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Gas bubble shrinks; nuke starts to cool

From wire reports

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Engineers achieved a dramatic decrease Monday in a gas bubble that has thwarted all efforts to cool down the disabled Three-Mile-Island nuclear reactor.

Plant and federal officials said the hydrogen bubble had shrunk to a much safer size and the reactor's temperature had dropped significantly.

"I am certain it is cause for optimism," said Harold Denton, Nuclear Regulatory Commission operations chief. He said the bubble was showing "a dramatic decrease in size."

"I didn't expect such a rapid change," Denton said of the bubble. "I think it is safer than yesterday."

Local Civil Defense officials, hopeful that the changes meant the five-day crisis here had passed, nevertheless maintained efforts to prepare for a precautionary evacuation of 25,000 residents still within a five-mile radius of the plant.

In Raleigh, a state Utilities Commission spokesman said similarities between the crippled plant and reactors used by Duke Power Co. have caused concern about the utility's ability to meet North Carolina's electric needs.

Hugh Wells, executive director of the commission's public staff, said he does not consider it likely that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will order a full halt to operations of Duke's Oconee, S.C., plant.

But Wells said the staff is concerned, nonetheless, that if a shutdown or reduction is ordered for the Oconee facility, North Carolina's electric supply could be affected.

"We're doing a lot of reviewing right now," Wells said in an interview. "What if Oconee is closed down? We're looking at our immediate power situation in North Carolina. If the Three-Mile-Island station goes completely, that raises some questions I don't think any of us have been prepared to confront," he added.

Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger predicted in testimony before a House subcommittee the Carter administration would resubmit to Congress legislation to speed up the licensing of nuclear power plants despite the accident.

Schlesinger said atomic power "will and should be part of the energy mix." He warned against rushing to any judgment on the Three-Mile-Island accident until all the facts are in.

"There should be a total technical review of what did indeed take place and until that review is completed we should be careful in drawing conclusions either way," the energy secretary testified.

On Monday, technicians continued efforts at Three-Mile-Island to eliminate the bubble completely, chiefly by the method they have been using all along: letting the gas dissolve in the constantly circulating cooling water and then allowing it to escape from the water outside the reactor.

Technicians also studied options on exactly how to achieve the "cold shutdown" needed to end the crisis.

George Troffer, an official with Metropolitan Edison, which operates the facility, said radioactive releases had been halted at the site.

And NRC's Denton said radiation beaming from the plant was at low levels in a confined area.

The bubble, which had threatened an explosion that could have ripped the lid off the reactor dome and spewed radiation, began shrinking dramatically Sunday and continued throughout the day and night, Troffer said.

The latest developments gave officials more time to cool down the reactor. The critical time for a possible explosion from a chemical reaction within the reactor "has moved considerably out" from the five days Denton had predicted on Sunday, he said.

Meanwhile, all schools within 10 miles of the plant were closed Monday, and some state government offices reported up to one-third of their employees stayed home. Factories and businesses were stung by absenteeism and operated with skeleton staffs.



RD Charlie Miller in Olde Campus apartment ...refutes charges of interference

Acted as intermediary Olde Campus RD accused of aiding Morehead split

By CAROLYN WORSLEY
Staff Writer

Olde Campus Residence Director Charlie Miller and members of his staff have been a primary force in the move for dissolution of Morehead Confederation to create an Upper and Lower Quad residence college, three independent sources have said.

Miller has a history of involvement in dorm and Morehead Confederation politics," Morehead Gov. Paul Mayberry said last week. "I believe there is questionable involvement by the residence director and his staff of RAs."

A second unnamed source said RA staff members have met in Miller's office and, judging from conversations from those staff members, Morehead governmental matters were discussed during the meetings.

"I thought it out of the jurisdiction of an RD to be discussing governmental matters," the source said.

Miller, however, denied Monday that he has actively supported a breakup of Morehead.

"I think that whenever any of us find ourselves in the position of being a middle man, that support for any process is going to be tagged by some people as supportive of a particular goal," Miller said.

Because Miller has supported the process for a Morehead Confederation dissolution, he has been erroneously interpreted as pushing for an Olde

Campus residence college, he said. "This is not my opinion," Miller said. "I think that has been fostered as my opinion, but that has not been said."

Mayberry said he believes that student officers in Lower Quad may have become dependent on the leadership provided by Miller and his staff.

"If for some reason Charlie is not around next year, there will be little or no impetus for the new residence college," Mayberry said.

"Charlie facilitated the Olde Campus officers and RA workshop," said Gov. Don Honbarrier, Upper Quad representative to the Residence Hall Association Board of Governors. At the workshop, a retreat of Olde Campus RAs and Upper and Lower Quad dorm officers held in January, the idea of an Olde Campus residence college was first discussed openly.

Supporters of the creation of an Olde Campus Residence College say Miller has made a continuous effort to stay out of the Morehead Confederation dissolution proceedings.

"Charlie Miller left the room during the discussion of the break from Morehead during the retreat," said Aycock President-elect Shari Raymond, who was present at the retreat. "This is not an RAs' project. This is an officer's project."

"Miller has been trying to help us decide what's best for the area," said Matt Matthews, vice president of Graham, a

Lower Quad dorm. "He has been very helpful as far as information is concerned."

Lewis RA Chris Lambert said Miller's involvement has been confined to the Olde Campus retreat, during which he tried to assure that the officers proceeded on the right track in pursuing a Morehead dissolution.

"Miller told everybody to make sure as many Morehead residents as possible knew of the decision of the retreat participants as soon as they returned from the weekend, so the decision would not come across as a plot hatched in everyone's absence," Lambert said. Miller also insisted that officers schedule meetings with Department of University Housing officials Jim Osteen and Doris Kaneklides and then-RHA President Don Fox.

Lambert has been under fire for early involvement with the Morehead issue, but has since tried to stay out of the proceedings. "Because of my role as an RA, I felt I was being compromised. I felt the residents should decide the issue."

Lambert said Miller has ordered staff members to stay out of the dissolution proceedings. "I have been told point-blank as an employee of Charlie Miller that I could not be involved," he said.

Meanwhile sources have said that Van Donaldson, a former president of Stacy who was Morehead Confederation

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BSM protests, demands Taylor's action on issues

By ROANN BISHOP
Staff Writer

The Black Student Movement will protest against Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor with a demonstration at noon Wednesday in front of South Building. BSM Chairman William Bynum said Monday.

An ad hoc BSM committee Friday met with Taylor to discuss issues such as tenure policy, admissions policy, recruitment and retention of black faculty, establishment of an office of minority affairs and the departmentalization of the Afro-American Studies curriculum.

The BSM was not pleased with Taylor's reactions, Bynum said.

"Taylor played with a lot of words but in essence he didn't say a thing," Bynum said. "When we asked him what action could be taken to solve these issues, he replied that the problem was out of his hands, especially the tenure issue involving Dr. Sonja Stone (director of Afro-American studies who was denied tenure) and that we as students had no recourse."

"There is no way the black community can exist at UNC with the chancellor having this point of view," Bynum said. "As chief administrator of the University, we don't feel that his response was satisfactory."

"We have shown our dissatisfaction with the existing conditions. We will not tolerate these

injustices to continue with the administration. We feel that a demonstration is a good means to represent our concerns."

The BSM also has tried to arrange a meeting with Arts and Sciences Dean Samuel R. Williamson to discuss problems with the admission of black students at UNC, Bynum said. Williamson has said he cannot meet with the BSM until April 24.

"We feel that with the urgency of our concerns, Williamson should allow us time to express our opinions on the issues facing the University," Bynum said.

Another issue the BSM is concerned about is minority representation on the Honor Court in cases involving minority students, Bynum said.

The issue of minority representation on the Honor Court arose in the late 1960s and early 1970s when several black students were suspended for cheating on exams. The court decided in cases involving minority students, three of the five members of the court should be minorities.

"This course of action that was decided has not been followed up on," Bynum said. "We feel that the issue should be given more attention."

Bynum was sworn in Saturday as BSM chairman by outgoing chairman Allen Johnson. Johnson said he is optimistic the BSM will make progress with these issues.

Questions local energy plans

Kudzu Alliance brings nuke scare home

By TONY MACE
Staff Writer

About 30 members of the Kudzu Alliance, carrying signs that read "Stop Nukes" and "It Could Happen Here" and passing out anti-nuclear power leaflets, demanded Monday that Carolina Power & Light Co. stop construction of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

Members of the alliance said they planned to present a letter to Shearon Harris, chairman of the board of CP&L, appealing for a halt to construction on the plant. They said they would also send letters to Gov. Jim Hunt, the state Utilities Commission and the state legislature.

Members of the alliance, who call themselves Citizens Against Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, said at a news conference the

nuclear accident in Harrisburg, Pa., last Wednesday proved nuclear power is unsafe.

Mac S. Harris, a CP&L spokesman said his company had no intention of stopping construction of the Shearon Harris plant.

"We will review our design and construction plans in light of experience gathered at Harrisburg and make any appropriate modifications," Harris said.

Jim Overton, spokesman for the Kudzu Alliance, said the Harrisburg accident had improved the credibility of the anti-nuclear position.

"We're being seen as more legitimate as the accident at Harrisburg shows the things we've been saying all along are true," Overton said.

Overton said Kudzu planned to sponsor a rally against the Shearon Harris plant at 1 p.m.



New BSM chairman William Bynum

Shutdowns begin Trucking strike goes to lockout

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than a dozen auto plants went on short shifts Monday, and the prospect of product shortages and other disruptions loomed as a trucking industry lockout of 300,000 Teamsters took hold across the country.

The lockout, ordered by industry executives after the union launched a limited weekend strike over a contract dispute, could halt a sizeable portion of interstate shipments of general freight—from fresh foods to factory parts—within days, industry officials said.

However, Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons said the industry group behind the lockout was greatly exaggerating the possible impact of a shutdown in order to pressure the government into seeking a back-to-work court order.

Fitzsimmons said shipments of food, heating oil, gasoline, chemicals and medical supplies are unaffected by the labor dispute.

The 70-year-old union leader also charged that President Carter's chief inflation advisers totally disrupted the contract talks and played a major role in causing the strike. He referred to calls for the union to comply with Carter's anti-inflation wage guidelines.

The auto industry was the first to feel the impact of the lockout. The nation's two largest automakers, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., said more than 60,000 assembly line workers were placed on short shifts because of parts shortages affecting 16 plants. Further production cutbacks were imminent, the industry said.

Meanwhile, the strike and lockout of union truck drivers spread across the state Monday, but it appeared to be having little immediate impact on consumers.

TMI ordered picketing of selected terminals Sunday. A spokesman for Teamsters Local 71 in Charlotte said shutdowns began in the area Sunday night.

Larry Miller, the spokesman, said Johnson Motor Lines, one of the state's largest trucking firms, closed down even though it was not being picketed by the Teamsters Sunday after negotiations failed.

"We've had practically all major companies in our area to join the lockout," Miller said. He said three large firms—TCT, Mercury Express and Tower Lines—were still operating along with non-union firms such as Overnite, one of the largest carriers in the state.

Teamsters in North Carolina targeted terminals of 16 carriers. Although there was no immediate effect of the act on as far as the consumer was concerned, food store officials expressed concern.

"It's hard to measure how much an effect it would have," said Tim Smith, a vice president of the Salisbury-based Food Town chain. He said the effects may begin to show up in about two weeks.

Food store spokesmen said canned goods and paper products would become scarce first.

Ticket distribution system discussed

By SUSAN LADD
Staff Writer

A letter criticizing the UNC basketball ticket distribution system as "a periodic impediment to educational processes" and an embarrassment to professors. Monday received unanimous support from the Faculty Council Education Policy Committee.

The letter, which was written by EPC member Richard Cramer, said the committee is concerned because students must choose between waiting in line for tickets or attending classes. Cramer said the attendance record was about 50 percent in many classes on the day Duke basketball tickets were distributed. Cramer also said he was concerned that students who do elect to attend classes are discriminated against in opportunities to attend sports events.

The letter said another system should be adopted, such as the one used for distribution of Atlantic Coast Conference tournament tickets. Students could sign up for tickets in advance, with no priority given for early listing. Ticket recipients would be chosen by computer at random.

The letter recommended that the system be changed before the 1979-1980 academic year. The committee voted to introduce the

proposal in a resolution before the full Faculty Council.

In other action, the committee also voted to seek Faculty Council approval to investigate over-registration. Committee member Mark Appelbaum presented preliminary findings that showed 15 percent of preregistered students had registered for more than five courses and then dropped all but five.

Appelbaum's report covered records of all students whose last names began with "T". Of the 443 students studied, 67 had preregistered for more than five courses. When the preregistration forms were checked against the final registration forms, 59 of the students had dropped all but five courses.

Appelbaum called this process "shopping and dropping." Students over-register so they can be assured of getting several courses to choose from, he said.

One result is that many courses are closed, he said. Many of those who over-register also wait until the last minute to drop an extra course, he said, which ultimately results in classes being under-registered.

The committee members discussed requiring students who want to take 18 hours or more to get permission from their advisors.



Ehringhaus 'bleachers' may collapse ...baseball fans be warned!

Balcony may buckle as fans watch Yanks

If you plan to watch the Yankees play from one of the balconies in Ehringhaus today, you better be careful.

Sean Ballantine, Ehringhaus ARD, said he is concerned about the weight limit the dorm's balconies will support. An overload could cause the balconies to collapse, he said.

Several precautions are being taken to avoid this problem, Ballantine said. "We're going to lock the alarmed door on the guy's side of the dorm," he said, "and all entrances will be locked except those on the main, second and third floors." University police will be posted on these floors and residents must show keys or Ehringhaus IDs to get on the balconies, Ballantine said. Each balcony can hold about 200 people, he said. There are about 100 people living on each floor.

"We are discouraging people from bringing guests," Ballantine said. "We will have RA's patrolling also."

—SHANNON BRENNAN