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Students protest professor's leaving

By RHETA LOGAN
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An award-winning lecturer in history is leaving UNC after department officials did not appoint him to a permanent professorship, and hundreds of his students are protesting his departure.

Gary Freeze was one of 30 applicants up for the position, said professor John Nelson, chairman of the search committee. The new professor will fill the teaching position vacated by retired N.C. history professor William Powell.

A petition is circulating among Freeze's former and present students in an effort to build support for the lecturer, said Gene Davis, one of the students.

Davis, who has assembled a list of 750 supporters, said the students' goal was to make the history department aware of their desire to keep Freeze on the teaching staff.

Freeze said he was "extraordinarily flattered" by the student support and added he hoped "the University will pay more attention in the future to student needs and what student concerns are. I hope it realizes that good teaching needs to be paid more concrete attention."

Because Freeze has signed a contract with Erskine College and the search committee has already recommended an applicant for the professorship, Davis said it would now be unrealistic to try to get Freeze a permanent position in the department.

But the petition may influence department officials to offer Freeze a permanent position in the future if one becomes available, Davis said.

Nelson said he was unaware of the petition circulating in support of Freeze.

When asked about the search for a new professor, history department chairman Colin Palmer said, "We had an orderly search process. The recommendation (from the committee) is one that some people don't like, but it is also one that many people do like."

A second petition will begin circulating among the student body this week, Davis said. This petition targets students who may not have had Freeze as a teacher, but who are

supportive of any student effort to retain a lecturer of the students' choosing, Davis said.

Davis said he planned to send the petitions to the history department; Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Chancellor Paul Hardin; and UNC-system president C.D. Spangler by the first week in April.

When Freeze came to UNC in the fall of 1987, he taught History 162, the only N.C. history class offered. At that time, eight students were pre-registered for the course and 27 ended up taking it. Enrollment increased, with 77 students in the class the next semester and 100 students in it last fall. This semester, 151 students are taking History 162.

"Dr. Freeze is an inspiring professor. He makes history come to life," Davis said. "His departure would be a disservice to students."

Freeze is the recipient of this year's Henry Horace Williams Award, which honors excellence in undergraduate teaching. The award is given every year by the members of Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies who nominate certain professors to receive the honor.

A teacher must get the vote of two-thirds of the members to win the award, said Kevin Cherry, president of the societies. "It's an award we give to our members' favorite teacher," he said.

Freeze is the first visiting teacher

to win the honor, Cherry said.

Freeze has also been nominated by students to receive a Tanner Award, the highest teaching honor given by the University every year. At least 50 students have nominated Freeze so far, Davis said.

But Freeze has been told he is ineligible for the award because only professors on a tenure track are qualified for the honor. Freeze, a visiting lecturer, has a fixed-term appointment, Palmer said.

Powell said he believed Freeze should be eligible for the award. "The status of a person ought not to be considered if he has fulfilled the criteria of good teaching to receive the award."

Computer virus infects UNC Macintosh disks

By AMY WAJDA
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A computer virus hit UNC computer systems March 8, affecting software in campus labs run by the Microcomputing Support Center (MSC), but officials said Sunday the virus has been eliminated from MSC software.

The virus has also been found in some software belonging to students, and MSC officials are checking for the virus before students are allowed to use lab computers.

The virus permanently damaged Macintosh software in the labs so that the affected software programs had to be erased and replaced.

This virus only infects Macintosh software and cannot infect IBM software, said Alan Gardner, MSC user service consultant.

The virus was found in software in every MSC lab on campus, said

Linwood Futrelle, MSC lab director. "This is the worst one we've been hit with so far."

"It put us completely out of business for a couple hours on Wednesday (March 8) afternoon," Futrelle said. "We had to shut down all the Macintosh computers."

A computer virus is a program stored in a computer diskette that reproduces itself in a computer's disk operating system, said Stephen Weiss, acting head of the computer science department. "It can spread in the same way a biological virus spreads."

The virus goes to the computer's internal memory, Gardner said. When the computer needs to copy information from memory back to a diskette, either the original one or one without a virus, the virus file is transmitted with that information.

But not all viruses are harmful,

Weiss said. "It may or may not do something bad to you." Some viruses may just leave messages for users, while more destructive viruses may erase files or subtly alter data stored in files.

Gardner said the virus that hit UNC is relatively harmless. "It's not a very destructive virus. Of all the viruses around it's probably one of the better ones — it doesn't corrupt any documents."

The virus probably originally spread from a student's diskette to a MSC system diskette, said Jennifer Langfahl, manager of the Davis Macintosh lab. "When they open it (an infected disk) under our systems disk, the systems disk gets the virus."

Between 50 and 60 affected diskettes belonging to both the MSC and students have been identified so

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ACC schools surpass goals in senior class fund-raisers

By JENNIFER JOHNSTON
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The UNC senior class of 1989 set new national records in raising funds for its class gift, but other Atlantic Coast Conference senior classes are also exceeding their goals.

The money UNC seniors have raised will be used to pay for a new professorship, but schools like Duke University are raising money for projects that are more community-based.

Duke seniors have created the Durham-Duke Initiative this year, said Sandra Mikush, associate director of annual giving.

"The seniors this year are very community-oriented," she said. "This program will create a fund out of which stipends can be paid to Duke students who stay and work in the

Durham community over the summer."

The fund raising at Duke has just started, but the seniors have already surpassed their goal of \$30,000. Unlike UNC, Duke does not spread out pledges over time, Mikush said. The seniors will collect all of the funds in one year.

N.C. State seniors are raising money to furnish two lounges and a reading room in the new library addition, said Bryant Allen, assistant director of alumni relations.

NCSU seniors will spread out their pledges over four years, he said.

"We wanted to get \$100,000, and we are over that goal by \$27,000 — and the money is still coming in," Allen said.

"This program gives a good feeling about the school. Students should be involved with their school for the rest of their life, and the senior year is a good time to start," he said.

Seniors at the University of Virginia start their class project later than most schools.

"We're hoping to raise about \$150,000 this year," said Wayne

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Three cheers

UNC's three seniors, Steve Bucknall, Jeff Lebo and David May, hold the ACC championship plaque aloft during the celebration that followed

UNC's 77-74 victory over Duke University in Atlanta March 12. For ACC and NCAA tournament coverage, see page 12.

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Student Congress schedules special election, clarifies laws

By SARAH CAGLE
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Student Congress scheduled a special election for March 28 to fill the three remaining congressional seats in graduate districts and passed two acts to amend and clarify the election laws at their March 8 meeting.

The Elections Board disqualified Bill Brown (Dist. 2), Jim Taylor (Dist. 5) and Sonia Abecassis (Dist. 7) because the candidates did not turn in their financial forms by 5 p.m. the day after the Feb. 21 election, said Neil Riemann, speaker of the congress.

Jurgen Buchenau, speaker pro tem, said the congress called for new elections in these districts because vacant congress seats should be filled within 30 days, according to the Student Government Code.

"All vacancies since the spring elections are in direct violation of our highest law," Buchenau said.

Riemann said filling the graduate seats may not be as difficult as in the past because graduate students are interested in the positions this year.

"Obviously graduate students have difficulty making the time commit-

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ment to congress, and some may not feel that it works for them," Riemann said.

Buchenau said because graduate students were not well-represented in other branches of student government, it was especially important that they were represented in congress.

"Graduate students have a different set of concerns that need to be addressed because they're paying tuition just like undergraduates," Buchenau said.

Petitions for candidacy are due Tuesday.

Congress also amended the election laws in instances where sections of the laws contradict each other and where the elections laws conflict with the Student Government Code, Riemann said.

One of the amendments would make the spring election the only regular election of campuswide offices and Student Congress seats. The fall elections, formerly regular elections, will now be special elections, said Gene Davis (Dist. 16).

"The fall elections will be emergency elections," Davis said. "In some cases the Elections Board may not have to hold any fall elections."

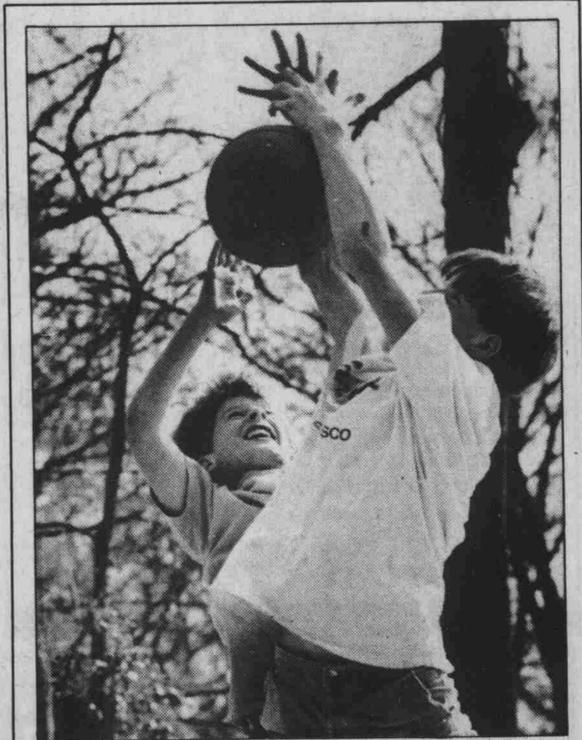
John Lomax (Dist. 13) said both the decision to have the March 28 election and the amendment to have regular elections only in the fall reflected an interest in a more effective system for replacing congress members.

Davis said the congress also voted to rectify a discrepancy in the election appeals laws.

According to one section of the Student Government Code, appeals must be filed with the Elections Board within 72 hours of a decision. In another section, the code said appeals must be filed within 48 hours of a decision, Davis said.

Congress decided to set the time at 72 hours throughout the code. This would allow students the weekend to appeal decisions made on a Friday, Davis said.

Riemann said the discrepancy came to the attention of the congress when the code was reviewed because this year's senior class race was appealed.



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Rising stars

Eighth graders Jacob VanHorn and Cinc Hayes take advantage of the warm weather to gear up for the 1994 NCAA tournament.

We all go a little mad sometimes. — Norman Bates