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Spring commencement plans finalized *Two ceremonies indoors; six tickets per graduate*

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Graduation in May 2001 will be split into two ceremonies, and graduates will wear the more traditional black cap and gowns instead of school colors, according to a recent administrative decision. On Wednesday Nov. 29, the chancellor-appointed Graduation and Convocation Committee formally finalized the decisions, which differ from previous reports on the matter based on Student Government Association recommendations.

There will be one ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences and another for the Cameron School of Business, the Watson School of Education and the School of Nursing combined.

Dean of Students Terry Curran, a member of the Graduation and Convocation Committee said that a lot of effort was put into hearing different perspectives from seniors, faculty and administration, and that decisions were

made with all things considered.

Last year, spring graduation was held as one ceremony in Trask Coliseum. Curran said it was "painfully obvious" at the time that something needed to be done. There were a lot of families frustrated with the ticket situation. Only three tickets were available for each graduate and there were isolated cases of tickets being scalped. Additionally, the number of people in Trask was nearing or exceeding fire code violations.

"The fire marshal could have shut down last year's graduation," Curran said.

Because of the amount of graduates and the lack of feasible indoor space in Wilmington to accommodate a ceremony, Chancellor James R. Leutze and Provost John C. Cavanaugh wanted to know all the options that were available. They also were, according to Curran,

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Leutze hears student concerns at forum

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Discrepancies in faculty salaries, environmental concerns, academic recognition, and the ever-present parking/traffic debate, topped the list of concerns expressed by students at last Wednesday's Chancellor's forum.

The first question posed to Chancellor James R. Leutze by a student was "what do you do?" Leutze's answer, during which he explained that 60 percent of his job consists of off-campus work, was a prelude to the forum as a whole. Leutze explained that while he is at the top of the university's bureaucratic system, he entrusts many university decisions to administration members that report to him.

Since Leutze serves as a liaison be-



Crazy Seahawk fans!!

Basketball season is here, and legions of wild Seahawk fans have swooped down on Trask Coliseum to show their support. Here, the Seahawk mascot poses with a flock of fans at the men's game last Monday. Check out the Seahawk for the latest scores and sports news.

tween the university and outside organizations and so much of his work is done off-campus, the forum was an opportunity for the chancellor to personally gage student concerns and to evaluate the competence of this system.

"I would like the students to help make this a better institution," Leutze said. "What I'm asking students to do is to get involved in complaining in a serious sense by telling us what isn't working and the way they would like it to work. We all want this to be the best school it can be. I want you to get the best education you can and make sure it is as valuable to you as it can be."

While Leutze is responsible for hir-

ing faculty and staff, he said he generally tries to "help them do their job and stay out of their way." As Chancellor, much of Leutze's time is occupied by representing the university at organizational meetings, "fund raising to get donors, and supervising how the university is functioning.

"I make sure that we're not losing money, that the students and faculty are happy and that the buildings are being kept up," Leutze said. "A large part of what goes on with academic programs and faculty, I have no control over."

Throughout the forum, Leutze em-

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