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Tanker crashes, spills oil off Spanish coast

LA CORUNA, Spain — A tanker crashed onto rocks outside a fog-shrouded harbor entrance Thursday, breaking apart in heavy seas and spilling millions of gallons of crude oil that threatened the area's rich fishing grounds.

Hundreds of people fled their homes after an explosion tore the stern loose and set off an inferno only a few yards offshore five hours after the ship ran aground. All 29 crew members were rescued from the Greek ship, officials said.

Authorities said an oil slick as wide as a mile stretched 12 miles northeastward up the coast of Galicia, as the region is known.

Environmentalists expressed fears for fishing grounds. Fishing is Galicia's most important industry. The tanker, the "Aegean Sea," was carrying an estimated 23 million gallons of crude from Britain's main North Sea oil-loading terminal at Sullom Voe to a refinery in La Coruna when it ran aground about 5 a.m.

Antonio Gomis, a spokesman for Spain's Repsol oil company, which chartered the tanker, said two or three of the ship's nine tanks had ruptured. He said each tank held an average of 2.7 million gallons of crude oil. "We believe about two-thirds of the oil is on the ship, and oil from two or three tanks has gone into the sea," Gomis said.

U.N. inspectors entered one of Hussein's palaces

MANAMA, Bahrain — U.N. arms inspectors entered one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces while hunting for weapons of mass destruction, a team leader said Thursday.

Iraq's previous refusal to allow U.N. teams into government ministries, let alone Saddam's palaces, has sparked confrontations between Iraq and the U.N. inspectors.

Maurizio Zifferero, an International Atomic Energy Agency official, told

reporters the inspectors were not nuclear experts. He refused to say more about the palace visit and refused to say when it occurred.

There have been unconfirmed reports the Iraqis were prepared to let U.N. inspectors enter government ministries as long as the visits were not made public.

Zifferero, an Italian, leaves for Baghdad Saturday to head an eight-member team of nuclear experts. Also traveling to Baghdad will be a 28-member squad of chemical and biological weapons experts.

Zifferero said among other tasks, he would try to pressure Baghdad into providing data on the network of foreign suppliers and experts that helped Iraq develop nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction.

Russian lawmakers twist and shout

MOSCOW — Lawmakers plunged into a shouting and shoving match over President Boris Yeltsin's reforms Thursday, halting work on economic reform plans and debate on proposals to have Yeltsin relinquish some powers.

A leader of a hard-line group in the Congress of People's Deputies predicted there would be more chaos today. The upheaval caused a committee drawing up a resolution on Yeltsin's economic plans to suspend its work.

The outburst came during debate on constitutional amendments that would shift power from Yeltsin and his Cabinet to the Congress and the smaller Supreme Soviet.

The fracas was the culmination of two days of bitter debate in which Yeltsin and Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar pushed their most controversial reforms on the unfriendly parliament, dominated by former Communists elected long before the collapse of the Soviet Union last year.

Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, siding with the conservatives, pushed through a motion for secret-ballot voting on the amendments.

—The Associated Press

By L. Scott Tillett Staff Writer

Building a bridge out of paper is tricky. And the task becomes even trickier when the bridge must stretch from Asia to America.

But Kiduk Yang is trying to build such a bridge.

Dong H. Kim started building the bridge between East and West last year when he founded the Carolina Asian News in an attempt to keep the Asian and Asian-American community in North Carolina informed about what was going on in Asia.

As news editor and publisher of the paper, a publication in English with a circulation of 4,000, Yang is picking up where Kim left off when he moved to Atlanta.

But Yang, a computer programmer at the University, wants to go further with the Carolina Asian News. He also wants the paper to be a tool for racial understanding — a way to bridge the gap between Eastern and Western views.

"You've got all these racial things going on, and the first step should be getting to know each other," he said.

The paper, targeted primarily at

Asians and Asian Americans in the state, is a source of news about China, South Korea, Japan, India and Southeast Asia. Yang gets the news from a network of Asians and Asian Americans across the nation and across the state.

About five people, including Yang's wife, Heejeoung Yang, gather local news for the Chapel Hill-based publication, sell ads and put the paper together.

Heejeoung Yang works as advertising director for the paper. None of the staff members are paid.

Papers are distributed primarily at UNC, N.C. State University and Duke University. Kiduk Yang also has begun distributing papers at UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University, keeping in line with the paper's goal of serving the N.C. Asian-American community.

Yu-Yee Wu, a senior journalism major who has been writing for the paper for nearly a year, said, "I think we need to have something like Carolina Asian News because most of the newspapers and the mainstream media around here don't cover Asian news at all.

"It's a shame that more people don't read it because it has a lot of information."

The Carolina Asian News staff places copies of the paper at Asian grocery

stores, restaurants and other businesses throughout the Triangle, which are the paper's primary advertisers.

Yang said publishing Carolina Asian News was like having a second full-time job. But he still wants to increase the circulation of the paper when he gets more advertising and more people to help write.

"Next year, I'm trying to change the format," Yang said. He plans to add sections on health, business, and Eastern religion and philosophy—the foundation of Eastern culture, Yang said.

The next issue of the Carolina Asian News, scheduled to come off the presses Monday, will include an article by a correspondent in California on the anti-Korean sentiment during the Los Angeles riots following the Rodney King trial.

Another article will report on German neo-Nazis and the racial conflicts in Germany. Copies of the next issue will be available in the Undergraduate and Davis libraries and at the Union Desk.

Yang estimates that about half of the paper's readers are Asian Americans who don't read the native languages of their parents. People who speak Korean or Chinese as their first language usu-

ally prefer reading Korean or Chinese newspapers instead of papers in English, he said.

Yang, who said he's always looking for contributors, also wants to add more commentary to the paper in the form of a "Young Voices" column for high school and college students. Getting more than one perspective on issues is what the paper is all about, he said.

"When you see something through one person's eye, you may not get all aspects of what happened," he said.

The paper also seeks to help its readers understand their culture better. Yang said he especially wanted to target Asian Americans, who might easily lose touch with their Asian roots.

"They're like Asians outside and Americans inside, and they don't really understand the culture they came from," he said.

Wu, who was born in Taiwan but grew up in Florida, said she became more in touch with Chinese culture through a personal essay she wrote on her heritage for the Carolina Asian News.

"(The paper is) a vehicle to learn more about Asian culture and Asian news," she said. "It keeps you aware of things that are going on."

UNC housekeepers to benefit from performances

By Rahul Mehta Arts Coordinator

Tonight is buffet night for anyone interested in student performance groups.

For \$3, students can get a flavor of the school's performance groups at 8 p.m. tonight in Hanes Arts Auditorium. Sponsored by Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, the concert is a benefit for the UNC housekeepers.

The BSM Gospel Choir, Tar Heel Voices, Ebony Readers, Unheard Voices, Modern Extension, Opeyo! Dancers and Afro II are among the groups scheduled to appear.

"A lot of people want to see all these groups but can't go to 50 different concerts," said sophomore SARR Co-chairman Fred Wherry. "This is a great opportunity to see several different groups

at once." "It's really a fantastic line-up," he said. "Whether you're into dance, drama or song, there's something for everyone."

More than that, Wherry stressed that the concert was a benefit. He said it was important for student groups to come out and show their support for the housekeepers.

"We must look at the community as a whole and see that not everyone is being treated equitably," he said. "We should come together as one and show our collective support and commitment to people being treated decently and with respect."

"With all the other issues going on this semester, it's easy for the housekeepers to become invisible," Wherry said.

He said the benefit concert was a

good way to remind people of what's going on.

"A lot of people won't come to politically charged discussions," he said. "And with the people who do come out, it's like preaching to the choir. (Having a benefit concert) is a different angle to get different kinds of people involved."

The fact that these performance groups took time out to do this benefit this close to finals shows a commitment to the cause, Wherry said.

Afro II will open the concert with a traditional African dance of welcome. The other groups will perform pieces from their repertoire.

Each group will perform for about 15 minutes.

Modern Extension will perform a dance titled "In-Dependence." Junior Amanda Kinzer, who choreographed the dance, said it illustrated the impor-

tance of being an individual in the midst of depending on others.

She said the dance was particularly appropriate to the cause of the housekeepers because the school was not giving them the independence they needed in their personal lives.

Wherry said SARR had been involved in the fight for the UNC housekeepers from the start and will continue their involvement.

"SARR believes that it is difficult to put forth the idea of race relations without first achieving social justice," he said.

He said they hoped to raise more than \$700 tonight.

Tickets are on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Pit and at Campus Y during office hours.

They will also be available at the door.

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before the same jury... a tainted jury," Ferguson said.

Neither Balthrop nor Long returned repeated calls to their homes and offices Thursday night. James Pence, assistant chairman for graduate studies under both Balthrop and Long, also refused to comment on the case and quickly hung up the phone.

Birdsall, who refused to comment on the Ferguson case, did say he tried to address problems in the system by finding the most practical solution.

"Any time an irregularity of some sort comes to my attention, then I move to correct it," Birdsall said. "Basically if

there's a problem that appears, I move to address it in a way I feel is correct."

After his second hearing, the committee recommended 7-0 to grant Ferguson tenure without promotion, almost a total turnaround from the first vote. But Birdsall rejected the recommendation, calling on the committee to turn in either a recommendation for tenure with promotion or a denial of tenure. He then ordered another hearing with the same panel.

"In order to be awarded tenure without promotion at the University, the Trustees' policy specifies that there must be truly 'exceptional circumstances,'"

Ferguson said. "Birdsall didn't find that there were exceptional circumstances in my case."

After the third hearing, the committee voted 7-0 to grant tenure without promotion. Again, Birdsall denied the recommendation and ordered yet another hearing to decide Ferguson's fate.

During the summer after his third hearing, Ferguson received a letter from Birdsall informing him that he was being given 12 months notice of termination, conditional on the results of the fourth hearing.

"The letter said that Birdsall had decided to hold me to the original decision reached in December, and therefore he was giving me 12 months notice, just in case the decision went against me," Ferguson said.

In September — after a summer in which Ferguson won two teaching awards — the committee met again and this time voted 5-2 against granting Ferguson tenure.

Ferguson appealed the case to the

Faculty Hearings Committee, asking the group to rule that because of the removed file and other questionable procedural decisions by Birdsall, his case should be argued again with a new Speech Communication Advisory Committee.

On Thursday, Ferguson received a letter from Faculty Hearings Committee Chairwoman Lauren Files denying this request.

"While the panel finds that the exclusion of the external review by Dr. Paul Edwards from the initial consideration of Dr. Ferguson for promotion and tenure was a procedural irregularity... this procedural irregularity did not materially affect the final outcome of the review," Files writes in the letter, dated Wednesday.

The committee decision leaves Ferguson with two options — go quietly or take it to the Board of Trustees. He has decided to appeal the case to the Board of Trustees and communicate his complaints to the rest of the University

community.

"I gave my professional life to this department for six whole years," Ferguson said. "I had faith in the system."

"Now I mean to ensure that this will never happen again in my department, and if I can have a hand in ensuring this doesn't happen again at this University, I'm willing to take whatever professional risks are necessary."

Ferguson has 10 days to file his appeal to the BOT. If the trustees reject his appeal, Ferguson can go to the Board of Governors. Should the BOG rule against him, Ferguson said his only remaining option would be through the courts.

"I feel much more determined to see

this through now," Ferguson said. "I am determined to see this all the way through."

Ferguson's fight first attracted the support of his current and former students last year after the first hearing. But Ferguson remained silent and asked them to keep their protests within the department until he got the fourth decision. During a period of a week in November, the students amassed 3,757 signatures in support of Ferguson, which they then presented to Chancellor Paul Hardin and the Board of Trustees.

"I was inspired by what they did," Ferguson said. "That petition made it possible for me to get through the past few weeks."

Advertisement for Barr-EE Station Catalogue Outlet. Text: "Wouldn't it be great to get your holiday shopping started before exams, and save a lot of money? Barr-EE Station thinks so!" Includes logo and address: "Downtown Chapel Hill 149 E. Franklin St. • Open Daily".

Advertisement for Class Notes. Text: "GET THE EDGE ON YOUR EXAMS. Check Our Course Listings for Notes for Your Upcoming Exams! Nations Bank Plaza, Suite 505 933-8222". Includes cartoon illustration of a student.

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Campus Calendar. Lists events for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including UNC NROTC Semper Fidelis Society, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and various student organizations.

Advertisement for Collegiate Comedy. Text: "COLLEGIATE COMEDY SELECTED HILARITY Friday & Saturday Night 9 p.m. • \$3 cover 405 1/2 W. Rosemary St. • 933-5550".

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