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The Chapel Hill Service League is busy gathering donations for the annual Christmas House. *Page 6*

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Gov. Jim Hunt and challenger Robin Hayes spar in their only face-to-face debate. *Page 7*

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy, high 70s.
Tuesday: sunny, high 60s.

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Spring referendum on SBP power turned down by Student Congress

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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Student Congress members seeking to change the roles of executive branch officers in the legislative process could not muster enough votes at last week's Student Congress meeting for a student body referendum on the subject.

The proposed referendum would allow students to vote on whether to remove some of the constitutional powers of the student body president and the student body treasurer. But a bill to place the referendum on the ballot in the February elections failed by a vote of 11-11.

Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4, sponsored the bill and said he was frustrated that more members of Student Congress did not support the bill.

"I am outraged at the pompous elitism of my colleagues who think they know better than their constituents," Kennedy said.

Rep. James Hoffman, Dist. 15, said it was especially disappointing to see Student Congress take the power to decide

Members only

Several members of Student Congress recently proposed a referendum to remove certain legislative powers granted to executive branch officers. A bill to place the referendum on February ballots failed last week.

- The Student Body President is classified as a "nonvoting ex officio member of Student Congress," according to the Student Code.
- The Student Body Treasurer is a nonvoting ex officio member of the Finance Committee and a financial adviser to Student Congress.
- Both officers may submit legislation to Student Congress by virtue of the offices.
- The proposed referendum would remove all ex officio memberships, while allowing the Student Body President and Student Body Treasurer to continue to submit legislation. The Student Body Treasurer would still act as a financial adviser.

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out of students' hands.

"As far as I know, a referendum is the most democratic thing we do," he said.

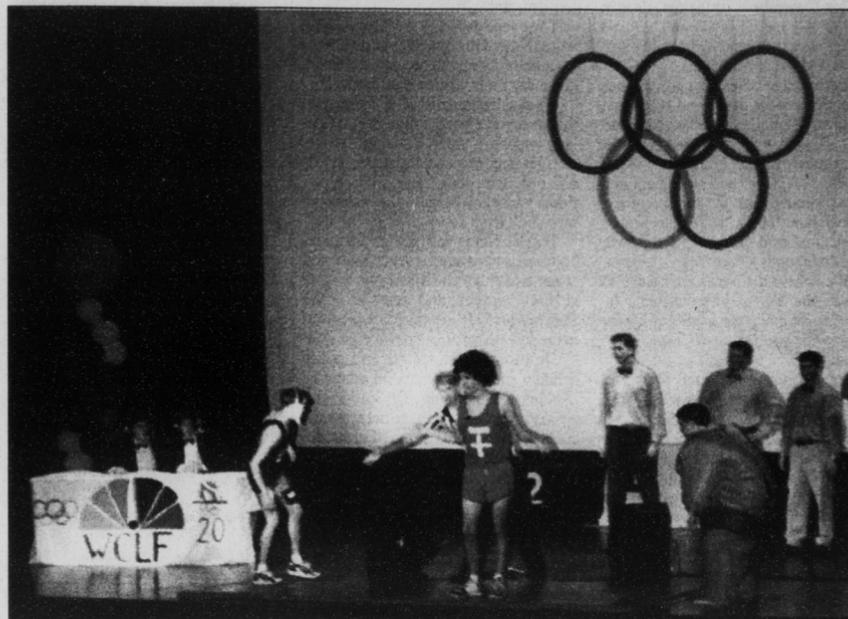
But Rep. Josh Cohen-Peyrot, Dist. 16, said he felt much of the student body president's contribution in Student Congress would not be understood by students who did not attend Student Congress meetings on a regular basis. Be-

cause of that, he said, students could not make an informed decision on how much power the student body president should have in Student Congress.

"It's not that (my constituents) are ignorant," he said. "It's that they don't have access to a lot of important informa-

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SINGING FOR THE GOLD



DTH/BRAD SMITH

The UNC Clef Hangers performed their 20th annual Fall Concert at Memorial Hall on Friday night. This year's theme was "The Olympics," intermingling Olympic-oriented skits with songs. See review, page 5.

UNC professors lean toward political left

BY TONY MECIA
STAFF WRITER

In the middle of an economics lecture at the University of Texas at Austin last year, Professor Dan Morgan decided to liven up his class.

Discussing the federal deficit, Morgan called Ronald Reagan a "son of a bitch" and referred to Reagan and George Bush as "real villains."



According to Campus Report, a national publication that chronicles incidents of political bias in college classrooms.

After a Republican student in the class complained, Morgan toned down his rhetoric and revealed to the class that he was a staunch Democrat who was very politically active.

The extent to which faculty at UNC present their personal opinions in class is

an open question. But if politics are entering University classrooms, Board of Elections records indicate it's coming predominantly from one side of the political spectrum.

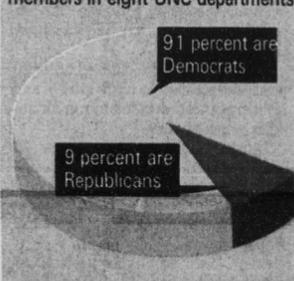
In eight departments at UNC, 91 percent of professors who are registered with a major political party are Democrats. Nine percent are Republicans. The disparity raises questions about the uniformity of ideas presented in University classrooms, though many professors say it's not a problem.

Studies of election records at individual colleges found similar results to those at UNC. Democrats outnumber Republicans by ratios of 20-to-1 at Cornell University, 12-to-1 at Dartmouth College, 11-to-1 at Stanford University and 6-to-1 at Duke University, according to student newspapers at those schools.

"With all the talk about diversity on campus, there would seem to be little on the part of the professoriate," said Glenn

The party line

The party affiliations of 223 faculty members in eight UNC departments



SOURCE: BOARD OF ELECTIONS, ORANGE AND DURHAM COUNTIES

Departmental breakdown

	Dem.	Rep.
Chemistry	18	4
Economics	19	4
English	40	2
History	46	1
Journalism	23	2
Mathematics	18	2
Political Sci.	23	2
Public Policy	17	2

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Ricketts, of the National Association of Scholars, a Princeton, N.J., organization of 4,000 traditional and conservative university professors.

The Daily Tar Heel searched Board of Elections records in Orange and Durham counties for the names of 295 professors in chemistry, economics, English, history, journalism, mathematics, political science and public policy. A person's party affiliation is public record.

The search yielded 204 Democrats, 19

Republicans and 25 unaffiliated voters. Forty-seven names were not registered. Those not registered might live outside of Orange or Durham counties or be registered under names different than those listed in the 1996-97 Undergraduate Bulletin. Emeritus professors were excluded.

The departments with the greatest disparities were history, English, political science, journalism and mathematics,

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Effects of construction lost on outside workers

BY LEAH HANEY
STAFF WRITER

The University Grounds Department was forced to reroute drainage pipes at the Navy ROTC building last week after contracted workers left the pipes above ground, highlighting what some see as a problem with contracted workers.

Last year, outside construction companies were contracted to renovate the interior of the building. UNC grounds officials would not name the companies.

In addition to the drainage problem, the company cut around the root system of a 70-year-old tree while performing excavation work at the building.

The tree had sustained no visible damage when the construction company finished, but groundskeepers cut it down this summer because it could not survive the root damage.

Tom Sudderth, landscaping supervisor at the Navy ROTC building, said this was just one example of the ongoing

battle with construction. He said there had been other times when outside contractors had damaged tree root systems in their efforts to do their job. He said one problem was outside contractors did not see long-term effects of their work.

"Whenever you have an outside contractor, you're going to lose some care; it's the nature of the game," Sudderth said. "We'll be here for many years to come while the outside contractor will be here a few days, and he'll be gone. University personnel take a lot of pride and a lot of care."

But some groundskeepers said the problem was with the contracts rather than the contractors.

Kirk Pelland, University forester, said the construction company did nothing wrong, but oversights in the contract left problems that UNC groundskeepers had to fix.

Pelland said the problem lay with education. SEE CONSTRUCTION, PAGE 7

Black lawyers want probe of CIA drug link

■ Allegations have surfaced that claim the CIA helped bring crack to inner cities.

BY LEANN SPRADLING
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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — The nation's largest association of black attorneys demanded Friday that the investigation be stepped up into allegations linking the CIA to the introduction of crack cocaine into black communities.

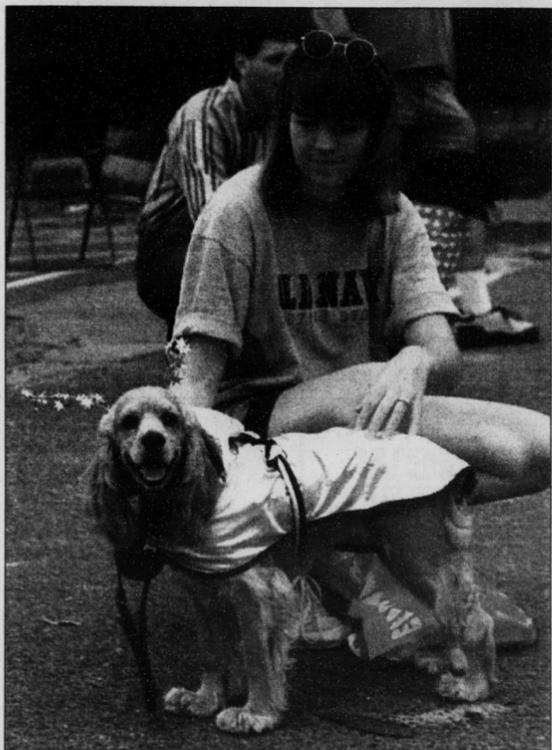
The attorneys contend that Nicaraguan Contra operatives sold cocaine in black communities and used the funds to buy weapons with CIA knowledge or approval.

The CIA and the Department of Justice are currently investigating the allegations, published in a late-August series in The San José Mercury News. However, U. Lawrence Bozé, president of the 17,000-member National Bar Association, said that wasn't enough.

"We do not feel that the CIA can police itself," Bozé said Friday at a press conference at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel. "We feel that the U.S. government

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE CANINE KIND



DTH/MISTI MCDANIEL

Kay Harvey prepares her dog, Sandy the Spacedog, for Saturday's Animal Protection Society Pooch Parade in Carrboro. See story, page 6.

BCC members strive to teach different races about African-American experiences, culture

BY DANA SPANGLER
STAFF WRITER

While the endeavors of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center focus on the black experience, supporters say a free-standing center will benefit all races.

"The BCC is an academic center designed to educate the wider community about the unique experience of peoples of African descent," BCC Director Gerald Horne said.

Students asked about the goals and purpose of the BCC agreed the center is primarily a place for education.

"The BCC is a place where black people can find their own personal identity; a place where anyone can go and learn about culture," said Andrea Wolfson, a freshman from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Myrvine Bernadotte, a junior from Elmont, N.Y. who attends some BCC programs said, "The BCC is a center which tries to enhance and celebrate African-American culture."

Some students passing in front of the center last week said they realized the programming was for all cultures, but did not make it a priority to attend. Of the nearly 20 students randomly asked about the center, none said they attended programming.

Jessica Leonhardt, a junior from Fallston, said she recognized the center's educational value but did not attend pro-

grams. "I think the programs they have now would be beneficial to everyone, but I have never really thought about going," she said. "I have some friends that attend, but we have never discussed me going."

While other students said they knew nothing about the center's programming, Horne said he did not believe this was a major problem. "I don't agree that undergrads are unaware of our existence," he said, referring to past programs that attracted packed houses.

Horne said some students might be uncomfortable with the idea of the BCC because of racial tension in the past.

"Because of the difficult and tortured history of this nation, some in the nation's majority do not feel comfortable in the presence of those who compromise the nation's largest racial minority," he said. Suggestions on how the center can bridge that gap are welcomed, he said.

Some feel the gap will actually be widened by the planned free-standing building. The BCC has been housed in the Student Union since its establish-

ment and will be moved to a Coker Woods site when enough funds are raised.

In 1993, former trustee John Pope placed an advertisement in the Chapel Hill News opposing a free-standing BCC because he felt it create segregation.

Some student groups have also attacked the idea of a free-standing center as separatist. Others deny the building will create racial separatism.

"Some people now see the BCC as a black student union, but I don't see how a center for multiculturalism could segregate the races more," said Jacob Bonenberger, a continuing studies student from Greensboro.

Bernadotte said, "A building cannot separate the races, only a individual's mentality."

With \$4.4 million left to raise toward a \$7.5 million goal, fund raising for a planned free-standing building is also important for the BCC. Horne said BCC administrators had approached several possible donors. "We have a number of lines in the water that we hope will lead to the 'big fish' being landed. Stay tuned."

Tell us what you think

The Daily Tar Heel will be sponsoring a focus group discussion at 6 p.m. Wednesday. We want about 12 average readers, preferably ones who pick up a paper every day, to talk about ways in which we can better serve the

community. Any interested readers should come by the DTH office, Suite 104 of the Student Union, and sign up. Questions should be directed to Staff Development Director Robin Berholz at 962-0245.

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper.

Robert Frost