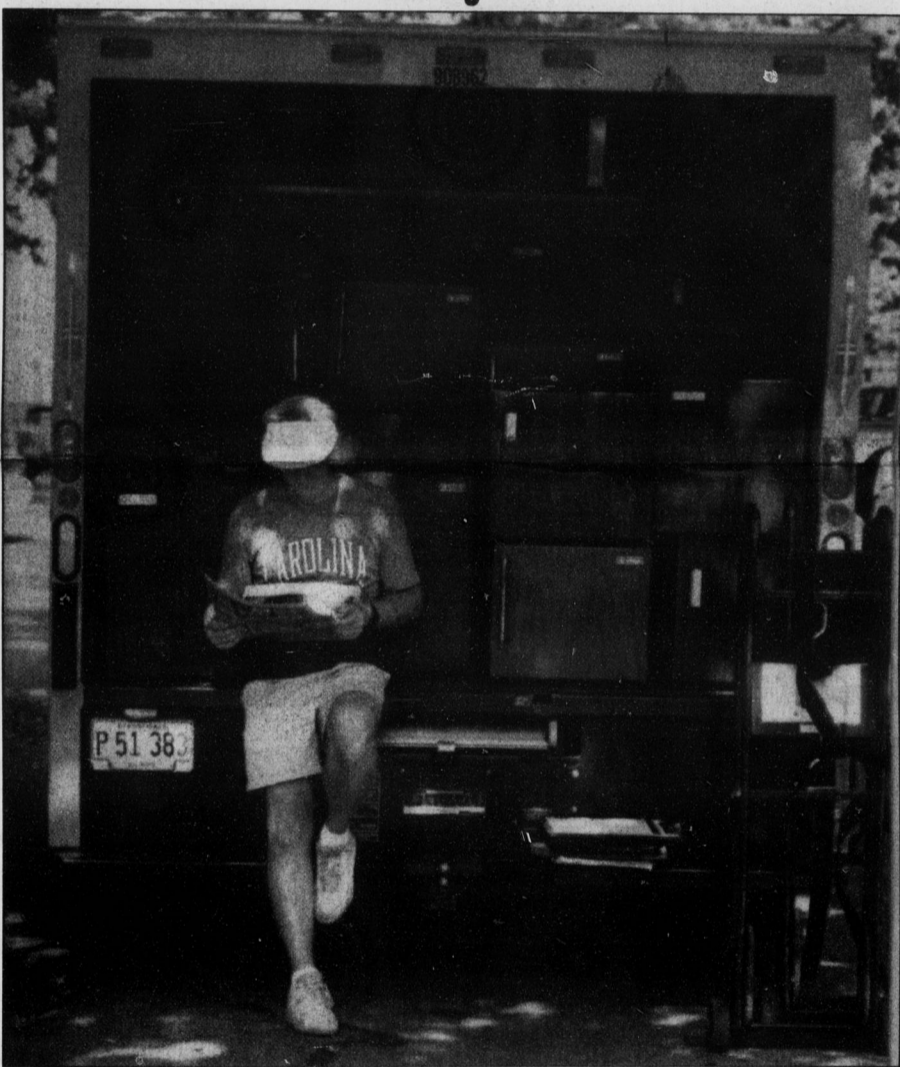
"People are going to return the money through mortgages," he said.

Three residents with experience on several town boards also have entered the race. One candidate, Lee Pavao, is chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission and two are members of the town's planning board: Nine-year member Pat Evans and one-year member Scott Radway.

■ Evans, a 23-year town resident, said she thought she could serve the town using her experience to open the lines of commu-

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Cooling Off



Darryl Bray takes a break from delivering rental refrigerators to students in front of Everett Residence Hall Tuesday afternoon. Bray drove his truckload of dorm fridges from the company headquarters in Atlanta.

Student Fees Go Up after 2-year Freeze

Scaled-down proposal results in \$92.80 increase

BY YI-HSIN CHANG
EDITOR

As students dole out cash, write checks and max out their credit cards on tuition, rent, meal plans, books and school supplies, yet another bill is coming in the mail.

Most undergraduates will be billed an additional \$46.40 for general student fees.

The Board of Governors approved a 21 percent increase in student fees earlier this month after a two-year moratorium on fee increases. Undergraduates paid \$435.70 last year in student fees. They now will owe \$528.50 — \$92.80 more per year.

Add the 3 percent tuition increase for in-state students and 6.5 percent increase for out-of-state students, and N.C. residents will see an overall 8.8 percent increase while nonresidents will pay 7.3 percent more.

Student Body President Jim Copland said that although 8.8 percent was a large overall increase, the tuition and fees hike was less than it had been for the past two years.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "We're doing a lot better than in past years."

BOG members replaced course fees and special fees with a new fee called the educational and technology fee. All students will be required to pay this fee regardless of which courses they take.

But students taking courses that require unique supplies, equipment and services, such as musical instruments and scuba-diving gear, still must pay individual course fees approved by the BOG.

University administrators had requested \$26 more in general fees plus additional special fees that were not approved by the BOG.

For instance, students will not have to pay a proposed \$10 athletic fee. Also, students enrolled in the master of business administration and master of accounting programs in the Kenan-Flagler School of Business will not have to pay a \$500

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Citizen Circulates Petition for Herzenberg Recall

BY KATY WURTH
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill resident James McEnery began disseminating petitions to recall town council member Joe Herzenberg from office last week, but Herzenberg refuses to give up his seat without a public recall election.

McEnery currently is circulating more than 40 petitions and plans to distribute some on campus, saying that Herzenberg violated the oath of office he took the three times he was elected.

"He sits on a body designated to make and enforce laws for paying taxes," he said. "In my mind, that is a position of trust, and he has violated that trust."

Herzenberg was out of town and could not be reached for comment, but he told The Daily Tar Heel when the council debated the recall procedure that he would not resign if the procedure were initiated.

By state law, Chapel Hill will hold a recall election if McEnery receives 2,211 signatures, which is 8 percent of the registered voters as of the last municipal election in 1991, according to the Orange County Board of Elections.

McEnery must receive these signatures within 30 days of filing the affidavit.

"I would rather he resign than force us to go through a recall election that would be expensive and divisive . . . We levy taxes, we should pay them."

JOE CAPOWSKI
Chapel Hill Town Council member

Herzenberg was convicted of willful failure to pay state taxes Aug. 10, 1992, but the N.C. state legislature just signed the recall bill into law July 16.

"Until this time, there has been no mechanism to remove a public official," McEnery said.

McEnery said he had received more than 50 supporting phone calls since he launched his effort.

Last week, McEnery sent Herzenberg a letter asking him to resign and save the town the cost of a special recall election.

"He should step down if he has any integrity and save the town which he professes to love so much the \$12,000 to \$14,000 it would cost to hold an election," McEnery said.

Last August, the council passed a reso-

lution drafted by Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun and council member Art Werner that states it is in the town's best interest that Herzenberg resign.

"I had asked him to resign as soon as I learned of his failure to pay taxes, and I voted with the council to ask him to resign last year," Broun said Tuesday. "I have not changed my mind on that point."

But Broun added that he would stay out of the recall process.

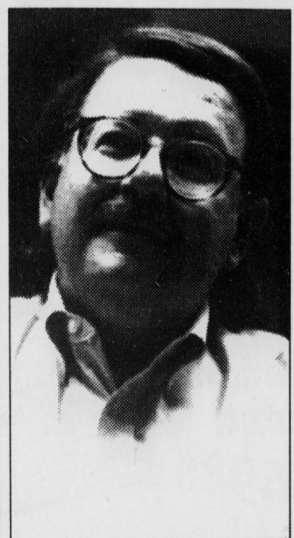
Council member Joe Capowski agreed that Herzenberg should resign.

"I would rather he resign than force us to go through a recall election that would be expensive and divisive," Capowski said. "Since we levy taxes, we should pay them."

"During the 14 years Herzenberg was not paying his taxes, he took the oath of office three times where he promised to uphold the laws of the state of North Carolina. That's a level of dishonesty we don't want on our town council."

Herzenberg received more votes than any other candidate in the 1991 council elections, but McEnery attributed his popularity to the fact that Herzenberg was not convicted until 1992.

Capowski said he thought McEnery had a realistic chance of receiving enough signatures to hold a recall vote.



Council member JOE HERZENBERG says he won't resign his town post despite failing to pay state taxes.

All of us learn to write in the second grade Most of us go on to greater things.
Bobby Knight