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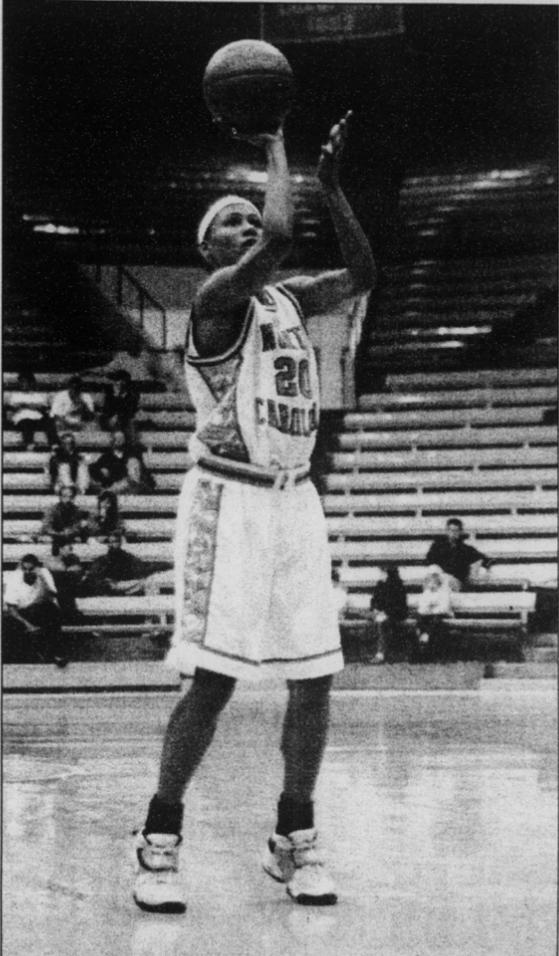


Look both ways
The Chapel Hill Town Council voted to place pedestrian signs on South Road. *Page 7*

Today's Weather
Mostly sunny; mid 40s.
Thursday: Sunny; mid 40s.

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SHE'S BACK ...



Tar Heel guard Marion Jones returned to the Carmichael court Tuesday night after redshirting her junior year. She scored 14 points (including 4 of 6 foul shots) in UNC's opening exhibition. **See story, Page 9.**

Greeks will not foot sprinkler bills

BY JULIA WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Although the Chapel Hill Town Council passed an ordinance Monday mandating that all fraternity and sorority houses install sprinkler systems within five years, Greek members will not bear the brunt of the cost.

Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder said the responsibility for the funding would rest with corporations that own the houses, not with the undergraduates. "This is a house corporation and alumni issue, not an undergraduate issue," he said.

Binder said the four fraternities that had already installed the systems had reported costs of between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He said the costs would be taken

care of largely by loans and donations.

Chad McIntyre, vice president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, said his fraternity would need help with the costs.

"The whole structural addition will be tough, and we will need help from alumni," he said.

"There's no way the undergraduate brothers could handle something of that magnitude," he said. "I'm sure it's inevitable to have a small increase in dues."



Director of Greek Affairs **RON BINDER** said loans and donations would pay for sprinkler systems.

Kelly Walton, president of Delta Delta Delta sorority, said the installation of sprinklers would be particularly difficult for her sorority.

"Our house is very old, and it will be a real challenge for our housing corporation, but I think they can do it," she said. "Right now it rests more on their shoulders than on ours."

Several organizations said they had already begun plans for fire safety improvements before the ordinance was passed.

Anthony Barwick, a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, said his fraternity had already begun raising funds for a sprinkler system.

"Currently we're doing a capital fundraising campaign for complete renovations, and sprinklers would be included

in that," he said.

Despite the costs of installation, many said the sprinkler requirement was a positive step in preventing future fires.

Binder said he was delighted the council had passed a requirement. "We think it will result in some of the safest fraternity and sorority houses in the nation," he said.

Not everyone, however, was pleased with the ordinance. A fraternity member who did not want to be identified said he thought the requirement was a very reactionary move.

"I think it's just a political move by the Town Council in the wake of the Phi Gamma Delta tragedy," he said.

"Where were they a year ago on the issue of fire safety? They saw a political opportunity and jumped on it."

Board could ban smoking in residence halls

■ Currently, students are allowed to smoke only in their residence hall rooms.

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

The Housing Advisory Board will discuss Thursday the possibility of banning smoking in residence hall rooms and apartments, the only indoor campus areas exempt from UNC's smoking ban.

Latoya Porterfield, president of the Residence Hall Association, said the association would present its findings from a series of forums held to get residents' feedback on the possible ban at the board's meeting.

Porterfield said the final three forums were scheduled for this week, so she had

no official results of residents' opinions on a ban.

"But I would say it's leaning toward not having smoking in the rooms because the majority of people who smoke don't do it in their rooms," Porterfield said.

The forum discussions raised several questions, such as whether balconies on South Campus residence halls would be included in the ban, what to do about smokers who might congregate at residence hall entrances or porches and whether the ban would affect the number of students wanting to live on campus.

Wayne Kuncl, director of housing, said the board might also consider whether Odum Village Family Student Housing would be included in the ban. "We may have to have a differential policy for the apartments," he said.

If a ban sends more students outside to

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TIM KELSEY
Junior, Cary

smoke, the University might have to deal with increased litter around the residence halls, Porterfield said.

"We'd probably have to provide ashtrays outside the dorms for cigarette butts," she said. "But we'll brainstorm on ways to deal with these things at the meeting."

Kuncl said the board might give a recommendation on the ban at Thursday's meeting, but a final decision would not be made.

Junior Tim Kelsey from Cary said he disagreed with a smoking ban. "Your dorm room is your private area, so you should be able to do what you want," he said. "Besides, it's too cold to have to always go outside and smoke."

Ned Johnson, a sophomore from Charlotte, said the residence halls should have designated smoking floors or lounges to accommodate smokers without bothering nonsmokers.

But Monique Hennagan, a junior from Columbia, S.C., said smokers should have to go outside, so they do not bother other residents.

"The smoke doesn't stay in the room," she said. "Every time I go in the suite I'm coughing."

Students ask for advisory role in BOT

■ Student leaders think a committee will improve relations with the trustees.

BY JON WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Student government has drawn up a proposal to get students more involved with the University's trustees by forming a Student Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said the proposal had only circulated through the executive branch, but said he would present it to BOT Chairman Billy Armfield, the administration and other members of student government by the next BOT meeting Nov. 22.

"This would allow students a greater opportunity to get to know the BOT," Nelson said. "I was frustrated that students didn't know who members of the board were."

The proposal, which is still in its draft stage, states the purpose of the committee is to build a relationship between students and trustees, Student Body Vice President Lindsay-Rae McIntyre said.

"(The advisory committee) would let them build a rapport with one another," she said. "Ideally, it will serve as a formal setting that will allow a relationship to build between the board and (students)."

Besides helping to strengthen the bond between students and trustees, the committee would have several other benefits, **SEE STUDENT ADVISORY, PAGE 5**



Student Body President **AARON NELSON** said the board would increase student-trustee discourse.

An uncertain future

In a state where agriculture ranks as big business, farmers are answering concerns of politicians more than ever.

This is the first of a three-part series.

BY ANDREW PARK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

When Whitley Stephenson was a boy, all he needed to feed his father's pigs was a couple of 50-gallon buckets. As another boy ran into the field using one empty bucket as a decoy, he doled out the grain from the other while the swine weren't looking.

Times certainly have changed. Today, Stephenson uses a high-tech automated system that mechanically funnels feed to the thousands of hogs who live in crowded barns on his Johnston County farm.

Stephenson represents the many contradictions facing North Carolina as it struggles to deal with the problems of modern farming.

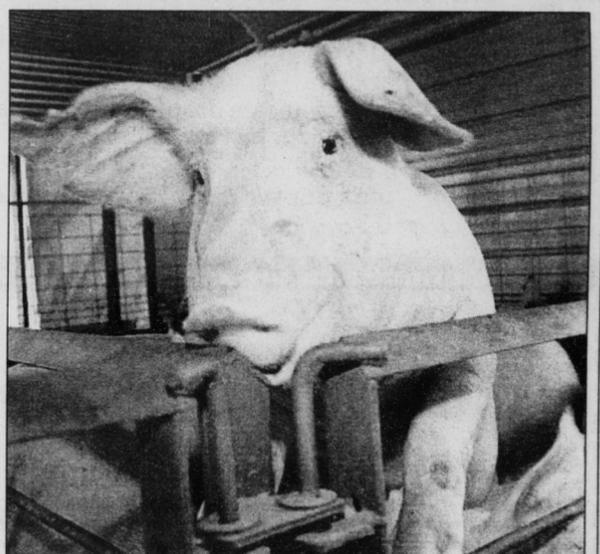
He is young, smart and ambitious, a model citizen in the agricultural community who leads a booming industry that has brought jobs and growth to rural areas.

This year, North Carolina farmers, now second only to Iowa in pork production, took 13 million hogs to market and earned about \$1.5 billion. One industry group says hog farmers paid \$60 million in taxes in 1995.

But at the same time, the fast-growing industry Stephenson represents is a top concern of politicians who want to quell fears that hog farms are polluting the air and water of eastern North Carolina.

His neighbors who grow tobacco are even less popular. According to some critics, they are farmers of a dangerous and addictive drug. But tobacco remains the most lucrative crop a North Carolina farmer can grow. At this year's markets, the golden leaf fetched higher prices than ever.

One week after the 1996 elections, these conflicting trends spell uncertainty for farmers. They con-



North Carolina farmers sold 13 million hogs valued at \$1.5 billion this year, making the state second only to Iowa in pork production nationwide.

tinue to wonder what the future holds for their beleaguered industries, which have been under fire recently from some powerful politicians.

In August, President Bill Clinton asked the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco as an addictive drug and place harsh restrictions on cigarette advertising and marketing. Included in the proposals were bans on colorful cigarette ads in magazines read by teenagers and sponsorship of sporting events by tobacco companies.

Clinton tailored his actions as part of a broader attack on teen smoking, but many North Carolina politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, saw them as assaults on tobacco growers. Gov.

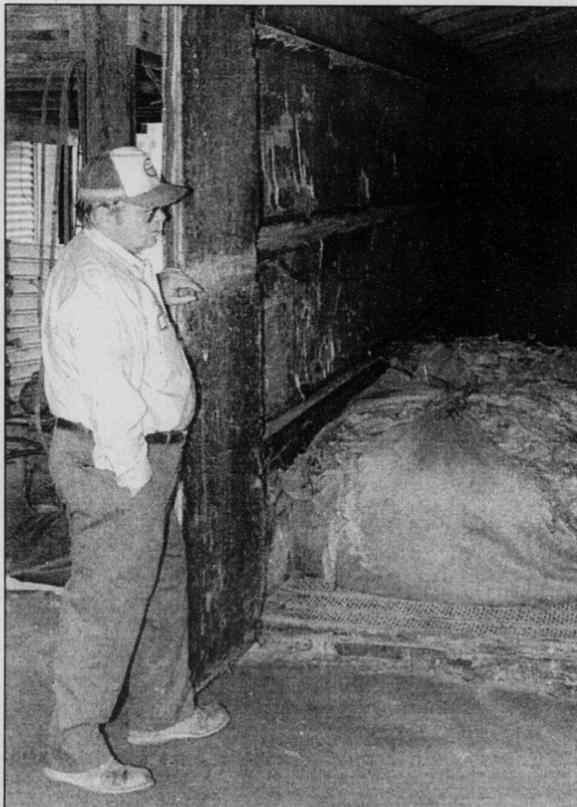
Jim Hunt vowed to oppose the restrictions and take the FDA to court.

"The publicity and trying to give tobacco farmers a bad name and make smokers second-class citizens doesn't sit too well with those of us involved in the industry," said Larry Rogers, who grows tobacco on 105 acres in northern Orange County.

But the issue appeared to have little effect on voters, one observer said. Last Tuesday, Clinton lost North Carolina's electoral votes but won the presidency.

"The tobacco question spun positively in other states but not in North Carolina," said Thad Beyle, UNC professor of political science. "Although I'm not sure Clinton

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Tobacco sold at a record price this fall, but grower Larry Rogers had two "sheets" left over that now sit in a barn on his Orange County farm.

Winter is reality, summer is illusion.

Toivo Pekkanen