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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

California Fires Continue To Burn, Ravage Homes

MALIBU, Calif. — Helicopters swooped over Topanga Canyon ferrying giant buckets of ocean water, as an army of firefighters stepped up their assault Wednesday on a wildfire that claimed 200 homes in this celebrity seaside town.

The hot, dry desert winds that fed Tuesday's firestorm died down overnight. But erratic gusts Wednesday from the sea and the mountains swirled embers of flame from the brush, posing a threat to homes.

"The winds, thank God, have died down, which have allowed the crews to gain the upper hand," Gov. Pete Wilson said.

A huge cloud of black smoke hung over the seaside enclave that is home to such celebrities as Bruce Willis, Demi Moore, Burgess Meredith, Mark Hamill and Mel Gibson. Evacuees returned on bicycles and rollerskates because police closed off a 45-mile stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway.

House Endorses Measure To Deploy More Police

WASHINGTON — Prodded by voter anger over crime, the House gave its endorsement Wednesday to deployment of an additional 50,000 police on America's streets.

Four other anti-crime measures awaited passage later, to be followed this month by debate on legislation requiring a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

The administration supports all the measures, although President Clinton campaigned last year on a platform calling for 100,000 new police.

Approval for additional officers came by voice vote. The measure authorizes — but does not fund — \$3.45 billion for beefed-up police forces over the next six years.

U.S. Post Office Building Collapses in Chicago

CHICAGO — A U.S. Post Office building under construction collapsed Wednesday, killing one person and injuring several others, authorities said.

At least three people were listed in critical condition after the collapse at the construction project west of downtown.

Chicago Fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco confirmed that one person died. Fire spokesman Kevin MacGregor said seven people were injured, but it was unclear if he was including the person who died in his count.

Reports from the scene said at least two floors of the steel superstructure of the building apparently came down. Cranes were trying to move fallen debris.

Russia Prepared to Use Nuclear Arms If Attacked

MOSCOW — Russia for the first time is declaring a willingness to use nuclear weapons if it or its allies are attacked with conventional weapons, a high-ranking official said today.

That is a reversal of the policy announced by then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev at the United Nations in June 1982, when he made a unilateral commitment not to use nuclear weapons first — scoring propaganda points because of a U.S. refusal to make a similar pledge.

Valery Manilov, deputy secretary of the country's top policy-making Security Council, said Russia regarded nuclear weapons as a deterrent, necessary to "prevent the escalation of local conflicts into a full-blown war."

Aristide Closes Possibility Of Military Negotiations

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Wednesday ruled out further negotiations with Haiti's military leadership over anything but the removal of coup leaders.

He spoke on the day the United Nations had planned to begin talks between Aristide representatives and the army commander, Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, in an attempt to salvage a U.N.-mediated agreement on Aristide's return.

A.U.N. spokesman refused to comment Wednesday on whether Cedras had said if the military would take part in the discussions, which were to deal with points in the accord that have not been carried out.

"I am not interested in his reply. I am interested in his departure," Aristide said.

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Weather

TODAY: Variably cloudy; high 65.
FRIDAY: 60-percent chance of rain; high 65.

Carolina Review Founders May Sue Black Ink

BY KELLY NEWTON
STAFF WRITER

The editor and publisher of the Carolina Review, a new conservative campus publication, say they might sue the editors of The Black Ink for an advertisement in the Ink's Nov. 1 issue that questioned whether Review staff members intentionally erased the Ink's format from a computer system the two groups share.

"We are looking at that option unless there is a swift and complete retraction," said Charlton Allen, publisher of the Carolina Review.

The ad, which was signed by Black Ink Editor Jacqueline Charles and Managing Editor Corey Brown, alleges that Review members were seen leaving the Scapegoat office around the time that the computer program containing the Ink's masthead and pages were trashed.

Darren Allen, editor of the Review, said, "It's a clear case of libel.... I don't think (the ad) is based on fact."

Linwood Futrelle, director for Instructional Technologies and User Services, said it was not surprising that something was trashed on the Scapegoat computer system.

"The hard disks are pretty poorly managed," Futrelle said. In a similar system, faculty members accidentally deleted each others' files on the hard drive quite frequently. Unless the files are tagged in a particular manner, users of the system often will delete files in an attempt to create more room on the hard drive, he said.

"There's no malice — it can be totally unintentional," Futrelle said.

But Brown said the deletion of the Black Ink files might have been intentional.

"We were working on an issue, and it had a recent date," Brown said. "I can understand that things get trashed but not something of this magnitude. Documents get trashed, but nobody throws away templates.... The second time, I got the document out of the trash icon. That's why I'm saying there was no mistake."

The first time files had been erased, Charles and Brown said they assumed it was an accident. The Black Ink's first issue of the semester already had been laid out when the file first disappeared.

"We had already had it laid out. Everything was gone," Charles said.

The second time the file was trashed, Brown said he had been working on the file and then left the room for 10 minutes. When Charles came in to work on the computer, she said she couldn't find the file. There were two people in the room working on the computer system. Charles said they apparently had been working for the Carolina Review.

Brown said the ad was directed at people



Review Editor DARREN ALLEN says an ad in the Ink is libelous.

who criticized the Ink for not coming out earlier. "I'm not saying they were trying to trash us — I was saying it was awfully suspicious," Brown said.

Charlton Allen said, "We're going to talk to a legal consultant. We're definitely mad, but we will look at settling out of court. We'll look at court cases, precedents and do research."

"Apparently, they can't fight ideas with ideas. That kind of behavior should be reserved for the playground and the sandbox."

Ruth Walden, a journalism professor who specializes in media law, said she did not believe the Review staff had a clear-cut libel suit. As an independent corporation, the Carolina Review must prove several things to win a libel suit.

Walden said that in order to be successful, the Review would have to prove that:

- Material was published;
- Review staff members were sufficiently identified;
- The ad defamed members of the Review in some way;

■ The accusations in the Ink were false and caused the Review staff some injury; and

■ The Ink printed the accusation either in full knowledge that it was false or with serious doubt about its truth.

"There is no easy answer," Walden said. "Part of the University is a sharing of opinions and information. It's unfortunate that this kind of thing goes on."

Charles explained the intention of the advertisement: "We told people why we hadn't come out and just basically posed the question. Those are the facts. If they said they didn't do it, then fine, they didn't do it, but we did not say (The Carolina Review) did it. I personally until that night didn't even know the Carolina Review was in there."

"The page was directed at all the people who wanted to know why the Ink hadn't been published yet. I didn't think they were going to come back and start talking about libel."

Sangam Celebration



Neelam Patel (center), a freshman from Voorhees, N.J., performs traditional folk-dancing at a Sangam-sponsored celebration Wednesday night. The dance, called "Navratri," or "nine nights," celebrates an annual Indian holiday.

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Bill Calls for Student Vote On Funds for Gay Groups

BY S. TEBBENS
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On the heels of a bill last week condemning the proposed free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, will be introducing a referendum against homosexual groups to Student Congress by the end of the week.

The referendum, which is co-sponsored by Rep. Tom Lyon, Dist. 21, would be voted on by the student body during spring elections if congress passes it.

The referendum would place a moratorium on student fees supporting all homosexual-related activities and "heterosexuals promoting the same groups and causes."

Student Congress rejected Stansbury's bill condemning construction of a free-standing BCC Oct. 27 by a 17-3 vote.

Stansbury said his reason for introducing the referendum against homosexual groups was simple. "I do not want my student activity fees to be used for homosexual causes," he said.

He is not the only student on campus that opposes student fees for homosexual groups, he said.

"I am representing a large group of students on this campus who feel this way and never speak up," Stansbury said. "I think on matters of this magnitude, students deserve a voice."

Stansbury said that homosexuals had the right to meet but that they should find other ways of funding themselves.

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Stansbury Is Sponsor Of Measure

BY PHUONG LY
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Student Congress representative Joey Stansbury says he sees dollar signs on almost everything.

Stansbury says he's so frugal he can't justify spending money to see a movie. He picks pennies off the floor.

The first-year congress member says he carried his budget-crunching attitude over to his hotly debated congressional proposals, which include a bill condemning a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and opposing the funding of campus groups that promote homosexual causes.

But some campus leaders say racism and homophobia are Stansbury's motives, and they question his productivity in Congress.

Fighting the BCC and B-GLAD

Stansbury, who represents Dist. 11,

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Local Losing Candidates Confident About Winners

BY AMY PINIAK
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill and Carrboro voters kept some local residents on the edge of their seats Tuesday night, waiting for election returns from three neck-in-neck races.

Several candidates vying for the Chapel Hill Town Council, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen were forced to wait until the bitter end of election returns to determine whether they had won.

Alan Rimer, who ran for re-election in Tuesday's town-council election, missed keeping his seat by 5 percent of the vote.

Rosemary Waldorf, Joyce Brown, Barbara Powell, Lee Pavao, Jim Protzman and Pat Evans won the six open council seats. Rimer finished seventh in the 11-candidate race.

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun, who ran unopposed for his second term, said he would miss Rimer's contributions on the council. Rimer was out-of-town and unavailable for comment.

"Al did an excellent job on the council, especially in areas of solid-waste management, environmental planning and regionalism," Broun said. "He's a great loss."

But Broun also said he was pleased with the winning candidates. "We've got some great new town-council members, and I am looking forward to working with them." Council member Joe Capowski agreed with Broun. "All the candidates are quite experienced in decision-making and are hard workers, so we won't be starting out



ALAN RIMER placed seventh in the race for six open council seats.



BEA HUGHES-WERNER trailed LaVonda Burnette for the third vacant seat on the school board.

totally green," Capowski said. Capowski said he was impressed with all the candidates who ran for the town council. "It was a great field of candidates, and the town could not lose," he said.

Jeff Snyder, one of the five losing town-council candidates, said he was "actually very relieved" about Tuesday's results.

"I was not optimistic about my chances because I was so young and unknown," Snyder said. "I am relieved that all my ideas have come to light in the eyes of both the candidates and the present council members. If my ideas pass, I'll have won in the end."

Snyder, who came in last with 16 percent of the vote, said he had full confidence in the election winners. "I think everyone who was running could have done a great job as a council member," he said. Snyder said he planned to get more involved in town activities and probably would run again. "My campaign was very low-key, so my name was not as recognized as the others," Snyder said. "That probably would have made a major difference."

Like Snyder, most of the candidates who lost in the local elections voiced support for the winners.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education candidate Bea Hughes-Werner missed winning a seat by 113 votes. LaVonda Burnette, a part-time UNC student, edged Hughes-Werner when the last precinct's

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Men's Soccer Tourney Up for Grabs

BY ALISON LAWRENCE
STAFF WRITER

Playing in this year's men's soccer ACC Tournament is a little like placing a bet on a roulette wheel. Anyone could lose, anyone could win, and just about anything could happen.

It all begins today and probably will be a tight battle between the league's top four teams: Virginia, Duke, Clemson and North Carolina. But with these teams guarding against themselves, it leaves room for teams like Wake Forest and N.C. State — UNC's first-round opponent at 8 tonight — to squeeze in and turn the conference upside down.

"The ACC is just so strong that any team can be up for a surprise," UNC head coach Elmar Bolowich said. "You really can't say what will happen."

All the ACC teams but Clemson have conference losses. The upper echelon have had especially tropy-turvy seasons.

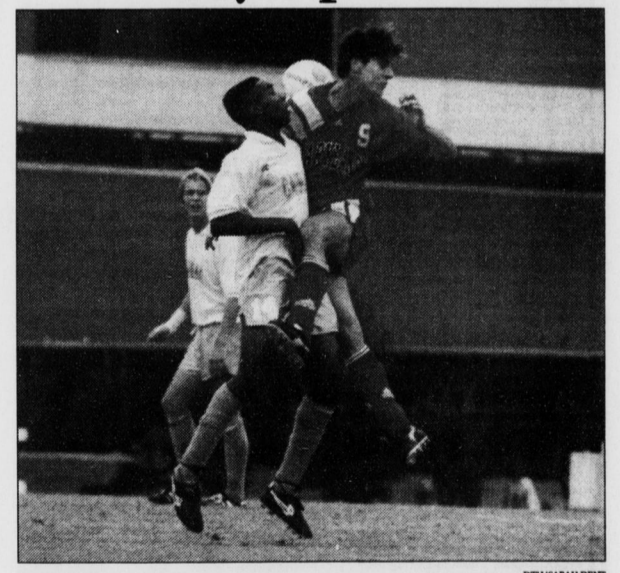
Virginia (14-3, 4-2 ACC), two-time defending NCAA champions, remains one of the most feared teams in the conference.

"At this time, the team to beat could be Virginia, if all players are healthy," Clemson head coach I.M. Ibrahim said.

"The ACC is a strong conference. Every team is able to be at top levels, but the top four are definitely well-matched. Talent still resides in Virginia's corner."

Duke (14-3, 4-2) managed to beat the Cavs, but lost to Clemson (3-1) and UNC (4-1). Clemson's only blemish on a 5-0-1 ACC mark is a 2-2 tie with UNC. Clemson is 14-3-1 (sound familiar?) overall.

North Carolina (11-5-2, 2-2-2) has played with high intensity against ranked opponents this season — its most recent being a 3-0 win against fourth-ranked James Madison. The Tar Heels have carried this intensity into games against the top three in the ACC.



Eddie Pope and the Tar Heels are upset-minded heading into the ACCs.

UNC lost a close one at Virginia, 3-2, but tied Clemson and shellacked Duke 4-1. But the Tar Heels slipped to lower-ranked teams, tying Wake Forest 2-2 and losing 3-2 to N.C. State (8-6-2, 2-4).

Although the Wolfpack's record does not look threatening, Bolowich is not writing off the danger of meeting the team.

"N.C. State might be in for an upset, if they happen to beat us in the first round — which we, of course, will try to prevent," Bolowich said.

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The Tar Heels may have one way of tilting the roulette wheel their way — they have the home field advantage.

"We played some top competition here with Duke, South Carolina, James Madison and Clemson, and we haven't lost one of those games," Bolowich said. "Yet, those teams are ranked ahead of us."

This season, UNC seemed to have two different teams — a home team and a road team. The Tar Heels are 9-0-1 at Fetzer Field and 2-5-1 on the road. They don't like to travel, midfielder Derek Kepner said.

"This is the first year we haven't lost at home," Kepner said. "There's just some-

thing about home. There's just some-

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I was thrown out of NYU for cheating — with the dean's wife.

Woody Allen