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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

World AIDS Day Observed From U.S. to Thailand

Australians dimmed the lights on landmark buildings. On the streets of Bangkok, Thai nurses sold roses to raise AIDS awareness — and money for patients. For the first time in India, a major newspaper printed a sketch illustrating condom use.

Commemorating World AIDS Day on Wednesday, AIDS activists in Paris decorated the column in the center of the Place de la Concorde as a giant pink condom. A man dressed as a pink condom led a group of German activists who gave away thousands of condoms to Christmas shoppers in western Berlin.

President Clinton jogged Wednesday morning in a white T-shirt emblazoned, "Time to Act, World AIDS Day." He met later with AIDS patients at Georgetown Medical Center.

Violence Between Israelis, Palestinians Escalating

EL BIREH, Occupied West Bank — In the latest assault on Mideast peace plans, Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli kindergarten teacher and wounded three Jewish settlers Wednesday as they stood by their disabled car.

Two groups of Palestinian radicals opposed to the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization autonomy accord claimed responsibility for the drive-by shooting on the West Bank, and settlers swore to do everything they could to block the turnover of authority. Unrest in the occupied lands has escalated with the approach of a Dec. 13 deadline, set down in the accord, to start the turnover of control to Palestinians.

Opening Arguments Begin In Trial of Durham Man

DURHAM — A man charged with killing one teen and wounding another after they broke into his house simply was trying to protect himself, a defense attorney said today in opening arguments.

When Michael Seagroves found four teens in his garage March 18, he asked them to stop, but two of them did not, attorney William Thomas said.

But prosecutor Bill Farrell of the state attorney general's office said the case was a straightforward one of too much force being used. Evidence will show that the victims were shot as they tried to run away, he said. But Thomas said evidence would show that Jamal Elliott, who was killed, was not shot in the back as he ran.

Leaders, Separatists Move Toward Peace in Georgia

GENEVA — In a first step toward peace for war-torn Georgia, Georgian leaders and Abkhazian separatists agreed Wednesday to a prisoner exchange and a cease-fire until they negotiated autonomy for Abkhazia in January.

The accord also provides for the sending of U.N. peacekeepers and the return of refugees to their homes.

It was signed after two days of talks, the first since Abkhazian rebels forced Georgian troops from Sukhumi, the provincial capital on the Black Sea, in September.

Russia, initially accused of siding with the separatists, has assumed the role of peace broker in a bid to push the Georgian government into a more pro-Moscow line.

Study: Some Companies Two-Faced on Tobacco

NEW YORK — Some companies that promote their contributions to the nation's health also are profiting from the tobacco industry as suppliers of chemicals, paper and filters.

The Pfizer pharmaceutical company, which placed ads in newspapers this week saying, "We're part of the cure," makes flavor enhancers used in cigarettes. Kimberly-Clark, the maker of Kleenex, Kotex and hospital paper products, is a leading supplier of cigarette paper and filters.

Dr. Alan Blum, who directed a study about the links, called on doctors and hospitals to refuse to deal with these companies in cases where alternative medicines and products were available.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high upper 50s.

FRIDAY: Variably cloudy; high around 60.

Congress Allocates \$600 to Carolina Review

BY HOLLY RAMER
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress appropriated \$600 Wednesday evening to The Carolina Review, a conservative publication that drew charges of racism earlier this semester when it argued against a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center on University land.

Darren Allen, editor-in-chief of the Review, said he was surprised by the 14-7 vote. Three representatives abstained from the vote.

"I was surprised that they actually left their hypocrisy at the door," he said. Allen said the money would enable the Review to publish its second issue in January.

Rep. Wayne Rash, Dist. 17, said congress should be consistent in its funding of publications.

"Whether or not you support the ideology or the content of it, we have got to be consistent," he said. "We've funded other publications, and only in fairness, this one deserves funding."

But Rep. Monica Cloud, Dist. 16, said she did not support funding the Review because its content offended her constituents.

"I can't support this because my constituents don't," she said. "I was sought out by a great number of people and asked to prevent it from being published." Cloud said many of her constituents said they "refused to fund hatred."

In other business, Student Congress voted against a resolution that would have placed a referendum before students to decide whether to delete all references to The Daily Tar Heel in the Student Government Code.

Ten members voted for the resolution, and 17 members voted against it. Under current provisions, Student Congress appoints three members to the DTH Board of Directors, which acts as the newspaper's publisher.

This is the first year the DTH has not received student fees, and it now operates on advertising revenues.

Several representatives said they were concerned that if control of the Board were relinquished to the DTH, students would

not be sufficiently represented on the board.

Rep. David Barnes, Dist. 4, said Student Congress should continue to have some say in regulating the board.

"I'm not afraid (the DTH) will go insane or do something manipulative with their power, but we need to have diversity of opinion besides journalism students," he said.

Rep. Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, who sponsored the bill, said he supported the resolution because a governmental body should not regulate a newspaper.

"There are no grounds for any student government regulation," he said.

"We are a government; they are a newspaper — it's a lethal mix, and it should be ended."

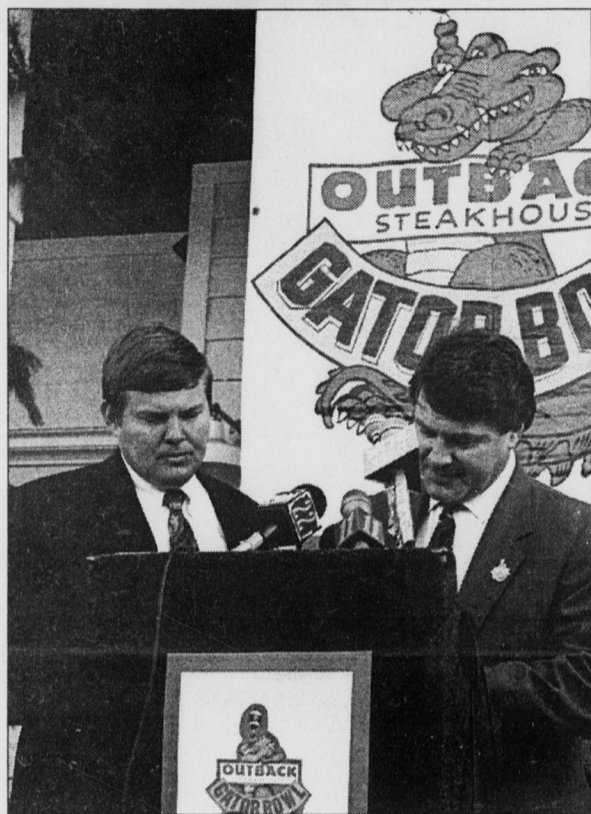
Kevin Schwartz, the DTH's general manager, said he thought it was unfortunate that students would not get a chance to vote on the issue.

"We'll just have to pursue getting the referendum via other avenues," he said. "It's unfortunate that (Student Congress) didn't seem to understand what we were asking for and got bogged down in side issues."

Schwartz said the DTH would launch a petition drive to place the referendum on the February ballot.

In other business, Speaker Pro Tempore Sneha Shah, Dist. 19, announced her resignation, effective today. Shah, who also serves on the finance committee, will travel to France next semester.

No RSVP Needed



Scott McCaleb, Gator Bowl Association president, and UNC Athletic Director John Swofford sign the Tar Heels' official Gator Bowl invitation Wednesday in Durham. See story on page 11.

Strict Gun-Control Ordinances May Deter Crime, Officials Say

BY JAY TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill's new, more stringent gun-control ordinances went into effect Wednesday with area officials saying the laws would help the town in its struggle to curb violent crime.

"I think it's going to give us another tool to deal with gun-related incidents," said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman.

On Nov. 22, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted five measures that made the town's gun-control laws, already the strongest in the state, even stricter.

The ordinances prohibit the display of firearms by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and also the display of small handguns on public property. The laws ban firearms at polling places and the display of firearms at public assemblies.

The last ordinance prohibits the possession of weapons of mass destruction off one's own property. Mass-destruction weapons are defined as semiautomatic handguns with a capacity of 20 or more rounds and other semiautomatic weapons with capacity for six or more rounds.

Cousins said the police expected the ordinance concerning people under the influence of alcohol or drugs to be especially useful.

"In the past, we've stopped a person and arrested him for DWI, and he had a gun sitting on the seat which was perfectly legal," she said. "We could take the weapon for safekeeping, and then the person could come by in the morning and ask for his gun

Local Gun-Control Laws in Effect

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Nov. 22 to make the strictest gun-control laws in the state even more stringent. The five ordinances will:

Prohibit the display of firearms in specified public areas by any person consuming or under the influence of alcohol or any other impairing substance;

Prohibit the display of any firearm at polling places;

Prohibit the display of any firearm at any public assembly in specified public areas;

Prohibit the display of small guns in specified areas; and

Prohibit the possession, off one's own premises, of certain semiautomatic weapons — unless unloaded, packed away and in transport.

back. Now we can keep the gun as evidence, and it's up to the judge to release the weapon to the person or not."

Prohibiting handguns on public property also could have an impact, Cousins said. "In the past, if you wanted to come to Apple Chill with guns strapped all around your waist, you could," she said. "As long as they weren't concealed, there was nothing prohibiting you from doing that."

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox agreed that those particular ordinances would be the most significant.

UNC Administrators Consider Hands-On Policy With Greeks

BY MARTY MINCHIN
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

University administrators presented a set of proposed changes to the Honor Code and the University recognition process to a Greek affairs committee Wednesday to try to reverse a traditional hands-off relationship between the University and fraternities and sororities.

"I think (Chancellor Paul Hardin) is receptive to exploring new relationships with fraternities and sororities and other extracurricular groups where the need is present," University legal counsel Susan Ehringhaus said at the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs meeting.

University administrators said UNC had not been actively involved in Greek affairs for the past decade. Committee members decided to pursue a more involved relationship in light of recent controversy over risk-management enforcement.

Risk-management policies for fraternities and sororities involve rules set to protect the groups from liability in the case of an accident resulting from a fraternity- or sorority-sponsored event. Risk-management rules have not been enforced successfully at UNC since their conception in the

late 1980s. Ehringhaus suggested changes to the Honor Code that would make more offenses applicable to off-campus Greek organizations.

"We've tried to look at a way current connections in the Honor Code to fraternities and sororities as student groups to see what kinds of behaviors are offenses under the code and what changes we could make to bring more offenses under the Honor Code," she said.

The major change would add as an offense, "Violations of University policies regarding the use of alcoholic beverages," or to list specifically certain alcohol-policy violations as Honor Code offenses.

Ehringhaus also suggested altering sections of the Honor Code to be applicable to off-campus groups with University recognition. These changes would apply to offenses of theft of or damage to property on the groups' premises, possessing or carrying weapons on the groups' premises, and disorderly or obscene conduct on the groups' premises.

To become part of the Honor Code, the proposed changes must be approved by

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Panelist: AIDS Strikes an Unlikely Victim

BY MARISSA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Billy, a graduate student at N.C. State University who is HIV positive, never expected he would contract the virus that causes AIDS.

A Catholic president of College Republicans at NCSU and a gay fraternity member who has participated primarily in heterosexual relationships, Billy said he was shocked to discover that he was HIV-positive.

"I'm not what you consider a stereotypical victim of AIDS," he said. "I remember thinking, 'Gee, it can't be me that has it.'"

Billy and three other speakers at a panel sponsored Wednesday night by the World AIDS Day Committee described their personal experiences with HIV and AIDS to an audience of about 40 people.

The other speakers included a man who had contracted AIDS, his female partner and a physician who worked with AIDS patients.

Peter Leone, professor of medicine at UNC and director of the Wake County Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV Clinic, said he hoped the evening would be a "free-flowing discussion" rather than a

didactic lecture.

Billy told listeners he was a good example of a responsible person who contracted the HIV virus merely by bad luck. "It's important to understand how random it is," he said.

"I'm just like you — I'm the boy next door. If the president of College Republicans can get it, anyone can get it."

Dayna, a UNC graduate and third-year law student at Duke University, and Brian Clemens, who has AIDS, said that knowing Brian would die made them appreciate life. "It's a new perspective on life and a chance to really enjoy it," Dayna said.

She said AIDS complicated their relationship but was not an obstacle to intimacy. She openly described the couple's use of mint-flavored condoms and said that being aware of the disease made them more creative. "There are a lot of ways to be intimate with someone without having intercourse," she said.

Billy said that having to face his own mortality was one of the most difficult



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aspects of knowing he was HIV positive.

"Everybody knows they're going to die, but at 26 you're not supposed to believe it," he said. "The knowing is a real cloud following you. You're not supposed to know you're mortal until you're 48 and on estrogen or something," he said.

But all the speakers acknowledged that their experiences with AIDS were in some ways fortunate, making them more fully aware of life.

Billy said, "It may turn out to be the greatest gift of my life."

Clemens was less emphatic, but agreed that it was important to consider the disease a gift, if not an entirely pleasant one.

"If I didn't, I would see it as a curse," he said. "But they don't all come in shiny paper — sometimes they look like little pieces of shit on the floor."

Leone said he hoped the discussion would encourage people to consider the ramifications of their actions and to protect themselves from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"We're stubborn — we'd rather take a pill or get a shot than look at changing our own behavior," he said. "The real question is, how does it affect you, and what will you do to reduce your own risks so you don't get infected. It doesn't matter if you're gay or straight — if you're having sex, you're at risk."

Police Charge Two Chapel Hill Men With First-Degree Rape, Kidnapping

BY BRETT PERRY
STAFF WRITER

Two Chapel Hill men were arrested early Wednesday morning and charged with first-degree sexual offense, first-degree rape and kidnapping, just three hours after a local woman was the victim of an attack.

Charlie Junior Gear, 29, of B-6 Martin Luther King St. and Clyde Duncan Williams, 23, of 2-B Adelaide Walters St. were arrested at 1:31 a.m. in their respective homes, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim was walking home late Tues-

day night with a male friend when Williams and Gear gave her and her companion a ride from Carboro to Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

According to police reports, the victim had known the two men for some time, and she had told them to take her to a Johnson Street house.

When the victim tried to get out of the car, one of the suspects jerked her back and drove off, abandoning the victim's companion on Johnson Street, police reports state.

Cousins said the two suspects took the victim to an area on Mount Carmel Church

Road near Chapel Hill town limits, where the sexual assault and rape reportedly occurred.

After Gear and Williams kept the victim in the car for 30 minutes, they drove her to an area in the vicinity of Frank Porter Graham Elementary School on N.C. 54 Bypass and left her there alone, Cousins said.

"The victim found the male companion that had been with her earlier, and she told him what had happened," Cousins said. "The two found a pay phone near the school and called the police."

After arresting Gear and Williams in their homes, Chapel Hill police officers

transported the suspects to the Chapel Hill Police Department, where the magistrate placed each suspect under a \$100,000 secured bond.

The two suspects then were transported to the Orange County Jail, where they both are being held until their scheduled appearances today in the Chapel Hill District Court.

Cousins said she could not remember the last time a similar incident had occurred in Chapel Hill.

"It would take some time to find out the last time an incident like this occurred," Cousins said.

"So far, the number of sexual assaults

this year are down from last year's percentages."

The police are doing everything in their power, according to standard protocol, to help the victim recover from the attack, Cousins said.

Chapel Hill police Det. Becky Wilson currently is leading the investigation of the incident.

"At the time any sexual assault is reported, the sexual assault team, Det. Becky Wilson and crisis counselor Sabrina Garcia, are there to help the victim," Cousins said.

"The assault team even has a book written for victims and their families to help them get through this difficult time."

I took a speed-reading course and read "War and Peace" in 20 minutes. It involves Russia.

Woody Allen