

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's tennis soundly defeats Charlotte 6-1

The North Carolina men's tennis team defeated Charlotte on Tuesday, 6-1.

Top seed Nick Monroe defeated Arturo Aguirre of Charlotte, 6-1, 6-3, and UNC third seed Raian Luchici handled Charlotte's Jonathan Clark, 6-2, 6-2.

The first really big match for the Tar Heels (5-0) will be Saturday when they take on No. 14 Georgia in Athens. The match also will be a special occasion for Luchici, who transferred from Georgia last summer.

For the complete story, see www.dailytarheel.com.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Officials unsure of reason for Top of Lenoir fire alarm

The Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to a fire alarm that went off on the second floor of Lenoir Dining Hall around 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Capt. Jeff Cabe said the firefighters check the addressing alarm panel, which notes which smoke detector was set off.

According to the panel, the detector near the cereal bar in Top of Lenoir was set off, but when the firefighters went to that area, they found that the detector had not gone off. Cabe said that when the detectors were reinstalled after the building's recent renovation, the addressing panel was not updated. He said the firefighters checked around the second floor but could not find evidence of a fire or which smoke detector went off.

He said the Department of Public Safety plans to notify an alarm technician to correct the addressing panel.

Arrest warrant issued in connection with stolen car

Wake County police served an arrest warrant issued by UNC police for James Terry McQueen, 40, of 203-B Broad St. in Carrboro, Monday in connection with a stolen vehicle, said UNC police Capt. Mark McIntyre.

According to reports, McQueen allegedly pilfered a 1999 Saturn from the Morehead Parking Lot Sunday. The car was valued at \$10,000, reports state.

McIntyre said he was contacted by Wake County police who advised that McQueen was already in their custody for a separate offense.

McQueen was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and will appear in Hillborough for his first court appearance after he is cleared by a Wake County magistrate.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Clark drops out of race after disappointing Tuesday

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Wesley Clark, the novice politician with four-star military credentials, abandoned his presidential bid Tuesday after two third-place finishes in the South.

The retired Army general will return to Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday to announce his departure from the race, said campaign spokesman Matt Bennett.

"He made this decision after discussing it with his family and his staff," Bennett said.

He is the fifth Democrat to drop out of the race. Five remain: Front-runner John Kerry, John Edwards, Howard Dean, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton.

Thousands gather in Mass. for gay marriage debate

BOSTON — Gay rights activists, conservative leaders and media from around the globe converged on the Massachusetts Statehouse for a historic session today during which lawmakers will take up a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

The gay marriage issue has created an unprecedented spectacle at the Capitol: As many as 4,000 spectators and 300 media members are expected to attend the start of the constitutional convention, and a furious lobbying effort was already under way.

Christian conservatives used a dolly to haul in more than 18,000 petitions signed by citizens from across the country urging lawmakers to pass the amendment.

Meanwhile, children of gay couples traveled to the Statehouse to plead with the Senate president "not to write discrimination into our constitution."

CALENDAR Today

7:00 p.m. — The Southeast Asia Interest Association will hold a meeting in 104 Murphree Hall, where Myint Oo will be speaking on health issues in the region.

From staff and wire reports.

Kerry picks up first wins in South

Edwards comes in 2nd; Clark quits

BY KATHRYN ROEBUCK
STAFF WRITER

FAIRFAX, Va. — George Mason University students stood on anything Tuesday night — tables, speakers, boxes, even each other — to steal a glimpse of the man Virginians voted as their top pick for the Democratic presidential nomination.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES '04

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts entered the university's Johnson Center amid eruptive cheers, blaring music and waving signs, riding high on his recent suc-

cesses in Virginia and Tennessee.

Kerry claimed his first two Southern victories in those states, walking away with 52 percent and 41 percent of the vote, respectively.

"Together across the South, you have shown the mainstream values that we share — fairness, love of country, a belief in hope and hard work — are more important than boundaries or birthplace," Kerry said.

Even though his campaign appears to be gaining momentum and support, Kerry said, he will not ease his efforts. "This campaign moves forward. We will fight for

every vote, carry our cause across the land. We will never stop trying to earn and live up to your trust."

By taking the majority in two Southern states, some political experts say, Kerry has strengthened his campaign by proving that he is a national politician.

"The key in Virginia was enabling Kerry to make the claim that he has won in the South," said Dan Palazzolo, professor of political science at the University of Richmond.

"Throughout the entire campaign, he's talked about his national campaign. Now Kerry has won with margin in every region of the country, and his victories are pointing at (Sen. John) Edwards (of

North Carolina)."

Thad Beyle, professor of political science at UNC, said that even though Kerry is not a Southerner, he has been able to gather Southern votes because people consider him to be more electable than the other candidates.

"Kerry is getting his message across and using campaigning skills that he did not have before," he said. "His message has grown better and better, and the people are responding. They are looking for someone who can beat Bush, and Kerry represents that."

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said Kerry's victories Tuesday will



Democratic front-runner John Kerry swept Tuesday's primaries in Virginia and Tennessee.

make it difficult for his opponents to deny his lead.

"He is a phenomenon," Guillory said. "Kerry is winning because he's winning. He's the front-runner, so people see him as electable." He added that it seems unlikely that Edwards or former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean would be able to dis-

SEE PRIMARIES, PAGE 5

"I thought it was funny — within three minutes, people already had their food and books out," NATHAN MCCAMIC, SOPHOMORE



Seniors Amy Fox (left) and Leia Kelly check out fish in the aquarium on the second floor of the Student Union after the building opened Tuesday following a year of renovations. The tank, which was a gift from the class of 2001, sprang a leak in a filter but was repaired quickly.

UNION OPENS TO RAVE REVIEWS

Officials urge students to put their feet up in University's 'living room'

BY ALICE DOLSON
STAFF WRITER

With cheers from the crowd and the ripping of brown paper, the old Student Union building reopened Tuesday after being closed for more than a year of renovations.

For some, it was their first time in the building, and upperclassmen were shocked by the transformation as they murmured in awe, "It's so nice."

The renovation and expansion of the old Union building, a \$15.8 million project funded entirely by student fees, was the first major renovation of the Union since it was completed in 1968.

To celebrate, the Union hosted a reopening party at 12:15 p.m., complete with cake, a string quartet and music from WXYC.

"We're going to welcome you to the home and living room of the University," said Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor of student affairs.

Students were encouraged repeatedly to put their feet up and make themselves at home in the Union during a ribbon-cutting

ceremony, which featured speeches by Carolina Union Director Don Luse, Chancellor James Moeser, Bresciani and Carolina Union President Chris Lamb.

Students immediately took advantage of the offer. "I thought it was funny — within three minutes, people already had their food and books out," said sophomore Nathan McCamic.

Students said they missed the Union's convenience during the renovation.

"I think they should have done it four years earlier, so I could've enjoyed it," said senior Thomas Thekkekkandam. "I'm probably going to sleep here a lot."

Lamb said that out of all the changes made to the Union, the most dramatic is the aesthetic transformation. He joked about the former condition of the Union, with pleather couches and technology from the '80s.

Now, a modern design dominates the Union's atmosphere, with stone floors, sleek furniture and a glass and steel wall.

Functionally, the biggest difference is additional meeting space for UNC's 550 stu-

dent organizations, with both the old Union building and the annex open.

"Much of education takes place outside of the classroom. Student organizations are a complement to education," Moeser said. "Have fun, and do great things."

In addition to more meeting space, the Union has added an Alpine Bagel Cafe, more lounges, five e-mail stations and a 410-gallon aquarium, which is the gift of the class of 2001. Alpine Bagel Shop, which closes at 1 a.m. on weekdays, will be open later than any eating establishment on campus.

However, the bowling alley and cabaret downstairs will be closed until after Spring Break. Not part of the main renovation, they were used as storage areas for the construction and still need to undergo minor changes.

Coordinators of the renovation said they are happy with student reactions.

Luse said, "This is our proof. We're so excited. It's great to see people actually here."

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

Voters approve worker award

Referendum OK'd by large majority

BY KELLI BORBET
STAFF WRITER

Students voted overwhelmingly in support of a referendum to extend the Student Undergraduate

STUDENT ELECTIONS '04

REFERENDUM RESULTS

■ YES 75.6%
4,714 votes

■ NO 24.4%
1,518 votes

Teaching Award to University employees.

The referendum, which passed with 75.6 percent of the vote, includes the addition of a \$1,000

employee award to the already existing three professor awards and six teaching assistant awards.

The referendum also effectively changes the name of the award to Student Undergraduate Teaching Awards/Staff Award.

It was drafted in Student Congress last week, and officials

SEE REFERENDUM, PAGE 5

Sex crimes reported on N.C. 54

Probe launched on two incidents

BY TERRENCE JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

Carrboro police are investigating a rape and a sexual assault that occurred within two hours of each other very early Monday.

The crimes occurred in two apartment complexes on N.C. 54 shortly after midnight.

Reports state that a man broke the window of a woman's



Carrboro police released this composite sketch of the rape suspect.

SEE ASSAULT, PAGE 5

UNC officials seek to halt subpoena

Student sought for illegal file trades

BY CLAIRE DORRIER
STAFF WRITER

UNC officials took formal action last week to protect a student who was subpoenaed in November by the Recording Industry Association of America.

The N.C. Attorney General's Office filed a motion Feb. 4 to quash the subpoena, which seeks the name of a UNC student accused of illegal file-sharing.

"We believe the subpoena is legally invalid," said David Parker, associate university counsel for UNC.

"We will just have to wait and see what the court decides."

The unidentified student is accused of copyright infringement for making copyrighted songs available for download on the Internet.

"We don't feel like we can legal-

ly release information," Parker said. "We have to be careful about what we release about students without their consent."

Unless the RIAA obtains the information, no lawsuit can be filed.

The American Civil Liberties Union has represented the student since late November.

Aden Fine, staff attorney for the ACLU's National Legal Department, said the subpoena is constitutionally deficient.

He said a case involving Verizon Communications gives precedence to the UNC case because of a ruling in December by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. That ruling stated that the recording industry cannot issue subpoenas to an Internet service provider regarding file-sharing.

The student information being sought by the RIAA is protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which safeguards the privacy of student education records.

The RIAA has 20 days to file an opposition to the motion, and Fine said he expects them to do so.

The courts will either issue a ruling or have a hearing and will consider everything that has been filed. No exact timeline for the process has been determined.

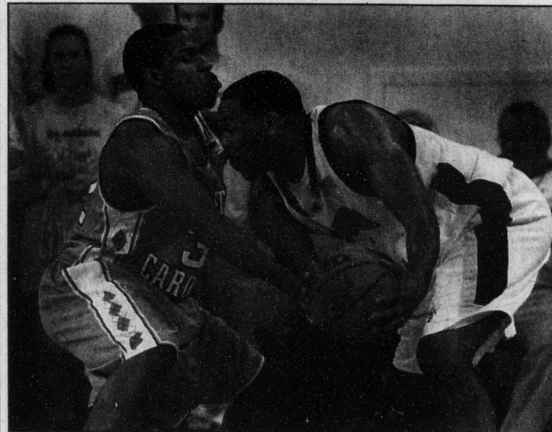
Jonathan Lamy, RIAA director of communications, said it is important for people to understand that file-sharing is illegal and that there are consequences.

"There are legal alternatives available that respect the rights of artists and offer high quality music," he said.

"People who create and produce

SEE RIAA, PAGE 5

MANO A MANO



DTH/ANDREW SNOWIEZ

Georgia Tech swingman B.J. Elder (right) looks to drive to the basket against North Carolina's Rashad McCants. Elder scored 30 points and grabbed three boards in the Yellow Jackets' 88-77 win against the Tar Heels on Tuesday at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. See page 4.