

# Fire chars home of 6 UNC students

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No one was hurt after a fire broke out at the home of six UNC students Wednesday.

Firefighters responded to a 911 call at 1:26 p.m. and arrived at 619 Coolidge St. a few minutes later. The fire, which started in the upstairs apartment of the duplex and migrated to the attic, was extinguished by 1:49 p.m.

Deputy Chief of Operations Robert Bosworth was one of the first firefighters on the scene.

"It was obvious we had a working fire," he said. "The building was charred with smoke. Had we arrived from the other side, we would have seen flames coming out of the upstairs window."

At the scene, investigators said that they were unable to determine the cause of the fire but that they did not suspect arson.

Harry "Brick" Bryant, who lives in the downstairs apartment, was home at the time of the fire and made the 911 call.

"I was lying on the couch watching TV, when I smelled (smoke) coming in through the vents," he said. "I popped my head through the window and saw flames coming out the side of the house."

Neil King, another housemate who lives in the upper apartment, arrived home shortly after. King's bedroom sustained the most damage from the fire.

King, realizing that his roommate's dog, Henry, was in the room adjacent to his, ran in and carried

the dog to safety.

Thomas Porter, the dog's owner, came home after Bryant called him. Porter said he was relieved to find his dog had made it out of the house. "Neil knew (Henry) was inside. He just ran in and got him out of my room."

Bryant also contacted Bert Kirkland, who lives in the downstairs apartment.

"I got this voice mail that said, 'It's not a joke, there's a fire,'" he said. "So I came straight home."

The remaining two housemates, Thomas Covington and Daniel McDonald, were not present at the time of the fire.

The house sustained significant water and fire damage, and the residents were told they would not be able to remain in the house.

The housemates and Henry will be staying with friends until they find permanent housing.

Tracy Francis, director of disaster services for the Orange County chapter of the Red Cross, was on hand to provide assistance.

"The first thing is to make sure they have a place to stay," Francis said. "We help them get comfortable and assess the situation."

There were a total of eight fire detectors installed in the house, four on each floor. Because the fire and the majority of the smoke was coming from the upstairs apartment, the fire detectors in the downstairs apartment did not react.

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# Campus networks battle against propagating virus

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A new nationwide virus labeled "Novarg," which crippled more than a thousand of UNC-Chapel Hill students' computers, is in its death throes as many say they are finding solutions to stop the infection.

The Novarg virus infects computers through e-mail attachments. Once the attachment is opened, Novarg sends itself to all the people in a person's address book.

Because of the virus, more than 1,200 students at UNC-CH were blocked from the campus network.

The late arrival of the tool needed to remove the virus, called Symantec, led UNC's Academic Technology & Networks officials to create their own virus removal patch Monday night. Both tools are now available to students.

The virus hit N.C. State University on Monday, but few students were infected. By evening, N.C. State received the Symantec tool to remove the virus.

N.C. State's campus network is designed to disable the Internet connection of students temporarily when infection occurs so the virus does not spread. Then, students are able to use the Symantec tool to remove the virus.

"We (made) use, successfully, of the tool Symantec provided for the virus," said Ed Lee, a ResNet assistant at N.C. State, the campus' computer help service.

Although N.C. State does not have many cases of the virus, minor mail delivery problems still remained late Wednesday. "It takes longer for virus scanners on a mail server to go through," Lee said.

Wake Forest University, where students were hit hard by the virus, has a slightly different approach to solving the problem. As e-mails are

sent to students on campus, the school scans for viruses.

"When a student gets the virus, we block only the student's e-mail account and use the Norton Symantec tool to remove the virus," said Miranda Laws, computer technology assistant at Wake Forest.

Morehouse College in Atlanta is informing students of the virus in hopes of slowing the spread.

The number of students receiving the virus could not be determined at the college because students were told to download the patch instead of contacting technology officials.

"We (used) Symantec to get rid of the virus. We also (disabled) the (ISP) address of students who have the virus and are causing the network to be clogged," said Pam Phillips the director of technical support and services at Morehouse.

At the Georgia Institute of Technology, a school highly dependent on technology, technology practitioners handled the virus differently.

"The virus came on Jan. 27, and by 5 p.m. we stopped 4,000 infected e-mails," said Fanchette Hillery, computer services specialist at Georgia Tech. By Wednesday, 12,100 infected e-mails were stopped.

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# Black voters to play major role in S.C.

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South Carolina's black voters, a significant portion of the state's electorate, will be taking the spotlight as the South's first and most decisive primary approaches.

Black voters in South Carolina are looking for a candidate who can

be a strong opponent to President Bush in November and directly address everyday issues.

Black voters will be looking for a strong presidential hopeful who can address issues — such as health care, education and jobs — from a balanced racial, economic and educational standpoint, said Lonnie Randolph, president-elect of the S.C. chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Democratic candidates are not taking any chances.

Carol Swain, professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University, said candidates will be careful not to address issues that alienate white voters.

"They know what can help them and what can hurt them with the rest of the electorate," she said.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's campaign has been focusing on the core Democratic issues that unite both white and black voters, rather than issues that divide the groups, said Delacey Skinner, press secretary for the South Carolina Dean for America campaign.

"Dean's campaign isn't being run any different than in other states."

A poll released Monday by the American Research Group, a New Hampshire-based poll organization, showed the Rev. Al Sharpton in third place after U.S. Sens. John Edwards, who is leading, and D-N.C., and John Kerry, D-Mass.

But Philip Klinkner, professor of government at Hamilton College, said Sharpton is not running strong in the race with only 15 percent of votes. "Everything is still up in the air," he said. "The black votes are just as split as the white ones."

Swain said black voters most likely will be inclined toward Kerry and Edwards — the candidates black politicians in South Carolina probably will endorse. "I don't expect (black voters) to vote for Al Sharpton just because of his black skin."

Black voters will look for a candidate that can be a serious challenger. "Whoever wins (the South Carolina primary), makes a claim of black vote," Klinkner said.

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### CORRECTION

A page 1 article in Wednesday's paper incorrectly stated that the Iowa caucuses were held Jan. 29. They were held Jan. 19. The article also did not clarify that President Clinton lost the New Hampshire primary in 1992.

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