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Mostly sunny; mid 50s.
Wednesday: Sunny; low 60s.

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Committee denies minority recruitment funding

■ The finance committee's decision must be approved by all of Student Congress.

BY LAURA GODWIN
MANAGING EDITOR

Student leaders worry that a Student Congress Finance Committee decision could send the wrong message about student support of minority recruitment.

The Minority Student Recruitment Program was denied \$3,000 in funding by the finance committee this weekend. Student Congress will make the final decision in upcoming budget hearings. Student fees have gone to help the

University-funded program for several years. "The program will not end, but worst of all it will show that the student body, via the student government ... feels it is no longer worthy of student body support," said Student Body President-elect Mo Nathan.

Nathan, who presented the program to the committee, said, "It works to build a sense of community ... and it works to dispel some common misconceptions of racial tension."

Nathan said he felt those who objected to the program had two concerns: accountability and philosophical problems with minority recruitment.

"I'm not going to speculate over whether they think this program should be funded at all," Nathan said. "Some believe it should, some believe it must be

funded elsewhere."

Finance committee Chairman Jason Jolley said he disagreed with a minority recruitment program politically. But that belief did not factor in his decision to vote against the program, he said.

"If the University cares about minority recruitment, then the University should pay for it."

Rep. Amar Athwal, Dist. 21, also voted against funding the program.

"It was our sentiments, since this program was affecting admissions, the minority recruitment program representatives ought to look to the University and not to student activity fees for funding."

Nathan said he was aware of the con-
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Proposal prohibits DTH advertising

BY FORREST ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

In order for 71 student groups to receive about \$200,000 in student fees, they might have to drop one expense — advertising in the student newspaper.

Student Congress Finance Committee members proposed a rider Sunday stating that, "No student government money may be used to purchase advertising of any kind in The Daily Tar Heel."

Finance committee Chairman Jason Jolley initiated the rider, which will

automatically take affect if the budget passes in full Student Congress.

Committee members said they wanted to uphold the Student Code, which states that, "The DTH may not receive student activity fees in any way."

The newspaper indirectly receives student fees when groups pay for DTH advertisements, Jolley said.

Rep. Amar Athwal, Dist. 21, said, "The code ... implies not only that student activity fees may not be given directly to the DTH, but also that student activity fees may not be given indirectly through student groups purchas-

ing advertising.
"In order to be consistent with the code, the Jolley rider acts as a reminder of this provision."

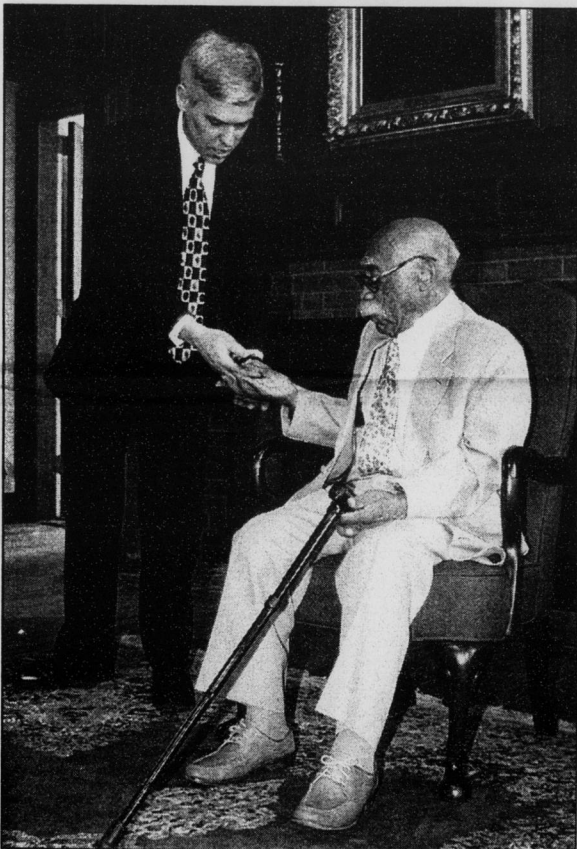
Rep. Michael Holland, Dist. 6, said the rider would have a detrimental effect due to the lack of publicity student groups would receive.

Basically, Student Congress is trying to micromanage the groups, he said.

Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini said, "Congress should encourage groups to spend money

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REWARDING EXPERIENCE



DTH/DARE BLACKBURN

UNC's first black professor, Blyden Jackson, 86, receives the Jay B. Hubbell Award for lifetime achievement from the Modern Language Association on Monday from William L. Andrews (left), E. Maynard Adams professor of English. Jackson first taught at the University in 1969.

Candle pinpointed as 'probable' fire cause

BY RACHEL SWAIN
STAFF WRITER

Fire investigators determined Monday that a candle was the probable culprit in the early Saturday morning blaze that damaged 12 units at Kingswood Apartments, located at 1105 N.C. 54 in Carrboro.

"The most probable cause of the fire is a candle in apartment F-6 that accidentally ignited near-by combustibles

and spread to the building structure and other apartments," said Carol Warren, Chapel Hill Fire Department administrative secretary.

Fire Capt. Larry Johnson said there were still some questions to be answered before determining a final cause. "I need to talk with the resident (of apartment F-6)," he said. Johnson said he expected to talk with him Monday afternoon.

Richard Fox, regional manager for Triangle Community Realtors, the

owner of Kingswood Apartments, said he did not want to speculate whether action would be taken against the parties responsible for the fire until he had seen the fire marshal's official report.

"I'm sure we have a policy against open flames that doesn't allow open fires in our apartments of any sort," he said. "I assume it includes candles."

Although one Kingswood resident who lived in the F building said her smoke alarm never went off Saturday

morning, Fox said that to the best of his knowledge, every smoke alarm was working. "We have the smoke alarms checked twice a year, I think," he said.

Lisa Cunningham, senior account manager for the PMA Group, Triangle Community Realtors' insurance company, said the company was addressing the concern over smoke detectors.

"There's no indication they didn't
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Golden, Martin worried about voter turnout

BY MOLLY GRANTHAM
STAFF WRITER

Senior Class presidential candidates Franklin Golden and Dan Martin agree on one thing: The week delay in the runoff election will probably cause fewer juniors to vote for Senior Class president and vice president today.

Elections Board Chairwoman Ange Dicks said, "I think (turnout) will be a little bit lower just because the election happened two weeks ago, and students have lost some of the excitement of voting. However, I felt (the delay) was necessary because of all the problems we had."

Regardless, both Golden and Russell Mahan and Martin and Mimi Van Wyck are making some last-ditch efforts to encourage students to vote.

"Mimi and I will be in the Pit all day," Martin said. "We will be there answering students' questions and to

encourage all juniors to go out and vote."

Martin said he and Van Wyck would be handing out brochures that explain their platform, list their experience and pinpoint voting sites. "Our platform sets us apart," he said. "Students should read it; it's what they said they wanted."

To prepare for the runoff, Golden said he and Mahan were reminding those people who had helped them two weeks ago about today's election.

"I hope juniors realize that it is an important election," Golden said. "I encourage all of them to go vote."

The pair is also depending on some help from Mother Nature.

"I just hope that it's good weather," Mahan said. "If it is nice outside, more people might be apt to vote."

The runoff election is being held because neither pair of candidates

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Pollsites

- Great Hall, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Granville Towers Cafeteria, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Carroll Hall, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Grapevine, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Runoff candidates

- **Senior Class president and vice president**
Dan Martin and Mimi Van Wyck
Franklin Golden and Russell Mahan
- **Student Congress**

District 8 S.L. Degala Timothy Bell	District 10 Rebecca Jamison Megan Browning
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Re-elections will be held in Student Congress districts 3, 5, 6 and 7.

DTH/PHILLIP MOLANO

Dist. 7 Congress candidate questions court's decision

BY BALKEES JARRAH
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The Student Supreme Court's decision to hold a re-election in Student Congress District 7 has left one candidate confused and frustrated.

The Student Supreme Court charged the Election Board Sunday to certify elections results in Student Congress graduate districts 4, 8 and 9. The decision eliminated the need for re-elections in those districts.

However, the Student Supreme Court did not certify results in District 7, constituting a re-election in that area.

District 7 candidate Christopher Herold, one of five candidates who filed a suit against Elections Board Chairwoman Ange Dicks and Student Body President Aaron Nelson, said he was confused as to the decision of the Student Supreme Court. "There doesn't need to be a re-election; I got two of the three legitimate votes," he said.

Herold said Dicks did not bring any of the results regarding votes he had

"I did admit to the court that there was a Chris Herold running in that district, but I did not confirm how many votes he did receive."

ANGE DICKS
Elections Board Chairwoman

received in the Feb. 11 student body elections before the Student Supreme Court. "There was no record that I got those two votes; there was nothing there with my name on it," he said.

Herold said it should have been extremely simple to certify the votes.

"It should be so simple to count three votes between two candidates," he said.

Herold said he wanted Dicks to resolve the confusion but was unable to get in touch with her. "She's not communicating properly," he said. "I don't

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Airport neighbors say jet landings infringe on safety

■ School officials said jets flying over schools caused noise and safety problems.

BY JULIA WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Almost three weeks after learning of a decision to lift a long-standing jet ban at Horace Williams Airport, the Chapel Hill Town Council heard the concerns of seven residents at its Monday night meeting.



Council member **MARK CHILTON** moved to refer residents' concerns about jets at Horace Williams Airport to the town manager.

Many Chapel Hill residents and public officials were angered by Spangler's decision to allow jet traffic at Horace Williams Airport in November. The council drafted a letter

to Spangler in early February asking him to rescind the decision.

Several residents asked the council to do whatever possible in this crusade.

Fred Black, a resident of a community adjacent to the airport, said the areas around the airport needed the council to serve as an advocate. He urged them to meet with Chancellor Michael Hooker.

"We want them to be a good neighbor," he said. "A good neighbor does not potentially destroy the safety of the community."

Mark Royster, chairman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, also urged the council to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

"(The school board) has long objected to the presence of the airport in such close proximity to schools," he said. "Use by jets only heightens anxiety about the health, safety and welfare of the students, staff, teachers and others within the school system."

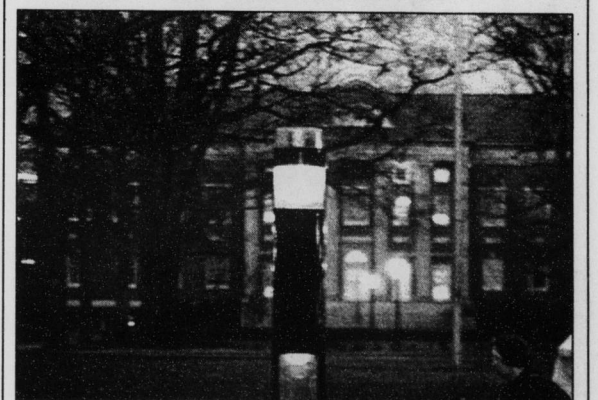
But David Strevel of the Chapel Hill Flying Club said the council should acknowledge its own role in creating the airport conflict. He said the council could have put up buffers to stop developments from getting close.

"There is no good reason to push residential developments closer to the air-

port," Strevel said. "There has been a lamentable lack of understanding between the council and University persisting for many years."

Council member Mark Chilton moved to refer the petitions to Town Manager Cal Horton, who will report at the council's next meeting.

THE WITCHING HOUR



DTH/MATT ROHRT

Emergency call boxes are on-campus safety measures. Officials are also looking to increase safety with a fixed P2P schedule. **See story, page 3.**

Hell hath no fury like a bureaucrat scorned.

Milton Friedman