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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Surgeon General Endorses New Smoking Restrictions

WASHINGTON — The U.S. surgeon general and five of her predecessors endorsed legislation Monday to protect non-smokers through severe smoking restrictions in virtually every nonresidential building in the country.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the subcommittee, responded to concerns from current Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders about the dangers of secondhand smoke with proposed legislation. The new bill would require owners of nonresidential buildings, regularly entered by 10 or more persons, either to ban smoking inside the building or to restrict it to separately ventilated rooms.

### U.S. Official Says Vietnam No Longer Holds Remains

HANOI, Vietnam — Villagers might be holding the remains of Americans lost in the Vietnam War or at least know about them, but Hanoi no longer is keeping them for political leverage, a U.S. official said Monday.

Army Lt. Col. John Cray said the 12 sets of remains believed to be those of Americans that Hanoi gave to the U.S. on Monday were turned in by villagers.

The latest repatriation ceremony at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport came four days after President Clinton lifted a 19-year trade embargo against Vietnam. Cray, head of the MIA office in Hanoi, said the ceremony had been planned three months ago to coincide with the end of two search operations in December and January.

### NATO Ministers Wrangle Over Air Strikes in Bosnia

BRUSSELS, Belgium — France failed to win support from its allies Monday on giving Bosnian Serbs an ultimatum: Remove your artillery from the hills around Sarajevo or face Western military strikes.

Instead, European Union foreign ministers urged NATO to use all means to lift the siege of Sarajevo, including the use of "air power."

President Clinton is playing down the prospect of such retaliation.

The EU foreign ministers' statement made no mention of Bosnian Serbs, who keep a stranglehold on Sarajevo and are widely seen as the main aggressors in a 22-month-old war that has left more than 200,000 people dead.

### Israelis, Palestinians Work To Jump-Start Peace Plan

CAIRO, Egypt — PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres began discussions Monday on the start of the long-delayed withdrawal of Israel's troops from the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

The decision to renew the stalled negotiations came after more than a week of bickering and strenuous mediation by Egypt that apparently included a series of phone calls Monday morning.

At midmorning, officials at Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis said Arafat would not be meeting Peres, but they later said the PLO leader reversed his decision.

Peres said before departing from Tel Aviv that Israel wanted to move forward in the talks but has not changed its position.

### UPS Workers Stage Strike After Weight-Limit Change

ATLANTA — A politically divided Teamster union defied a court order Monday and began a widely scattered strike against United Parcel Service as the delivery company increased its package weight limit from 70 to 150 pounds.

Although thousands of the Atlanta-based company's 165,000 unionized workers walked off the job and set up picket lines at UPS offices across the country, many local unions ignored the call from Teamster headquarters in Washington.

UPS spokeswoman Susan Rosenberg put strike participation at 20 percent of Teamster-represented employees. Teamsters spokesman Matt Witt said 50 percent to 60 percent of employees represented by the union were striking.

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### Weather

TODAY: Variably cloudy; high mid-50s.  
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, breezy; high lower 70s.

## SBP Candidates Meet in First Televised Debate

BY HOLLY STEPP  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Three of the four student body president candidates participated in a televised debate — the first of its kind — on the eve of campus elections.

Student Television held a live presidential debate Monday night in its studios in the basement of the Student Union. The debate was STV's first live telecast. Tommy Koonce, Rebecah Moore and Wayne Rash participated in the forum. George Battle was scheduled to appear but did not show up.

UNC junior Jon Rich moderated the debate, and the candidates answered prepared questions from Rich and campus student groups as well as from students in the studio audience.

Rich asked Moore about the feasibility of a referendum on today's ballot to end student government appointments to The Daily Tar Heel Board of Directors.

The referendum was placed on the ballot as the result of a petition drive started by

the DTH staff. If passed, the referendum would end the practice of appointments by the Student Congress speaker, the congress finance committee and the student body president to the DTH board.

Moore, a former member of the DTH staff, said she thought the referendum just made sense. "I'll say this quite frankly — government should stay out of the press," she said.

"The people who object to the referendum because the DTH uses computers paid for by student fees should attribute that to the birth of a newspaper.

"A newspaper has to start somewhere to thrive, and the DTH is now thriving."

Rich asked Rash, chairman of the Student Congress finance committee, about congress' decision to allot \$100 to the James Bond Fan Club.

"Congress looks at the size of a group and its educational purpose when determining funding. The James

Bond Fan Club has more than 100 members, and they have some deep discussion after watching the movies."

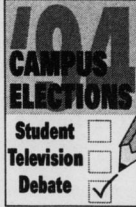
The recent shooting in the Chi Psi fraternity house and the role of the University administration in the activities of Greek organizations was the topic of Rich's question for Koonce. An Appalachian State University student died of a gunshot wound Jan. 27 while visiting friends in the Chi Psi fraternity lodge. Koonce is a member of Chi Psi.

"I don't think that there was anything anyone could do to prevent what happened, and I do not think that fraternities and sororities should be under the direct control of the University," Koonce said.

"I think the risk-management policies should not be ironclad but serve as a safety net in case something does go wrong."

The candidates also fielded questions from the audience, including responding to suggestions from sophomore Monty Hendrix, a write-in candidate for student body president.

"There's not much chance in hell I'll win, so I'd like to make some suggestions to you," Hendrix said.



## Hopefuls Spend Election Eve Shaking Hands, Making Plans

BY LESLIE DUNAWAY  
STAFF WRITER

The speeches have been made. The issues have been debated. Now all that the four student body president candidates can do is wait for the results.

The candidates — George Battle, Tommy Koonce, Rebecah Moore and Wayne Rash — and their campaign staff members all spent the day before election day finishing up last-minute details.

Koonce, Moore and Rash participated in a 9 p.m. televised presidential debate Monday night sponsored by Student Television. Battle was scheduled to appear but did not show up for the live telecast.

Battle said Monday that he would spend the evening "making a few last-

minute phone calls, making sure (he and his staff) have covered every detail, and then get a good night sleep."

"I has been too busy to be nervous, but I'm sure I will be when it comes time for the polls to open," he said.

Moore said her staff members went "door to door with vengeance."

"The staff will be up late doubling up on things, and I don't think I or 60 others of my staff will sleep until Wednesday morning," Moore said.

"We have a few little things up our sleeve but basically we are letting the platform speak for itself," she said.

Tommy Koonce said that his staff was planning to make his presence known at all the poll sites today. "We will be

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## Anything for a Vote



Kilt-clad freshman Penn Whiteside wears a placard Monday to campaign in the Pit for his friend Brooks Dorin as a write-in candidate for student body president. See page 2 for a comprehensive guide to today's elections.

## Residents Push Town For Cable Upgrades

BY JOHN REID BLACKWELL  
STAFF WRITER

Local residents on Tuesday night urged the Chapel Hill Town Council to require improvements in local cable services before approving a 20-year contract with Cablevision of Chapel Hill this May.

Residents at a public hearing at Chapel Hill Town Hall said that Cablevision used out-of-date equipment, charged too much to install cable services and did not provide adequate equipment for cable access shows.

About 50 residents attended the hearing, which the town council held to hear suggestions concerning the contract proposal. The council plans to hold at least one other hearing on the town's cable services.

Cablevision has provided service to the area for the past two years, and the town cable committee currently is deciding whether to recommend that the company be offered a contract renewal.

About 15 residents spoke on the issue, most of whom opposed a 20-year franchise agreement.

"A 20-year proposal is beyond that which is justified," said Robert Joesting, chairman of the town cable advisory committee, which the town council appointed in May 1992 to study cable problems and make recommendations.

Joesting said a 20-year contract would not allow the town council to ensure that cable services would keep up with communications technology. "We need to decide what specific things will be provided at what time," he said.

Included in Cablevision's proposal is a plan to upgrade the current cable system at a cost of \$15.3 million. The new system would use fiber optics to deliver a high-technology, full-service network that would provide programs such as pay-per-view home shopping and on-line banking.

Joesting said the committee supported the installation of a full-service network, but Cablevision's proposal was not specific about when the changes would be made. "Unfortunately, there are no specifics about what they intend to offer and when," he said.

Chapel Hill resident Clarence Whitefield said a 20-year contract was too long. "I think that five years would be a great plenty. We might decide in about five years that we want to reconsider who has the contract."

The use of cable converter boxes also was a major concern for residents at the hearing. Most residents said the boxes, which must be installed for televisions that are not cable-ready, were an unnecessary

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## Barnes Makes First Appearance in Court

BY KATHRYN HASS  
STAFF WRITER

Appalachian State University student William Scott Barnes made his first appearance in court Monday morning, facing charges of involuntary manslaughter in the Jan. 27 shooting death at the Chi Psi fraternity lodge of his roommate.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said Barnes received a copy of the charges against him during his first appearance. Barnes purchased the .40-caliber, Glock semiautomatic weapon in Boone the day before a single bullet killed Christopher Todd Stewart. Police believe Barnes and Stewart did not know the gun was loaded as they passed it back and forth in a third-floor room.

"Usually they look at the charge and make sure it's sufficient," Fox said. "The judge advises him of his rights regarding the proceeding."

Barnes, 21, of Rockingham waived his right to a court-appointed attorney to hire his own. Barnes' probable cause hearing was set for Feb. 25.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins defined involuntary manslaughter as engaging in actions "in such a reckless and careless manner as to show a thoughtless disregard for consequences or a heedless indifference to the rights and safety of others."

Police have not said who pulled the trigger the night of the shooting.

Fox said local law-enforcement officials charged Barnes with involuntary manslaughter because evidence showed that the shooting was not a deliberate or malicious act.

"All I'm saying is that the gun was being handled in a way that was grossly reckless," Fox said. "It's certain at this point that alcohol was involved, and it was probably a factor in the decision to charge. I would say."

Toxicologist Caroline Oldenburg said Stewart's blood alcohol level was 0.20, almost three times the state's legal limit of 0.08. N.C. Chief Medical Examiner Thomas Clark said it was routine to conduct a blood alcohol test during an autopsy.

Chapel Hill police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said the involuntary manslaughter charge was fitting because evidence suggested that Barnes had not been responsible with the gun.

"There are certain responsibilities that individuals assume when they do certain things," Pendergraph said. "I think we conducted a fairly routine investigation, and the charges are a result of the evidence we got."

Pendergraph said the probable cause hearing later this month would determine whether Barnes would be brought to trial for Stewart's death.

"At a probable cause hearing, they hear enough of the evidence of the case to make a decision if there's enough probable cause to bring the case to trial."



WILLIAM SCOTT BARNES was charged with involuntary manslaughter for the shooting death of his roommate.

## Students May Pay Heavy Price For Gambling Habits

Editor's note: Some of the names in this article have been changed to protect their anonymity.

BY KARL SHULTZ  
STAFF WRITER

When "Scott" got to college and was introduced to a bookie by a fraternity brother, he thought an occasional bet on a football game was pretty harmless.

What he didn't realize was that his gambling eventually would cause the breakup of his marriage and leave him with a \$1,500 minimum monthly credit card payment. Like Scott, many UNC students think of gambling as harmless fun.

"Everyone I know gambles," said Matt Bunch, a junior from Kings Mountain.

Many students know what Bunch is talking about, whether it be dollar poker games, NCAA basketball tournament pools or other forms of gambling.

"We're gambling all the time," said Adam Dorsett, a freshman from Advance. "We bet on every Monday Night Football game, Sunday games, and we play poker for money all the time."

Statistics suggest that gambling is a problem for some young people. More than 750 men and 24 women younger than the age of 18 were arrested for gambling in 1991.

Bunch said it was pretty clear why students gambled. "It's an exhilarating experience, yet stressful."

Dorsett, who mainly places small bets on sports and poker games, agreed with Bunch that gambling could be exciting.

"It's an adrenaline rush," he said. "It's like you're playing the game yourself. You've got something staked on the game." Neither of these students think they have a problem with gambling. "The most

I ever lost was probably no more than \$5, and I think the most I ever won on one bet was \$50 at a horse race," Dorsett said. "I always try to guarantee myself that I will at least break even."

But Dorsett and Bunch said they knew people who had a problem with gambling. "One guy I know gambled too much, and they came calling," Bunch said.

Dorsett added that he knew two students who had gotten into trouble gambling. "One guy was in \$1,500; the other was in \$2,000. And their moms had to pay it off because they were threatening to come and break the kids' legs."

This may sound quite serious to some, but to members of the Chapel Hill chapter of Gamblers Anonymous, \$1,500 might have been a bet on a single poker hand.

Bob Klein, who started the GA chapter three years ago, said he had seen a few students come to meetings during that time. "But they never seem to stay," he said.

According to GA statistics, gambling is on the rise: 5 percent of high school kids gamble compulsively, and 6 percent of college students do.

"The problem is there," Klein said. "Age seems to impede recovery; a prerequisite to being a compulsive gambler is to cause suffering or to suffer."

Most students are not old enough to have had the chance to suffer through gambling yet, he said.

Klein has sold his blood, been in jail and slept in a phone booth, all thanks to what he called a miserable lifestyle.

"Financially, going downhill is not the worst of it. A common denominator among problem gamblers is desperation." "Danny," another GA member who

last gambled in 1991, also knows the suffering compulsive gambling can cause. He was forced to take out a second mortgage on his home and declare Chapter 13 bankruptcy. He was ready to end his life.

"On my last trip, had I lost, I had decided that I was going to kill myself," he said. "I didn't want to face anybody."

Danny lost money on the trip to the casino, and had prepared a packet of bills and financial statements for his wife to deal with. "I was ready to blow my brains out." Fortunately for Danny, he got help. "I was very scared of what I was going to do."

As he glanced at the newspaper the morning that he was going to take his own life, he saw an ad for GA.

"If I hadn't found this place, I don't know where I'd be today," said Danny, who still is paying off his debts. "If I live to be 90 years old, I might actually pay the principal off."

In spite of the debt and his marital life that he describes as "basically shot," he said he was happy.

"I don't have to think like that anymore," he said, remembering the lies he had to tell to cover his problem.

Scott is approaching the two-year anniversary since he last gambled.

"I was calling the bookie every night, and it became a real downward spiral," he said. "By the time I was married and had my son, I made a conscious effort to quit."

But Scott said he couldn't control himself. He forged his wife's signature on a credit card application to get more credit to gamble with. When his wife discovered this, he had to come clean.

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*I truly wish there were some sort of badge of dishonor that a nonvoter would have to wear.*

India Edwards