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# OMNIBUS: UNC's handicapped students are coping with life's barriers

DTH all-staff meeting  
today  
Union auditorium  
5 p.m. today

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### Tar Heels have 'fun' with ETSU

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Mother Nature and Father Schedule joined each other on the same wavelength Wednesday night, and the result was fun, fun, fun for almost everyone.

A Smith Center-low of 13,200 braved the snowy conditions to see third-ranked North Carolina place seven players in double figures and pound non-conference patsy East Tennessee State, 118-65.

The fans had fun — thanks to Athletic Director John Swofford's Mother Nature-influenced decision to allow general admission seating. The Tar Heels had fun, as Dean Smith (alias Father Schedule) got to empty his bench of 13 players, 12 of whom scored against their thoroughly outmatched opponents.

About the only folks who didn't have a rip-roaring good time were the ETSU Buccaneers, who hail from Johnson City, Tenn., and the Southern Conference.

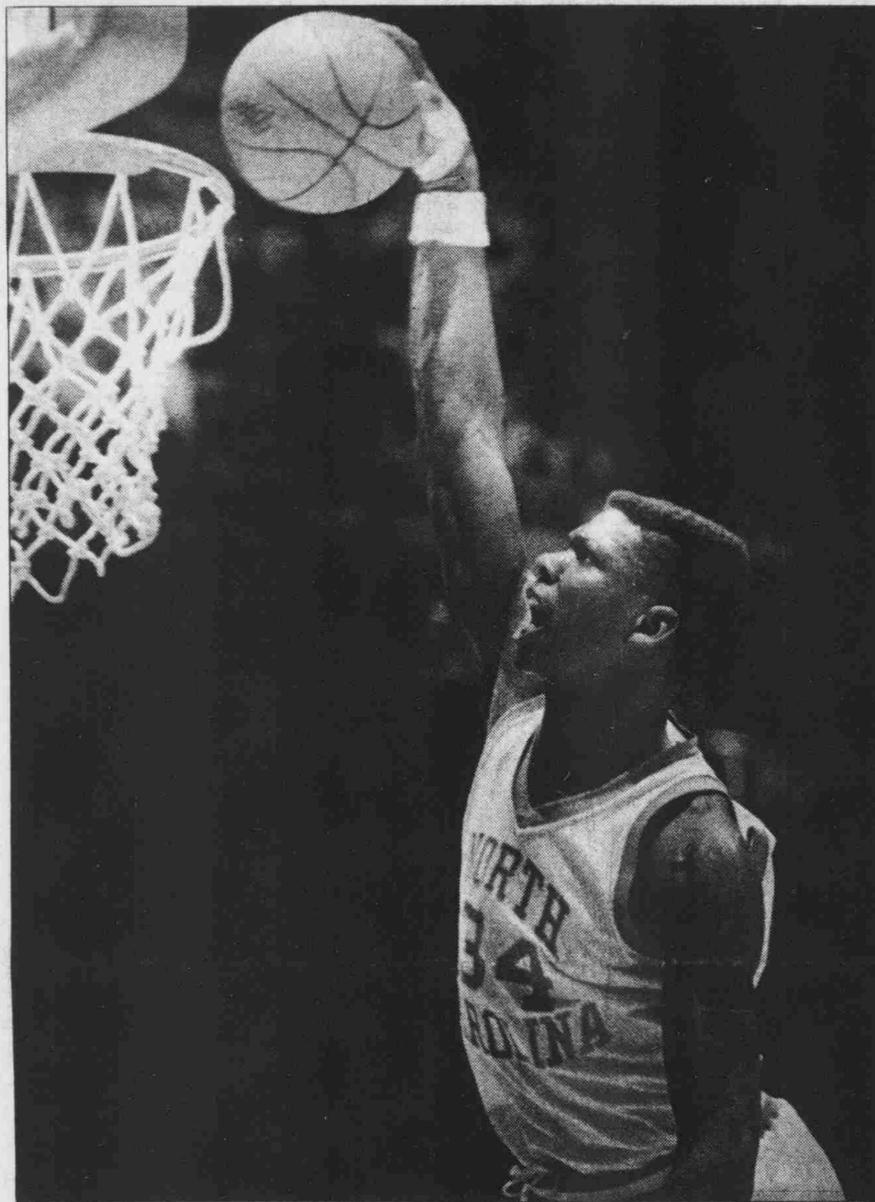
UNC, which will battle Clemson in the Smith Center on Saturday, improved to 24-2 with their sixth consecutive win. The Buccaneers fell to 7-19 and have lost six of their last seven contests.

"Coach Smith put them (ETSU) on our schedule for a reason, and we knew that," said J.R. Reid, who went 8-for-9 and threw down a couple of SAC-shaking slams en route to a game-high 18 points. "He wanted us to work on some things and to concentrate on execution. After we got a little bit of a lead, everybody had a good time. This was the most fun I've had this year."

Any upset hopes which the Buccaneers may have secretly harbored were dispelled shortly after the opening tip. After Dave Popson hit a follow shot, Kenny Smith couldn't resist swishing back-to-back 3-pointers to make it 8-0 UNC with just 1:17 gone. Smith finished with 16 points and nine assists.

Carniel Manuel, who had a team-high 17 points, countered with a

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J.R. sends a dunk down with authority Wednesday night in UNC's 118-65 win over East Tennessee State

DTH/Dan Charlson

### Mattress fire causes damage in dormitory

By KIMBERLY EDENS  
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A fire that started Tuesday night when a hot curling iron ignited a mattress in 304 Alderman Residence Hall caused about \$1,500 in damage, Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Joe Robertson said Wednesday.

The fire was confined to one room and no one was injured, Robertson said.

Tish Mason, a resident assistant on the third floor of Alderman, was studying at Davis Library when the curling iron she had left on ignited her mattress.

"Two other RAs came on campus and found me and told me what happened," Mason said Wednesday.

Michele Smith, who lives in 314 Alderman, reported the fire to the Chapel Hill Fire Department at 10:46 p.m.

"There were three of us in my room, and one of us smelled smoke," Smith said. "We went outside and saw smoke pouring out from under the door, so my roommate called 911."

Smith thought Mason was inside the room, so she started banging on the door and yelling, she said.

The other two women went down the hall knocking on doors, telling residents to evacuate the building because there was a fire, Smith said.

"The hall was filled with smoke at that end (where Mason's room was)," she said. "You couldn't breathe and you couldn't see very well."

Then the fire alarms went off and the dormitory was evacuated.

Most of the residents waited in nearby Melver Residence Hall or stayed with friends until the firefighters allowed the residents back into the building, Smith said.

"A lot of people didn't have shoes on, didn't have coats on, and didn't have their books," she said.

Smith said the fire inspector told them if they had waited longer to call the fire department the fire could have been much worse.

Robertson agreed. The residents were lucky, he said. "The call came in even before the smoke alarms in the building were activated," he said.

By the time Mason returned to the building the fire was extinguished and the smoke had cleared from the hall.

"I got back at about 11:30," Mason said. "The fire was already out and everyone was back in the building."

While firefighters worked Tuesday night, University police blocked off Raleigh Street between Cameron Avenue and E. Franklin Street for about two hours, Sgt. Ned Comar said Wednesday.

"We blocked off the street because with all the snow no one could have gotten past the fire truck," Comar said.

The walls of Mason's room were black Wednesday and the floor was covered with soot. The hall still smelled of smoke and the blackened shell of her mattress lay in front of Alderman in the snow.

Mason said she wasn't sure how much damage had been done to her belongings. "It was mainly just stuff that was around the bed that burned," she said. "The rest of it is smoke damage. I'm going to take the rest of the stuff to see if it can be repaired."

Mason's parents have homeowner's insurance but she said she didn't know if the fire damages would be covered, she said.

She was boxing up all of her possessions Wednesday to move them out so the room could be repainted. She would probably be able to move back into her room

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## Town officials may douse plans for annual Burnout

By JO FLEISCHER  
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Pi Kappa Phi's annual Burnout, which last year attracted thousands of partiers to the fraternity's house on Finley Golf Course Road, also attracts some problems, town officials said Wednesday.

The bash, scheduled for April 25, may not happen at all if an agreement between the fraternity and the town can't be reached soon, fraternity members and town officials said.

The party has simply grown too large for the area, creating lots of noise and parking problems, according to the police chief and the assistant town manager. No adequate alcohol policy has been suggested, they said, creating a conflict

with North Carolina's 21-year-old drinking age.

A noise permit is necessary to hold an event with live music after 5 p.m. Burnout, which featured three bands last year, is held during the afternoon and requires a special exemption permit from the town.

Major Arnold Gold, interim police chief, said Wednesday that complaints from town residents during last year's celebration have convinced the police department not to grant a noise permit. The department won't recommend that the Chapel Hill Town Council grant a permit, either, he said.

The celebration is too big for the fraternity house to handle any longer, Gold said, and he suggested

Burnout organizers find another site for the party.

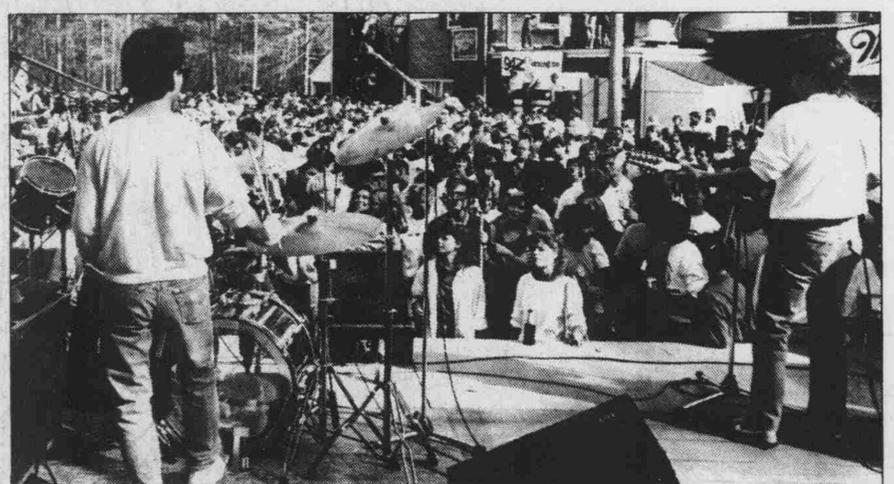
"There is no desire on our part to stop Burnout," Gold said. Concerns about parking, noise and drinking problems haven't been addressed by fraternity members, although they have tried, he said.

Pi Kappa Phi thinks the town is asking too much, said Scott Gerlach, Burnout co-chairman.

"They're increasing their demands," he said. "They want us to control parking on this whole side of Chapel Hill, have a complete shuttle (bus) system, and control people drinking."

The issue will be decided at the

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Pi Kappa Phi's annual Burnout: Will last year's be the last one ever?

Tar Heel file photo

## Congress passes contested bill

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE  
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In its last meeting Wednesday night, the 68th Student Congress passed a bill 9-4 that prohibits congress members from voting on the funding of organizations to which they belong.

The bill was written to avoid conflict of interest among congress members, said Jody Beasley (Dist. 16), who authored the bill.

"While I'm sure most members of this congress are morally astute, this provides a safe-guard," he said.

Neil Riemann (Dist. 12) argued against the bill. "This is one of the most political pieces of garbage that's come before this congress," he said.

Although Riemann said the bill was a good idea, it was unnecessary because congress members are already required to list organizations of which they are members.

"It should become blazingly apparent if members are voting with personal interests in mind," he said.

Phillip Parkerson-Ripley (Dist.

18) said the legislation was aimed specifically at the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association.

"Mr. Beasley claimed that it is wrong for one group to have a large interest in the congress," he said. "But for years, Caucasian heterosexual males have dominated this congress, and no one has said they're not capable of making fair decisions."

"I resent the implication that the only reason CGLA members are on congress is to help themselves,"

But Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14), co-sponsor of the bill, said the bill was not directed at the CGLA. The recent election of several write-in candidates who supported the CGLA had simply made the congress more aware of possible biases, she said.

But the legislation will not affect the CGLA anyway, said Dave Edquist (Dist. 1). The by-laws of the CGLA require members to resign if they are elected to congress, he said.

"This (the bill) will affect organizations that don't have rules like

that," he said.

But one newly elected representative questioned the legal authority of the congress to pass the bill. Guy Lucas, who will represent District 19 in the new congress, said that since new congress members had been sworn in Monday, the 68th congress may not have had the authority to pass any bill.

Lucas said he would consult Student Attorney General Walker Poole about his question. "I'm not sure what the by-laws say regarding this, but my intuition is that it is illegal for congress to pass this bill," he said. "Jimmy Carter was not signing bills in February of 1981."

Student Congress Speaker Jaye Sitton (Dist. 11) said the congress has traditionally met to transact "old business" before the new congress takes over.

"Transition is difficult," she said. "I really considered what to do, but I decided to go with precedent." Sitton said she did not know what the by-laws said about the issue.

## Sports Club Council suit to result in review of Constitution election law

By MARIA HAREN  
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An election law requiring all referendums that raise student fees to be approved by 20 percent of the student body will be examined to see if it benefits students, Student Congress representatives said Wednesday.

A Student Supreme Court suit brought by the Sports Club Council last week questioned the constitutionality of the clause in the congress' constitution. Scott Martin, Sports Club president, brought the suit to overturn an Elections Board ruling that a referendum had not passed in the Feb. 3 election because the

20 percent turnout requirement had not been met.

The court ruled in Martin's favor Tuesday, deciding that the referendum had passed.

The court found that Martin's referendum, which proposes raising student fees \$1 to raise funds for intramural recreation, had been declared defeated Feb. 3 by Elections Board Chairman Steve Lisk because he miscalculated the percentage of students who voted.

Lisk had based his decision on the number of enrolled students, not on the number of students who paid student fees and are thus the only ones eligible to vote.

"Why we have the 20 percent clause has been discussed by the congress . . . and the Student Congress will look at it further," said Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14). "It's there to make sure there's enough student input, but if people don't care and are voting anyway, is it really beneficial? It's a paradox."

Most referendums are passed by a simple majority, but when they call for increases in student fees, 20 percent of the student body must vote on the referendum for it to pass. If the required 20 percent vote in the elections, the referendum only has

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