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Good Bye Until May
The Daily Tar Heel wishes everybody luck on final exams. We will resume publication May 16.



Tan Talks About Art Imitating Life
Novelist Amy Tan spoke about her best-selling works Tuesday night. Page 3



Breathing Space
A 13-year-old boy from Mississippi is waiting for a lung transplant at UNC Hospitals. Page 4

Today's Weather
Sunny and breezy; high upper 60s.
Sunday: Sunny, high mid 70s.

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Crumbling Classrooms Need \$1.7 Million Facelift

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University officials are hoping proposed renovations to Murphey Hall can be a first step in upgrading classrooms for the 21st century.

The University, guided by the request of Chancellor Michael Hooker, has requested \$1.7 million from the General Assembly for classroom improvements, which were planned to begin in the 1997-98 school year, said Kathleen McGaughey, assistant provost for finance.

"The chancellor's number one priority is classroom improvement for this budget," she said.

The proposal requested \$1 million annually for renovations after the 1997-98 school year. Renovations to classrooms in

Carroll Hall, Venable Hall and Phillips Hall have also been proposed, McGaughey said.

The General Assembly should consider the proposal during the summer short session, which begins in May. The funding could be approved at that time, but University officials did not expect the money to be approved before the two-year 1997-99 budget cycle, McGaughey said.

"It would be nice if it were funded in the short session," she said. "But we're not counting on that. It really takes a year to plan."

Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown cited problems in Murphey Hall, where she taught a class last semester, as particularly troublesome.

"There aren't decent air conditioners," she said. "There was no overhead projec-

tor. The chairs were bolted to the floor, and I like to do group work."

Brown said many rooms were also too small to accommodate the number of students in classes, and McGaughey added that classrooms also needed upgrades in technology.

William Campbell, professor in the Institute of Government and chairman of the provost's Classroom Advisory Committee, said classrooms in Murphey Hall needed to be over-



Faculty Council Chairwoman JANE BROWN said classrooms needed extensive repairs.

hauled. "Murphy is to be pretty much gutted and redone."

Heightened awareness of the need for classroom repairs stems from the self-study written in 1995 to reaccredit the University. The report said the beautiful landscaping of some campus buildings disguised "badly peeling paint, leaking roofs, water-damaged plaster, antiquated classroom facilities, unsightly window air conditioning units and badly deteriorated furnishings."

In the fall, Provost Richard Richardson charged the Classroom Advisory Committee with determining what types of classrooms the University needed and how to provide those facilities.

Associate Vice Chancellor Lawrence Gilbert said the University had also considered adding new buildings to resolve

current classroom problems.

Last year, one of the provost's committees considered replacing Dey Hall with a science library and lecture room building. "That's what we really need — a whole building dedicated to lecture classrooms."

Although the renovations are necessary, Brown said the proposed renovation projects could cause problems scheduling classes.

"It's going to put a lot of classes in other places until that gets done," she said. "It's going to be difficult."

Gilbert said the committee could consider holding classes later at night or using trailers to hold classes during the construction.

Money to pay for temporary classroom space, such as in trailers, would have to come from the University, Gilbert said.

Campus Drug Busts On Rise

Chancellor Michael Hooker said students should respect the marijuana law.

BY MARVA HINTON
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University police are not only searching more residence hall rooms for drugs than in the past — they are also issuing more citations for marijuana, police and honor court records show.

Citations for drug possession on campus increased from 17 to 34 between the 1994 and 1995 calendar years, police records show. Police have issued nine citations so far this year.

Honor Court records, which are kept by school year, also show an increase in the number of students charged. Twelve students were charged in the University judicial system since August with possession of marijuana, whereas nine were charged during the 1994-95 academic year.

University Police Chief Don Gold said Monday that the increase in the number of citations could be traced to an increase in the number of complaints made to police against students who live in residence halls.

Some students whose rooms were searched have complained that police encouraged students to sign consent forms — which allow police to search rooms without a warrant — without letting them know they did not have to consent. Student Legal Services has advised students not to consent to searches if police don't have a warrant.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said students should not possess drugs but could exercise their right not to sign a consent form. "Students often don't fully appreciate that society has decided that drugs are illegal and the possession of them is a serious crime," he said. "Any time you violate a criminal statute, you put yourself at risk."

Hooker, who graduated in 1969, said alcohol was the drug of choice when he was an undergraduate at the University. "I was a senior before I became aware that anyone was smoking marijuana at UNC," Hooker said. "What we did was we got drunk." Hooker, who said he supported legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, said he had talked to students all year about alcohol and drugs and had not reached any final conclusions on what

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Spangler: Race-Based Scholarships Will Weather Challenges

Questions about affirmative action scholarship and admissions programs might be resolved if the Supreme Court decides to hear a Texas case this fall.

BY JAMES LEWIS
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UNC-system President C.D. Spangler said Tuesday that he was not worried about a new crop of high-profile court cases around the nation that threaten to dismantle the affirmative action programs that have shaped university admission policies since the 1960s.

"It is my belief that the Supreme Court will determine university and college presidents and their boards of trustees are well equipped to determine which students should be admitted to their campuses," Spangler said.

Lingering questions about the future of race-based admissions and scholarships policies at universities across the nation might soon be resolved if the U.S. Supreme Court hears a Texas case later this year.

In March, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court struck down a race-based admissions policy at the University of Texas law school, ruling that four white students who were denied admission to the school had been discriminated against.

Universities across Texas then scrambled to eliminate race as a factor in admission and scholarship policies but, last Friday, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the order until the Supreme Court decides whether to hear the Texas system's appeal.

If the court decides to hear the case, it could resolve a slew of similar situations across the nation, including two cases involving UNC. Last week, Georgia's state attorney general asked that race-based policies be discarded in the state's university system. And last year, policy decisions in Maryland and California forced universities to eliminate most race-based policies.

Earlier this spring, UNC law student Jack Daly filed a lawsuit contending that the UNC-system's \$1.2 million minority presence grants discriminated

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Hey Jealousy



Lead singer Robin Wilson performs "Hey Jealousy" during the Gin Blossoms concert in Memorial Hall on Monday night. The concert, part of the band's college campus tour, attracted more than 600 people. See story, page 8.

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1996 REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY

LIFE ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Hayes Wants to Listen to Voters

Vinroot Meets, Eats With Citizens



This article was based on a telephone interview and coverage of a Union County campaign event. Because of an error on the part of The Daily Tar Heel, the reporter was unable to spend time on the road with the Hayes campaign.

BY ERICA BESHEARS
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Robin Hayes has traveled to every county in North Carolina on a "listening tour," and he says he knows what the state's people want — a conservative governor.

Hayes, a Republican gubernatorial candidate and N.C. House Majority Whip, said people from the mountains to the coast wanted lower taxes, better schools and Christian principles in government.

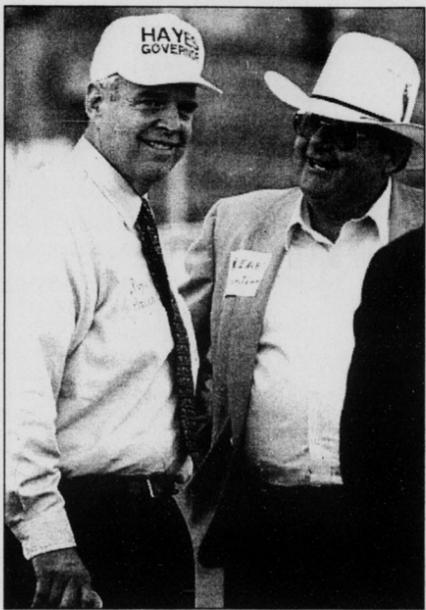
Hayes, along with former Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot, undercover narcotics agent Art Manning and environmental activist Ken Rogers, wants to unseat long-time North Carolina politician and current Gov. Jim Hunt.

At a Republican Party "Stomp" in Union County on April 13, Hayes told a crowd of about 100 that the real enemy was Jim Hunt, not the other candidates running for the Republican nomination. "The sunshine is in on (Hunt's) record," he said, calling for the governor's defeat. "No 4 percent tax on food and no fourth term for Governor Hunt."

Fellow candidates Vinroot and Rogers attended the Union County Stomp. Hayes called that type of event, where he visits with local Republicans and their families, routine campaign work.

In a Monday telephone interview, he declined to describe an "average" day on the campaign trail, saying there

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Robin Hayes talks to Earl Rountree at the Union County Republican "Stomp."

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Vinroot explained that if he is elected governor he wants to invite cooks from the best barbecue restaurants that he's found on the campaign trail to have monthly barbecues at the Governor's Mansion. Then, he said, he would determine the best barbecue in the state. Vinroot said he would call it, "the reverse pork administration."

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Richard Vinroot holds a campaign meeting at King's Barbeque in Kinston. Many stops on his campaign trail are held at restaurants, where Vinroot addresses the concerns of local party members.

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And if you find her poor, Ithaca won't have fooled you.

C.P. Kavafy