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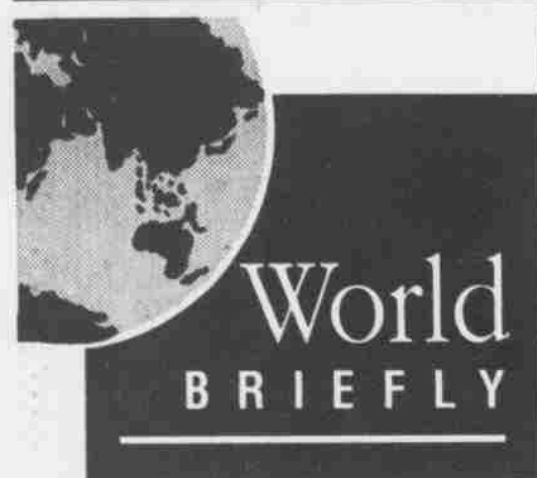
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Supreme Court ruling kills death penalty law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court overturned a key portion of North Carolina's death penalty law Monday in a ruling that will invalidate the sentences of most of the 85 death row inmates in the state.

By a 6-3 vote, the court set aside a murderer's death sentence because his sentencing jury was told not to consider any factor suggesting a lesser sentence unless all 12 jurors could agree on that factor.

The decision probably will not affect any death row inmate outside North Carolina.

"The system that was condemned is the system we've been using since 1977 for sentencing people to death," said Raleigh lawyer Malcolm Hunter Jr., who successfully challenged the North Carolina law. He said Monday's ruling "could have a very broad impact" within the state.

A spokesman for North Carolina Attorney General Lacy Thornburg said as many as 70 death row inmates now must receive new sentencing trials.

South African troops sent to restore law and order

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa sent troops into the black homeland of Ciskei on Monday to quell widespread looting and arson following a military coup that ousted the territory's authoritarian president.

Brig. Gen. Oupa Gqozo of the Ciskei army, who seized power Sunday, told cheering supporters the African National Congress and other anti-apartheid groups would be allowed to operate freely under his new government.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said his government intervened at the request of Gqozo, who led the bloodless coup in the nominally independent homeland on the Indian Ocean coast.

Kohl defends stipulation of Polish concession

BONN, West Germany — Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Monday defended his demand that a guarantee of Poland's border be linked to Warsaw's renunciation of war reparations, saying Poland has been demanding compensation for forced laborers used in the Third Reich.

In East Berlin, meanwhile, Communists and opposition parties agreed to submit a broad social charter to lawmakers in both Germanys designed to protect East Germans against social hardships once the countries merge under a capitalist system.

The charter, adopted at weekly negotiations between the Communists and 15 opposition groups, demands that the right to work and the right to accommodation be enshrined in the constitution of a united Germany.

Kohl's refusal to give Poland guarantees about its border has led to a widening split with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and the two met privately Monday to discuss the issue. Results of the meeting were not made public.

Genscher has been saying that West Germany must make clear to its neighbors that a unified Germany would not be a threat.

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Court postpones SBP vote

By ELIZABETH BYRD
Staff Writer

The Student Supreme Court postponed student body president elections indefinitely Monday, said Philip Skillman, presiding chief justice of the court.

A hearing scheduled for Monday night would have determined whether today's scheduled student body president re-election should include all the candidates, as stated by the Elections Board, or only candidates Bill Hildebolt and Mark Bibbs, as originally dictated by the elections results.

But "extraordinary efforts to convene and brief the Student Supreme Court in time for a hearing on March 5, 1990, at 5:00 p.m. have failed," Skillman wrote in his order to postpone the election.

The election cannot take place until the court has decided who will be allowed to run. The Supreme Court will reschedule the hearing by Thursday, said David Smith, chairman of the Elections Board.

The first available date for an elec-

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tion is March 27, because of elections laws which stipulate that an election cannot occur within the first week after a school holiday, said Philip Floyd, counsel for the defense and associate student attorney general.

Skillman said in an interview that time was a crucial factor in the decision to delay the hearing. "We had to operate at a much faster pace than normal. We did the best we could."

The court was to hear a case brought by student Christopher Brannon against the Elections Board. Brannon, a sophomore from Charlotte, said the Elections Board decision to hold a full re-election should be overturned. He maintains that Hildebolt did not violate the elections laws by erasing candidate John Lomax's chalked signs from campus sidewalks.

"The Elections Board should not be allowed to manipulate the elections laws," Brannon said.

Brannon said he wished the hearing had taken place as scheduled, but he understood the court's decision to postpone it. "In the interest of fairness and justice, if that's what the Supreme Court decided, that's the way it should be."

Floyd said: "I am very disappointed that the hearing, and consequently the election, have been postponed. My greatest concern is that students will become disillusioned with the elections process. I am worried that students will not want to vote seven or eight days after Spring Break."

Brannon's counsel, Bradly Torgan, said he was unsure what effect the election's delay would have on voter participation. "Really, voter turnout is not our first concern."

Torgan, a law student, stressed that his role as Brannon's counsel is minimal. "Basically I'm just doing the paperwork for him. Chris is a good spokesman for his cause."

"This is just making a bigger mess out of elections."
— Mike Strickland, SBP candidate

Candidate Bill Hildebolt said he was apprehensive about the further delay in the elections process, but added that the postponement had its merits as well.

"If the court had heard the case tonight, people would have gone to bed not knowing who they would have the choice of voting for," Hildebolt said. "At least Spring Break will give people the chance to think about it a little, even if it's only for 10 minutes."

Hildebolt said he supported Brannon's attempt to overturn the Election Board's decision to hold a re-election.

"I had decided not to appeal the decision, but now that this Mr. Brannon has come forward I'm behind him."

Hildebolt added that he thought Brannon had a strong case. "I don't think everyone realizes what shaky ground the Elections Board's decision is on."

Candidate Mike Strickland said that although he understood Brannon's cause, his pursuit of it through the court was unnecessary. "It's ridiculous; this is just making a bigger mess out of elections. The elections process is further alienating the entire campus."

"I really don't think Brannon has a chance to win," he said. "When it comes down to it, you're not supposed to deface others' campaign materials."

Candidates Lomax and Bibbs could not be reached for comment.



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On your mark...

Runners line up Saturday for the Franklin Five, a race sponsored by the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority to benefit the Association of Retarded Citizens.

Davis counters criticism

Ethics Committee decides against censure of speaker

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON
Assistant University Editor

The Student Congress Ethics Committee, during an informal investigative meeting Monday, decided not to censure Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress, after he agreed to rectify the concerns earlier expressed by congress members.

Jürgen Buchenau, Ethics Committee chairman, said Davis had been accused of neglecting his duties as speaker in regard to scheduling meeting times and places for congressional meetings, notifying members of meetings and failing to hold regular administrative committee meetings.

The main purpose of administrative committee meetings was to keep the speaker and committee leaders in touch with one another, Buchenau said.

Davis said he had not been in the

congress office recently because he felt the office was unfriendly to him and his girlfriend.

"We were supporting Mark Bibbs, not John Lomax like most of the office," he said. "Yes, there have been problems with scheduling meetings. I had delegated that to one person, but it got skewed second semester. I delegated it again to Mr. (Matt) Heyd (Dist. 11)."

Some representatives had said earlier they were not aware of locations of meetings until a few hours in advance.

Davis said he decided to hold congress meetings in different places around campus in an effort to get the student body more involved in student government.

"I decided to try to move the meetings around so the student body could become more familiar with Student

Congress," he said. "Looking back, perhaps I would not have made the same decision."

Davis said he had held two administrative committee meetings. "Administrative meetings are not my leadership style," he said. "I did hold them when necessary to create a budget."

"Members were responsible for what they did in their committees. I did not see a need for administrative committee meetings. If the (Ethics) Committee says they wish me to, I will begin to hold them each week."

Mark Bibbs, Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman, said he did not think the lack of administrative committee meetings was a serious problem. "Around the office, I talked to the people who would have been there," he said.

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BSM, supporters refute Davis allegations in Pit rally

By JENNIFER PILLA
Staff Writer

Supporters of Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis held a rally in the Pit Monday to express their support for him and refute allegations of dereliction of duty brought against him by the Student Congress Ethics Committee.

Jürgen Buchenau (Dist. 3), committee chairman, decided later yesterday not to introduce a bill charging that Davis had not fulfilled his duties as chairman. Some congress members said Davis had failed to schedule meetings and reserve rooms for Student Congress.

Davis admitted at the rally that he had not upheld his duties as speaker. He said he was humbled by the support shown to him, and he heavily criticized an editorial in The Daily Tar Heel that called for his resignation.

"The DTH has nothing better to do than to run an editorial personally attacking someone when there is racism, sexism and homophobia present right now on this campus," he said. "Now is the time for the DTH to stop printing rumors and start printing real news."

Kristen Davis, Davis' sister, helped organize the event, and said the rally was held to make students more aware

of Davis' contributions to the student body.

"I wanted everyone to realize the integrity of Gene and what he has done for the past four years on this campus and what he is going to continue to do for the next month," she said.

Michael Kolb, a Davis supporter who spoke at the rally, said it was ridiculous that the rally was necessary because of Davis' obvious dedication to student government.

"He's hardly ever home," Kolb said. "He's always on campus. And he rarely

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Campus Y seeking committee co-chairpersons

By FELTS LEWIS
Staff Writer

The Campus Y is accepting applications for committee co-chairpersons from students who can "think globally and act locally" while working with a diverse group of people and striving to improve social issues on campus and in the community.

Positions are available on most committees, and applications should be turned in at the Y office desk by March 26.

Tom Williams, coordinator and

executive committee member of the Campus Y, said the selection process was now in the publicity stage. Applications will be available all week, and interviews will start after Spring Break.

The selection process is important for the Y to improve and prosper, Williams said.

"It's very important because the co-chairs organize their committees and make decisions to set the direction of the Y as a whole," he said. "We are looking for individuals who have a consciousness of social issues on this

campus and in the larger community and who want to take action on behalf of that consciousness."

Duties of committee leaders are to call and regulate meetings, to lead discussions and to keep in contact with the Y director, associate director and respective coordinator on a regular basis. They must also attend cabinet (Executive Board and committee) meetings.

Richie Harrill, co-president of the Y, said he encouraged applications from students who are dedicated to the ef-

orts of the Y and possess leadership and communication skills to combat problems facing the University community and surrounding area. He said he wanted input from representatives of other campus groups. Experience with the Y is unnecessary, he said.

"We (the Campus Y) want people who are willing to be committed to the Y, who have good communication skills and leadership potential," he said. "We'd really love to draw people in from other organizations to try to expand the opinions of the Y."

The Y's goals are to demonstrate awareness of social issues through services, to advocate aggressive activism and to represent and be responsive to the entire diverse campus.

"We'd like to draw in a diverse group of co-chairs that represent the various organizations on campus — a cross-section — and for the co-chairs to use aggressive leadership (in light of these goals)," Harrill said.

Shilpi Somaya, co-president of the

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McCord fills position as president of GPSF

By DEBBIE BAKER
Staff Writer

Dean McCord, a graduate student in pathology, was elected president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF).

McCord, who ran unopposed in the election, will follow Rick Cody as president.

"It's been a common occurrence of late to run unopposed because no one wants this (job)," McCord said. "Graduate students don't have a lot of time to become involved in extracurricular things. I don't have a lot of time, but sometimes you have to make sacrifices."

McCord said there needs to be a renewed interest in the work of the federation. "The role of GPSF has diminished in the past and there is need for people to get involved. The GPSF

needs to be vocal."

McCord cited several areas of particular concern to graduate students:

- acquiring a decent living wage
- affordable day care for those with children
- parking spaces

The federation also hopes to obtain better overall representation in Student Congress. The nine graduate seats in Student Congress is not proportional to the population, McCord said.

GPSF plans to work directly with the executive branch of Student Government to get more graduate students involved, McCord said. "The student body president from the past year had no graduate students in his cabinet," he said. "I'm working to push all current student body president candidates to

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DTH/Tom Parks

Speaking their minds

Black Student Movement presidential candidates Dana Lumsden and Sabrina Evans debate at a forum sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Monday night in Upendo Lounge.

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If you can't convince them, confuse them. — Harry S Truman