

Campus Police Roundup

In Chapel Hill:
 • Police received a report Tuesday at 4:19 a.m. that an unidentified male was kicking at the door of the Beta Theta Phi fraternity house on South Columbia Street. Jerry Rogers, a Chapel Hill resident, filed the complaint.
 When officers arrived at the fraternity house they found several males on the front porch of the residence. After questioning them, the officers decided that no further investigation was necessary.
 • Fletcher Scurlock of Chapel Hill reported Tuesday evening that three females had harassed him at the intersection of West Franklin and Roberson streets. Officers were sent to the intersection, but were unable to locate the women.
 • Sue Anderson of Chapel Hill contacted police Tuesday and reported that an unidentified male had exposed himself to her at the post office on South Estes Drive.
 Anderson told officers that as she was leaving the post office, a man in a red vehicle pulled up beside her car. The woman soon noticed the man was masturbating. The man had fled

the scene before the officers arrived.
 • Officers responded to a report of a disturbance at 111 Merritt Mill Road Tuesday. Upon arriving at the scene, police discovered evidence of an attempted robbery and assault. Mark Garriga was struck when a man attempted to rob him. Police found a suspect, but the man ran when officers attempted to question him.
 Carrboro police officers later stopped the suspect and took him into custody.
 • Police were called to the Kron Building at 725 Airport Road Tuesday morning when it was discovered that the building had been broken into and several items were missing. No suspects have been identified, and police have no estimate of the value of the stolen property.
 • Several Chapel Hill residents were the victims of vandalism Tuesday. Police received seven separate reports from across town of vandalism to homes, cars and businesses. All of the complaints reported finding broken windows, and several residents found small metal pellets at the scenes.
 — compiled by Charles Brittain

Problems hamper Polish advances

Poland in Transition

Editor's note: This is the final article of a two-part series.

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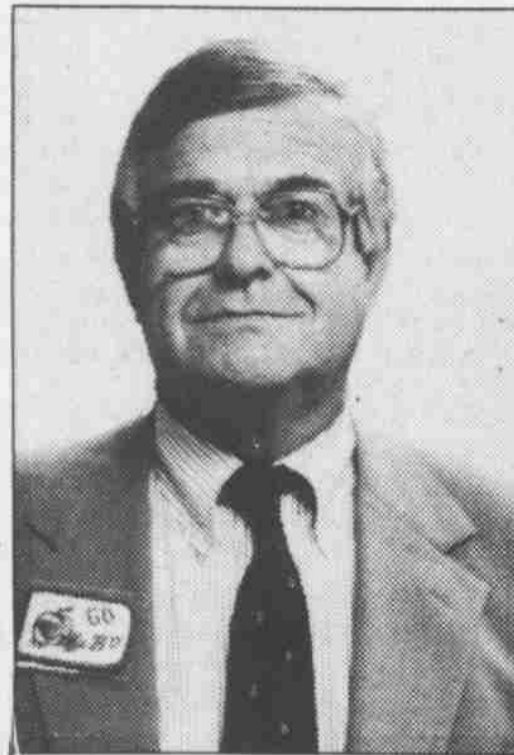
The historic upheaval in Poland this summer left most outsiders stunned, but experts warn the new government is fragile.
 "You get the feeling they've got limited time," said Robert Rupen, UNC professor of political science. "They'd better get some results fast or it's going to sour."
 After several months of intense negotiations, the Polish Communist Party, agreed to legalize the workers union, Solidarity, and to allow partially free elections. The elections ended in a landslide victory for Solidarity. Subsequent power struggles yielded the first prime minister with popular support — Solidarity member Tadeusz Mazowiecki — since Nazi occupation in the 1930s.
 Although Solidarity holds the majority in parliament, important cabinet and leadership positions will be shared with the Communists. Communist Party members will serve as president, minister of defense and minister of internal affairs.

The dollar is equal to about 8,000 zloty, the Polish monetary unit, she said.
 Fiscal mismanagement during the first 15 years of Communist rule led to new leadership which promised to rebuild the economy, mostly through the use of Western loans. Many of the projects were on a huge scale and had to be abandoned before they were ever completed.
 "The international oil crisis was a terrible blow to Polish planning," Josef Anderle, a professor of history, said. "The Soviets saw a chance to sell their oil to the West at much-needed profits, and Eastern Bloc countries like Poland were left to flounder in the skyrocketing world market."
 Strikes and riots had broken out across Poland by 1976, and the government made back-breaking concessions in hopes that production would increase and Poland could compete on the world market.
 "Huge structures were left to literally rust out," Levine said. "A lot of the problems today stem from that time and the greed of Western bankers. They made huge loans that everyone knew could never be paid back without destroying Poland — and the Poles jumped at the chance for easy money."
 Because so much money was squandered during the 1970s, most countries are very conservative about the number and size of loans they will offer the new government, Rupen said.
 "The Poles are waiting to start making changes until they get financial aid, and America is waiting to see some changes before making any large commitments," Rupen said. "The new government can't afford to wait long or their chance to make a difference will be gone. It's a waiting game in which both sides need to be cautious, but inaction is the double-edged sword."
 A serious setback to immediate action by the Polish government is the difficulty of prioritizing needed changes. Aside from its economic woes, Poland has some of the worst

pollution problems in the world. The quality of medical care is also severely lagging.
 "There is virtually no clean water left in Poland," Levine said. "Some of the water is so polluted, industries down river from each other can't even clean the water up enough to use it for manufacturing purposes."
 Only 10 percent of the water in Poland is suitable for drinking.
 Air pollution is also out of control, and soil contamination has reached the point that produce cannot pass tests for toxin levels in foreign markets. In addition, acid rain is eating away at the centuries-old art and architecture of the nation.
 Medieval practices such as the dumping of all of Warsaw's raw sewage directly into rivers and open burning of toxins have made the environmental problems worse.
 "A real focus of anger is the dramatic increase in the rates of cancer and respiratory disease, especially among children," Levine said. "Frankly, with the amount of money they're likely to get, the Poles are going to have to decide whether to maintain current low technology of manufacturing and use funds for scrubbers and cleaning up their environment, or accept they will have a declining life expectancy over the next several decades and hope the technological advances can relieve and restore the environment."
 While the new government sorts out its priorities, most observers will keep a watchful eye on Communist reaction to the rate and scope of changes.
 "Solidarity is no longer completely unified, and faction politics could start affecting the decisions very soon," Rupen said. "In these circumstances, it's easy to be suspicious of Communist motives in sharing power. They may well be trying to get Solidarity to take the responsibility for the worsening economic crisis."
 If improvements get under way and are successful, the likely end result would probably be some form of a socialist government, he said.

Thomas mounts bid for U.S. Senate seat

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Bo Thomas

Former state Sen. Bo Thomas has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the 1990 U.S. Senate race against incumbent Jesse Helms, and Thomas stopped in Chapel Hill Wednesday during his first round of campaigning.
 "We need a senator for North Carolina," Thomas said. The nomination will be decided during the Democratic primary the first Tuesday in May.
 "I am seeking the opportunity with all my energy to take (Helms) on," he said. "I want to be the Democrat that gets to scalp and send him back to Hayes Barton (in Raleigh)."
 "Senator Helms is from North Carolina — elected from North Carolina three times. He supports dictators in Chile, Argentina, South Africa..."
 Thomas, a former state senator from

Hendersonville, made his final decision to run for the U.S. Senate seat about six to seven weeks ago, he said.
 Thomas said he had a lot of support in the mountains for his nomination bid. He said support from the party leaders was difficult to evaluate, but he added that he did not expect enormous support from them.
 The environment and education will be two issues important in his campaign, he said.
 In the next 50 years, 123 creeks in the mountains will be judged acidic, he said. Those creeks will be dangerous to wildlife and humans. Thomas also cited water pollution in the Triangle from industry as another cause of concern.
 A national commitment to education will mean working on such issues as funding, lengthening the school year and upgrading curricula to make sure high school graduates will be competi-

He said. An outrageous number of high school students are not prepared for college, he said.
 Thomas attended Duke University but withdrew in 1951 to enlist in the Army during the Korean War. He saw combat in an artillery unit and eventually became a sergeant. Thomas also commanded the National Guard unit in Hendersonville, he said.
 Thomas heads an international fruit and vegetable business.
 He was appointed to the state Senate in 1979 and elected in 1980. He has since served four full terms.
 He was the Democratic Party chairman of the 11th Congressional District, and he has been on the Democratic Party's state executive council.
 Thomas was also chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee and Appropriations for General Government Committee.

CP&L lays off workers, shuffles jobs

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Five hundred Carolina Power and Light (CP&L) workers lost their jobs last week, and another 220 workers face reassignments and/or relocations because of the utility company's reorganization.
 The 220 workers who face reassignments have five working days to decide if they wish to accept the new positions. Attempting to avoid rate increases, the company also dismissed 1,000 contractors as part of the job reductions that took place last Monday.
 "Once we completed the (Shearon) Harris plant in 1987, that brought to an end a 20-year period of building generating plants," said Kyle Hampton, CP&L spokesman. "The 20-year period was a challenge to design, engineer and build power plants to serve the electricity needs of our customers."
 In January, CP&L began an organization analysis of the company and its personnel, he said. Managers and supervisors evaluated all aspects of the company and the number of workers needed to do the work in the 1990s.

The study designated the positions that were "outplaced" last Monday as nonessential, he said. The eliminated positions ranged from clerical workers to workers in administration, engineering, computers and accounting.
 "We are hoping by reorganizing our company and by work force reductions, it will be several years before we will go for a rate increase," Hampton said.
 The company is expected to save \$70 million by late next year as a result of the reorganization, he said. The amount of money the company will save depends on the length of severance pay to the former workers. The length of severance pay can range from 17 to 61 weeks.
 "We would expect our customers will not see any difference in service level," he said.
 The layoff probably won't affect services, said Robert Gruber, executive director of the public staff of the Utilities Commission, which represents rate payers. "The services needed to operate the plants will not be curtailed."
 "(The layoff) can only help rates,"

he said. "(CP&L officials) claim it will save \$70 million a year that will keep them from seeking a rate increase."
 The layoffs covered the CP&L service area in North and South Carolina, but approximately half of the jobs were in the Raleigh area.
 Most of the workers who lost their jobs will be rehired in 30 to 60 days, said Chris Shields, director of public information for the N.C. Employment Security Commission.
 The loss of jobs will cause a ripple in the labor force of the Triangle, said Jim McMahan, manager of the Raleigh office of the Employment Security Commission. But most of the workers will be absorbed very easily, he said.
 The unemployment rate for the area is 2.6 percent, he said.
 Hampton said the company was doing everything it could to help employees find another career. The company will set up a center for employees to make telephone calls, polish interview skills and work on resumes. CP&L also will sponsor a job fair for employees who were laid off.

Tanker collides with Soviet trawler; 15 dead

From Associated Press reports
 STOCKHOLM, Sweden — An oil tanker trying to avoid a crash with a Soviet fishing trawler Wednesday veered into another Soviet boat, which sank in the chilly Baltic and killed all 15 crewmen, officials said.
 One of the Soviet fishermen was pulled from the sea alive after the accident but died as he was flown to a hospital. The coast guard and navy gave up the search for the other 14 crewmen eight hours after the accident, saying there was no hope of finding survivors in the 55-degree water.
 Coast guard Cmdr. Topi Jarainen called it the worst maritime accident in the Baltic since World War II.
 The 6,000-ton Finnish oil tanker Tebo Star, en route to Amsterdam with

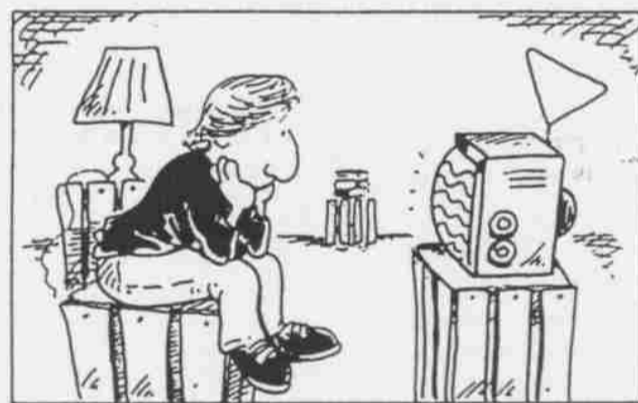
a cargo of crude oil, crunched into the trawler Ladushkin just after midnight in fair weather and moderate seas.
 Veikko Hintsonen, of the Suomen Petrooli shipping company, which operated the tanker, said in Helsinki that the ship veered to avoid a collision with another Soviet trawler when it hit the Ladushkin.
 The Tebo Star was not seriously damaged, he said.
 The 75-foot-long trawler sank within minutes, said Waldemar Berlin, head of the coast guard rescue operation. "I've worked here for 30 years, and I can't recall a more serious accident," he said.
 Berlin said most of the Soviet crewmen probably were in their bunks asleep when the tanker hit their ship, 28 miles

southwest of the Swedish island of Gotland.
 The Swedish navy pulled three helicopters and four vessels from war games being held nearby to help in the rescue effort.
 The Ladushkin was resting on the seabed 50 yards below the surface, Berlin said.
 Jarainen said accidents involving trawlers and tankers are rare, but fishermen on Gotland island said passing tankers sometimes do not pay enough attention at night when trawlers are at anchor.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW ON FRIDAY

Les has his own apartment.



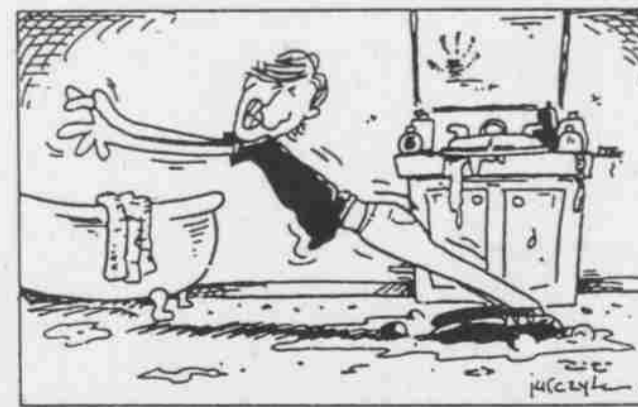
Les has his apartment decorated in "Early American Orange Crate."



Les generally eats his meals at the "Happy Intestine Cafe", but when money is tight he's quite the chef.



Les spent last Saturday looking for his ex-roommate, who still owes last October's phone bill.



Les missed a final last semester because he was stuck to his bathroom floor.

Sid lives in Granville Towers.



Sid's place is furnished. Everything he needs is there when he moves in.



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