

# Local police captain demoted to lieutenant

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The captain of the Chapel Hill Police Department's uniformed patrol division has been demoted to lieutenant amid allegations by a local newspaper that a sexual harassment investigation is being conducted in the department.

Wilbert J. Simmons, 39, who was appointed captain in August, was demoted to lieutenant Thursday with a \$4,582 decrease in salary from the approximately \$28,600 yearly salary paid to police captains.

Police Public Information Officer

Gregg Jarvis would not confirm that there was an investigation in the department and declined to explain the reason for Simmons' demotion. He also said that Simmons' duties as a lieutenant have not yet been determined.

"If there was an investigation going on, it would be a personnel matter," Jarvis said. "Personnel matters are not proper public information."

The *Durham Morning Herald* Thursday quoted three anonymous sources as saying that Simmons has been accused within the past two years of

verbally harassing female public safety officers.

There are six female and 14 minority public safety officers in Chapel Hill's 56-member uniformed patrol unit.

According to the *Herald's* sources — two from within the police department and one from a closely aligned town agency — the department's investigation was the result of an exit interview with an officer who resigned from the Chapel Hill Police Department Oct. 18 and now works for the city of Durham. Sharon Thompson in September

1979 was the first female public safety officer hired. She was one of four female public safety officers cited by the *Herald* as complaining of harassment.

According to Pat Crofts, Chapel Hill personnel director, exit interviews are conducted with most town employees.

"If they (the employees) have anything to discuss, they are encouraged to do so in this interview," Crofts said.

She added that although recent statistics had not been compiled, she had not noticed a significantly higher turnover rate for women and minority employees in Chapel Hill.

# Barfield lawyers appeal

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Doctors who ruled Velma Barfield competent for trial in 1978 didn't consider her withdrawal from a 10-year prescription drug addiction, attorneys said yesterday in an appeal to halt her execution scheduled Friday.

In a separate action, Barfield's attorneys asked the state Supreme Court to stay the execution while they pursue the appeal.

"Once we file, it's out of our control," said Barfield attorney Jimmy Little. "We just sit and wait." Barfield, who turned 52 yesterday, is scheduled to die by lethal injection at 2 a.m. Friday in North Carolina's death chamber for the murder of her boyfriend, St. Paul's farmer Stuart Taylor.

The appeal said Barfield was ruled competent to stand trial in 1978, but doctors either did not recognize or did not consider relevant her withdrawal from Valium and other prescription drugs.

"While it is now clear — in 1984 — that Ms. Barfield suffered severely from the symptoms of benzodiazepine withdrawal for a full year after her arrest for the homicide of Stuart Taylor, it would not have been clear — indeed it probably would not have been recognized — in early 1978, when Ms. Barfield was evaluated" by psychiatrists, the appeal says.

"At that point in time, the medical research had generally concluded that the drugs taken by Ms. Barfield — especially the benzodiazepines — were safe drugs, upon which people would not become dependent and from which they would not suffer withdrawal," the appeal said.

## Pols battle for coattails

WASHINGTON — Democratic strategists are counting on massive ticket splitting to boost their chances of recapturing control of the Senate in the Nov. 6 election, despite

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President Reagan's lead in the polls. Republicans, on the other hand, say they are confident of holding the control that has been theirs since 1980. They now have a majority of 55 seats to the Democrats' 45.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, has said he believes the Democrats have a 50-50 chance of making the needed net gain of five or six seats.

"There is going to be a lot of ticket splitting and it is going to benefit Democratic candidates at the Senate and Congressional level," a Democratic pollster said, speaking only on condition he not be named.

The Democratic sources predicted the party would pick up from three to seven seats.

## Career-ladder plan opposed

RALEIGH — A career-ladder plan for teachers, soon to be tested in 16 pilot school districts in North Carolina, "raises more questions than it provides answers" and should be revised, state Rep. Joe Mavretic says.

"The only thing that keeps this from being laughable is that it is pitiful," Mavretic, D-Edgecombe, told a recent legislative workshop by the N.C. Association of Educators. "I encourage you to resist it."

Mavretic said Saturday he would propose returning the plan to the State Board of Education when the proposal comes before the Legislature's Public Education Policy Council next month. Mavretic chairs the personnel subcommittee of the panel.

# Job opportunities for econ majors are called endless

By KATHY NANNEY  
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Job opportunities for economics

majors are almost unlimited, provided the student is willing to research his options and fluently communicate his job skills, a career counselor told about 70 students in during an economics forum Wednesday.

"You can do anything you want to do. Opportunities for economics majors are endless, but you have got to research them on your own," said Vicki Lotz, a liberal arts counselor with University Career Planning and Placement Services.

Companies looking for graduates with degrees in economics range from banks and utility companies to department stores, but they all want job applicants to be knowledgeable about their company, she said.

There are a variety of skills needed by economists, said Dean Shittman, who specializes in economic statistics and public policy at UNC. Communication and writing skills are very important, because an economist often acts as a go-between, translating statistical information into a form that management and the public can understand, he said. Some technological

knowledge, including a familiarity with computers, is also beneficial since many economists have to deal with investments and equipment in technological areas, he said.

Resource allocation is an important field in economics, said Mike Harris, who works in the planning services department of Carolina Power and Light Company. Economists in this area make sure capital investment is made in the most productive way.

## Voter participation rally in the Pit

A "Democratic Unity and Voter Participation" rally will be held in the Pit today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring speakers Virila Insko of

design efficient methods for carrying out the investment and predict its results, he said.

Jobs in banking are available but are very competitive, said Andrea Carpenter, a credit adviser for Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. Job applicants can gain an advantage by practicing job interviews and by researching the banks they are interested in. Though banking internships are also limited, a student can gain valuable experience by working as a teller, she said.

Orange County Democratic Headquarters and Fred Battle of the Orange County Rainbow Coalition.

## Extension questions? Call Mayor Porto

Voters with questions about the proposed Franklin Street extension and \$1.5 million in street related improvements in Carrboro will have the opportunity to call in and have their questions

about the bond referendums answered by Carrboro Mayor Jim Porto tonight at 7:30. Alert Cable Television will broadcast the call-in live on Channel 11.

## Chinese delegates meet with students

A five-man delegation from the College of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China will present

a discussion in room 226 of the Student Union today at 4:30 p.m.

## Discussion tonight on church and state

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Civil Liberties Union will present a public discussion tonight about "Church and State/Religion and Politics — Searching for Clarity" at the Community Church on Purefoy Road in Chapel Hill at 8 p.m. Barry Hager, an attorney and N.C. director for People for the Amer-

ican Way and the Rev. Robert Seymour, senior minister at Olin T. Binckley Memorial Baptist Church will be the featured speakers. Dorothy Bernholz, a local attorney and director of UNC Student Legal Services will be the moderator.

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The courses listed below, to be offered in Spring, 1985, have just been approved to fulfill perspective requirements in the General College and Arts and Sciences. They will appear on updated lists during January registration in the gym.

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