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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### 6.2 Magnitude Quake Hits Colombia, at Least 11 Dead

BOGOTA, Colombia — A powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of at least 6.2 rocked Colombia on Wednesday, toppling buildings and killing at least 11 people, according to radio reports. The city hit worst, according to initial reports, was Pereira, where at least six people were killed and 80 injured when buildings and walls collapsed, RCN radio reported. Five other deaths and 20 injuries were reported in other towns in western Colombia.

To avoid fires from possible gas leaks or downed power lines, Pereira officials severed electrical power in the city of 700,000 and suggested that residents buy flashlights and candles. Pereira is 100 miles west of Bogota.

### Senators Reject Demand For List of Spending Cuts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Skirmishing on a proposed balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, the Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday brushed aside Democratic demands for a detailed list of spending cuts needed to erase federal deficits.

The 56-44 vote, largely along party lines, cleared the way for Democrats to press their case to have Social Security, the most politically sensitive of all federal programs, sheltered from the budget knife.

The maneuvering came on the eighth day of debate on the measure, which both sides say could pass or fall by a margin of one vote. With virtually all Republicans in favor, the pivotal votes are held by moderate Democrats who have voted for balanced-budget amendments before.

### Arafat Orders Arrest Raids For Palestinian Militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Yasser Arafat, under pressure from Israel to crack down on militants, ordered the arrest of another 90 Palestinians in raids throughout the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

Arafat, who will meet Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin today in an effort to bolster faltering peace talks, also established a special court to try Palestinians charged with security crimes, including attacks on Israelis.

Last week, Rabin complained to Arafat that even though Palestinian militants had been detained previously, none had ever been charged with attacking Israelis.

The moves aimed to satisfy Israeli concerns over Arafat's readiness to rein in Palestinian militants who have caused delays in extending Palestinian autonomy.

### Neighboring Areas Fear Spread of Chechen Crisis

GAZI-YURT, Russia — Wary of Russian troops in their midst and mindful of the Caucasus region's turbulent history, residents of areas bordering Chechnya are bracing for the spread of the war.

Ominous signs exist that the nearly two-month conflict might explode outside Chechnya — in neighboring Dagestan and particularly Ingushetia, which Russia increasingly accuses of harboring Chechen rebels.

Russian forces have bombarded the Ingush border village of Arshyt, calling it a stronghold of Chechen fighters. Ingush officials said Wednesday that the villages of Datzkh and Alkul also had been pounded.

### Polish President Endorses Communist Candidate

WARSAW, Poland — President Lech Walesa, a fierce anti-Communist, on Wednesday accepted a former Communist as Poland's next prime minister in an effort to break the country's deadlocked politics.

The move came after Walesa forced the resignation of Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak by threatening to dissolve Parliament, Walesa's spokesman said. Walesa telephoned Olesky to discuss the possibility of his forming a new Cabinet. The two men are expected to meet today.

Olesky, 48, is a leading member of the Democratic Left Alliance, the reconstituted Communist party.

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### Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high near 40.  
FRIDAY: Cloudy, 40 percent chance of snow; high near 40.

# Fiumara, Garner to Run Alone for SBP

BY ADAM GUSMAN  
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Kelly Jo Garner and Jen Fiumara are running alone for student body president — for now.

Elections Board Chairwoman Erin Lewis decided Wednesday to allow Garner and Fiumara to simply drop their running mates from the petitions they collected before Jan. 31.

"This is the most equitable solution for all the candidates," Lewis said. "Doing anything else would hurt somebody."

The Student Supreme Court's decision Tuesday not to allow dual candidates for

the office of student body president forced the two pairs of candidates to decide which one of them would seek the executive branch's top position.

"It is possible that I won't actively campaign as much, but I'm still running because I think people deserve a choice," Fiumara said.

"I actually expected it in a way, and I was disappointed," she said. "It seems odd that three people can make a decision for the whole student body."

Fiumara and her former running mate, Jeff Berkaw, decided after the court's decision that she would run alone. "We decided on Jen because Jeff only had 21 percent name recognition ... just kidding, kind of," Berkaw said.

"If it's got to be one person, she's got all the qualities that an SBP needs," said Berkaw, who is now Fiumara's campaign manager.

"If anyone was going to run, Jen was going to run, but we've dragged a lot of people into this," he said.

"We wanted feedback from them and just from students on campus in general," he added.

Garner's former running mate is Michael Williams.

"I didn't want to do it without Kelly

Jo," said Williams, who is now Garner's campaign manager.

Garner said she might consider Williams for the position of student body vice president if she were elected.

"It's unfortunate that the Student (Government) Code couldn't be flexible enough to allow two students to take office," Garner said.

Fiumara and Garner said their platforms would remain unchanged.

Student Supreme Court Chief Justice Wendy Sarratt said the court's written opinion would be issued at 5:15 p.m. today on the steps of South Building.

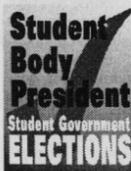
Sarratt said she could not comment as to whether the written opinion would address the validity of the candidates' peti-

tions.

Lewis said she did not expect the Student Supreme Court to address that issue, but she said that if the court's opinion was to not accept the dual petitions for the individual candidates she would abide by the ruling.

Law student Elliott Zenick, one of the students who brought the Student Supreme Court suit against the Elections Board, said he thought the court's oral decision left the door open for Lewis to allow the petitions.

"The candidates have had a hard enough time ... if that's acceptable to all the parties involved, I'm not going to press the issue," Zenick said. "If they run, I wish them the best of luck."



## Brandenburg Gets Nod From BSM For Experience

BY LEAH MERREY  
STAFF WRITER

The Black Student Movement endorsed candidate Stacey Brandenburg for student body president Wednesday night at the BSM forum.

Brandenburg told the audience members that she would work to improve life on campus. "I bring a vision of a University united," she said.

Carolynn McDonald, co-vice president of the BSM, said the BSM was looking for sincerity and experience in a candidate.

"We were looking for sincerity, and she came across as a person we thought we could trust," McDonald said.

She said experience was important because the BSM looked to the executive branch for support. "As sincere as the outsiders were, we thought we needed someone who knows politics that go on."

Brandenburg said she wanted to improve the Point-to-Point service. "I want to increase the number of phone lines and dispatchers," she said.

Another goal on Brandenburg's agenda is to implement a dorm watch. "The purpose is to raise awareness," she said.

The amount of recruitment and student aid should be increased, Brandenburg said. She said she wanted to avoid incidents like "the fiasco funding for the Minority Recruitment bill."

"We're facing a new year of challenges," she said. "What you need is support."

Brandenburg said that she hoped to follow Student Body President George Battle's tradition of accessibility by holding monthly Pit forums.

"Accessibility is very important," she said.

SBP candidate Calvin Cunningham told the forum that he had a vision of student groups working together.

"I am a candidate with a record of accomplishment," he said.

Cunningham said he wanted the BCC to get an architect. He also said



SBP candidate Stacey Brandenburg speaks at the BSM forum Wednesday. Brandenburg won the BSM's endorsement with 20 votes.

he wanted to expand the Point-to-Point services.

"I think that the money is there for the P2P to hit near off-campus locations," he said.

Jeanne Fugate spoke for SBP candidate Andrew France, who was unable to attend the forum.

"I bring a message of disillusionment and a message of hope," Fugate said.

Fugate said that she and France wanted to involve the student body in executive decisions. "People don't think they have a part in student

government," she said.

Candidate Robert Simes said he came to the SBP race as a political outsider.

"I am a dreamer," Simes said.

He said he was an idealist. "I have an ideal view of society," he said.

"We should be proud of our cultures."

Simes said that he wanted to see more interaction in the student body.

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## SBP Candidate Skips Briefing, Gets Warning

BY NANCY FONTI  
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Student body president candidate Robert Simes received a warning from the Elections Board for not having held an election law briefing with the board. Student body president candidate's staffs were required to have had elections law briefings by Tuesday.

"Mr. Simes thought he could do it himself," said Elections Board Chairwoman Erin Lewis. "He didn't realize the briefing had to be conducted by the Elections Board."

Simes said he did not realize that members of the Elections Board were required to be at the briefings.

Lewis said the warning would be the only action taken against Simes.

"I'm not going to go any further with this," she said.

"It's not a big deal at all," Lewis said. "The student body president candidates and their campaign staffs have to be briefed by a member of the Elections Board within a certain amount of time, and (Tuesday) was the deadline."

Lewis said all the candidates should have been informed that the briefing was required. "It is the responsibility of the Elections Board that the candidates know they must schedule the briefing, but it is the candidates' job to actually do the scheduling," Lewis said. "It was in the packet (that candidates for all offices received); it was posted on the bulletin board; I mentioned it at the (mandatory candidates') meeting; and it was clearly stated in the code."



Like all student body president candidates, ROBERT SIMES was required to hold an elections law briefing before Tuesday.

## Gingrich, Dole Against Clinton's Baseball Bill

WASHINGTON — Congress had a message Wednesday for baseball players and owners: Leave us alone.

President Clinton's special legislation to settle the strike with a three-member panel of independent arbitrators seemed doomed even before it arrived on Capitol Hill.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said they had no intention of moving quickly to force an end to the six-month strike.

"I'm not sure that Congress has the wisdom, or should have the ability to intervene in a single industry that's not a matter of national safety," Gingrich said.

The Republican leaders, who have the power to bottle up any bill, met with mediator W.J. Utery for about 40 minutes in

Dole's Senate office. Utery met separately with union head Donald Fehr.

Clinton, speaking in the Roosevelt Room, where talks were held the night before, said he has no regrets about trying to end the strike.

"I'll send the legislation up. They'll hear from the American people, and they'll make their own decision," he said. "If we had a baseball commissioner, maybe none of us would have been in here."



BILL CLINTON wants Congress to help settle the six-month long baseball strike.

Dole said his office received about 1,400 telephone calls about the strike by midafternoon and that they ran 5-to-1 against intervention.

Other Republicans criticized Clinton for attempting to personally mediate the dispute.

"I'm afraid the president has ratcheted up the issue in an almost incredible fashion," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, said: "I think it's a dumb idea. We have much more important fish to fry. For a president who claims to champion the middle class, he certainly spends a lot of time trying to settle disputes between millionaires."

Even some Democrats disagreed with the president.

"I think we have a lot more important things to do than baseball," said Sen. Jo-

seph Biden, D-Del. "I'd like to organize a group that if baseball comes back, we'd boycott baseball. And I'm a baseball fan."

But Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., backed the president during a news conference with three other congressmen and Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla. Schumer called Dole and Gingrich "the Sultans of Not."

Clinton's bill, sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., would give the president authority to appoint a three-person "national baseball dispute resolution panel." It would accept proposals and arguments from both sides and formulate a settlement. Neither side could go to court to overturn any decision.

"If we wait a 1995 baseball season, this

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## Congress Grants BSM's Pared-Down Funding Request

BY WILL SAFER  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Congress approved the Black Student Movement's request for funding Wednesday night, voting to give the group just over \$7,000. It approved the bill after a two-week delay that was the result of a timing error in the process for submitting bills to congress.

The bill originally asked for more than \$20,000 but was pared down to its final amount after going through the Student Congress Finance Committee.

Chimi Boyd, president of the BSM, said the original request was based on the assumption that congress had more than \$40,000 to disperse to student groups. During a meeting with the finance committee, she learned that congress had only \$27,000 left in its account.

The initial cut from the finance committee resulted in a request of about \$11,000.

Rep. Tom Lyon, finance committee chairman, made a motion to amend the bill to cut all funding for travel and lodging. This amendment was passed by a vote of

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CHIMI BOYD  
BSM president

seven to six with one abstention.

Rep. Steve Oljeski, Dist. 4, said the BSM shouldn't receive the total amount requested because it already was given too much money.

Boyd said she disagreed with Oljeski.

"They argue that we ask for more and more money every year," she said. "We ask for less each year because we've learned to raise some of our own funds."

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Oljeski also made a motion to cut the fees that would go to bring speakers to campus. He said he objected to the BSM's

intention to bring Angela Davis to campus because he opposed her politics. Boyd said that Davis had not yet been signed to come to speak on campus.

Lyon said that Davis had been a former Black Panther and a gun-runner for that organization. "I read her autobiography. We don't need that kind of hate speech and incitement to violence on campus."

Boyd said that Davis would only come to campus to talk about women's issues.

"We would be bringing her here not to talk about politics or to incite people," Boyd said. "She would speak at the Women's Issues Conference about spirituality."

"I feel that if the speaker was coming to speak on some type of radical issue that could possibly promote violence or separatism, I could understand their objection, but if she's coming to speak on women's issues, then that should be acceptable."

Rep. Adam Bernard, Dist. 20, made a motion that the BSM was a political organization, and therefore, according to the Student Government Code, could not be funded by congress. Congress Speaker Monica Cloud argued that the BSM was a

nonpartisan organization. After a lengthy debate, Bernard's motion was defeated.

Rep. Roy Granato said he did not think the BSM was political or partisan and that endorsing student body president candidates didn't count as a political statement.

Boyd said, "I do believe that some of the congress representatives do not vote in the interests of the entire campus, but for their own personal agenda."

### Endorsement Letters

The DTH will accept letters of endorsement for candidates running for student office. Candidates for student body president, senior class president/vice president, CAA president and RHA president may each have one letter submitted in their support.

Letters cannot be written or signed by the candidates and can have only one signature. Endorsement letters are due at the DTH office in Union Suite 104 by 2 p.m. Friday and are limited to 420 words.

Direct any questions to Thanassis Cambanis or Kelly Ryan at 962-0245.

War is not nice.  
Barbara Bush