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ON CAMPUS
TARP will meet on Lenoir steps at 5 p.m. for dinner discussion of Marriott's environmental responsibility.

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TUESDAY Up Front

Soviet Jews flee homeland for Chapel Hill hospitality

By Jackie Hershkowitz
Staff Writer

It's an old, old joke. A Russian Jew receives a letter from his brother who has left the country. The brother writes that he has become blind. The brother in Russia takes the letter to the authorities for permission to leave the country to help his blind brother. The Soviet official tells him, "You should invite your brother here. We have the best medicine in the world, it is free for everybody." The man replies, "My brother may be blind, but he is not crazy."

Twenty-nine-year-old Simon Stempel broke into a soft chuckle at the punchline. Although occasional mispronunciations sprinkled his speech, Stempel told the joke with confidence and ease. He is a Russian immigrant who began a new life three years ago when he left his native Moscow. Stempel is one of 34 Soviet Jews who have settled in Chapel Hill since August of 1989.

Where can they turn for help when they arrive, sometimes with little other than a suitcase and \$100? One source of assistance is the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation. The federation is a nationwide organization that helps resettle Soviet Jews. The local chapter has provided newly arrived Soviets with such basic necessities as transportation and furniture. The chapter also has assisted in finding jobs, locating housing and arranging counseling.

Joel Schwartz, Soviet politics professor, and his wife Myrna are co-chairmen of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation Committee for the Resettlement of Soviet Jewish Refugees.

"They have been like a godfamily," Stempel said, referring to the Schwartzes. The federation has provided food, clothing and even donated a car to Stempel's family. "They have done anything and everything they could to help."

Josef Vaisman and his wife Shura, Ukrainian Jews, said the federation welcomed them to the community by providing free synagogue membership and a full scholarship for their 8-year-old daughter Ester to attend Hebrew school. "The Jewish Federation has given us much more help than we expected," Josef Vaisman said. "We didn't expect to receive any help at all."

The response of the local Jewish community to the Soviet Jews has been excellent, Joel Schwartz said.

"We are participating in a historical moment in Jewish history," he said. "The massive watershed emigration of Soviet Jews will certainly rank with the Holocaust and the establishment of the state of Israel as one of the great events of the 20th century."

A graduate student in chemistry, Stempel spoke with incredulity about the system he left behind.

"In the Soviet Union, it was crazy. If you wanted to

Supreme Court drops Bibbs suit

By Heather Harreld
Staff Writer

A lawsuit alleging that Mark Bibbs must resign as Student Supreme Court chief justice to run for student body president and that Student Congress must take action against Bibbs was dismissed Monday at a pre-trial hearing.

But plaintiff Brad Torgan and associate justice Jaye Sitton said they were disappointed with procedures used by Student Supreme Court members.

A report issued by the court explains the case was dismissed because the court did not have the jurisdiction to hear it. Justices cannot hear cases that do not concern an issue of executive or legislative acts, according to Title III, Part I, Act I, section 25-A of the code.

The panel of three justices agreed that the UNC Student Government Code was contradictory to the points Torgan

raised, but said they were barred from rendering any opinions in the case, according to the report.

Torgan, a third-year law student, said he was very disappointed with the "unprofessional manner" of the court and added that there were several irregularities in the court proceedings that violated the student code.

He maintained that Title III, Part I, Act I, section 68-A of the code required a defendant to serve the plaintiff with his answer to the complaint before the court proceedings. Torgan received a copy of Bibbs' answer during the hearing.

"At the very least, I should have had time to look at it before the pre-trial conference," Torgan said.

Torgan said acting Chief Justice Eleanor Stokes promised to notify all of the justices and have them attend the hearing, but broke the promise by not informing Sitton.

"She should have postponed the hearing, if she couldn't get all the justices there," Torgan said.

Sitton confirmed that she was not notified of the hearing. "I deeply regret not being told of the hearing," she said. "It's important that the court conduct itself as professionally as possible."

But Stokes said the court was not required to have all the justices at a pre-trial hearing. "In a pre-trial hearing, it's only necessary for the chief justice to be present," she said.

Sometimes it is difficult to get all the associate justices together, she explained. Stokes chose to have the court's other two justices who had expressed interest in the case attend the hearing, she said. Associate Justices Scott Lewis and Malcolm Turner also signed the dismissal document.

Torgan said he planned to appeal the decision of the court, but he did not know where to file the appeal. The court will not be able to provide him with past cases of a similar nature

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Sign here ... and here ... and here

Tracy Miller, a senior speech communication major from Charlotte, cashes three checks at the First Union Bank at University Mall late last week for

money to spend over the weekend. Miller probably spent some of her money on hot chocolate because of the cold weather.

Trustees seek increase in application fee

By Shannon Crossover
Staff Writer

Students soon may pay more to apply for admission to the University.

The UNC Board of Trustees Friday approved a plan to raise the undergraduate and medicine and dentistry school application fees from \$35 to \$45. Graduate school application fees would increase from \$35 to \$40 and master's in accounting and master's in business administration application fees would rise from \$35 to \$75.

The increase now must be approved by the UNC Board of Governors and UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

Jim Walters, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said application fees needed to be increased because the admissions office's budget had been inadequate.

"The current fee of \$35 doesn't come close to the actual cost of processing applications, which is about \$66," he said.

An increase in the volume of applicants and insufficient state funds also justify the need for application fee increases, a BOT draft report states.

Money from the increase would help cover the cost of interviews, postage

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Faulty tubing cause of Kenan laboratory chemical fire

By John Broadfoot
Staff Writer

A chemical fire on the sixth floor of Kenan Laboratories Sunday night was caused by faulty tubing in lab equipment.

Donald Willhoit, University health and safety director, said a hose in the methanol cooling system sprang a leak. He estimated the fire caused \$20,000 in damage.

The methanol was the coolant in apparatus used to radiate a sample with ultraviolet light. The heat from this light caused the methanol to ignite, he said.

"The fuel ignited, the tubing ignited and the methanol ran across the floor to a cabinet," Willhoit said.

The fire was contained primarily to the cabinet and did not spread to other laboratory rooms, he said.

Cindy Schauer, the professor conducting the experiment, said the cabinet

contained miscellaneous equipment. Work in the lab will soon be back to normal, she said.

"We cleaned up today and showed a lot of people around," she said.

"We will be hard at work again tomorrow."

Approximately five gallons of methanol was involved, but several gallons did not burn, Schauer said.

Joseph Templeton, chemistry department chairman, said work in other areas

of Kenan Lab was not disrupted Monday.

"The fire was localized and did not affect activities in Kenan Lab today," he said.

Schauer and a graduate assistant were taken to the hospital, but no injuries were reported.

Three Chapel Hill Fire Department vehicles responded to the 9:02 p.m. call Sunday and fire suppressive crews extinguished the blaze using dry chemical

canisters.

The New Hope Fire Department assisted in putting out the fire and in blocking off part of South Road. The fire was extinguished at 9:46 p.m.

Willhoit said the efforts of chemistry professor Cindy Schauer and a graduate student helped contain the fire to the laboratory.

"They did a good job," he said. "The action of closing the doors and pulling the fire alarms helped to confine the

fire."

The chemistry department will study alternative methods of cooling the methanol, he said.

"An evaluation will be released prior to the continuation of this experiment," Willhoit said.

Judy Lewis, insurance manager for the UNC property office, said an investigation was under way, but a damage estimate for insurance purposes had not been made yet.

DTH editor candidates voice ideas for improving campus paper

Bounds, Toll say working as a team will get the job done

All profiles by Marty Minchin
Staff Writer

Wendy Bounds and Dacia Toll say working as co-editors would give them an added advantage when things get hectic in the newsroom.

"The Daily Tar Heel needs two editors," Toll said. "A single editor can often get trapped in the newsroom by daily production tasks and become isolated from what should be their foremost concern — the readers."

Toll, a sophomore political science and economics double major from

Bethesda, Md., has worked as a writer, assistant editor and desk editor covering state and national news at the DTH. She also was a columnist for the UNC Journalist.

Toll's professional journalism experience includes working as a researcher for Newsweek and Fortune magazine during the summer and as an editorial assistant to a



Bounds/Toll

Washington Post columnist.

Bounds, a junior journalism and Spanish double major from Raleigh, also has worked as a writer, assistant editor and desk editor covering state and national news, and has served on the DTH Editorial Board. She has worked as both editor and associate editor of the UNC Journalist.

Bounds' experience includes work at the Miami Herald, the Cary News, the Chapel Hill Herald, the Chicago Sun-Times and Spectator Magazine.

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Eisley counts on professional experience to improve DTH

Matthew Eisley believes his past professional journalism experience made him the most qualified candidate for Daily Tar Heel editor.

"I've had just about all the responsibilities you can have around here except the head office," he said.

"I feel it's a very natural progression for me to move in there and use my background and experience, including bringing the students and the other readers a better paper."

Eisley, a senior journalism major from Albany, Ga., has served as a re-

porter, assistant editor and editor covering University news, as well as special assignments editor of the DTH and associate editor of the weekly summer edition of the DTH.

He also has worked for The Albany Herald, where he won a first-place Associated Press award for deadline news reporting.



Eisley

"I'm the best choice this year because of the diversity of my journalism experience and breadth of experience," he said.

If elected, Eisley said he planned to place a heavy emphasis on better writing.

"Writing should be tighter, cleaner and more brief," he said. "It should be more accurate, and it should give a flavor of what happens around here."

He would conduct frequent workshops for reporters and editors in which

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University knowledge Johnston's key to better coverage

Stephanie Johnston says working as University news editor has helped her learn how to cooperate with DTH readers.

Johnston has served as a University news reporter, assistant editor and editor during the past two and a half years.

"In my view a lot of what the editor does is deal with readers," she said. "Probably more so than any other desk except the editorial page, University desk gets the most feedback, mainly because the people we quote in stories are here on campus."

"I've already had to deal with read-

ers, and I have learned how to explain things patiently," Johnston said.

Johnston, a junior journalism and international studies double major from Columbia, S.C., said as editor she would be able to deal with the stressful environment of the DTH office.

"I know you have to make it fun," she



Johnston

said. "It can become such a tense place and so stressful, you just have to keep it in perspective. There are some good days and some bad days."

Running a world briefs column every day on the front page would help institute a policy of increased state, national and world news coverage, Johnston said.

"This is a way of broadening state, national and international news without increasing the size of the paper."

Implementing "brights," interesting

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Wallsten plans to give football fans a Saturday newspaper

Peter Wallsten wants to bring back a Saturday edition of The Daily Tar Heel on home football game days.

"A Saturday paper would provide a space in the paper for more sports and game previews, and it would give people something to take into the stadium with them," Wallsten said. "It will also bring in new advertisers and would make money itself."

He said he would appoint a weekend editor to run production of the Saturday paper.

The paper would be finished before the Friday night deadline, so the staff

would not have to stay late Friday, he added.

Wallsten, a sophomore religious studies major from Chapel Hill, has covered city news as a reporter, assistant editor and desk editor.

He also has worked for the Chapel Hill Newspaper, the Durham Herald-Sun, and the Chapel Hill Herald.



Wallsten

Wallsten free-lances for the New York Times.

Growing up in Chapel Hill gave him a deep understanding of how the town and the University worked, he said.

"I'm the only (candidate) who really understands the town," Wallsten said. "I've been associated with the University for about 20 years. I've had experience both covering it and being a part of it."

Establishing a more aggressive beat system to cover city and University

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A teacher never says anything once. — Howard Nemerov