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## Hooker Moves to Fire Williams; Legislators Pleased

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On the eve of his first meeting with state legislators, Chancellor Michael Hooker announced that he was initiating discharge proceedings against a UNC English professor who has been embroiled in controversy since last fall.

Hooker said his decision was based on evidence that Associate Professor James Williams was involved in financial impropriety and misconduct. He added that he based his decision on information that was unavailable to former Chancellor Hardin

when he decided not to seek Williams' dismissal.

Hooker's decision, which was announced the day before he began a three-day series of meetings with state legislators, was welcomed by elected officials in Raleigh who had attacked Hardin's treatment of Williams as too lenient.

Williams denied the reports of misconduct and labeled them "absurd." He said he would request a hearing with the five-member faculty appeals committee.

After a lengthy investigation by UNC's internal auditor, Hardin placed a letter of reprimand in the professor's personnel file,

but since the professor was not violating official University policy, he chose not to pursue further punitive measures.

House Majority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, a vocal critic of Hardin's actions, said he thought the new chancellor's decision made it easier



Chancellor MICHAEL HOOKER said he had come across new information.

for legislators to consider the University a worthy expenditure.

"It was awfully frustrating to have an open dialogue with the University with this hanging in the air. Hardin's decision came down at the most sensitive time possible. It made it more difficult to keep the dialogue going to ensure that Chapel Hill would continue to be the flagship University of our university system."

Legislators blasted University officials for going easy on Williams after the professor admitted having sex with students in his campus office and paying his then-girlfriend, UNC senior Ako Shimada from a

corporate trust fund he administered.

Allegations of impropriety originally surfaced against Williams during his ongoing divorce and custody battle with ex-wife Ashley Williams.

Don Follmer, spokesman for the House leadership, said Hooker's action was significant, especially during budget debate. "It was a brilliant stroke and much needed. I didn't think that anything would ever happen. He had an easy out saying it didn't happen on his watch."

Hooker said that legislators' opinions on the case were unsubstantiated. "Nobody's in a position to know if it's a

good or a bad decision," Hooker said. "They haven't seen the new information I've seen on the case."

James Williams said Monday that Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Stephen Birdsall had contacted him Friday and informed him of Hooker's decision.

"All I can say is that the charge of financial impropriety is based on a clerical error on a travel voucher from a 1993 trip amounting to about \$150," Williams said.

"In 1993, my secretary made copies of some receipts from a trip that I took," See WILLIAMS, Page 4

### Explosion Close to Home



The BTI building, across from North Hills Mall in Raleigh, was evacuated Monday after an exploding device injured two people and damaged a wall on the fifth floor. BTI, Inc. is a national telecommunications corporation. Investigators have said the bombing was an isolated incident and had no connection to the Unabomber, who has bombed universities and high-tech companies since 1978 and has recently threatened to strike again.

## Student Referendum to Decide Funding Changes

BY JAY MOYE  
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In a reversal of direction, Student Congress passed a resolution Monday night saying that the clause in the Student Constitution which prohibits funding of religious or politically partisan organizations on campus was unconstitutional and would no longer be enforced.

This resolution, sponsored by Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, Speaker Roy Granato and Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair Terry Milner, stems from the U.S. Supreme Court's June ruling in *Rosenberger v. the University of Virginia* case. The court ruled that denying student activity fees to religious publications was a violation of the Freedom of Speech clause in the First Amendment.

Chancellor Paul Hardin, in a letter to Charlton Allen regarding his appeal involving denial of funding to The Carolina Review, stated, "The provisions in the Stu-

dent Government Code and Student Constitution that prohibit appropriation of student activity fees to programs, services, or events of religious or politically partisan nature can no longer stand."

The dilemma will be considered at the first fall meeting. The only way to change the language of the Student Code is by a student referendum.

"What we're faced with is the fact that the University of Virginia's code is substantially the same as ours, using practically the same rationale and language," Milner said. "There is a fine line left to be drawn, due to the fact that basically all the Supreme Court has done has made a shambles of the student activity fees system."

Cunningham and Granato had originally said they would propose a resolution at the meeting asking Cunningham to go before the Board of Trustees and request that they strike the controversial clause from the Student Constitution.

Instead, after consulting with attorneys, Cunningham said they had determined that the BOT could not change the Student Constitution. But, because the clause in question had clearly been ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, it was unenforceable.

The only way the clause can be removed from the Student Constitution is if it is voted out in a student referendum where 2.5 percent of the student body votes for removal. If less than 2.5 percent of student population votes, the referendum must pass with a two-thirds majority, Cunningham said.

"We acknowledge that the New Generation Campus Ministries, The Carolina Review and The Catalyst may now be considered for funding as amendments to the 1995-96 budget," said Cunningham.

"These groups will not necessarily be funded," he emphasized. "But, they will be reconsidered."

In another major coup for the congress,

## Mayoral Candidates Enter Races

BY WENDY GOODMAN  
CITY EDITOR

A Chapel Hill Town Council member and a Carrboro Alderman both threw themselves into the ring for their towns' mayoral races this week as the filing period for local elections began.

The current mayors of both towns, Ken Broun and Eleanor Kinnaird, announced this past spring they would not seek reelection, raising questions of who would follow in their footsteps.

Council member Rosemary Waldorf held a press conference Tuesday afternoon to make her long-awaited announcement for mayor. If elected in the fall, she will be Chapel Hill's first female mayor.

"This was a serious and exciting decision for me," Waldorf said to a room full of family, friends, and supporters.

Waldorf said she would continue to work for the goals she pursued as a council member, including community safety, capital projects and recreation, "smart government," and good planning about growth management.

Waldorf said she expected many issues and upcoming decisions to focus on town-gown issues, the Development Review Process and the budget.

"I had lunch with Chancellor (Michael) Hooker, and he seemed like a normal human being," she said. "I talked to him a lot about town planning with the University and he seems really interested and a cooperative partner."

In trying to make the review process more efficient she said the key would be getting more public input earlier in the process.

"If we don't open our minds to new information and changing circumstances, then we are hampered from the outset," she said. "We will all make a better future if we work together."

A nine-year veteran of the Board of Aldermen, Randy Marshall, filed for Carrboro mayor Friday. Marshall said he thought the new mayor should be someone



Rosemary Waldorf is congratulated by a group of children and supporters Tuesday after announcing her intentions of running for Chapel Hill mayor.

### 1995 Campaigns Underway in Town ELECTIONS

Position, Town	Candidates Filed
Chapel Hill Mayor	Rosemary Waldorf
Carrboro Mayor	Randy Marshall
Chapel Hill Town Council	Joe Capowski
Carrboro Board of Aldermen	Diana McDuffee
Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board	Louise Cole
	Mark Chilton
	Alex Zatron
	Peter Morcombe
	Kevin Cook

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

"I do want to forge new relationships with towns and the University which I think I could be helpful in doing," he said.

Other than these new plans, Marshall said residents in Carrboro were pleased with the board, and he saw no reason to make sweeping changes if elected to office.

"There doesn't appear to be a lot of dissatisfaction in Carrboro, so I don't intend to come in and make a lot of changes," he said. "Politics in Carrboro is a relatively quiet thing."

## New Store to Provide Textbook Alternative

BY WENDY GOODMAN  
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Students purchasing textbooks this fall may not have to face the even longer lines they anticipated following the closing of Tar Heel Textbooks. Ram Book and Supply will open its doors to customers August 1 on West Franklin Street in the former location of TGIF.

The store will be one of many around the country owned and operated by Patrick Keenan and his family. Keenan said their objective would be to improve service to UNC students by giving them an alternative to Student Stores.

Following the closing of Tar Heel Text-

books last March, the only choice students had for purchasing textbooks was Student Stores. Tar Heel Textbooks had a high volume of sales since its opening in 1988 but closed due to an inadequate amount.

Keenan's business will give students another place to buy textbooks and might be able to pick up some former customers of Tar Heel Textbooks.

"An alternative bookstore such as this can really come in and help the students," he said. "We keep our ears open to hear complaints and strive to better meet student needs."

The new store plans to avoid problems often associated with buying textbook, like long lines, slow service and high prices.

"Because we are located off-campus we can focus on two things — service you like and friendly, lower prices," he said.

Most students recognize that high textbook prices. His bookstore will focus on affordable, used textbooks, Keenan said.

"We saw the need and opportunity to provide an alternative bookstore in Chapel Hill for students, and we said 'let's go for it,'" Keenan said.

The Keenan family owns bookstores of this kind at the University of Texas at Dallas, UNC-Wilmington, and will open one at N.C. State University this fall. Keenan said he is looking forward to providing the improved service to UNC students this fall.

## Tobacco Institute Kicks Off

BY WILL SAFER  
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UNC's controversial Tobacco Control Summer Institute opened Monday, and institute directors gave the public and press a view of their side of what some critical state legislators have said was a program designed to "bite the hand that feeds it."

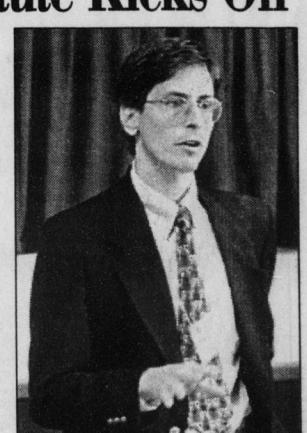
Dr. Alan Cross, director of the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, said the institute's goal was not to attack the tobacco industry.

"The principal purpose of this seminar ... is to deal with reducing the health effects of tobacco and not to try and solve all the other problems that are part of it," he said.

Cross said the sensitivity of the issue and the response by critics had come as somewhat of a surprise.

"Obviously it came at a time when our budget was being considered and some

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DR. ADAM GOLDSTEIN is project leader for UNC's Tobacco Institute.

*I've never been one to blow my own trumpet.*

Hugh Grant, on 'The Tonight Show'