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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Senate Approves Measure Banning Assault Weapons

WASHINGTON — Heeding the nation's rising concern over street violence, the Senate voted Wednesday to ban the manufacture or sale of 19 types of assault-style weapons — bullet-spraying firearms that mimic those intended for combat.

The ban, stiffer than any previously passed by either house of Congress, was approved despite the opposition of the National Rifle Association. The action came as the Senate neared passage of a \$22.3 billion anti-crime bill that would put more police on the streets.

NRA spokesman William McIntyre said the 56-43 vote on the assault-style ban reflected the "misguided" view "that these sort of gun-control measures, gun bans, will have an impact on violent crime."

Mandela, DeKlerk Finish Work on New Constitution

KEMPTON PARK, South Africa — After a frantic day of bargaining, the government and African National Congress put the final touches Wednesday on a constitution ending apartheid by giving blacks equal rights for the first time.

The government and the ANC muscled the proposed agreement through multiparty talks, bringing two years of painstaking negotiations to a dramatic climax.

Final agreement by the 21 parties at the talks came late Wednesday to applause from the weary delegates. A signing ceremony in which party leaders endorsed the constitutional package began soon afterward. Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, shook the hand of President F. W. de Klerk as he walked to his seat for the ceremony.

Asia-Pacific Forum Opens With Message From U.S.

SEATTLE — Secretary of State Warren Christopher, opening an Asia-Pacific economic forum, warned North Korea on Wednesday that it must open nuclear sites to international inspection and urged China to treat its people better.

Christopher also met separately with China's foreign minister, Qian Qichen, and said he hoped the talks would lead to "a solid basis for progress in the future."

But it was clear that some tensions among Pacific powers remained at the outset of the fifth annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Asked if China was prepared to make a gesture on human rights to accommodate President Clinton, Qian said: "In everything we do, we have to be responsible to the Chinese people. We are not making gestures because we are not actors."

Lawyers Held Information In Nazi Case, Court Says

CINCINNATI — John Demjanjuk's fight to remain in the United States got a boost Wednesday when a federal appeals panel threw out its order that allowed his extradition to Israel to face Nazi war-crimes charges.

The government said it remained convinced that the 73-year-old retired autoworker was a war criminal and promised to pursue his deportation.

The three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Justice Department lawyers withheld information he could have used to fight extradition.

The ruling overturned the appeals court's 1985 decision authorizing Demjanjuk's extradition. The ruling did not suggest whether sanctions against the lawyers should be pursued.

Catholic Bishops Ratify Easier Dismissal Statutes

WASHINGTON — U.S. Catholic leaders, buffeted in recent years by reports of priestly pedophilia, voted Wednesday to make it easier to dismiss priests who sexually abuse minors.

In its first action since a cardinal was accused in a lawsuit of abusing a teenager more than a decade ago, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops voted 219-5 to lift the church's five-year statute of limitations on dismissals in cases involving abuse of minors.

If the change is approved by the Vatican, dismissal may be sought for up to two years after a diocesan bishop "receives information which at least seems to be true" of such abuse.

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Weather

TODAY: Variably cloudy, cooler, high around 60.

FRIDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-60s.

House Passes NAFTA After 13-Hour Debate

Key Facts About the North American Free Trade Agreement

WHAT IT DOES:

Eliminates tariffs and other barriers to the movement of goods, services and investment among the United States, Canada and Mexico, creating the world's largest and richest trading bloc, covering 360 million people.

TIMING:

Scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1994.

SIDE AGREEMENTS:

Establish trilateral commissions to oversee environmental and labor laws with the possibility of sanctions, either punitive trade tariffs in the case of the United States or Mexico or fines in the case of Canada, for failure of a country to enforce its own laws. The penalty could be up to \$20 million per offense.

COSTS:

NAFTA would reduce federal revenues by \$3 billion over five years because of the lowered tariffs. That would be partially offset by increasing the current \$5 customs fee on overseas travelers to \$6.50 and imposing it for the first time on travelers arriving from the Caribbean.

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WASHINGTON — In a hard-earned triumph for President Clinton, the House approved the North American Free Trade Agreement late Wednesday to fuse the United States, Mexico and Canada into the world's largest trading bloc. Republicans provided a majority of the support.

The 234-200 vote sent the measure to the Senate, where leaders predicted approval within a few days. "NAFTA is a lock," predicted GOP Leader Bob Dole.

Clinton, beaming, lauded the House within moments of the vote. NAFTA will "expand our exports, create new jobs and help us assert America's leadership in the global economy.... We chose to compete, not retreat, to lead a new world economy, to lead as America has done so often in our past," said the president, who leaves Thursday for a trade meeting in Seattle with leaders of 15 Asian nations.

The House rendered its verdict after a daylong debate that reflected high-minded

disagreements over America's role in the world economy and bare-knuckled politics. Scores of labor-backed Democrats abandoned their president to oppose the accord, but 132 Republicans signed on to assure passage.

The 34-vote margin was far wider than anticipated, the result of a furious last-minute lobbying blitz that blended presidential phone calls with concessions to key lawmakers concerned about the pact's impact on a variety of domestic industries.

A cheer went up in the chamber when the vote count passed the 218 needed to approve the pact. Opponents stood in clumps, shaking their heads and grimacing at the result.

"A vote for NAFTA is in the great tradition of four party," House GOP Leader Bob Michel of Illinois said in a ringing speech of support. "So let it be said on this crucial vote tonight that we Republicans did not sacrifice the jobs of tomorrow to the fears of today."

Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt

summed up for the opponents, who fear the pact will throw thousands of Americans out of work. "Deficient and flawed," he said of NAFTA. "We cannot and must not expose our workers and our corporations to unfair competition."

The accord will create a continental free-trade zone by gradually eliminating tariffs over 15 years.

Administration officials and some lawmakers also said a favorable vote would strengthen Clinton's hand as he departs for Seattle on Thursday — and would lead to freer trade with Europe and all of South America as well.

For his part, Clinton said he hoped he and Congress could build on the bipartisan cooperation that carried NAFTA to passage. He also reached out to those who had opposed him. "They have my respect," he said.

A total of 245 lawmakers spoke in 13 hours of debate — more than half the

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Visitation Rules Follow Trend at Other Schools

BY PETER ROYBAL
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While UNC's trial 24-hour residence hall visitation policy has generated a storm of controversy across North Carolina and has made national news, a number of schools across the state and throughout the South quietly have modified their visitation policies to offer 24-hour visitation.

An informal Daily Tar Heel phone survey found that five of eight major Southern state universities and five of 16 UNC-system schools already allowed some students to host overnight visitors of the opposite sex, at least during weekends.

The UNC Board of Trustees will debate the future of UNC-CH's trial visitation policy at an 8 a.m. meeting Friday at Morehead Planetarium. Several BOT members have said they oppose the policy, which allows 24-hour visitation by guests of the opposite sex on all days of the week in six dorms. The program went into effect Sept. 22 after more than two-thirds of residents in affected dorms voted to try the program.

While most arguments against the program at UNC have focused on the morality of 24-hour visitation, the major questions at other schools that have adopted open visitation have been over resident choice, roommate comfort and dorm safety.

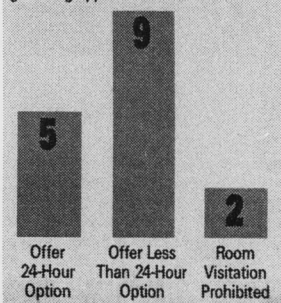
At the University of Georgia, campus residents may choose to live in a dorm with one of four different policies. The options range from "A," which permits opposite-sex guests from noon to midnight only on Friday and Saturday, to "D," which allows opposite-sex guests 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

At Appalachian State University, students also have a choice, but most dorms vote on three options rather than pick from halls with set visitation policies.

The difference is subtle, but Bob Tomlinson, director of residence life at UNC-Greensboro, thinks it is significant.

Visitation Policies at UNC-System Schools

The 16 campuses have three main policies governing opposite-sex visitation:



"(By voting) you're in a sense changing the rules after you have a captive audience," he said. Voting is unfair to the minority of students who don't favor a more liberal policy, he said.

Tomlinson said UNC-G was careful to alert students to possible visitation-policy changes when UNC-G converted three of its dorms to a 24-hour policy this fall. The school sent future residents several letters to explain the new policy and allow them to opt out of the open-visit dorm. Only one student asked to be moved, Tomlinson said.

Like UNC-G, many Southern state schools emphasize resident choice when opting for a liberalized visitation policy.

Neither the University of Tennessee nor ASU will allow the open policy in every dorm. Tennessee prevents freshmen from choosing the 24-hour option, and ASU doesn't offer the open policy to three dorms. Again, resident directors say students

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UNC Opens With Sloppy Win in NIT

No. 1 Tar Heels Hold Off Western Kentucky Behind Williams' Career-High 27

BY JOHN C. MANUEL
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Maybe this game was good for top-ranked North Carolina.

Maybe being tested early and often by a quick, pesky Western Kentucky team Wednesday night humbled the hyped-defending national champions.

Maybe the Tar Heels' sloppy 101-87 win at the Smith Center, in front of a quiet crowd of 20,863, will help make this a better team.

Head coach Dean Smith hopes so. "I'd prefer to play Blue-White at this time, but at times it looked like that," Smith said. "Maybe this is a good sign — we beat a very good team at home, and most of all we're happy to advance."

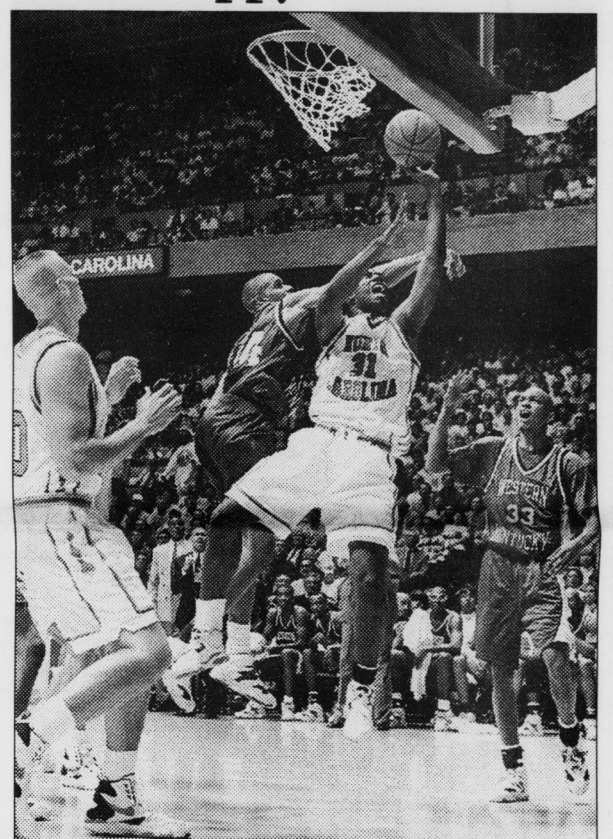
The win moves UNC into the second round of the preseason NIT. The Tar Heels (1-0) face Cincinnati at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Center. The Bearcats defeated Butler on Wednesday 90-72. Western Kentucky opens its season at 0-1.

The game gave glimpses of the talent that has UNC ranked No. 1 in the nation. But both teams showed the rust and inefficiency of playing a game with less than 2 1/2 weeks of practice under their belts.

"I'm impressed with some of the things we did," Smith said, "but it looked like we haven't worked on any late-game situations."

"We haven't." Junior guard Donald Williams, who handled most of the ballhandling chores late in the game for UNC, led the team with 27 points, tying his career high. Senior center Eric Montross added 21 and led the team with 10 rebounds.

"I think it's a real good first game for us to have to play a tough game," Montross said. "A lot of guys got good playing time."



Senior forward Brian Reese sweeps past Western Kentucky's Cypheus Bunton in North Carolina's 101-87 win Wednesday night at the Smith Center.

The Tar Heels and the Hilltoppers traded fouls and turnovers for much of the evening. The teams combined for 31 first-half fouls and 57 for the game. UNC lost starting point guard Derrick Phelps to foul trouble

— he played only 18 minutes — and as was the case last year, North Carolina was a different team without Phelps on the floor.

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Calculated Help



Mimi Courtney, a junior from Williamston, participates in an afterschool program at the community center adjacent to Estes Drive public housing community Wednesday afternoon. The program, begun by UNC students, draws volunteers from various campus organizations to help with afterschool programs for the neighborhood's children.

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Committee Votes Against Carolina Review Funding

BY HOLLY RAMER
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The Student Congress Finance Committee voted Wednesday to make an unfavorable recommendation to congress on a \$50 appropriation to The Carolina Review.

The unfavorable recommendation was approved by a vote of 6-2, with one abstention.

The Carolina Review, a new conservative publication, originally requested \$4,795 in student fees. The Review drew charges of racism earlier this year, after its inaugural Nov. 1 issue attacked the proposed free-standing Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, which was approved by the UNC Board of Trustees in July.

Charlton Allen, the Review's publisher, said Wednesday that the private funds the publication now received would not be sufficient to support it in the future.

"Private donations are hard to survive on," he said. "People want to see a finished product."

Rep. David Barnes, Dist. 4, said he supported the reduction of funds because he disapproved of the Review's business decisions.

"I feel that at this point, with the advertisers and private donations they have, they could be self-sufficient, but they've chosen not to be," he said. "I think they deserve zero dollars."

Rep. Sneha Shah, Dist. 19, said the Review did not deserve funding because of its openly political nature.

"The Carolina Review is definitely politically partisan," she said. "It mocks other organizations, student government, staff members and students themselves."

But Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, the Review's financial director, said the political nature of the magazine should not impact the committee's decision.

"I think the idea of discussing whether a magazine is political is diving into questions of free speech and questions of censorship of ideas and thoughts," he said.

Rep. Andrew Cohen, Dist. 6, also said the Review should not receive funding and that it should strive to become self-supporting.

"This is a publication which should become self-supporting like the Phoenix should be, like the Critic is, and like (The Daily Tar Heel) has just become," he said.

Review Editor Darren Allen said he was not surprised by the committee's recommendation.

"I expected this," he said. "I never expected them to be fair."

In other business, the finance committee voted to:

■ Increase student legal fees from \$2.50 to \$4.86, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees;

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Which is it: Is man one of God's blunders, or is God one of man's blunders?

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche