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**Today's Weather**  
Chance of rain; high 60s.  
Friday: Partly cloudy; high mid-60s.

## Recount Leaves Senior Class Race Undecided

BY BRONWEN CLARK  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

What should have been a routine recount turned into a three-hour ballot fiasco Wednesday night as the Elections Board came up with three different tallies and no resolution for Tuesday night's Senior Class race.

Senior Class president candidate Ladell Robbins asked for a re-count Wednesday after Katie McNerney and running mate Minesh Mistry edged out Robbins and

Amelia Bruce by two votes. The vote from Tuesday night's election showed McNerney and Mistry with 367 votes to Robbins' and Bruce's 365.

However, after three recounts on Wednesday, the tally showed Robbins and Bruce with 368 and McNerney and Mistry with 365. Members of the Elections Board counted the votes three times before arriving at the final tally. Each tally showed Robbins and Bruce as they victors. The Elections Board will decide today at 2 p.m. in Suite C whether to certify this tally.

McNerney and Mistry said they did not understand why Wednesday's re-count was more valid than Tuesday's original count, which showed them in the lead.

"You got the same numbers last three times," she said. "Now you get four different numbers several different times."

The total number of votes counted Tuesday was inconsistent with the number on Wednesday, with 732 votes counted Tuesday night and 733 counted Wednesday. The single web vote cast for the Senior Class race was counted on both days.

Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Stuart said the re-count results were the results she and the board would look at when deciding whether to certify the election. According to the Student Code, the board could refuse to certify the election results only if it discovered a violation which could have affected the outcome of the race. However, Stuart said no violations had been reported.

McNerney said she was concerned about the security of the ballots overnight. "I don't understand — three consecu-

tive times yesterday you got the exact same numbers," she said. "Today, how many hours was the ballot box not locked? I have confidence that these ballots here were not the ballots last night."

If the board chooses to certify the election, the candidates' only recourse would be through the Student Supreme Court, which could call for another election.

"I'm disappointed. I feel like the burden of responsibility has shifted back on us for something we didn't do," Robbins said. "Who wants to go into elected office if

you're forced to sue your way into it. We did what we're supposed to do. We ran and that is it."

McNerney said she was prepared for another election, but by the same token said she was disappointed in the manner in which the vote tally was handled.

"We've gone this far, I'm not afraid to go further," she said. "This is exactly why this University needs people who are willing to work for a change. This is a government of the students and students need better representation."

## Nelson Supporters at Scene of Theft

BY KATIE TYSON  
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Three members of Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson's fraternity confirmed late Wednesday night that they were present in a classroom from which issues of the controversial Carolina Review were taken just hours before poll sites opened for the student election Feb. 13.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 copies of the Review issue were taken from distribution points and deposited in the student attorney general's office, but members of Nelson's fraternity denied any involvement in the theft of the magazine.

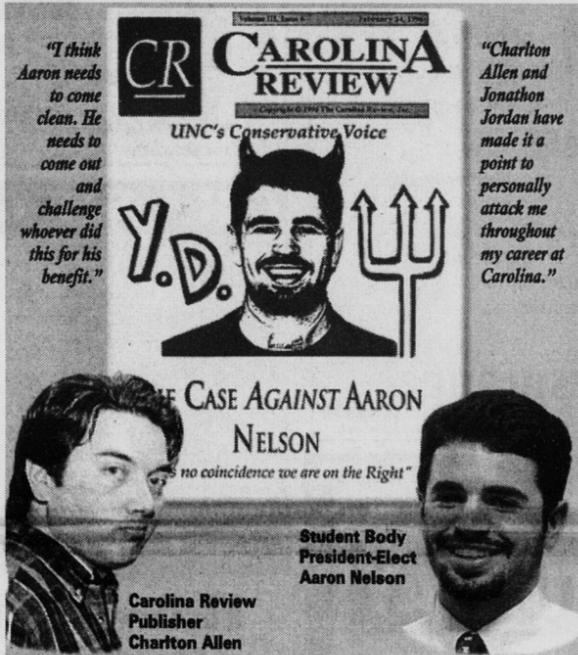
A reconstruction of the night's events revealed the following:

Charlton Allen, publisher of the Review, Editor Ashley Garner and a few other Review staff members began distributing the issue last Monday night. Allen said he and Garner went to Carroll Hall to distribute issues. Allen said they saw three men in the lobby. After Allen and Garner began putting copies of the Review on the desks of 106 Carroll Hall, one of the three men from the lobby entered and began collecting copies, Allen said.

Garner said she identified the man as sophomore Todd Doobrow, who is a member of Nelson's fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi. Garner said she recognized Doobrow because she went to high school with him in Charlotte.

Doobrow confirmed he was in the room but had no further comment Tuesday night.

Allen said the man then left the room and came back with the two individuals from the lobby. The three individuals then exited the room and came back with six to seven more people, Allen said. Allen said that most of the people remained in the



room and that a few said they would collect the copies once Allen and Garner left. Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, Student Congress Speaker Roy Granato and Student Body Treasurer Nathan Darling then entered the room at around 1 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Cunningham confirmed that he, Granato and Darling entered 106 Carroll Hall to distribute handbills supporting the food services referendum in Business School student mailboxes on the first floor

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## Jewish Faculty Ask Hooker to Censure Review

BY JAY MOYE  
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A group of Jewish professors joined the fight against the latest issue of the Carolina Review on Wednesday with a memo sent to Chancellor Michael Hooker.

Pat Fischer, associate professor of Health Policy and Administration, coordinated the writing of the letter, which was signed by 22 professors. The memo accuses the magazine, which touts itself as "UNC's conservative voice," of anti-Semitic attacks of Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson.

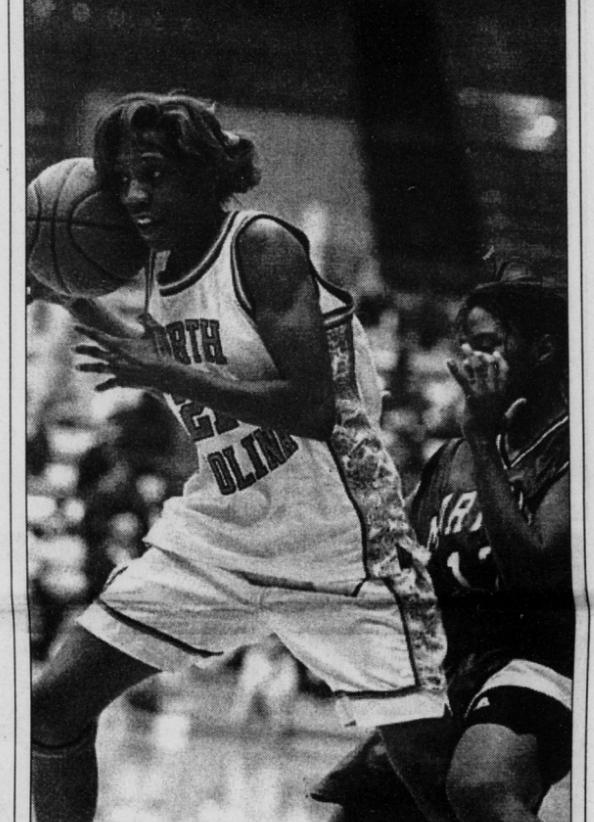
Nelson, who is Jewish, is depicted on the cover of the issue with horns and a pitchfork. An enclosed article entitled "The Case Against Aaron Nelson" charges him with letting his religion interfere with Student Congress voting.

"Such diverse hate literature should not be disseminated under the University's auspices," the memo states.

Fischer said she presented a draft letter to faculty members last week through the campus e-mail system. She said several professors refused to

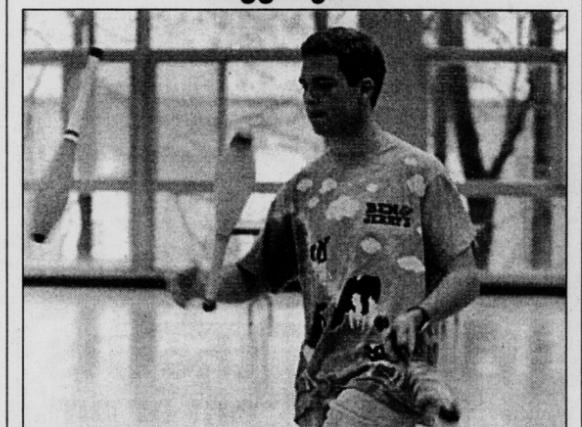
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## Terrapins Top Tar Heels



Guard Tonya Cooper scored 13 points Wednesday, but UNC fell to Maryland, 68-62. An NCAA berth is now in doubt. See story, page 13.

## Juggling Act



Johnny Knight, a senior from Greensboro, juggles during practice for the UNC Juggling Club. The club meets two times a week.

## UNC Upholds Religious Groups' Right to Funds

■ Student Congress will still make decisions on allocating student activities fees.

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
STAFF WRITER

The official University position on funding religious groups was clarified at the Wednesday night meeting of the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee, opening up the door for several groups which congress had previously denied funding.

According to a report by R&J Chairman Terry Milner, Dist. 1, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Overcomers International, two campus Christian groups, must be allowed to participate in the student government funding process.

While membership in both groups is

open to everyone, becoming part of the leadership of the groups requires a pledge of faith in Christian doctrine.

In denying funding for the groups last semester, members of congress argued that non-Christian students were denied full membership privileges, violating the University non-discrimination policy.

But University Attorneys Susan Ehringhaus and Mary Sechrist, who met with several members of student government Monday and Tuesday, said such a decision on funding violates the First Amendment's freedom of association, according to Milner's report.

The report states that a third group, the Arnold Air Society, was exempted from the non-discrimination policy. The Society applied for funding in the fall but congress denied it because, as an arm of the Air Force ROTC program, openly gay and lesbian individuals could not join.

According to the report, Ehringhaus

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Student Body President-Elect

reasoned that since other students groups can restrict membership to students in the same academic program, ROTC students should also be permitted such restrictions.

Milner said the University's ruling also meant student activity fees could be used for religious ceremonies held by groups and other expenditures, such as purchasing Bibles, would be allowed.

Rep. Dan Thompson, Dist. 12, who was also present at the meeting with Ehringhaus and Sechrist, said his understanding was that groups could prohibit

membership by people who would undermine the purpose of the group. Thompson cited the Loreleis, a female campus vocal group, as one such organization. The Loreleis do not allow male members.

Several members of the committee expressed reservations about the ruling.

"You're free to associate with who you want, but other people have the right to associate with you," said Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson.

Milner pointed out that congress members did not necessarily have to vote for funding religious groups and that members are not required to disclose their reasons for failing to approve such allocations.

"We all need to decide if we believe student fees ought to go to religious groups," Nelson said.

Milner, a law school student, said he would continue to look into the issue on his own.

## New Act Has Major First Amendment Implications

BY CRISTINA SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

You're traveling down the highway at a comfortable cruising speed of 65 mph, but suddenly you notice up ahead a roadblock and some detour signs. Annoyed, you slow to a crawl, continuing your highway journey with hesitation, unsure about what lies ahead.

Likewise, travel along the information superhighway is littered with roadblocks and detours of its own. On Feb. 8, President Bill Clinton signed the Telecommunications Bill of 1996, putting into effect provisions that would change the way phone companies, on-line services and cable companies do business. Ultimately, the 100-page docu-

ment would change life as we know it in the world of communication technology.

At the bill signing, Clinton said the purpose of the bill was "to stimulate investment, promote competition, provide open access for all citizens to the Information Superhighway..."

But certain provisions in the act might put the brakes on free expression on the Internet. Minutes after Clinton signed the bill, the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups filed a lawsuit claiming the act violated First Amendment free speech rights. The suit petitions the government to repeal the Communications Decency Act, a provision of the Telecommunications Act that focuses on use of the Internet.

The ACLU temporarily won part of See TELECOMMUNICATIONS, Page 2

## UNC Student Web Pages Defy New Telecommunications Restrictions

BY J. WILLIAM PATTERSON  
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It's not hard to find the "seven dirty words" in "Stay Free," student radio station WXYC's Internet page, which freely uses the F-word.

Nor is it hard to find information about abortion on student-created World Wide Web pages. Even student government's technology adviser Michael Williams has a home page that openly discusses abortion.

Normally no one at the University would blink an eye over a few obscene words or a controversial discussion.

But under recently passed federal legislation, material of this nature — found on a number of student-created home pages at UNC — is illegal on the Internet. Although a federal judge last week temporarily restricted the government from enforcing a portion of the law, the part of the law that bans "patently offensive"

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### 1996 Telecommunications Act

- Obscenity and indecency banned from the Internet. Violators subject to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.
- Television manufacturers required to install in new sets a computer chip (V-chip) that allows viewers to screen out violent programming.
- Limits lifted on the number of radio stations a company can own nationally. Companies can own television stations reaching 35 percent of the nation's households.
- Cable company price caps deregulated.
- Phone companies can offer cable, long distance, local and on-line services.

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*He that is born to be hanged shall never be drowned.*  
Thomas Fuller