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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Investigators Say Towboat Radar in Working Order

MOBILE, Ala. — Radar aboard the towboat MV Mauvilla should have been able to detect the bridge where Amtrak's Sunset Limited crashed, but investigators said Tuesday they didn't know if the equipment was turned on.

The towboat reportedly had two licensed pilots aboard when it got lost in fog on Sept. 22. Investigators say one of the barges being pushed by the towboat might have struck the railroad bridge.

The towboat's radar was in operating condition when checked by a National Transportation Safety Board investigator, agency spokesman Ted Lopatowicz said Tuesday.

The radar had a range of 24 miles.

Senate Votes Down Funds For Abortions for the Poor

WASHINGTON — The Senate, in a defeat for abortion-rights supporters, refused to lift the 17-year-old ban on federally financed abortions for the poor Tuesday.

By a 59-40 roll call vote, senators voted instead to slightly liberalize current restrictions. Medicaid can now be used to pay for abortions only for women whose lives are in jeopardy; under the bill, funds also would be provided when pregnancies result from rape or incest.

The vote signaled defeat of this year's effort by abortion-rights advocates to use the ascension of President Clinton to the White House to dramatically expand the use of federal funds for abortions. The abortion language is part of a bill providing \$261 billion for health, labor, education and other programs for fiscal 1994.

Pipeline Explosion Rocks Busy Venezuelan Highway

TEJERIAS, Venezuela — A natural gas pipeline exploded beneath a busy highway during rush hour Monday, engulfing a passenger bus and cars in flames and killing at least 50 people.

The pipeline apparently was ruptured by a state telephone company crew laying fiber optic cables, officials said.

The state news agency, Venpres, said 50 people died and 40 were injured in the explosion, which occurred shortly before 8 a.m. EDT on the Central Regional Highway in this town 30 miles southwest of Caracas, the capital city.

Thirty-eight bodies were recovered, according to Capt. Egui Martinez of the Aragua state fire department. The actual toll might be higher, he said, because some bodies might have burned completely.

Georgian Leader Escapes, Blames Russia for Strife

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze escaped Tuesday from the city of Sukhumi after it was captured by separatists and accused the Russian military of plotting against his government.

He said Gen. Mikhail Kolesnikov, the Russian army chief-of-staff, appeared on television and predicted the day that Sukhumi would fall.

Georgians previously have accused hard-liners in the Russian army of trying to gain control of Abkhazia because of its strategic location on the Black Sea.

Shevardnadze fled Sukhumi, Abkhazia's provincial capital, by plane on Tuesday, ignoring the threat of Abkhazian missiles aimed at the airport, which was still under the control of Georgian forces.

Clinton Calls for Set Date To Pull Out of Somalia

WASHINGTON — There must be a "date certain" for withdrawing troops from Somalia, President Clinton declared Tuesday, and the White House said the government was negotiating with the United Nations for replacement of some U.S. troops.

Without setting a deadline for U.S. withdrawal, the president said he wanted the United Nations first to develop a political strategy ensuring that starvation and chaos would not revisit the East African nation after U.N. troops pull out.

Clinton's push for an exit comes under pressure from Congress, where concern is growing that the United States could become mired in a long military engagement.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny, high 73.

THURSDAY: Sunny and cool; high 65.

Herzenberg Opts Against Campaign

BY TIFFANY ASHHURST
STAFF WRITER

Former Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzenberg, who resigned last week, dispelled recent rumors on Tuesday by announcing he would not launch a write-in campaign to regain his post.

Although Herzenberg said he had considered seeking another term after resigning Thursday, he decided at noon Tuesday not to remain a local elected official. Herzenberg held a press conference Tuesday at town hall to announce his decision.

"I can't answer in a way that satisfies me yet, but I just weighed the two options and decided to do this," Herzenberg said. "It was nothing dramatic, and it wasn't a bolt of lightning out of the blue that said, 'Joe, go.'"

Herzenberg was convicted in August 1992 of willful failure to pay state taxes. Although several council members had asked him to resign right after the controversy, Herzenberg said it was his responsibility to continue serving on the board.

"I think I have done quite well, and even at the height of controversy, citizens still asked me for help," he said.

Herzenberg said he decided to resign last week so that local residents, not the council, would be able to vote on his replacement.

"I feel pretty good about this decision, and I know a lot of people who were worried about my physical or psychological health, but I feel pretty good."

Herzenberg made his decision to resign from his seat with two years left of his term. "Resignation wasn't easy," he said. "But I've enjoyed the freedom the past few days. There is indeed more to life than service on the town council."

Chapel Hill resident James McEnery started a signature drive in August to recall Herzenberg. After collecting the needed signatures, he turned them in to the Orange County Board of Elections for verification.

But board of elections members stopped

verifying the names last Friday when they received word that Herzenberg had resigned.

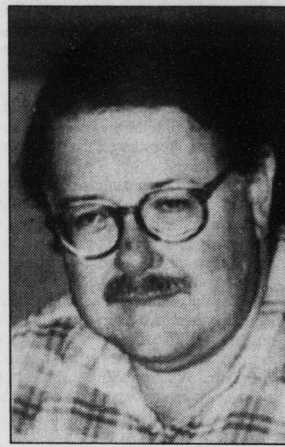
Mayor Ken Broun said Herzenberg's seat would be filled for the remaining two years by the candidate who finishes sixth in the Nov. 2 election.

On Nov. 8, the council will appoint the highest vote-receiving non-incumbent to serve for the month of November. After all of the new council members are sworn in at the council's December meeting, the appointee will begin a four-year term.

Herzenberg said he was in the process of paying the back taxes he still owed the state. He plans to send more than \$12,000 to Raleigh this week but wasn't sure how much more he owed.

"I apologize for this, and there is no excuse for what I did, and I never offered one," Herzenberg said. "I had no idea it would take this long. I ask the people of Chapel Hill to judge me for all that I've

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Former council member JOE HERZENBERG resigned last week.

Campus Y May Join 200th Year Celebration

BY HOLLY STEPP
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Campus Y officials said Tuesday that they had submitted a proposal to make their Bicentennial activities part of the official University Observance.

Campus Y co-president Michelle LeGrand said the Campus Y executive cabinet had met with Kevin Moran, chairman of the Student Bicentennial Planning Committee, to discuss the feasibility of including the Campus Y events in the official Bicentennial Celebration.

"We have submitted a proposal to them to include our project in the official observance," LeGrand said.

"We never said that we didn't want to be a part of the University's events," she said.

"But whether they include us or not, we are going to still hold our own events." Moran said he was pleased that the Campus Y was willing to be included in the Bicentennial Observance.

"I am very excited that the Campus Y has submitted a proposal to our committee, and we are going to review it as quickly as possible and let them know our decision," he said.

LeGrand said the Campus Y activities would help balance the official Bicentennial events already planned by the University.

"The official Bicentennial events don't center on some of the oppressive events in this university's history," LeGrand said.

Some of the specific groups that will be included in the Campus Y's events are women on campus, the UNC housekeepers, the Black Cultural Center and several other ethnic groups on campus.

"With the women's issues, we want to focus on their struggles," LeGrand said.

"Women weren't allowed to come to the University until 1969; the University is 200 years old, but women are celebrating their 20th anniversary of their graduation."

Other events Campus Y officials are planning include a keynote address by a representative from the UNC Housekeepers movement and a graffiti wall to allow students to express their concerns on social issues, said Ed Chaney, Campus Y co-president.

"We plan to have some of these event lead up to the week of University Day," Chaney said.

"The graffiti wall will be on display the week prior to University Day and will display problems students cite, as well as solutions," he said.

Ribbons also will be available for students to wear to show that they support social change, Chaney said.

Chaney said that events will build upon the community theme of the Bicentennial Observance.

"We need to look at the definition of community and celebrate it and recognize it," he said.

"We want to look at some of the problems in the University and determine how we can improve the community."

The Campus Y also is planning to set up booths in the Pit for the housekeepers and open mikes on different parts of campus for students to voice their concerns on campus issues.

LeGrand said she hoped the Campus Y events would be a catalyst for change for years to come.

"We are looking towards the future as well as reflecting on the past," she said.

"We felt that these issues were important enough to be seen on University Day," she said.

"These are events that will deal with campus issues now, not in the coming eight months."

Finance Chairman 3rd to Quit Congress

BY JAMES LEWIS
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student Congress member Jeff Matkins, chairman of the finance committee, resigned Friday, citing other time commitments.

Matkins, Dist. 19, said he was involved in other activities and congress work required too much of his time.

"I've been involved in a major Bicentennial project since October 92 and I was spending anywhere from eight to 10 hours a week on Student Congress," he said. "The time commitment was more than I could handle."

Officials said Tuesday that applications were now being accepted for Matkins' district 19 seat. The district is north and east of the intersection of Columbia and Franklin Streets and stops at Estes Drive.

Matkins, who has served in congress since early last spring, said he had hoped to solve some problems within Student Congress.

"I regret that I cannot finish out this term," he said.

He said that while chairman of the Student Congress Finance Committee, he had encountered problems with the student code and had wanted to work on correcting those problems.

"The process for the allocation of student fees needs to be reexamined very closely," he said. "It has been tinkered with on and off by a lot of congresses but the whole process needs to be re-examined."

A committee of students, administrators and resource people outside the University need to re-examine the Student Code and decide a criterion for what makes a group an active student group and what makes a group deserving of an allocation of student fees from student government, he said.

The Student Code was written to offer a set of rules to govern student government, but Matkins said many inconsistencies had been found in the rules. He is interested in trying to correct those to make congress function more smoothly, he said.

Congress Speaker Wendy Sarratt said Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, would be the acting chairman of the committee until Congress elects a new chairman at next Wednesday night's congress meeting. "He will be the acting chair by seniority until a new person can be found for the job," she said.

Two members of the 75th congress resigned earlier this year. Derek Shadid resigned as Dist. 22 representative and Student Affairs Committee chairman at beginning of the month. Rick Lane also resigned from his office as representative of Dist. 4 this summer.

Melinda Manning, elections board chairwoman, said that the application deadline had passed without any students filing for the two seats.

"There are no official candidates, but students can vote by write-in and we strongly encourage that," she said.

The election for districts 4 and 22 will take place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. next Tuesday outside the Student Union.

Students can pick up applications for the vacant district 19 seat in Suite C. Applications are due by Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. The special election to fill the vacancy created by Matkins' resignation will be held on Nov. 9.

Balancing Act



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Johnny Knight, a sophomore from Greensboro, balances on a unicycle while juggling with Sandy Merritt, a 1992 UNC graduate from Wilmington. Passed Out, the UNC juggling club, practices every week on Polk Place.

Council Hopeful Asks for More Police

BY ANUBHA ANAND
STAFF WRITER

A proposal at Monday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting could put more police on downtown streets.

Rosemary Waldorf, chairwoman of the Law Enforcement and Support Committee, asked the council for a mid-year budget amendment allocating money to hire more police officers. Waldorf, also a candidate in the upcoming council election, said the town should act before the increase in local crime worsens.

"If we wait until the next budget cycle (to hire more people), those officers won't be on the street until March of '95," she said. "That's 18 months."

Chapel Hill police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said the council was trying to fill six vacancies in the department now. But it takes six months to train recruits, so those officers won't be available until March, he said.

That's why Waldorf wants the council to take action now. "If we can already

make a decision that we need more police, why don't we hire them now and not wait until June," she said.

Waldorf's proposal has been forwarded to Town Manager Cal Horton, who will study the crime problem and make a report to council on the feasibility of the plan.

Chapel Hill Finance Director Jim Baker said the council could amend the budget at any time, as long as it was balanced.

According to the Uniform Crime Report, assaults, rapes and robbery rates have soared in Chapel Hill during the last year. Those figures, as well as the recent rash of downtown beatings, prompted Waldorf to make the recommendation.

Pendergraph said Tuesday he agreed that the town needed more police. He said the workload for current officers was more than they could handle.

"When there are regular events that require you to double or triple your on-duty staff, it gets difficult," he said.

Pendergraph cited the recent Florida State game against the Tar Heels and upcoming events, such as Festival and Hal-

loween. "Our base population is about 39,000 on paper," he said. "But that number changes daily when you have people coming in and out to work or for parties."

Jeff Snyder, a candidate for town council and a Durham police officer, said he agreed that something should be done about crime. "I agree with Rosemary (Waldorf) that we need to do something, but we need to look at resources before spending any money," he said.

Snyder, who used to be a Chapel Hill officer, proposed hiring citizens with minimal training to handle non-emergency calls so that experienced officers would be free to handle serious crimes.

But Waldorf said the police department already used civilians to handle non-emergencies. "I still think we need more bodies out there," she said.

Town council member Joe Capowski said he would support Waldorf's proposal if the police department wanted the same improvements. "We need a reaction from professionals. Otherwise there may be some unknown negative effect."

Town Invited to Help With UNC Bicentennial Project

BY BILL BLOCKER
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to bring together the community and the University, a student leader invited the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night to participate in a Bicentennial project for the community's children.

Kevin Moran, chairman of the Student Bicentennial Planning Committee, appeared before the town council Monday night to announce the committee's plan to leave a lasting impression on the UNC community.

"The theme we chose was 'community,'" he said. "The students (involved) seemed to be particularly interested in working a project that would involve the children of Chapel Hill."

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun said Monday night that he was pleased with the proposal. "I don't know when we've heard a better offer," he said.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Art Werner said Tuesday that he also thought it was a great idea. "It will be pretty exciting," he said. "I'm sure there are lots of things we could do together."

Moran said the committee's options included refurbishing a community center or improving a park. He added that the project still was being discussed.

"There have been a lot of ideas for project. We wanted to make sure we would

do something more permanent. That would be our lasting accomplishment."

The committee wanted to work with the town to ensure the project would be both practical and useful.

"We also want to be realistic. That is why we want to work with the town," Moran said.

Moran said he hoped students would begin discussions with the Town of Chapel Hill immediately. "We would like to have



KEVIN MORAN, Student Bicentennial Committee chairman

a substantial portion of the project completed by the end of the year."

The University population has enormous resources it could use to benefit the community. "We realized there were a heck of a lot of people to get involved on campus," Moran said. "We could pull all the talents we have together."

The whole University can play a role in celebrating the Bicentennial, he said. "The dream would be that every student organization would play a role in this with no real emphasis on the amount (of contribution)."

(Student Environmental Action Coalition) could work to ensure the building was environmentally sound, (Carolina Athletic Association) could donate old athletic equipment and music groups could go on and teach basics of music."

I would prefer not to.

Herman Melville