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YEAR IN REVIEW



Political survival skills
Alderman Alex Zaffron survived a recall election because of a DWI. *Page 2*



Remembering Ramses XXVI
The UNC mascot was murdered in Orange County in February. *Page 3*



Million dollar man
UNC alumnus Michael Jordan made a \$1 million donation to the University in October. *Page 5*

Today's Weather
Chance of rain; mid 60s.
Tuesday: Sunny; low 60s.

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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS



UNC tight end Freddie Jones' touchdown catch helped UNC beat Georgia Tech en route to a 10-2 season. The Tar Heels rose as high as No. 6 in The Associated Press poll and won the Gator Bowl. *See story, page 7.*

Families, friends remember Phi Gamma Delta fire victims

BY MARVA HINTON
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

MAY 23 — Every Mother's Day, one woman will remember the lesson she learned about compassion and parenting from the families of victims killed in the recent Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire.

Alicia Stanford, a member of the Chapel Hill Police Department, counseled three of the families after the fire as part of her job in the crisis and intervention department.

Stanford, who has a 2-year-old daughter, said the victims' mothers had taught her a lot. In the middle of sorrow, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Woodruff took the time to ask Stanford whether she had any children.

"It's real clear to me the compassion they have," Stanford said. "I will think of them every Mother's Day."

Stanford and more than 400 other people came together Monday at the Carolina Inn to think about their friends or family members killed in the fraternity fire May 12.

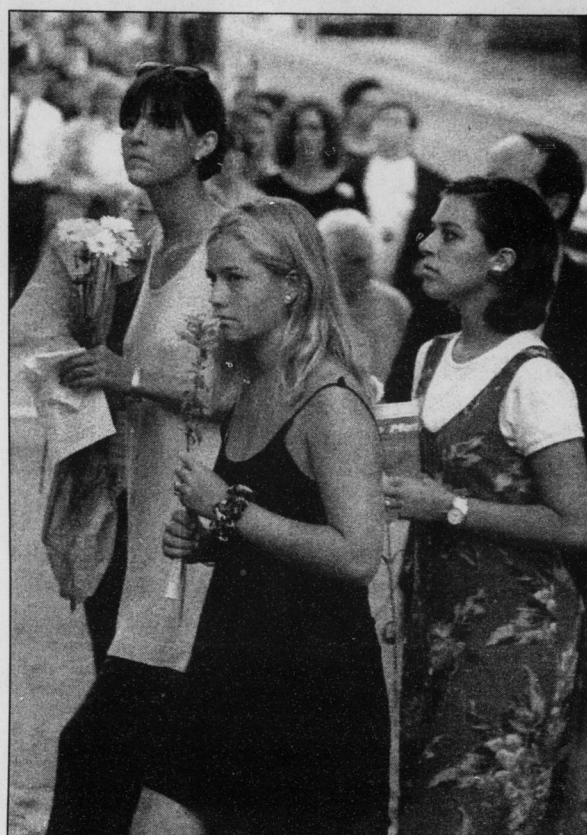
After a brief introduction, microphones were opened to anyone who wanted to share stories about Joanna Kristine Howell, Anne McBride Smith, Mark Briggs Strickland, Robert Joshua Weaver and Benjamin Watson Woodruff.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson began the memories by revealing that he and Howell had tried out — unsuccessfully — for junior varsity cheerleading. "She was always smiling and really happy," Nelson said.

A friend of the Woodruff's said he would never forget the way Woodruff saved a friend from drowning.

Smith's friends described her as someone who truly cared about her friends and family.

Emily Cole said she and Smith spent a lot of time together. "Through every-



Students waited in line to place flowers in front of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house in memory of the five students killed there May 12.

thing she could find the good parts," Cole said.

Crissy Engle, a member of the swim

team Weaver coached, said Weaver was more than a coach. "He was really easy to talk to," Engle said.

Hurricane devastates area, state

■ Seventeen people died when Hurricane Fran blew through North Carolina on Sept. 6.

BY TODD DARLING
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SEPT. 9 — On Sept. 6 Hurricane Fran stormed from the N.C. Coast to the Triangle, packing sustained winds of more than 100 mph, destroying houses and leaving 17 dead.

The State Emergency Response Team worked to rebuild the damage the powerful storm caused.

"The damage is very widespread over 34 counties," SERT Public Information Officer Tom Ditt said.

Ditt said he was optimistic about the
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Trees blown over by Hurricane Fran's devastating winds crushed buildings and cars across the state, including this station wagon parked outside Cobb Residence Hall. Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians were without power.

Agreement could end Housekeepers' lawsuit

BY JOHN SWEENEY
SENIOR WRITER

NOV. 27 — UNC administrators and leaders of the UNC Housekeepers' Association signed an agreement Nov. 26 that could mark the end of the 5 1/2-year-old discrimination suit filed by the housekeepers against the University.

The settlement proposal, developed by mediator Jonathan Harkavy, a Greensboro lawyer, includes plans for retroactive salary increases, career training programs and regular meetings between the housekeepers and University officials among other things.

Employees of the housekeeping services department met Friday night in Hill Hall

to discuss the proposal and overwhelmingly approved it by a vote of 212-1, with two abstentions.

"We believe this settlement underscores the University's exceptionally strong commitment to making conditions on the job better for housekeepers and other employees at the lowest salary grades," Chancellor Michael Hooker stated in a press release.

Housekeepers attorney Alan McSurely agreed.

"This is a real step toward collectively solving the problems of the housekeepers," McSurely said.

Most of the initiatives listed in the proposal will go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 1997, and continue through at

least 1999. About 340 housekeepers will share \$121,000 — anywhere from \$200 to \$600 each depending upon years of service to the University.

A new program, titled the New Careers Training Program, will help housekeepers and other University employees by allowing them to overcome the social and economic forces working against them, McSurely said. But McSurely said the real selling point in the agreement was the regular meetings between University administrators and housekeepers' leaders.

"What we believe was offered in this agreement was more than Judge Becton could have given us."

The agreement must still be approved by Becton, who has overseen the case since 1993.

If she approves the agreement, the housekeepers have agreed to decertification and dismissal of their class-action lawsuit.

Despite that, McSurely said he thought the agreement marked the end of only one phase of the housekeepers' struggle.

"(The agreement) will go almost until the year 2000, and maybe by then it will give the University some guidance on how to treat the 28 percent of the state's population that up until a few years ago couldn't set foot on this campus."

Welcome back

As you return to Chapel Hill from break, take a look at what happened during the last year in today's Year-In-Review issue.

The Daily Tar Heel begins regular publication with Tuesday's paper.

We are also looking for fresh faces for our staff. Applications are due Jan. 17 and can be picked up at the DTH office.

New UNC-system president must be all things to all people

BY LEANN SPRADLING
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NOV. 11 — Help wanted: Must have honor, integrity and an understanding of North Carolina. Must be accessible to faculty, staff and students. Above all, must retain a sense of humor.

The Board of Governors is seeking a new UNC-system president, who should be a good mix of each of these qualities, according to a report released

by the Leadership Statement Committee. Other qualities include a passion for higher education, ability to deal constructively with conflict, and commitment to maintain affirmative action efforts and low tuition costs.

"Essentially, we're looking for God on a good day," said John Dervin, Association of Student Governments President and nonvoting BOG member.

The committee held seven public forums around the state. John

Garwood, co-chairman of the committee, said about 30 people showed up at each one, including professors, students, staff and others.

"There were not as many business people as I would have liked to have seen," Garwood said.

Fort said differences arose between those who believed the new president should have higher education experience, and those who did not.

Garwood said, "It seems to me that

the ability to get along with people and to represent the University in all segments of the population, not excluding the legislature, is important."

All 21 committee members participated in a two-hour conference call to hammer out the final language.

"I am pretty well satisfied with what we have," Garwood said.

Friday, the BOG also approved a \$150,000 budget for the Presidential Search committee.

Things are always darkest just before they go pitch black.
from "I Spy"