

Experts downplay 'censorship' ruling

By AMY WINSLOW
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A U.S. Supreme Court decision that gives high school administrators censorship powers over student newspapers does not apply to student-published, college newspapers like The Daily Tar Heel, said Daniel Pollitt, a UNC professor of law.

But the ruling could affect college newspapers that are not published by students, said Philip Meyer, Kenan professor of journalism.

"It (censorship) could stem to universities, especially those where the university owns the press," Meyer said.

Richard Sonnenberg, faculty adviser for Chapel Hill Senior High School's student newspaper, The Proconian, said, "What seems to be the ideal is if (the college or high

school's student newspaper) is part of the curriculum of the school, the school would be able to exercise some control over the content (of the paper)."

The censorship debate involving student newspapers stems from a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Wednesday that high school administrators can censor articles from school newspapers that they feel might be inconsistent with the school's "educational mission."

The case that reached the high court involved a principal in Hazelwood, Mo., who censored student articles discussing teen pregnancy and divorce among the students' parents.

"This is a signal to high school principals that if they want to censor things, they can do it," said Daniel Pollitt, Kenan professor of

law. The real dilemma is whether high school students should exercise freedom of the press, Meyer said. High school students feel they should be counted as full citizens, but they do not receive the same constitutional rights, Meyer said.

But the courts recognize a constitutional difference in the rights of college and high school students, Pollitt said.

"I don't think current college students are going to accept (censorship of their student newspaper)," Pollitt said.

Most high school administrators always assumed they had censorship powers over their school's student newspaper, Sonnenberg said. High school principals and administrators who read copy often disagree with the content of student newspapers, he

said. "I think (the ruling is) potentially disastrous, and the language (of the law) opens up incredible possibilities for abuse," said Sonnenberg.

Sonnenberg has read excerpts from the censored material in the Hazelwood case and found nothing objectionable, he said.

"I would've run the stories," he said.

Sonnenberg has not encountered such conflicts at Chapel Hill Senior High School, so the ruling should not cause any problems there, he said.

Carolyn Horn, a Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board member, said "Anything that is acceptable as a topic can be discussed (as a topic for a Proconian story), and divorce and teen pregnancy are certainly legitimate discussions."

Israeli official says rioting has weakened government

From Associated Press reports

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Monday six weeks of riots in the occupied territories have "paralyzed" the government, and urged that Israel hold early elections this spring.

A second day of calm was reported in the occupied territories, where at least 37 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli gunfire since the uprising began Dec. 8.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the foreign minister's right-wing rival, said elections must wait until order is restored in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He said early elections would "weaken our standing in the eyes of the Arabs and are liable to damage us."

Relatives wait for dead rebel

MARION, Utah — More than 150 officers wearing fatigues and packing automatic weapons ringed the compound of slain rebel polygamist John Singer Monday as 14 relatives, including a suspect in a Saturday church bombing, holed up for a third day awaiting Singer's "resurrection."

Relatives and authorities said Addam Swapp and 13 family members were armed as they waited in a log house belonging to Vickie Singer, one of two widows left by John Singer when he was gunned down by police nine years ago Monday.

Officers surrounded the 2½-acre homestead, located 60 miles northeast of Salt Lake City, early

News in Brief

Saturday after an explosion ripped through the Mormon church's Marion Stake Center a half mile away, causing an estimated \$1 million damage.

Ortega vows to protect regime

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Daniel Ortega suggested Monday that his Sandinista government would take tough measures if the U.S. Congress approves new aid for the contra rebels.

Ortega said approval of more U.S. aid to the rebels "would give the Nicaraguan government a free hand to take the necessary measures to defend the sovereignty, self-determination and independence of our country."

The White House said Sunday that President Reagan will request more aid for the rebels despite Ortega's announcements.

World War II 'butcher' dies

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Adrijia Artukovic, who was extradited from the United States and convicted of ordering thousands of prisoners killed in World War II, died in jail at the age of 88, it was reported Monday.

Known as the "Butcher of the Balkans," Artukovic had been sentenced to death by firing squad in May 1986, but his execution had been postponed indefinitely because of his ill health.

Robertson outlines plan to phase out tobacco

By LAURIE DUNCAN
State & National Editor

Presidential candidate Pat Robertson's recent proposal to eliminate tobacco may anger the industry's supporters, but it should not weaken the Republican televangelist's campaign, UNC professors said.

"What he's talking about is a gradual change (in the amount of tobacco grown) over a period of time," said Merle Black, UNC associate professor of political science.

"For a small percentage of the (N.C.) population, (Robertson's tobacco proposal) would be an automatic no-vote, but I don't think it would be more than that," Black said.

Robertson outlined a plan for phasing out tobacco in the January issue of Conservative Digest magazine. In the article Robertson suggested the federal government buy up tobacco allotments — federally-granted rights to grow and sell tobacco — over a few years. Farmers would have time to change careers or choose a different crop, said Sue Wyatt, Robertson's N.C. campaign director.

"He's not recommending jeopardizing any of the farmers' interests; he's providing them an alternative so they can grow something else," she said.

A growing number of North Carolinians may not criticize Robertson's

proposal because they want the Tar Heel state to become less reliant on tobacco, Black said. North Carolina is the country's leading producer of tobacco and cigarettes.

Robertson's campaign should not be damaged by his tobacco plan because Robertson is a Republican, and most tobacco-related voters are probably Democrats, said Thad Beyle, UNC professor of political science.

But Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and the N.C. Farm Bureau oppose the plan.

"In North Carolina you have a lot of people dependent on tobacco — the farmers, the industry," said Barbara Lukens, Helms' press secre-

tary. "From a North Carolina perspective, you cannot support an anti-tobacco candidate."

Although the tobacco industry has suffered a decline in acreage and poundage in recent years, the tobacco business involves a lot of jobs and produces good net returns, said Don Shackelford, commodities director for the N.C. Farm Bureau. Tobacco is one of North Carolina's major crops, and it brings greater profits for N.C. farmers than corn or grains bring, he said.

Shackelford said, "As long as you make a profit from your labors as a private businessman, as a farmer is, you keep doing it."

For the Record

Keather Weideman's name was misspelled in the photo caption on page seven of the Jan. 15 issue. The DTH regrets the error.

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Best-selling author to speak as part of campus MLK celebration

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE
Senior Writer

Maya Angelou, a noted author, performer and social commentator who knew Martin Luther King, will appear tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

"An Evening with Maya Angelou" will be presented by the Carolina Union Forum Committee as part of the University's seventh annual Martin Luther King birthday celebration.

Angelou, now an American Studies professor at Wake Forest Uni-

versity, is perhaps most well-known for her autobiographical novel, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which was nominated for the National Book Award in 1970. She is the best-selling black female author in the world, according to Scott Martin, chairman of the forum committee.

Angelou's performance will be hard to categorize, Martin said.

"It (the performance) is not set up beforehand," he said. "She'll do whatever she feels like doing."

In her performances, Angelou

usually sings and reads her poetry, dances and speaks on different subjects, Martin said.

Martin said he has seen Angelou on television and that her performance was "amazing."

Angelou was appointed in 1959, on King's request, to be Northern Coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a prominent civil rights organization.

Angelou may speak about King, Martin said, but the content of her performance will be "played by ear."

The Martin Luther King Scholarship, given annually by UNC's chancellor to an outstanding black student, will be presented before

Angelou's performance.

Through activities like the King week, the Carolina Union is trying to reach black and minority students,

Martin said.

"This is part of an effort on our (the Union's) part to start appealing to minority students," he said.

Hey everybody! It's not too late to join The Daily Tar Heel staff

If you missed the DTH new writers meeting Friday for the pursuit of higher pleasures, don't worry. It's not too late.

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