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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

California Fire Counties Declared Disaster Areas

Calmer winds and cooler temperatures helped firefighters beat down the patchwork of 13 fires still burning along the Pacific Coast on Thursday, from Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles to the Mexican border.

The wildfires, fanned by gusting desert winds on Wednesday, have burned across nearly 100,000 acres and damaged 580 homes.

President Clinton declared the counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside and San Diego major disaster areas, making them eligible for federal assistance.

Authorities blocked the Pacific Coast Highway around Laguna Beach southeast of Los Angeles, allowing residents to return only on foot or bicycle.

The weather conditions that turned the region into an inferno eased Thursday. But gusty Santa Anas were expected to return Saturday, forecasters said.

Economy Shows Healthy Growth in Third Quarter

WASHINGTON—Economic growth picked up considerably in the July-September quarter, and the budget deficit in 1993 fell to the lowest level in three years.

The \$5.1 trillion economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States, grew at a seasonally and inflation-adjusted annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Meanwhile, the budget deficit for fiscal 1993, which ended Sept. 30, totaled \$254.9 billion, Clinton said. That is the lowest since 1990, down from a record \$290.3 billion in 1992.

Russia Refuses to Close Unsafe Nuclear Reactors

WASHINGTON—Russian and Eastern European officials are determined to keep their unsafe nuclear reactors operating, although the risk of an accident in Russia and Eastern Europe is 10 times greater than in the United States, U.S. officials reported Thursday.

Ivan Selin, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, told a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee that "the Russians clearly are not going to close the reactors until they have some (energy) alternatives."

The NRC chairman, as well as senior Clinton administration officials, said the Russian and Eastern European reactors clearly were far below U.S. standards.

Aristide Says Escalation Of Trade Embargo Needed

UNITED NATIONS—Haiti's ousted president called Thursday for a total trade embargo to force out the country's military leaders.

Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he would not waver in his fight to restore Haiti to democracy, but he reiterated that he would not return until army commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras stepped down.

In the face of continued military intransigence, the Security Council also plans to discuss expanding sanctions to a full trade embargo, halting commercial air traffic to Haiti and denying visas to those who obstructed Aristide's return, according to council President Ronaldo Mota Sardenberg.

Police: Durham Teen Shot During Drug Transaction

DURHAM—Police say the 16-year-old who was shot in the head Sunday morning at a public housing project had gone to the area in search of crack cocaine.

Detectives disputed the version of events given by Steven Crain's friend. He had told police he and Crain were ambushed and robbed at about 1:30 a.m. by a large group of masked black men who shouted racial epithets at them.

Crain was in critical condition at Duke University Hospital.

Antoine Noril Thompson, 23, was arrested and charged with robbing Crain.

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Weather

TODAY: Increasing cloudiness; high upper 60s.

SATURDAY: Windy and colder; high in 60s.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny; windy; high 50-55.

Congress Finds Extra Money for Appropriations

BY JESSICA FRANK
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress learned Tuesday that its 1993-1994 budget will include \$22,000 more than anticipated.

Student Body Treasurer Kevin Hunter said the extra addition to the budget would mean that campus groups unsatisfied with funding allocations could reap.

Howard Brubaker, director of the Student Activities Fund Office, said the increase primarily was due to The Daily Tar Heel's new policy of obtaining 100 percent

of its funding through advertisers, with no funds from the University.

"This means an extra \$20,000 will go to student government," Brubaker said.

"Student government has progressively been getting more and more money as the DTH has reduced funding requirements." An additional estimated \$2,000 for student government will come from the increase in student fees, which was a direct result of the large freshman class, Brubaker said.

Congress decides student body must approve line-item veto for SBP
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"More students means more money," Hunter said. "A very logical reason for the budget increase is the many new people who came in as freshmen and junior transfers this year."

The situation might be easier for groups that reapply for funding, but the budget increase does not necessarily mean every group will receive funding, Hunter said.

"Some groups didn't get anything based on whether or not it was appropriate for the

campus," Hunter said. Groups wanting to reapply have two more opportunities this school year.

In addition to extending allocation of funds for student groups, Hunter said requests came in every day for new projects. "More money means that you'll be able to give more things to more people," Hunter said.

Student Body President Jim Copland said he would encourage campus groups and proposed student groups to reapply now that congress could allocate more money.

"We had more requests recently than ever before, but we've had to be tight with funds because we didn't think we would have enough," Copland said.

"Anyone from the BCC to Pauper Players can come to request funds," Copland said. "There's more money around to give."

If campus groups do not request the funds for this school year, the money will be transferred to student government's budget for next year, Copland said. He hopes the funds will be used this year so current students can benefit from their student fees.

Haunted Dorm



Bobby Norton, a sophomore from St. Pauls, helps set up for the Mangum Haunted House on Thursday afternoon. The fund-raiser for the N.C. Jaycees Burn Center will run through Saturday night. See story on page 4.

Police: Simpson's Confession Legal

BY DANIEL FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill Police Department officials denied accusations Thursday that police illegally obtained a confession when interviewing the suspect in the summer murder of a jogger.

Orange County Assistant Public Defender Bob Trenkle wrote in a motion that the evidence from his client, Anthony Georg Simpson, was taken illegally during the police interview session.

Trenkle added that an attorney was not permitted at the request of Simpson — which would mean the evidence should be suppressed and not used during the trial.

Simpson, 18, of 127 Essex Drive in Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged with the murder and attempted rape of Kristin Lodge-Miller.

The murder occurred before 6 a.m. July 15, while Lodge-Miller was jogging on Estes Drive. Simpson was arrested soon after the incident by off-duty police officer Carl Moraven at the Church of the Reconciliation on North Elliott Road.

He currently faces charges of first-degree murder and attempted rape.

Police Capt. Barry Thompson, who is in charge of the department's detectives, said it was untrue and false that Simpson was coerced.

"I disagree with the claim that the defenders are making," Thompson said. "I believe that they are trying anything and everything which can be used to get their client released from the charges."

Thompson said the police procedure used in the arrest process was conducted correctly, adding that the interview session would have been stopped if Simpson had requested an attorney.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said she believed all of the

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Bond Referendums Draw Skepticism From Residents As Tuesday Vote Nears

BY ADAM BIANCHI
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Four bond referendums that will be on Tuesday's ballot have divided North Carolinians on whether the spending proposals will help or hurt the state's economy.

"I'll be the last to deny our community colleges need improvement," said Lloyd Butler, a member of the N.C. Taxpayers' Union. "But I don't know whether this money is going to go to salary raises and frills or if it is going for real improvement."

A press release from North Carolinians for Education, Jobs and Progress, said the four referendums would deal with construction on UNC-system campuses, construction on the campuses of N.C. community colleges, state-park improvements and ensuring clean water for N.C. residents.

The release also said the bond referendums were intended to make up for construction projects postponed during the recent national economic recession.

"North Carolina's economy has rebounded, and our State Treasurer Harlan Boyles believes we can now make these investments without raising taxes," the release said. "With interest rates at a 25-year low, and North Carolina's borrowing costs even lower because of our AAA bond rating, it makes financial sense to act now to build for our future."

John Hood, vice president of the John Locke Foundation, a Raleigh think tank, said the bond plan would affect the state

Distribution of Nov. 2 Bond Referendums

- \$310 million for the UNC system
- \$250 million for community colleges
- \$145 million for clean water and sewer projects
- \$35 million for state parks

government's budget for the next two decades.

"The legislature will issue the bonds over the next couple of years. The bonds will be sold to investors on the public-bond market. It will cost approximately \$57 million a year for 18 years to repay the bonds."

The release stated the purposes of the bonds:

■ University bonds (\$310 million) would be used for 37 construction projects on all 16 UNC campuses including new dormitories, libraries, labs and medical facilities.

■ Community college bonds (\$250 million) would fund construction projects at all 58 community colleges including technology centers, engineering centers, business-technology centers and classrooms.

■ Water and sewer bonds (\$145 million) would help local governments protect clean drinking water and develop water-supply systems, wastewater treatment facilities and water conservation projects.

■ Parks bonds (\$35 million) would be

used to improve the state park system and preserve natural monuments like Mt. Mitchell and Jockey's Ridge.

C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC system, said that if voters passed the bond referendum, the planned construction would begin as soon as money was collected from the sale of the university bonds.

"Most of the university's projects will be under way in six months," he said.

Spangler said shortages in the state budget for the last five years had made the current bond referendum necessary.

"Up until 1988, the university system received about \$80 million for capital improvements for all 16 campuses," he said. "Since 1988 we have gotten no money for capital improvements except for two or three isolated small projects. In that same period the university has grown by 16,000 students."

"We must correct these shortcomings for the future or we will have to curtail admissions," he said.

Spangler said the Research Triangle Park was one example of the great economic impact the UNC system had on the state.

"RTP is there because of UNC-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. They have 30,000 employees... they have a total payroll of \$1.5 billion. The investments in our university are just that — investments. They yield a tremendously large return in productivity."

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Tar Heel Tip-Off Features Shooting, Dunk Contests

BY DAWN BRYANT
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After a national championship season, the UNC basketball team will kick off the 1993-94 season tonight in the Tar Heel Tip-Off II.

Daniel Thornton, CAA president, said he was expecting several thousand fans to show up at Carmichael Auditorium for the "Midnight Madness" festivities.

Doors to the event will open at 10:45 p.m., with the actual events starting at 11:15 p.m.

"I think the students will enjoy the event," Thornton said. "It is a nice way to start the season."

Woody Durham, the "Voice of the Tar Heels," will host the program until midnight, when ESPN sportscaster Dick Vitale will take over, Thornton said.

ESPN will begin live coverage of the event at midnight when the team takes the court, Thornton said.

Team members will show their stuff in a dunk contest, a big-man-small-man scrimmage, a blue-white scrimmage and a two-on-two scrimmage, featuring the four 7-footers on the team, Thornton said.

ESPN also is sponsoring a lecture by Vitale tonight at 6:45 p.m. in 109 Fetzer Gym. Organizers urged students to arrive early at the classroom, which seats 192 people.

Only students can attend. Mark Mayer, an associate producer for

ESPN, said Vitale would speak for about 30 minutes, possibly on the topic of what makes a perfect coach.

"We thought it would be a fun thing to do on campus," Mayer said.

"We hope it is something the students will enjoy."

ESPN will put together footage of the lecture to include in the "Dick Vitale Special" to air Nov. 12, which will preview the upcoming year in college basketball, Mayer said.

Before the team takes the court at midnight, the CAA will sponsor several contests for students, Thornton said.

The CAA has scheduled a "Grab for Cash" contest, where students from the audience will try to grab as much cash from the foul line while blindfolded; a contest where three students will win their weight in Coca-Cola if they successfully shoot from the foul line; and a costume contest, Thornton said.

About 10 students preregistered for the costume contest, Thornton said.

The winner will receive a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the continental United States.

After ESPN begins live coverage, one student from the audience will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship from ESPN by making a shot from half court, Thornton said.

Thornton encouraged students who wanted to participate in the contests to bring their student IDs.

Council Candidates Say Its Their Job to Interest Students

BY JAY TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

It's clear that most UNC students don't care very much about local government.

And although candidates in Tuesday's Chapel Hill Town Council election disagree on the causes of this apathy, most agreed it was a problem they should address.

Ken Rudo blamed the council for students' lack of interest. "The town council has treated them with disdain. They look down on them," he said. "If the town is going to push them away, they are going to

be bored." Rudo also said students could not relate to most of the council members.

"Mark (Chilton) is probably the only person under 50 on the council," he said. "He doesn't have anybody else who understands or wants to listen to young people."

Incumbent Joyce Brown said that because students tended to be new in the community, they might not be interested

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in getting involved. "A lot of students who have just moved here feel more attached to their homes," she said.

Several candidates pointed out that voter apathy was not just a problem involving students, but that there was widespread public indifference. "Voter turnout in the community as a whole is nothing to brag about," Pat Evans said.

Lee Pavao agreed. "I wouldn't single out the student population."

Paul Tripodi, who campaigned Thursday in the Pit, said he didn't know why students didn't get involved. "I'm looking for answers," he said. "Maybe there's too much going on on campus."

Tripodi said student interest was erratic. "Last year with the bike-helmet is-

sue, they were very involved. They jammed the hall, they all had to have their say," he said. "At the gun-control hearing, the students were nowhere to be found."

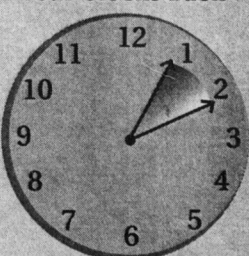
Most of the candidates stressed that students should be interested in decisions the council makes. "It's absolutely essential for their own best interests," Scott Radway said. "The students have a considerable stake in the community."

Brown said she thought it was a problem that students were more interested in state and national elections. "I think that on the local level is where you can really effect change," she said.

Radway said that while he was in gradu-

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Remember to Turn Your Clocks Back



Daylight savings time ends Sunday at 2 a.m., so set your clocks back an hour and get an extra hour of sleep Saturday night.

The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time.

Friedrich Nietzsche