

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Brown, Tsongas lead pack in Maine caucuses**

PORTLAND, Maine — Upstart Jerry Brown and Paul Tsongas battled for victory in Maine's caucuses on Sunday in an impossibly close race that reflected the unpredictable campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The lead between Tsongas, a former U.S. senator from Massachusetts, and Brown, former California governor, flipped four times as the long count was tallied from 665 precincts across the state. At one point, with 78 percent of the vote tallied, they were dead even.

An uncommitted slate of delegates, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and the rest of the field followed.

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, who was running last, said the "larger story is Brown doing extremely well."

... That's a pretty fragile mandate coming out of New Hampshire" for Tsongas.

Maine voted as the campaign moved on relentlessly. All five of the Democratic contenders headed for South Dakota for an evening debate two days before Tuesday's primary. That balloting shapes up as a struggle for survival for Kerrey and U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa.

Win or lose in Maine, the results were a blow to Tsongas, who is struggling to maintain the momentum he gained with his victory in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday.

And win or lose, the results were a triumph for Brown, who finished last among the five major contenders in New Hampshire and who has been derided as a gadfly making a hopeless quest for the nomination.

Republicans have until April 1 to hold their caucuses, although several precincts were doing so on Sunday. The delegates selected in these meetings were unpledged, but GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan made little effort to contest President Bush in the state.

Citing unofficial tallies from 200 communities that have voted in recent weeks, the state Republican Party gave Bush 875 of the first 990 delegates chosen.

With 91 percent of the state's 665 precincts reporting, these were the returns: Brown, 30 percent; Tsongas, 29 percent; uncommitted, 16 percent; Clinton, 15 percent; Harkin, 5 percent; and Kerrey, 3 percent.

**Peace talks advance despite Mideast fighting**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Putting aside several explosive distractions, Israeli and Arab negotiators were poised Sunday to resume Mideast peace talks under the supervision of an increasingly restless Bush administration.

The fact that Israel, Syria, Palestinian Arabs, Lebanon and Jordan all agreed to send delegations here indicated a joint commitment to negotiations even though talks have been inconclusive.

The parties have not been sidetracked by a flare-up of fighting in southern Lebanon, a squabble over Israel's detention of two Palestinian negotiators and Israel's difficult negotiations with the Bush administration about its request for \$10 billion to absorb refugees.

While holding talks with a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation, Israel will resume simultaneous discussions with Syria and with Lebanon.

Although Israel is willing, in principle, to extend limited self-rule to Palestinians on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, its disagreements with Syria and Lebanon are sharper.

Syria wants to recover the Golan Heights, lost to Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War, while Lebanon seeks Israel's ouster from a security zone on Lebanese territory that shields Israeli villages from guerrilla attacks.

Israel's primary negotiation objective is to gain recognition from the Arabs. Only Egypt, in a 1979 treaty, has taken that step.

**Pro-communist rally draws 15,000 Russians**

MOSCOW — Amid the most violent unrest in Moscow since the Soviet Union's demise, thousands of pro-communist demonstrators rallied Sunday, clashing with police and pelting them with near-worthless kopeck coins. At least 30 people were reported injured.

"Down with the Russian government!" shouted some protesters. Waving red Soviet flags, they tried to break through police lines to march toward the Kremlin in defiance of a ban on such gatherings in the city center.

About 10,000 police were deployed, and the crowd of 7,000 demonstrators eventually grew to about 15,000, the Interior Ministry reported.

The anti-government rally adds to pressures on Russian President Boris Yeltsin, whose economic reforms have sent prices soaring across the Commonwealth of Independent States.

—The Associated Press

**STATE Students challenge for state positions**

**NCSU senior making education issues top priority in bid for General Assembly**

By Tara Duncan  
Staff Writer

Don't let his boyish grin, political science books and busy schedule fool you — Dave Holm is not your average college student.

Holm, a N.C. State University political science major from Raleigh, announced his candidacy for the N.C. House of Representatives two weeks ago. Holm faces Randy Yale in the state's May 5 GOP primary.

"My philosophy is that we have got to make education our top priority," said Holm, who is running for the 63rd District seat presently held by five-term incumbent Peggy Stamey, a Democrat.

"It is a legitimate place for the government to be.

"We raise taxes, but we also raise the price of university tuition. Some of last year's tuition increases didn't even go back to the universities."

Holm said he was worried about education on all levels, not just in the UNC system. "In the grades K-12, there is no accountability," he said.

One of Holm's greatest concerns is the state's proposal to remove the California Achievement Test, which gauges student performance in relation to other students in the same grade, from the



secondary education plan, he said.

North Carolina pays \$800,000 annually to the CAT, but state legislators recently have proposed replacing the tests with a N.C. Achievement Test. The new state tests could cost as much as \$6 million to develop and implement.

Because almost every state uses the CATs, N.C. students would be at a disadvantage if they were given a different achievement exam, Holm said.

"What do students do when they move out of North Carolina?" he said. "The CATs have economies of scale and are a good judgment of skills."

Holm said he first considered campaigning for the General Assembly last summer while interning in the office of Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner.

"Everyone in Raleigh is talking about the new redistricting (plan), and it gave me the idea of running for the General Assembly," he said.

The revised 63rd District comprises Cary, Morrisville, two Durham County precincts and western Wake County, including the NCSU campus and most

off-campus student apartments. Holm said he thought he had an advantage over Stamey in the district's four new precincts, which are home to a younger group of voters.

"I think I'm going to win this," he said. "It's a redrawn district. It is a district of young people, and I still relate to them. It's the kind of families that I grew up in."

Stamey, the early front-runner in the 63rd District campaign, said she did not know much about Holm, but she did know that she would be challenged in this year's elections.

"I am not acquainted with Holm, but you always expect to have an opponent," she said.

Yale, Holm's Republican primary opponent, is a 31-year-old insurance agent from Cary who filed last Thursday.

Those who have worked with Holm at NCSU said that he considered himself a legitimate candidate.

"I think he has a good chance," said NCSU Student Body President Ed Stack. "He wouldn't go after it, if he didn't have a chance." Holm serves as an administrative assistant in Stack's office.

Stack said that although the core of Holm's support would come from the NCSU campus, Holm and his support-



Dave Holm

ers felt confident they could carry the entire district.

Holm said that despite his youth, he was the best candidate in the 63rd District.

"I know I am younger than most of the General Assembly," Holm said, "But I think I can toss in some new ideas that will help North Carolina."

**ECU grad student waging protest campaign with hope of inspiring young voters**

By Karen Lakey  
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William Thorpe believes students should be active in the political process.

Thorpe, an East Carolina University graduate student campaigning for the governor's mansion, hopes that by seeking public office, he will inspire many young voters to take an active role in state politics.

"I'm trying to be the Joseph McNeil of 1992," Thorpe said Sunday. "Joseph sat in at a lunch counter in Greensboro in 1960 and inspired a whole generation of students."

"I want to celebrate Black History Month by making black history."

Thorpe, who said he would file with the Democratic Party for governor later this week, sees himself as a pioneer in the voting history of young Americans, like predecessors who took part in the 1960s civil rights movement.

"One of my goals is to increase the involvement of students in the political process," he said. "I want raise the people's hopes and get them to involve themselves in the political process."

Thorpe is the son of Bill Thorpe, a former Chapel Hill Town Council mem-



ber who lost his 1991 bid to recapture a council seat.

"I think he's very talented," the elder Thorpe said of his son. "But I think he's trying to make a statement more than anything. The world is open to him — I've told him that since day one."

William Thorpe, who is working toward a master's degree in history, was president of his senior class at Chapel Hill High School in 1985.

Voter apathy, especially among college students, is the major problem Thorpe said he hoped to tackle through his candidacy.

By visiting different high schools and UNC-system schools, Thorpe said his campaign would work to raise the number of student voters. Increased student participation is as important as an actual electoral victory, he said.

Although Thorpe, under N.C. law, is too young to serve as governor, he said he considered his campaign a legitimate attempt to gain votes.

"I will define victory by my own

agenda — if students get out and register and make a difference," he said. "I want to make a difference."

In recent state and national elections, students have failed to vote in large numbers because they have felt alienated by the political system, he said.

"Most students feel there is no one to vote for," he said. "I represent openness and options for a much better state. I am more of a protest candidate. I'm just a worker out in the field."

"There are 100,000 students in the UNC system. If they feel they have someone to vote for, they can have a profound impact on public policy."

Thorpe said he had gone door to door to encourage people to register and to cast ballots during elections. More than 100 people have registered because of his efforts, he said.

"I want to show others that they can do the same thing I am doing and have a profound impact on local politics," Thorpe said. "That's the point — to encourage the other Mark Chiltons and William Thorpes out there to make a difference in their own community."

Chilton, a UNC senior who won a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council in November with strong student support,

said Thorpe's attempt to encourage younger voters was admirable.

"I think he'll achieve a lot of his real goal," he said. "The point is, you don't have to be 40 to vote."

Chilton said college students should take an interest in local politics.

"There are 15,000 to 16,000 students in Chapel Hill with every bit as much right to claim Chapel Hill as anybody else," he said. "Students have usually been underrepresented in town government."

Traditionally, young people do not participate in elections because the political process is unfamiliar to them, said Carmine Scavo, ECU professor of political science.

Students might be reluctant to vote in local elections while at school because they only live in a college town part of the year, he said.

Thorpe said encouraging people to vote meant getting them interested in politics and involved in all aspects of the lawmaking process.

"I see young voters as gold nuggets throughout the state waiting to be mined," he said. "It's not just about voting. It's about lobbying the legislators, too."

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**Hate**

said. "You send a message to white America. It's a covert strategy."

Davis-McCoy said North Carolina was home to the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Populist Party.

"There are 13 groupings of those factions in our state," she said, calling them the invisible empire.

Davis-McCoy recapped the following eight Orange County hate crime incidents reported to NCARRV in 1991:

- Dispatchers for 911 delayed relaying a report of two intoxicated black

men walking on a highway near Hillsborough, in danger of being struck by cars. The dispatchers reportedly joked on the radio about the men's race. Both men were struck by cars, and one was killed.

- Someone assaulted two homosexual men in downtown Chapel Hill a few doors down from a bar frequented by homosexual men.

- UNC students spray-painted slurs attacking Martin Luther King on announcement boards.

- Someone wrote a racist slur about a University employee on a wall near a campus library.

- Two UNC students received harassing and sexually explicit calls after a publication identified one as a gay activist and the other as a bisexual.

- A homosexual man reported that someone threw a picture of a Klansman holding a cross into an apartment under construction in Chapel Hill and also wrote a homophobic slur on the roof of one of the buildings under construction.

- People in line to see a film about African and Latin-American homosexual men were subjected to slurs and obscene insults from passersby.

- A black family found a racist slur painted across the driveway of their Chapel Hill home.

"More than five of these incidents should send alarming signals to our community," Davis-McCoy said. "Our

local leaders haven't spoken out vehemently about their opposition to violence."

Brittain said many people incorrectly thought hate crimes were isolated incidents. "People don't want to admit that racism is still a very large part of our culture."

Davis-McCoy said NCARRV provided forums and training to community groups to educate the public about racist issues and crimes. The group also advocates stronger legislation to deter these crimes, she said.

A number of laws were passed in 1991 to help deter hate crimes, Davis-McCoy said.

An N.C. statute established ethnic intimidation as a crime punishable by a maximum of two years in jail or an unlimited fine, she said.

An existing N.C. statute was amended to allow judges to consider racial, religious or ethnic discrimination when sentencing, Davis-McCoy said.

An amendment to the Civil Rights Interference Act now gives victims the right to bring civil suits if they have been intimidated because of their race, religion or ethnic origin, she said.

"Being able to turn the tide on hate violence in North Carolina is in our capacity," Davis-McCoy said. "All of us are impacted and hurt, and as the possibility for victimization continues, no one is exempt."

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