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Thursday: Cloudy; low 80s.

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## Faculty frustrated by cancellation of second class day

BY LEAH HANEY  
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Chancellor Michael Hooker's decision to cancel afternoon classes today to hold a campuswide cleanup upset many faculty members who already lost a class day to Hurricane Fran's destruction. Hooker announced Monday that classes would be canceled from noon until 7 p.m. today so students could help clear the debris left by the hurricane. "While we would impose a hardship on the Wednesday afternoon teachers, we felt that the extraordinary circumstances warranted it," Hooker said. "It

was an opportunity to rebuild community, which is important in a time of crisis." Many faculty members applauded Hooker's intention, but said the timing was inappropriate. Jane Brown, a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and chairwoman of the Faculty Council, said class time was too valuable for unexpected days off. "Our first mission is for teaching and learning," Brown said. "That's a priority, even in these conditions." The University has already lost one day of classes to Hurricane Fran, when

roads were off-limits, and the area was in a state of emergency. Friday's cancellation put many classes behind schedule, prompting faculty to question Hooker's decision to further delay them. "(The cancellation) was a wise decision for the wrong day," said George Rabinowitz, a professor in the Department of Political Science. "After Friday's loss, it is really quite disruptive to the classroom." Brown said in a letter to the editor that missing classes has upset her peers in the past. "Last year when we extended the class

cancellation period by one hour to allow for lunch after the Chancellor's inauguration ceremony, faculty called me to explain that even that one-hour change, announced a month in advance, disrupted their whole semester's lab and recitation sessions," she stated. "Because our classrooms are so heavily used, it was not possible to re-schedule sessions that students needed to successfully complete those courses." Classes that meet only on Wednesday will have lost one-fourteenth of their time together, Brown said. Stanley Chojnacki, a professor in the Department of History, said faculty

members should have had input in the decision. "It bothers me that faculty, the front-line soldiers, were not consulted," he said. Willis Brooks, professor of Russian history, suggested the cleanup could take place Saturday, when there were no classes and no football game. Hooker said the urgency of the situation did not allow time to get faculty input. Some faculty members applauded the decision. Patricia Pukkila, a professor in the Department of Biology, said she thought the circumstances gave merit to

calling off classes. "The decision showed a concern for the big picture," she said. Still other faculty were ambivalent or uninformed about the decision. Hooker said he designated Wednesday as the cleanup day so everyone could be adequately informed, but some still failed to hear the news. Hurricane Fran swept through the campus late Thursday night and early Friday morning, uprooting trees and downing power lines. UNC groundstaff worked during the weekend to clean the campus, but they hope to get the job finished sooner with student help.

## Landfill to take trash for free

■ Hurricane debris will be accepted by the Orange County Landfill for no fee.

BY KELLY GILBERT  
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Power is returning in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran, but area residents have another problem to tackle. The Chapel Hill Town Council, Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners have taken steps to aid residents in the removal of excess debris scattered throughout yards. The Orange Regional Landfill on Eubanks Road will receive yard waste at no charge until further notice in hopes of encouraging residents to haul their own debris, said a

**Yard debris collection hours**  
Weekdays,  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturdays,  
Noon to 4 p.m.  
Sundays,  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



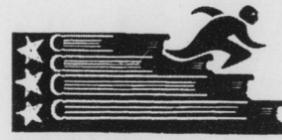
Although city officials promise to remove all storm debris, residents can dump their hurricane remnants at the county landfill — for free.

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## More and more college students 'just say yes' to drugs, alcohol

BY CHARLES HELLWIG  
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Beer cans fall out of overstuffed trash cans outside fraternity houses, the unmistakable smell of pot flows out of residence hall rooms late at night, 19-year-olds high on "X" dance the night away at local clubs. These scenes are happening more and more every weekend at colleges and universities all across America. After a 10-year decline in the '80s, illicit drug use has sprung back up. College students are no exception. A Chronicle of Higher Education survey reported that campus drug violations surged 34 percent in 1993. "Alcohol is the number one problem drug on campus, both here at UNC and nationwide," said Matthew Sullivan, coordinator of substance abuse programs at UNC Student Health Service. "Between 42 percent and 44 percent of college students are binge drinkers," Sullivan said, "which puts the students in imminent danger and compromises academic integrity." Binge drinking is defined as five or more alcoholic drinks per outing for men and four or more for women, he said. Alcohol has long been fashionable on college campuses, and the image of drunken students is familiar to moviegoers. Sullivan attributed much of the prob-



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lem to that perception. "Everybody feels that there must be alcohol at every social event, when the reality is that many students would prefer to go to alcohol-free events, but there aren't many," Sullivan said. "Changing that perception would help to solve the problem, and that's one of the things we're focusing on." Student Body President Aaron Nelson agreed this was an important part of decreasing student alcohol use. "The main thing we can do is to offer more social activities that do not include alcohol," Nelson said. Nelson said he believed freshmen especially faced this problem. "The pattern of bringing freshmen in and indoctrinating them with alcohol must be changed. Enforcement of the UNC Alcohol Policy is critical if we want to reduce the alcohol problem," he added. Alcohol laws have been toughened considerably, both nationally and locally, with positive results, said David Rehr, vice president of government affairs for

the National Beer Wholesalers of America. "Illegal underage drinking is down, and the trends show our campaigns to educate and enforce the laws have been succeeding," Rehr said. But alcohol isn't the only drug on campus. UNC Police Chief Donald Gold said reported drug and alcohol violations were up and that his office was responding accordingly. "We have had an increase in the number of complaints, especially in the residence halls," Gold said. "I don't know if use is growing or if the lack of tolerance by nonusers is increasing," Gold said. "It is the people who don't participate in illegal acts that are affected negatively and are reporting these acts," Gold said. "The tips are coming from members of these student communities." Officials at other schools agree. "There is a growing gap separating the attitudes of those who use drugs and those who don't," said Dwight Douglas, vice president for student affairs at the University of Georgia. Opinions vary as to why drug use declined during the '80s, but signs point to strong negative public reaction to the deaths of celebrities like Len Bias, John Belushi and River Phoenix. These drug-induced fatalities coincided with govern-

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## Insko's selection raises questions about recess

BY EMILY HOWELL  
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The audience grumbled Monday night when Democratic executive committee members pushed their chairs together to discuss who they would pick to replace state Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange, on the 24th Congressional District ballot. Billie Cox, 4th Congressional District Democratic Party chairwoman, called a recess when committee members voted twice without reaching a majority decision concerning which prospective candidate would best represent the party. Barnes stepped out of the race last Tuesday for undisclosed personal reasons. Five local Democrats applied to take her place and campaign with Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, for the two district seats. Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey led the other potential candidates but did not have a majority. After the 10-minute break, the committee voted Verla Insko onto the ballot. The recess surprised many in the audience who asked about the legitimacy of calling such a break during an open meeting. However, people involved in the selection process were unsure about the

legality of discussion during recess. "I was told that the recess was legal both under the Democratic party plans and N.C. statutes for public meetings," committee member S.A.M. Brooks said. Gail Nardi, N.C. Democratic Party communications director, said the party plan stated who was responsible for establishing a selection committee, but Nardi was unsure of other issues in the plan, including the legality of specifically calling recesses for discussion. Insko said she would not classify the break as an illegal recess and said she thought there was nothing wrong with it. "(The committee was) simply talking in conversational tones," she said. "I'm sure if someone had gone up there to hear what they were saying, they would have had no problem with what was said." According to state Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, there has not been a similar meeting since 1982, when Barnes was selected to run in the 24th District House seat race. He said he was also unsure about the issue of calling a recess. "I don't know about that," he said. "I thought the meeting was about as open as you could get."

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### Opportunity knocks twice

The Daily Tar Heel has decided to extend the deadline for the Joanna Howell Memorial fund award until this Friday due to the inclement weather last week. Applications can still be picked up in Suite 104 of the Student Union. Applications already turned in will still be considered.

We are also looking for two students to serve on the DTH Board of Directors. The board meets monthly to discuss pertinent issues related to the management of the DTH. Contact DTH General Manager Kevin Schwartz at 962-2540 for more information.

## Mayor: Chapel Hill no longer in state of emergency

■ Chapel Hill's state of emergency was lifted after four and one-half days.

BY ANGELA MOORE  
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After four and one-half days, Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf partially lifted the town's state of emergency at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Waldorf declared the state of emergency Friday due to damage, power outages and the threat of water contamination after Hurricane Fran whipped through Chapel Hill, leaving a wake of destruction in its path. A press release from the town offices stated that the state of emergency is still in effect in certain areas and conditions: ■ At all times of day in areas where emergency crews are working to restore power, telephone or other utility service or are working to remove trees.

■ At all times of day in areas where streets are fully or partially blocked by fallen trees, damaged utility lines or poles. ■ From dusk until dawn in areas where electricity is not restored. A state of emergency means that residents should only leave their homes for food or medical care and eliminate all unnecessary travel. Town officials also advise residents to listen to police officers or firefighters working in their area. As of Tuesday afternoon all but six intersections in Chapel Hill had working

traffic lights. "Drivers approaching an intersection without signs or working traffic signals are requested to stop and proceed with caution as if the intersection had a 4-way stop requirement," the town's press release stated. The Building Inspection Department reported four homes near Airport Road, Homestead Road and Culbreth Road were destroyed by hurricane damage, 391 homes in Chapel Hill had major damage and 222 homes had minor damage.

## Habitat adds humanity to Chapel Hill



Part two of a five-part series

BY KATE HARRISON  
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Anne Mason never thought she would own a home in Chapel Hill. But next May, with the help of Habitat for Humanity, she and her 6-year-old son will move out of their mouse-infested trailer and into a three-bedroom home.

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Habitat for Humanity homes cost about \$45,000, take four to six months to build and are about 1050 square feet. Habitat plans to build nine houses in the Chapel Hill area this year.

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What we need are new clichés.

Samuel Goldwyn