

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. High in the lower 80s. Low in the 60s.
Wednesday: A chance of rain or thunderstorms. High in the 80s. Low in the 60s.

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Thousands die as Cameroon lake emits poison gas

From Associated Press reports

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — Gas spewing from a volcanic lake in northwestern Cameroon killed at least 1,200 people, and more victims may be found, President Paul Biya said Monday.

Georges Ngango, information minister, earlier told reporters that military reports from the scene spoke of a death toll of at least 2,000.

"The results of the disaster so far is about 1,200 dead," Biya told a news conference in the capital of this tropical west African nation. But he said the casualty figures were not complete.

He said between 200 and 300 people injured by the fumes were being treated in hospitals and army teams were still searching the four-square-mile disaster area for more victims from the disaster that began Friday.

"Wind blew toxic gases over the villages and this is what brought death to the people," Biya said.

Ngango said earlier that many villagers fled the toxic gases, while others were evacuated from a wide region around Lake Nios, about 200 miles northwest of Yaounde.

"The explosion in the lake occurred at night when people were sleeping," Biya said. "Some heard the noise but did not realize poisonous fumes were released."

Biya, who toured the disaster site on Sunday, said he had been told the toxic gas had subsided. "Still we have to be careful."

Joseph Mokassa, top staff aide to the provincial governor in Bamenda, the provincial capital, said by tele-

phone he saw many dead but did not have precise figures.

"I went there on Saturday and it was such a frightful sight because so many people had lost their lives," he said.

Officials said the nearest large settlement, the town of Wum with 10,000 residents, was being evacuated.

Biya said that Cameroon needed international assistance to cope with the catastrophe and that Israel, France, the United States and West Germany had offered aid.

In Washington, officials announced that the United States was dispatching two teams to Cameroon to investigate the disaster.

Aside from an immediate donation of \$25,000 for relief efforts, no other material assistance is planned until a specific request is received from the Cameroon government, said M. Peter McPherson, administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Reports on the scale of the disaster coincided with the arrival Monday of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who was expected to announce a resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries. It was the first official visit to black Africa by an Israeli prime minister in more than 20 years.

Peres brought with him a 17-member Israeli medical team to assist local authorities, and France sent a team of doctors and chemical specialists. The Cameroon government appealed for more international aid.

SHS helps teeth, too

By LIZ SAYLOR
Staff Writer

UNC's Student Health Service will begin Wednesday offering a new dental-care service including examinations, consultations, referrals and education for students.

Although the service will offer some examinations, the program will primarily refer students needing dental care to other professionals in the area.

"If someone has a tooth problem or wants to get his teeth cleaned, he'd set up an appointment, and I'd meet with him to try to find out the problem," said Gene Sandler, associate professor of dental ecology and director of the UNC School of Dentistry's general practice residency program.

Sandler said he came up with the idea to meet with students who want dental services in a specialty clinic at SHS. This service is covered in the SHS fee which students must pay with their tuition.

Sandler's tentative schedule will be Wednesday and Friday afternoons. For appointments, he said, students should call Chris Barfield on weekdays after 1 p.m. at 966-3666.

Because the program is just beginning at SHS, Sandler said he was looking forward to working with students and the SHS employees.

Sandler said other schools offer

dental care at their health services, with mainly graduate students using the programs for full care for themselves and their spouses.

"We just don't know what's needed and want to find out," Sandler said.

He said he did expect a big demand for cleaning teeth, adjusting braces and filling cavities.

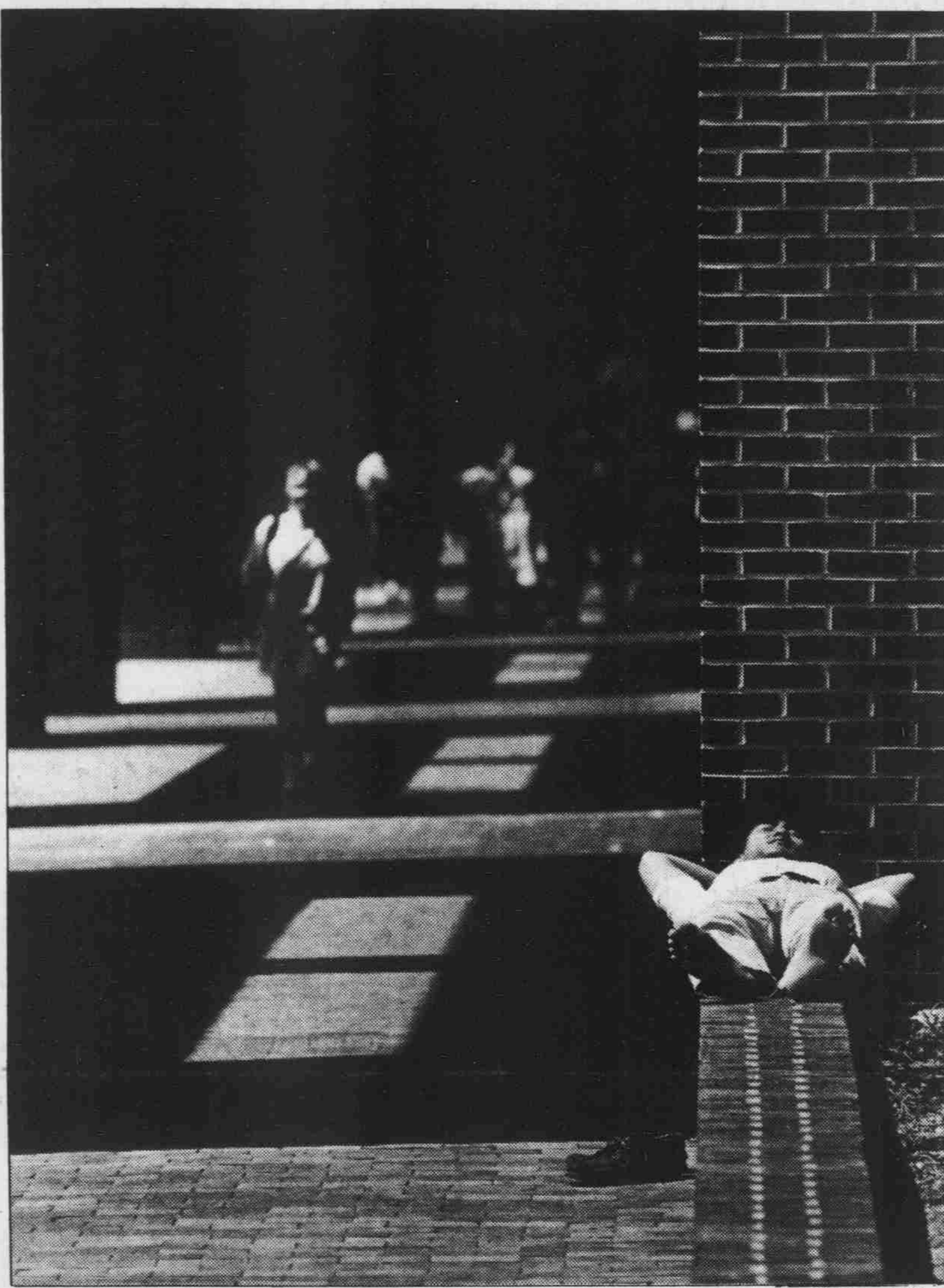
"If something needs doing," Sandler said, "I will refer the students to clinics and practices."

For now, Sandler will be working on his own, but he said if the demand was great enough, he would use dental school seniors or students in residency programs to assist him.

Sandler said he wanted to increase dental awareness on campus through SHS's wellness program and possibly sending dental hygiene students to the dormitories to give talks about dental health.

He said he planned to ask a student who came in certain questions such as, "Would you like treatment here and now?" and "If you want some more serious dental work, where would you prefer having it done — dental school clinic, local practice or hometown?"

Sandler said he expected that his new dental service and schedule would be more regular by the middle of September, once class schedules were more definite.



DTH/Larry Childress

Another brick in the wall

While others were busy buying books or studying in Davis, David Kang, a biology major from Durham, relaxes in the sun, sans shoes. Kang is taking a break from the cold New York winds for one semester.

Seniors can replace perspectives

By JEAN LUTES
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If you've been camping outside a philosophy professor's house, desperate to pick up a course so you can don a Carolina blue cap and gown with the rest of your friends this spring, relax. You have alternatives.

Students with one semester left before graduating who have not fulfilled their philosophy requirement can substitute a course of their choice to satisfy the perspective, said William Graves, associate dean of General College and General Education.

"We prefer the course they choose to have a writing component," Graves said, "since that was the general idea for a philosophical perspective."

Graduating seniors who pre-register for philosophy courses and can't get them should consult advisers in the College of Arts and

Sciences, not their departmental advisers, he said.

"Students really at this point shouldn't panic," Graves said. "The perspective crunch at this point is tight, and we can't expect students to fulfill a requirement that we can't help them fulfill."

The philosophy department has made room for 150 more students by adding new sections and increasing class size, — making a total of 2,150 slots available — but the demand for classes still can't be satisfied, according to Jay Rosenberg, chairman of the philosophy department.

"We work very hard to accommodate the genuine hardship cases," he said. Most faculty members have volunteered to take on extra teaching loads to deal with the problem, he said.

"We are using every warm body," Rosenberg said. "We have a record number of spots and are still very

reluctantly having to turn students away."

"Our sense is that the advising system is not proving especially functional," he said. "I do know that whatever relaxation of perspectives there has been is not being properly handled by the office of advisers."

Robert Vance, director of undergraduate studies in the philosophy department, said the department is running at maximum capacity.

The University needs to commit more funds to the philosophy department or add courses from other departments to satisfy the perspective requirements," he said.

Courses in social science, religious studies, classics and political science might be used for the requirement, he said.

The philosophy department carries about 90 percent of the teaching load for the philosophical perspective, Rosenberg said.

Gamble to leave for good

By TERESA KRIEGSMAN
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Problems still exist with the way the Division of Student Affairs handles personnel problems, according to George Gamble, associate director of the Campus Y.

"This past year has demonstrated that the office of the vice chancellor does not follow reasonable methods of resolution in personnel matters," Gamble said Monday, expressing disappointment with the way the division dealt with his situation.

Gamble will leave his position at the Campus Y Sept. 30 after being dismissed by Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton.

Gamble's employment originally was terminated last fall by Campus Y Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson. After student protests, Gamble was temporarily reinstated on the condition that he sign a resignation letter dated May 15. Reasons for his dismissal have not been released.

"I am disappointed that (Boulton) has chosen to terminate me without cause," he explained. "I am disappointed that a university of the stature of UNC . . . would have a policy that would allow dismissal without stated cause and due process (of appeal)."

Gamble said he would have preferred mediation by an objective third party to decisions made entirely by the division. He added that most modern bureaucracies used mediators to solve personnel problems.

Boulton said he thought he had handled Gamble's situation as well as he could.

"I like to believe I do the best job that I can within my abilities," he said. "Others have to do the evaluation."

According to Tim Sanford, director of institution research, Gamble and 626 other university employees have contracts stating that their employment can be terminated at their employer's will. These employees don't have to be given reasons for their termination and a chance to appeal their dismissal.

Boulton said he has been an "at-will" employee for 28 years and said he thinks the provision is fair because employees know about it before signing their contracts.

Gamble said he thinks the provision is unfair because employees should be able to hear charges against them and defend themselves against the charges.

"As long as there is an opportunity to terminate employees without stated reason and with no appeal, it seems that opportunities to terminate with stated reason and with appeal would not be utilized readily," he said, adding that the firing at-will clause limits the productivity, loyalty and commitment of employees.

Gamble said he is working to change this policy by writing letters to the state legislature, the Board of Trustees and by organizing other at-will employees.

Businesses protest Shearon Harris nuclear power plant

By SUSAN JENSEN
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Community response to the impending start-up of Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, 20 miles south of Raleigh, has been anything but favorable, and actions in opposition to it can be seen in a multitude of forms around Chapel Hill.

Fundraisers, demonstrations, the emergence of neighborhood activist groups, and the circulation of petitions are a few examples of the answer Chapel Hill has for Carolina Power and Light's decision to build the plant.

Signs declaring a refusal to support Shearon Harris have begun to

Evacuation plans sought 2
emerge in many windows around town.

The business most ardently opposing the plant has been International Books on West Rosemary Street. They have distributed signs, information concerning nuclear power, petitions, pins and T-shirts, according to spokesman Bob Sheldon.

Papagayo restaurant employees have not only made a sign demonstrating their opposition, but many have signed petitions opposing the plant as well, according to manager Lisa Townsend.

A number of restaurants, including La Residence, Pyewacket and Crook's Corner, sponsored a madrigal-type dinner over the summer in which they raised approximately \$3,000 to help block the plant.

But response has not only come from local businesses; several interest groups have voiced opposition to the plant, with the Coalition for Alternative to Shearon Harris (CASH) leading the pack.

CASH mobilized this spring to persuade the Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough town councils and the Orange County Commissioners to pass resolutions opposing Shearon Harris. Chapel Hill has already

done so.

Besides lobbying for political support, which will continue this fall with the upcoming congressional race, CASH has helped in organizing other community groups, including a campus CASH division, according to CASH leader Billy Cummings.

Black helium balloons were released at the site of the plant to demonstrate where radiation would be carried if an accident occurred, Cummings said.

Also, several members of Heritage Hills community have asked that its residents sign petitions and pressure the state to change its plans.

"What happened in Russia doubled the determination of neigh-

borhoods involved," said David Nash, a Heritage Hills recreation club tennis pro. "You're talking about families trying to protect defenseless children."

A group of local health professionals, including Dr. Morris Lipton of North Lakeshore Drive, have donated the money for an advertisement concerning treating health hazards that nuclear plants pose. Church services and gospel singing have also been held outside the plant's gates.

The idea to build a nuclear power plant in North Carolina surfaced over a decade ago. The battle between residents and CP&L has raged since then, with a major

concern being the lack of an effective evacuation plan for the surrounding areas.

Suggestions for alternatives to nuclear power have included converting the plant for gas or coal, using hydroelectronics, and simply shutting the plant down.

Blemishes on CP&L's safety record also do little to help public opinion, according to Dan Graham, a member of Orange Co. Greens environmental group.

Graham claims CP&L was fined several thousand dollars for safety violations at a plant in the northeast. "Their safety record is rather jaded," he said.

Nature is proving that she can't be beaten — not by the likes of us. — Robert Sherwood