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 Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association
 will hold a general body meeting at
 7:30 p.m. in 210 Union.

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UNC-CH tops system in 4-year graduation rate

By Ashley Fogle
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More students are graduating from UNC-CH in four years than from any other school in the UNC system, an official told the UNC Board of Governors Friday.

Ray Dawson, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs, said 61.3 percent of freshmen who entered UNC-CH in 1987 graduated in 1991, the highest four-year rate in the system.

Elizabeth City State University had the second-highest rate with 33.4 percent of students graduating in four years. Fayetteville State University had the lowest rate of 8.3 percent. The system average was 27.8 percent.

"The graduation rates of our state schools has been a subject of general interest to the (N.C.) General Assembly," Dawson said. "There is a belief that students are taking longer to graduate because of increasing costs and other

effects."

UNC-CH's graduation rate was higher than other state schools, such as the University of Virginia, the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois, Dawson said. The national four-year average is about 40 percent, he said.

The statistics, released at the BOG meeting, showed the percentage of freshmen who had graduated from each institution after four, five, six and seven years since 1977.

The percentage of students graduating in four years decreased between 1977 and 1987 at 12 of the 16 UNC-system schools. Overall, the system's four-year rate dropped from 32.8 percent in 1977 to 27.8 percent in 1987.

"This certainly indicates that the picture of the student who enters the university and goes straight through eight semesters and graduates has always been questionable and certainly is not typical today," Dawson said.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler agreed, adding that many students don't value the degree as much as the education.

"In some ways, we tend to romanticize what we perceive to be an earlier golden year when everyone came to the university and graduated in four years, and that never was the case," Spangler said. "Some people believe education is a valuable experience whether they get a degree or not."

Dawson gave several explanations for the lower graduation rates.

Some disciplines, such as pharmacy and agriculture, are five-year degree programs, he said. Demanding requirements in such fields as engineering also may be difficult to complete in four years.

Also, transfer students are not accounted for in the figures, Dawson said. "We can only track in a single institution. If a student transfers and graduates from another institution, they will not

appear in the figures."

System schools admitted 8,900 transfer students in the fall of 1991, Dawson said.

The number of part-time students attending system schools also affects the graduation rate. Sixteen percent of the system's undergraduate students are enrolled in fewer than 12 hours, Dawson said.

"The large proportion of non-traditional students cannot be expected to complete a so-called normal four-year sequence," he said. "As we get more of these students we will see graduation rates, if measured by four-year yardsticks, getting longer and longer."

Spangler said graduation rates should not be the "end-all" goal of the system schools. But Dawson told BOG members there were several things that ought to be done to improve the system's graduation rates.

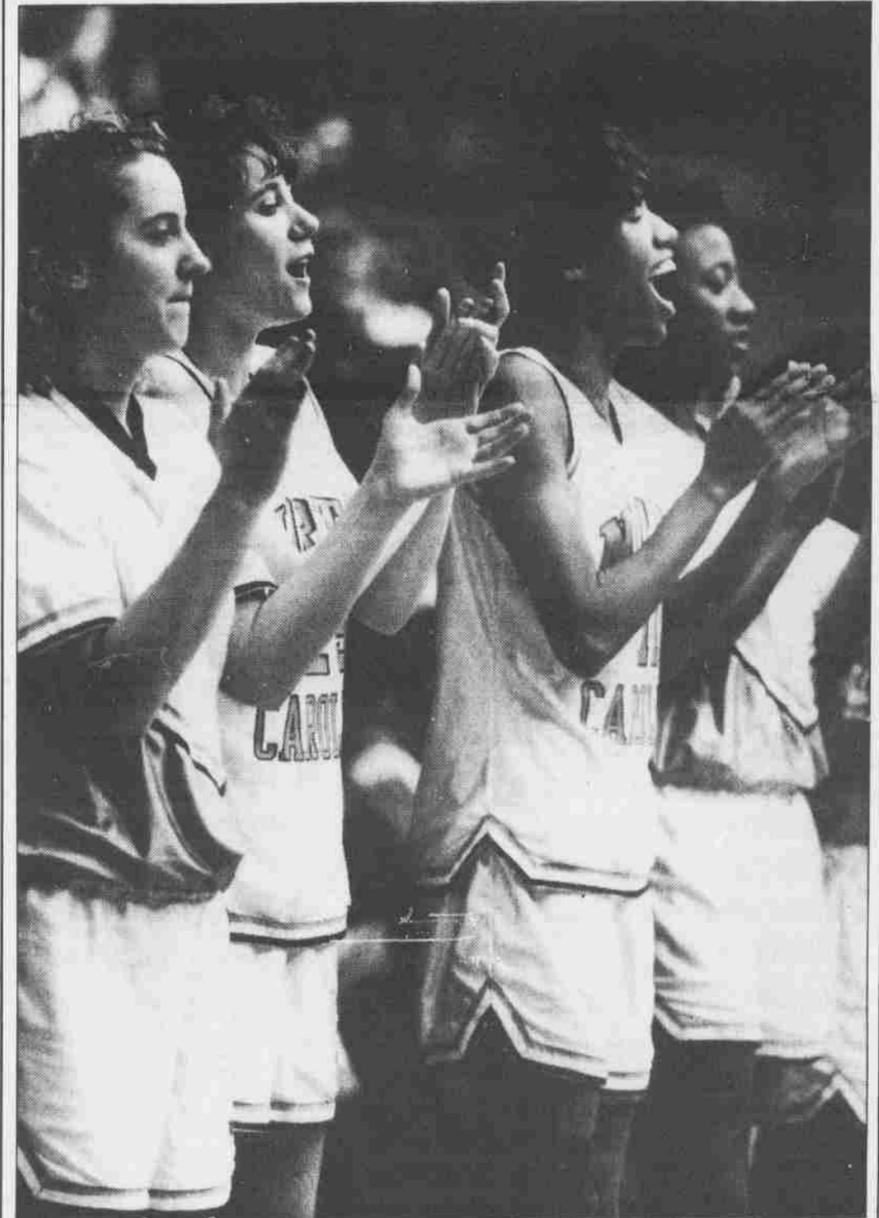
"We need to keep student costs down to the extent that we can, improve aca-

Whatever happened to '4-year' colleges?
 Percentage of UNC-system students graduating after four years

Fayetteville State Univ.	8.3	UNC-Wilmington	21.1
Winston-Salem State Univ.	10.9	N.C. State Univ.	22.8
N.C. Central Univ.	14.1	Western Carolina Univ.	23.0
N.C. A&T	15.4	UNC-Greensboro	31.4
UNC-Asheville	15.5	Appalachian State Univ.	32.6
East Carolina Univ.	18.1	Elizabeth City State Univ.	33.4
Pembroke State Univ.	19.4	UNC-Chapel Hill	61.3
UNC-Charlotte	21.0		

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demographic achievement in high schools, improve the academic advising of students on campus, make sure degree requirements are reasonable and make sure full-time students are full-time, i.e. carrying a full load of 15 hours."



Upset bound
 UNC women's basketball players Tanya Lamb, left, Stephanie Lawrence, Dawn Bradley and Erica Turner cheer their teammates to a 72-56 upset over 15th-ranked Clemson on Sunday in Carmichael Auditorium. The Tar Heels are 11-1, 2-1 in the ACC.

UNC-system's chief academic officer steps down from post

By Ashley Fogle
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Ray Dawson, UNC-system chief academic officer, told the Board of Governors Friday that he would leave his post March 31 to return to the classroom.

Dawson, 64, announced his resignation after 20 years as vice president for academic affairs and senior vice president for the 16 system schools. He will join the political science faculty at UNC-Wilmington next fall.

"All along I promised myself I would go back to teaching for purely selfish reasons," Dawson said. "I've been here a long time. I've been telling the president that I deserve tenure."

"But everything needs to end," he said. "I guess if I'm going to get back to teaching, I better get at it."

Dawson earned his doctorate in political science at UNC-CH and joined the faculty in 1958. He served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the General College in 1968 before taking his current post in 1972 under former President William Friday.

UNC-system President C.D.

Spangler praised Dawson, who has served longer than any chief academic officer in the nation, for his service to the university system.

"Since he arrived here 20 years ago, Dr. Dawson... has been intimately familiar with the missions of all 16 campuses and has worked diligently to help them meet their goals," he said.

"He is a prodigious worker with a collection of talents rarely seen in one human being. He is a gift of immeasurable value to all North Carolinians."

Spangler also announced that William Little, UNC-CH acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, would act as Dawson's interim replacement.

Little said he was looking forward to the new post. He said he did not expect to serve in both interim positions at the same time since a new provost should be named by March.

Spangler told BOG members that Dawson would be remembered not only as an administrator, but also as a great teacher.

"He taught graduates, undergraduates and university presidents," Spangler

said. "As one of his recent students, I can say I have cherished the hours I have spent in his 'classroom.'"

UNC-Wilmington Chancellor James Leutze said Dawson would be a great addition to UNCW's political science department. "Dr. Dawson is one of the leading academic figures in the state of North Carolina," Leutze said. "Not only is he a skilled and knowledgeable administrator, he is a top-flight academician."

"His book on lend-lease aid to the Soviet Union is a classic in the field, and he is still remembered as one of the most effective classroom teachers at Chapel Hill."

At UNC-CH, Dawson received the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the Danforth Foundation's E. Harris Harbison Prize for Distinguished Teaching.

Dawson said he would miss working with BOG members and being involved in running the university system.

"I've enjoyed being a part of this," he said. "It's a great understatement to say I am going to miss being here, miss the work you're doing."

SBP tries to move Reading Day

By Jennifer Talhelm
 Staff Writer

Reading Day is scheduled to fall on a Saturday again this spring, but Student Body President Matt Heyd said he was working to move it to a weekday.

"People have told me Reading Day ought to be moved to a weekday to allow more time to study for exams," he said. "I want to try to, one, get Reading Day moved to a weekday this semester, and two, make sure it's never on a weekend again."

But members of the University calendar committee did not think Reading Day would be moved.

David Lanier, University registrar and chairman of the calendar committee, said he didn't think students had a valid complaint.

"The purpose of Reading Day was to make sure there was a break between the last day of class and the first exam," Lanier said. "There's already two days' break."

The day could be moved if Heyd requested it, but Lanier said he would have to hold another committee meeting and then send the request through several steps for approval.

"It's rare that we go back to change a calendar that's already approved."

Heyd said there had been a number of changes to the calendar already this year and he thought Reading Day could be moved. He said he was in the process of writing a letter to Lanier asking for a change.

"It seems this could be something we could do," Heyd said. "Obviously there are a number of logistical problems, but hopefully we can work around them."

Lanier said the academic calendar is planned several years in advance by a committee of students and faculty. Reading Day dates are scheduled through the second summer session in 1994 in order to plan for the Bicentennial, he said.

Lanier said committee members argued that students abused Reading Day when it fell on a Friday.

"It was the students on the committee who didn't want the three-day break," he said. "The students on the committee said they thought the three-day weekend was counter-productive."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs and a calendar committee member, agreed that many students abused Reading Day when it was on a weekday.

Committee members had to schedule Reading Day on Saturday in order to allow time for Fall Break, he said.

"I feel good about the decision and I think students prefer to protect Fall Break," Boulton said. "Anyway, looking at the habits of students on Reading Day, I am always amazed at how many left and had a long weekend."

Committee members had to conserve time from all areas including exam time, he said. "We all agreed, including the students on the committee, to not do away with Fall Break and compress exam times and put Reading Day on a Saturday."

Maynard execution canceled as Martin commutes sentence

Staff Report

N.C. Gov. James Martin commuted the death sentence of convicted killer Anson Maynard on Friday, one week before the Coharie Indian's scheduled execution.

Martin commuted Maynard's sentence to life in prison with no chance for parole. The governor said there was still doubt as to whether Maynard, who prosecutors portrayed as the ruthless leader of a theft gang, had fired the gun which killed Stephen Henry in 1981.

Defense lawyers had claimed a former associate of Maynard's, Gary

Bullard, had shot Henry over a failed drug deal. Bullard received full immunity in exchange for his testimony against Maynard.

Henry's body was found floating in the Cape Fear River shortly before he was to testify against Maynard in a larceny case. The body had been beaten, shot and weighed down with cinder blocks.

In a statement to the press Friday, Martin said the prosecution had not convincingly established whether Maynard or Bullard, who died in a

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King's vision abandoned, Stone says

By Amber Nimocks
 City Editor

Martin Luther King was a drum major for peace, justice and righteousness, but the honor paid to him lasted for only a season, journalism Professor Chuck Stone told an audience Sunday at the Chapel Hill Community Church.

Addressing members of the audience as "brothers and sisters," Stone included himself among those "shamefully guilty" of being too cowardly to continue King's work.

"We bring our faith in a memory... of Martin Luther King," Stone said. "Does our faith in God enable us to translate that faith into works?"

Stone, a colleague and friend of the slain civil rights leader, talked about

King's 1967 request that Stone move from Washington, D.C., and become executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta.

King founded the SCLC as a center for civil rights activity in the South.

Fearing the possibility of conflict in Atlanta, a city rife with racial tension during the late '60s, Stone confided to King that he never would go south.

"Martin, I just don't have the courage to be non-violent," he recalled telling King. Stone said he told King that he feared his reaction if his wife were to fall victim to a racially motivated violent incident.

As Stone looked around the auditorium filled with black and white faces, many of whom he had called by name

earlier in his speech, he laughed and said, "Look where I am 24 years later."

Stone spoke of King's legacy of "faith filled with too much love to hate" but said he could not determine when America deviated from the vision that originated with this legacy.

Those once inspired by King's dream have not successfully executed his vision, Stone said, citing increasing racial tension in America as a sign of this failure. He said he thought America had turned away from King's dream.

"Today in so many parts of the nation, Martin's dream of great expectation has turned into a nightmare of re-creation, not only between black and white but equally deadly between

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Daily Tar Heel to hold interest meeting today

Need friends desperately? Are you really bored? Join The Daily Tar Heel staff! It's fun, exciting and you get to meet cool politicians. Sound interesting? The DTH needs University, city, state and national, features, arts, Omnibus and sports writers. Information meetings will be held today from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in 206 Union and Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 226 Union. Applications can be picked up at these meetings or in the DTH reception area.

Hope to see you there.

A lecture is an occasion when you numb one end to benefit the other. — John Gould