

WORLDWIDE

■ Yeltsin will undergo operation

MOSCOW — Russian President Boris Yeltsin was given the go-ahead for heart surgery yesterday, and doctors said they were confident the operation would be successful after several more weeks of preparation. Leading cardiologist Renat Akchurin, expected to head the team that will perform the operation, said that the delay was needed to minimize the risk. Other specialists, including U.S. heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, shared Akchurin's optimism.

■ Perot files suit to block debate

WASHINGTON — Reform Party presidential nominee Ross Perot said the commission that excluded him from the upcoming presidential debates is corrupt and in the pocket of special interests.

The Commission on Presidential Debates said Perot and his Reform running mate Pat Choate should be excluded from the presidential and vice presidential debates because they have no realistic chance of winning the election.

Negotiators for President Bill Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole also agreed to leave the Reform ticket out of the events. But Perot filed suit to block the debates unless he and Choate participate. His lawyers hope a hearing will be held on the issue this week.

■ Key piece of wreckage found

NEW YORK — Searchers hunting for debris from downed TWA Flight 800 have found what appears to be part of the plane's center fuel tank. Investigators say that could be a critical piece of evidence because they believe the blast that brought down the jetliner was focused in the center fuel tank system. Searchers have also recovered fuel probes, possibly from the center fuel tank, that may be significant as well. Despite the finds, a spokesman from the National Transportation and safety board conceded Tuesday that the reason the Paris-bound plane exploded without warning off the coast of Long Island, N.Y. June 17 may never be known.

■ JFK Jr. weds Carolyn Bessette

CUMBERLAND ISLAND, Ga. — The hopes of many single women were dashed Saturday when John Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony. The former Calvin Klein executive had been dating the most sought-after bachelor for about four years, and the wedding ended years of speculation about the future plans of the couple. Fewer than 50 people were invited to the wedding. The two are believed to be honeymooning in a yacht off the coast of Georgia and Florida.

WFDD faces protests, storm damage



Kimberly Dagger, the chief announcer for WFDD, hosts the classical music program Tuesday afternoon. She is also the producer of "Live from Studio A." WFDD airs a variety of classical and folk programs each week.

Sporting events become sore issue for WFDD this year as opera fans protest

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As a way to generate more revenue and listeners, WFDD, the university's community radio station, is now airing Demon Deacon football and basketball games for the first time in more than 20 years. However, community reaction to the programming switch has been mixed.

In the late 1960s, WFDD made the switch from a student-oriented focus to classical music and educational programming. The station is affiliated with National Public Radio. Some sporting events were covered until 1984, but the coverage was minimal.

"We saw (this as) an opportunity to expand on the strengths of the Wake Forest sports program and to offer a new service to new and existing listeners," said Cleve Callison, the station manager. By increasing the listener base, the station hopes to add revenue to support its other public service programs.

This move has angered some members of the community. "I do not intend to support sports broadcasting and will withdraw any further pledges," a Thomasville resident wrote in a letter to the station.

Two aspects of the change have angered community members. The events displace the Metropolitan Opera which used to air at the same time the sporting events occur. The Opera company is refusing to allow WFDD to tape the performances in order to air them Sundays. Some listeners are opposed to the change in principle. They would like the opportunity to listen to sporting events, but just not on a community radio station that has traditionally aired classical music.

Callison said that the station would know more about the extent of the listeners' opinions after the results of the next fundraising drive. No matter what, the station will continue to cover the sporting events for at least the next two years due to an agreement with the athletic department and its partner In-

ternational Sports Properties.

WFDD is also having difficulty in other areas this year. Since the beginning of September, almost half of the regular listeners have not been able to tune in to the radio station due to the damage caused by Hurricane Fran.

The antenna was apparently damaged by high winds or lightning, Callison said. Repairs have been consistently delayed due to high winds and rain at the antenna's location in Davidson County.

Currently the station is broadcasting from the microwave antenna located on campus near Palmer and Piccolo residence halls. The antenna located in Davidson County had a range of about 45 miles. The antenna located on campus, however, is only able to broadcast to areas within a 10-mile radius around the university.

Callison said that he does not know when the antenna will be prepared. "We are covered by insurance and our main concern is to get it running," Callison said.

POLICE BEAT

■ Windows, glass pane broken

A window in a Reynolds Gymnasium door was broken between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 18. In Poteat house, a storm window and a glass pane were broken at approximately 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The amount of damage in both incidents was not known. Campus Police responded to 62 calls from Sept. 16 to Sunday, including three incidents and investigations and 59 calls for service.

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