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Today's Weather

Partly cloudy; high 40s. Weekend: Sunny, low 40s.

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Suspended law professor appeals for open hearing

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A faculty panel will decide whether suspended UNC law Professor Barry Nakell will be fired or regain his teaching position in a hearing Saturday. Nakell was suspended in October by Chancellor Michael Hooker after being charged with a misdemeanor for shoplifting \$36 worth of food and a restaurant guide from A Southern Season located in the Eastgate Shopping Center. He was previously convicted in 1991 of stealing a book from a Carrboro bookstore. Nakell and his lawyer Dan Pollitt are asking that the hearing be opened to the public. The five-person panel, comprised of law school personnel, will make a decision about the request at the beginning of the 11 a.m. hearing.

"Unless the hearing is open, there's going to be an incomplete report, and it will be distorted," Pollitt said. "If the hearing is open, there's a greater chance of accuracy. We think this is a very significant issue not only for Barry Nakell but for all professors everywhere." Pollitt, who is also a Kenan professor emeritus at the UNC School of Law, said Nakell's record, which includes having argued four cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, proved he was a true scholar and a public servant. But Pollitt said psychiatrists had diagnosed Nakell with a dyschymic disorder, a type of depressive neurosis resulting from stress, for which he is being treated. "I think it's terrible to fire someone with a splendid record spread over 27 years for a mental aberration," Pollitt said. He said Nakell had been responding very well to treatment.

UNC law students responded to the upcoming hearing with mixed feelings. "If he truly has a disorder of some sort where he can't control his behavior, I'd be more sympathetic to his case," said John Jackson, a first-year law student. "But even if he were reinstated I'd have second thoughts about registering for his class." Beth Posner, a third-year law student, said it was illogical for a man of Nakell's standing to steal unless there was a mental illness involved. "Law is not just about rules, it's also about compassion," she said. "It is only right to give Professor Nakell a chance to prove he is worthy of getting his job back." Pollitt said he believed the panel would be fair in their judgment. "I have great respect for my colleagues on that committee," he said. "I think (the hearing) will be fair open or not open."

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY



As raindrops covered campus this week, students traipsed to class with umbrellas in full force. The wet weather should let up for the weekend, though.

Spinning UNC's web

BY JESSICA BANOV
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If Judy Hallman had her way, everyone on campus and across the state would have access to computers and, more importantly, the tools a computer can offer. After 30 years of service to the University, which she celebrated Monday, the campus webmaster has seen the evolution of campuswide information services from the first computer on campus to the current advent of the Internet. This transition translates to more possibilities for communicating in and out of the University and more potential for Hallman's vision to take place. Hallman coordinates the University's web site and serves as executive director of RTPnet, a volunteer-based, public information center on the Internet. As a webmaster, Hallman makes sure the daily content, design and technical applications of www.unc.edu are in order and develops the policies of the University's web presence. Maintaining a complex site such as UNC's requires the webmaster to have a vision for how the site can best serve the University, said Ryan Thornburg, publisher of the online newspaper The Fifth Estate. "Every department on campus has a new page springing up," Thornburg said. "Hallman has to keep it cohesive. She is like the shepherd of UNC's web site."



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ILLUSTRATION BY PHILIP MOLARO
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Judy Hallman, campus webmaster, maintains UNC's web site and coordinates RTPnet, a community information web site that encourages Internet access.

Unexpected closing confuses employees

■ The New Orleans Cookery's owner has not been seen since last week.

BY STACEY TURNAGE
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New Orleans Cookery, located at 220 W. Rosemary St., suddenly closed its doors, leaving its employees with unanswered questions and no pay for the month of December. Steve Dominick, former owner of the restaurant, has not been able to be located since early last week, employees said. Ken Filer, former manager of the restaurant, said he did not know what presently was going on at the restaurant. Filer said the restaurant may be operational, but it would be run by a new owner. He said he could not speak about the whereabouts of Dominick or any implications against the former owner.

Stacie Kent, a former employee, said things had been bad at the restaurant since the beginning of November. "Some employee's checks bounced last month," she said. Kent said when she arrived at the restaurant Sunday there was a sign on the door stating the owner could not be located and the restaurant had been closed since Saturday night. Kent said she, along with the other employees, would not receive their paycheck from the last month-long pay-period. "I find this whole situation very distressing for everyone involved, with of course the exception of Steve Dominick," she said. Jiffer Bourguignon, a former employee, said she saw a sign on the restaurant's back door stating it would reopen Jan. 14. "I can't imagine (it reopening)," she said. "There was no one in the building yesterday." Kent said she planned to file a complaint with the N.C. Department of Labor. "I would like to see some legal recourse taken because it is the only thing that would be fair to the employees."

New Inquiry Track classes stress student participation

BY KAITLIN GURNEY
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Imagine an archetypical college class: a professor lectures at the front of a large auditorium filled with students, some avidly interested, some fast asleep. But with new Inquiry Track classes, habitual nappers will want to wake up and get involved. The Inquiry Colloquium, a faculty group pioneered by Patricia Pukkila of the Department of Biology and Marshall Hall Edgell of the Department of Microbiology, was formed with reform of the fact-oriented lecture method in mind. The colloquium's goal is to implement more classes, called Inquiry Track classes which emphasize student participation and influence. "Our primary goal is to increase interaction between students and faculty," Pukkila said. "We'd like for both to take a more active role. In order to teach, you must listen. But students must also take risks if they want to be heard." Pukkila said simply sitting and listening did not necessarily lead to thinking and comprehension. "A degree doesn't give you a license to think," Pukkila said. "Inquiry classes

aren't just hoops to jump through to that degree since they depend on student responses." Janet Knight, an undergraduate researcher in the biology department, said the program was not just a change in teaching philosophy. "It's also a change in more tangible things, such as a switch to more group work." Other new components of an Inquiry Track class are more student questions, projects, revisions of assignments and papers. The University is offering Inquiry Track classes this semester for the first time. Eight are currently available: Biology 1, 50, 62, 63, 99, 104, 177 and 186. Registration occurs normally via Caroline, although a footnote explaining that it is an Inquiry Track course accompanies the listing in the directory of classes. Meredith Sinclair, a freshman from Atlanta, Ga., who is in Pukkila's Biology 50 class, said, "I think it's going to be a good class. You do have to do the reading, though, since the lecture is based on student questions." Freshman Susan Kansagra of Greenville is also in the Biology 50 class. "I like it so far," she said. "We learn from each other much more than in other large lecture classes."

Hunt proposes budget cuts to fund promises

■ The inauguration takes place at Broughton High School at 11 a.m. Saturday.

BY JONATHAN SESSLER
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While Gov. Jim Hunt won't take the oath of office until Saturday's inauguration, plans are under way to fulfill promises made during the 1996 campaign. Hunt said Wednesday that he will ask the N.C. General Assembly to cut \$150 million in each of the next four years from existing state programs to raise teacher pay and expand Smart Start — two items on Hunt's 10-point agenda. Smart Start was active in 43 counties during Hunt's last term, and he said he wanted to expand the program, which provides day care and early education for children, to all 100 counties. Hunt asked the General Assembly last summer to give teachers a 7 percent pay raise. Ron Cobble, executive director of the N.C. Center for Public Policy, said these two objectives will be Hunt's top priorities. "He was very specific in his campaign about increasing Smart Start and teacher salaries," Cobble said. "He will

honor these promises." The greatest obstacle to implementing these plans is making the necessary budget cuts to free up the required revenue. Cobble said the cuts are of the upmost importance. "These are two of the biggest spending items," Cobble said. "That is why he is proposing \$600 million in cuts (over the next four years)." "This is key to his agenda."



Gov. JIM HUNT developed his 10-point agenda that included funding for the Smart Start program during his campaign.

John Hood, president of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank in Raleigh, said he agreed that the cuts were necessary but was less optimistic that Hunt will go through with them. "The obstacle is actually making the budget cuts," he said. "He hasn't done that in the past." Hunt did not identify in his announcement where the cuts would come from, but Hood said the cuts could come from Medicaid or higher education. Reducing funding for higher

education would not likely increase students' tuition at state universities, he said. Cobble said that Hunt might face opposition to any of his proposed cuts from the Republican majority in the House. "The Legislature is more Democratic than last term, but there is still a Republican majority in the House," Cobble said. Hood disagreed saying the obstacle won't be the Republicans but Hunt's own willingness to fulfill his campaign

promise. "He has the ability, but the question is, will he?" Hood said. John Sanders, UNC Institute of Government professor emeritus, said that the constitutional amendment allowing gubernatorial veto will give Hunt more power this term. "After being elected by a large majority and gaining veto power, he will be able to do much more this time in office," Sanders said. "But he must use his veto power with caution."

Kickoff at the Smith Center

The Carolina Athletic Association has moved ticket distribution for the Wake and Virginia basketball games inside the Smith Center in order to broadcast the Carolina Panthers-Green Bay Packers game Sunday. The distribution will begin at noon at entry B. No students will be allowed in line after 2 p.m. The chosen number will be announced over the PA system in the Smith Center. Students will be invited to sit and watch the game until their number is called. Students will be able to bring food and drink to the Smith Center as the concession stands will be closed. No alcohol is permitted.

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.

Jerome K. Jerome