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## Dole brings campaign home to N.C.

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RALEIGH — Honesty, integrity and reliability were a few of the many words Elizabeth Dole used Thursday to describe her husband, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, in a speech for the John Locke Foundation.

Elizabeth Dole refused to remain behind the podium, bringing her speech directly to a mixed crowd of about 300 Republicans, Democrats and independents.

"I was a North Carolina Democrat, so I'm going to twist some arms to bring you all over today," Dole said. "I don't want to be partisan, but we only have 75 days, ladies and gentlemen, to win this election."

Dole focused on the struggles her husband had to overcome, such as growing up poor and injuring his right arm in World War II.

She said those experiences made him the person he is today by instilling love of God and family and belief in the rewards of hard work.

She said her husband would focus on these values to restore "personal responsibility to the citizens of the United States."

Dole explained how her husband's economic reform plan could strengthen families.

A stronger economy could allow two-parent families to survive on one income, so parents could spend more time with their children and do volunteer work, she said.

Dole also discussed her husband's plan for repealing taxes on Social Security benefits, getting rid of the Internal Revenue Service as we know it, flattening the tax code and balancing the budget.

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Campaigning for husband Bob Dole

American Red Cross, touched on social as well as economic issues. She accused the Clinton administration of being silent in the war on drugs and soft on criminals.

She also emphasized the importance of parental choice in primary education.

"It's only fair that low- and middle-income families have the same opportunities as the president's children," she said.

Giving political speeches is nothing new for Dole, who has always been more than just a "Washington wife."

She said that women have come a long way toward equality in Washington and in society since she graduated from Duke University Law School.

Shortly after graduation, she needed to attend a meeting at a club in Washington with a few attorneys from Cleveland, but was not allowed in because she was a woman.

She said that the security guard told her, "I don't care if you're name is Queen Elizabeth, you're not crossing that threshold."

Dole went on to become secretary of transportation during Ronald Reagan's presidency and secretary of labor during George Bush's administration. While



Elizabeth Dole spoke about the heart of the upcoming presidential election. She said the election would focus on vision and values.

holding the cabinet positions, Dole increased the number of women in high-paying government jobs within the two departments, she said.

Despite the improvements, Dole said society has yet to achieve total gender equality. "We still need to network and help younger women coming along."

## Hooker pleased with Housekeepers' offer

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Attorneys for the UNC Housekeepers Association said Chancellor Michael Hooker's response to their withdrawal of an earlier request for reparations to the heirs of black University employees seemed positive.

Hooker had previously called the settlement request, which was made last August, "excessive in the extreme."

"I appreciate the withdrawal of the proposal of \$1,000 cash payment to the designated heir of every African American who worked for UNC-CH from 1793 to 1960," and I am hopeful this matter can be resolved amicably prior to the hearing scheduled for late September," Hooker stated in a press release Thursday afternoon.

Housekeepers chairwoman Barbara Prear sent a letter to Hooker on Wednesday, informing him of the Housekeepers' decision.

Alan McSurely, an attorney for the Housekeepers, said the association met Saturday and decided to withdraw the request for reparations "because (Hooker) seemed to be so upset about that."

McSurely said Hooker's response gave the Housekeepers hope that the case might be resolved without going to trial.

"Apparently (the letter) gave the chancellor a little breathing room, and he responded positively," McSurely said. "We were pleased about that."

The Housekeepers have been embroiled in a legal battle with the University over working conditions and salaries since 1991. The association is set to present their case against UNC before an

administrative law judge Sept. 23. Hooker's statement also stressed his "strong commitment" to the Housekeepers and other University employees.

"When I first came to Carolina last July, I expressed my strong commitment to all of the employees of the University, and my particular concern for our housekeepers and other lowest-paid employees," he stated. "Since then, we have made significant improvements for these employees."

Hooker cited several improvements, including the reorganization of University housekeeping under the directorship of Barbara DeLon, the creation of new programs to improve housekeeper training and supervision and the University's push for salary improvements for all employees during the 1996 session of the General Assembly.

Hooker stated that he had sent the letter to the attorney general's office and that he expected the University to issue a formal response to their settlement proposal within two to three weeks.

Attorneys for the Housekeepers and the University will meet for a pretrial conference in Raleigh at 10 a.m. today.

McSurely said he planned to file a motion at the hearing to sanction statistics from the University. Attorneys for the Housekeepers have already asked for the statistics, which show how housekeepers are treated as opposed to other University employees, but UNC has refused to turn over the documents, McSurely said.

"There really is a different manner in the way the Housekeepers are managed, and we're trying to build some data on that."

## Gender gap continues to plague SAT

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

North Carolina students averaged a score of 976 on the Scholastic Assessment Test in 1996, the highest state score ever.

And although female students have narrowed the scoring gap between themselves and the boys, they still averaged 33 points less than male students in 1996.

"Men's scores have been higher on math since we've been keeping track of scores," said Fred Moreno, a spokesman for the College Board, the national organization that sponsors the SAT. Moreno said women tend to take fewer math and science classes, which directly improve SAT math scores.

North Carolina boys averaged 502 on the math section and 492 on the verbal section. Girls scored 472 on math and 489 on verbal. Nationwide, boys scored 527 on math and 507 on

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## Area students earn highest scores in state

Students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools earned the highest SAT scores in North Carolina, according to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

The average score for the school system was 1152, well above the national average of 1013.

Kim Hoke, public relations spokeswoman for the system, said the scores have been consistently high for the past few years. She attributed the high scores to the academic structure in the school system.

"We offer a wide range of academically challenging classes," Hoke said.

Black students in the school system improved their scores in the past year, Hoke said. Black scores in math improved from below state average last year to placing second in the state this year, she said.

Hoke attributed the rise in black students' scores to a strong focus on improving minority education. The Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Education of African-American Students was designed specifically to create strategies and goals to improve education for black students, she said.

Among other efforts, the Task Force implemented programs to encourage black students to enroll in SAT preparatory classes, Hoke said.

— Mary-Kathryn Craft

## The KING and I

of Elvis' 32 movies. He initially didn't even like Elvis' music.

Yet somehow, Elvis Presley has intrigued Williamson enough for him to spend the past five years researching and preparing not one, but two books on the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

"I didn't begin at all as a music fan," said

Williamson, Lineberger professor of the Humanities at UNC. "I just liked him for scholarly purposes."

Most recently, Williamson presented a paper titled "Elvis, Faulkner and Feminine Spirituality" at the Second Annual International Conference on Elvis Presley at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

But don't confuse this conference for "silly old Elvis stud-

ies," Williamson said.

"What really struck me (at the conference) is that Elvis has attracted deep scholarship from all different backgrounds — from psychologists and psychiatrists to musicologists and historians," Williamson said. "The conference was one of the most invigorating and exciting scholarly conferences I'd been to in my professional life."

Scholars at the conference presented papers on a spectrum of topics from "Elvis 'n' Jesus" to "Elvis Lives in Latin" to "Elvis Presley à la Japonaise."

The interdisciplinary aspect of studying Elvis can help lead to the discussion of broader issues, said John Kasson, a UNC professor of history who teaches a course on popular American

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## SATs and ABCs

How do Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' SAT scores stack up against the rest of the state and the nation?

Area	Math	Verbal	Total
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	578	574	1,152
North Carolina	486	490	976
National	508	505	1,013

SOURCE: N.C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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## Clinton: tobacco should be classified as addictive drug

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is about to reverse centuries of U.S. tobacco policy, declaring nicotine an addictive drug in hopes of preventing some 500,000 teenagers a year from starting to smoke.

Tobacco still will be less restricted than any other drug the government has labeled addictive. And even if the Food and Drug Administration's ambitious regulations work, it would be years before the nation saw a drop in the 400,000 annual deaths attributed to tobacco.

Still, "tobacco has been exempt from safety regulations that every other con-

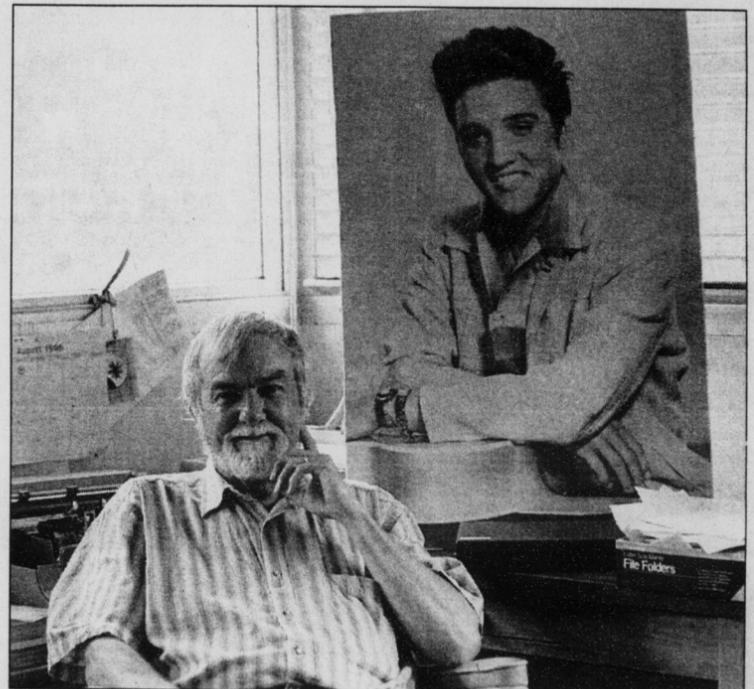
sumer product in the country has been subjected to," said University of California Professor Stanton Glantz, author of "The Cigarette Papers." "They're basically going from a privileged status to being treated more like everything else."

Clinton is expected on Friday to declare nicotine an addictive drug and unleash the FDA to regulate cigarettes and smokeless tobacco as devices that deliver nicotine.

The FDA aims, within seven years, to cut in half teenage smoking through far-reaching restrictions designed to snuff tobacco's appeal as sexy and fun, as well as its availability to minors.

But tobacco farmers in North Carolina are concerned that letting the FDA

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Joel Williamson, professor of history at UNC, was never really an Elvis fan, but has studied the life of the "King" for the past five years. Williamson argues that Elvis liberated the southern white woman with his music.

*Knowledge is power, if you know it about the right person*  
Ethel Watts Mumford