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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Explosion Rips Open Gasoline Tanker in Texas

GALVESTON, Texas — Salvage crews scrambled Sunday aboard a gasoline tanker ripped open by an explosion that peeled back part of the deck "like a sardine can." Three people were believed killed.

The Coast Guard strung containment booms in case of a fuel spill from the OMI Charger, which was carrying no cargo but held 365,000 gallons of fuel.

The Houston ship channel, one of the world's busiest waterways, was closed part of the day because officials feared ship wakes could endanger the tanker. Officials later allowed restricted use of the channel, which serves the Houston petrochemical industry.

Witnesses said the ship was hit by two explosions Saturday. The first blast around 8 p.m. was felt more than four miles away, while a less intense explosion occurred about an hour later.

Somalis Protest Against U.N., U.S. Involvement

NAIROBI, Kenya — Some 2,000 Somalis demonstrated in the capital of Mogadishu on Sunday in support of fugitive warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, a U.N. spokesman said.

Maj. David Stockwell, the U.N. military spokesman, said the demonstrators shouted slogans against the United Nations and the United States.

The demonstration coincided with the arrival in Mogadishu of Robert Oakley, a former Bush administration official who is seeking a diplomatic solution in Somalia and an end to fighting between Aidid's militiamen and U.N. peacekeepers.

A U.N. official in Mogadishu said Aidid's reported offer Saturday for a ceasefire appeared to be a way of opening dialogue with Oakley.

Georgian Military Issues Ultimatum to Separatists

TBILISI, Georgia — The Georgian military ordered rebels holding the Black Sea port of Poti in western Georgia to withdraw by Monday or face a major offensive.

The ultimatum came Sunday as the conflict between rebels fighting to reinstate ousted President Zviad Gamsakhurdia and soldiers loyal to the central government entered its second week.

Government troops camped on the outskirts of Poti were awaiting orders to attack Monday at noon, said Georgia's chief military spokesman, Maj. Soso Margishvili.

Skirmishes were reported Sunday in a number of towns and on key road junctions.

Serbs Block Relief Trucks Carrying Food, Medicine

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbs stopped trucks laden with food and medicine Sunday from reaching two north Bosnian towns where tens of thousands of Muslims have been trapped for months, U.N. officials said.

It has been more than 100 days since the towns of Maglaj and Tesanj have seen an aid convoy. Relief workers say at least 150,000 civilians in the area have been pinned down by Serb and Croat artillery.

Ray Wilkinson, a U.N. relief official in Sarajevo, said the 24-truck convoy returned to the northern Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. He said the convoy carrying 250 tons of food and medicine would try again Monday.

Israeli Prime Minister Makes First Visit to China

BEIJING — Yitzak Rabin became Israel's first head of government to visit China, long an Arab ally that established diplomatic relations with Jerusalem only last year. Israeli officials hope the trip by the Israeli prime minister will boost bilateral cooperation.

But the United States has warned Israel "to take into account" the tense relations between Washington and Beijing over China's decision last week to resume underground nuclear testing, the respected Israeli daily Haaretz said Sunday.

Rabin was met at the Beijing International Airport by Foreign Ministry official Liu Jiang and taken immediately to the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

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Weather

TODAY: 60-percent chance of rain; high upper 50s.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy; high upper 60s.

Workers Scurry as Bicentennial Approaches

BY MARISSA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday marks the culmination of five years of planning for the UNC Bicentennial Observance.

Volunteers and staff are busy finalizing preparations for University Day, the official opening of the Bicentennial Observance, on various parts of campus, and they said Sunday that they were confident all projects would be completed in time.

The Bicentennial Observance Office is one of the busiest areas on campus as organizers plan final details and address questions from the public, said Steve Tepper, executive director of the Bicentennial Observance Office.

"We have a lot of nervous energy, which is kind of fueling us these days," he said.

Tepper said he was pleased with the public interest in Bicentennial events. "We've had great response — people have been calling from all over the state wondering what to do, when to come and where to go," he said.

Kenan Stadium is the site of most of the physical preparations for Tuesday's speakers, which will include President Bill Clinton. Workers began to set up the stage, sound and light equipment and various decorations Saturday night and will be working from 6 a.m. until midnight Sun-



day and Monday to complete the arrangements.

Allen Reep, producer of the Kenan Convocation, said Sunday that organizers had had no problems and were on schedule for finishing by 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Reep said White House representatives and the Secret Service had been helpful in preparing for President Clinton's visit.

"They have been excellent to work with," Reep said. "They have had some suggestions, and when the White House suggests something, you do it."

The Durham-based company Realizations started Sunday morning putting up Bicentennial banners in Kenan Stadium and on main campus streets.

Jason Quin, a Realizations employee, Please See PREPARATIONS, Page 2

Leader of Tiananmen Protest To Deliver Opening Lecture

BY ERICA LUETZOW
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Li Lu, a student leader of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in China, will deliver the opening lecture of the Bicentennial Observance at 2 p.m. today.

Li, deputy leader of the 1989 protests, was chosen by students at UNC to give the lecture "A Tribute to Freedom," which will be held in the Student Union Great Hall. More than 200,000 students

participated in the protests for democracy, and thousands were killed in a government-sponsored crackdown.

Li began a personal hunger strike Aug. 17, 1991, to protest the treatment of Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, two

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Rampage '93



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The Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity float (above) rolls down East Franklin Street during the Homecoming parade Friday night. The parade, which traced a route through campus, ended in front of the Chapel Hill Post Office followed by a pep rally.

Maleikka Hardy (left), crowned the 1993 Homecoming queen, hugs Tywanda Ellison, the 1992 Homecoming queen, during halftime of the UNC-Wake Forest football game Saturday in Kenan Stadium.

For more scenes of Homecoming '93, please see picture story on page 5.



Students Plan Last-Minute Voter Drive

BY BRETT PERRY
STAFF WRITER

Today is the last day students can register to vote in the Nov. 2 municipal election.

Although registration drives in the Pit were common last year during the national election season, students interested in voting in local municipal elections or on a \$310-million University bond referendum have not found it as easy to register this year.

The terms of the Chapel Hill mayor, Carboro mayor, and some members of the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carboro Board of Aldermen and the Chapel Hill-Carboro School Board are up for election this year.

The bond would pay for major construction projects for the UNC system, including helping to fund the Kenan-Flagler Business School and improve the School of Dentistry at UNC.

Diana Clontz, student government liaison to the Chapel Hill Town Council, said she thought local elections were important because they involved issues that were close

to home. Clontz has helped organize a voter-registration drive that will take place today in the Pit.

"I think that when there is a presidential election, people are much more aware about voting," Clontz said. "In small elections, voter turnout is just not as good."

Students who live on campus can register to vote today in the Pit from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students should bring a picture identification and a student registration card or a social security card.

Students who live off campus in Chapel Hill can register at the Chapel Hill Public Library at 523 E. Franklin St. or Chapel Hill Town Hall at 306 N. Columbia St. with proof of local residency and a picture identification.

The Point-to-Point shuttle will take one of its vans out of regular service from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to transport students to the Chapel Hill Public Library to register. Clontz said there would be signs in the Pit advertising the shuttle service from Union Circle.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Chilton said he thought students

were not as aware of local elections this year because only one student was running. UNC student LaVonda Burnette is running for a seat on the Chapel Hill-Carboro Board of Education.

Chilton, who graduated from UNC in May, won a seat on the town council in 1991 to become the state's youngest elected official. Although Chilton earned the support of many town residents, he has credited the student vote for helping him to secure a council post.

"The voter turnout this year is not quite as big because it's not a national election, and there aren't any other students running for an office except for LaVonda Burnette," Chilton said.

Dacia Toll, student body vice president, said that even though many students had not been able to register, it still was important that each student exercise the right to vote.

"In general, it is very important for students to vote because city elections will affect them directly, and the bond referen-

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Aerial Anti-BCC Protest Circles Football Game

BY JAMES LEWIS
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

While students, alumni and other fans of UNC football watched the Homecoming football game Saturday, a plane buzzed Kenan Stadium and the campus with one of the first public protests of the proposed Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

During the first half of the game, the plane circled the stadium with the message, "NO RACISM NO SEPARATISM NO BCC," trailing the aircraft on a piece of clear plastic. During the third and fourth quarters of the game, the message "UNC STOP BENDING OVER FOR BCC" was attached to the plane.

No one has claimed responsibility for the banner.

Michelle Thomas, a graduate student who is involved in the movement for a free-standing BCC, attended Saturday's game and said she was outraged by the plane's message.

"I want to know when I can come to a football game and cheer on my friends without being slapped in the face by racism," she said Saturday.

She said that by allowing the plane to fly over the game, the University was sending a mixed signal to the football players who supported the BCC. "They want them to win the game but they allow this to continue," she said. "How are they supposed to feel?"

John Bradley, president of the Black Student Movement and a member of the football team, said the protest distracted

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Congress Member To Introduce Bill Protesting BCC

BY JAMES LEWIS
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student Congress Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, said Sunday that he planned to introduce a bill into congress opposing the construction of a black cultural center on campus.

"This helps to balance the debate and it gives a certain segment of the students a representation it has been lacking."

A rough draft of the proposed legislation states that "most University students oppose the construction of a black cultural center" and "the current effort for a BCC has only widened the gulf between blacks and whites through childish antics and hateful sentiments, and... a black cultural center will only further create disrespect for blacks at UNC-Chapel Hill and further racial separatism."

The bill states that the University is financially limited and should not use public funds for the construction of the proposed Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

The bill requests that all University Please See BILL, Page 7

McCormick to Help Hardin With Day-to-Day Operations

BY MICHAEL WORKMAN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Provost Richard McCormick will get a new position today when he takes over the newly created job of executive vice chancellor.

McCormick said Sunday that he was excited about the new job.

"I'm very pleased that Chancellor (Paul) Hardin has placed his confidence in me," he said. "I hope to fulfill the expectation he has placed in me."

McCormick, who also is the vice chancellor for academic affairs, will help to run the University when Hardin is away from campus. Hardin will have to leave campus often during the next two years for Bicentennial Celebration business and other engagements, McCormick said.

"I think (Hardin) felt that he will be externally occupied at the University and beyond the University with those events and wanted to strengthen the day-to-day operations of the University," McCormick said.

He still will report to the chancellor just as other vice chancellors do, McCormick said.

"What the chancellor has asked me to do is take the lead among my peer vice chancellors with respect to the day-to-day operations."

Hardin said Sunday that his busy itinerary had spurred the personnel move.

"I'm travelling a great deal for the University because of the Bicentennial Observance and Campaign, and I want to make sure the University operations run smoothly," he said.

The move merely recognizes the increased responsibilities McCormick has taken on in recent months, Hardin said.

Hardin said Friday that he was confident McCormick would do a good job.

"Dick McCormick has demonstrated time and again his ability to tackle and succeed in dealing with even the most



DICK McCORMICK was named executive vice chancellor Friday.

difficult issues," he said. "I feel fortunate to have such a colleague available to take the reins of the University when I am out of pocket."

All seven vice chancellors will help to lighten his workload throughout the year, he said.

McCormick has been mentioned as a possible successor to Hardin, but he doesn't consider the job a prelude to the chancellor's position even though he is taking over some of the chancellor's duties, he said Sunday.

"I haven't thought about the chancellorship, and I don't think this will be related to the selection of the next chancellor in any way," he said.

McCormick, reached by phone in his office Sunday, said he was somewhat concerned about adding a third job.

"I worry about that a little bit," he said. "I think we'll address that if and when the problem arises."

I loathe people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves.

August Strindberg