

# The Daily Tar Heel

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Showers, late day clearing; lower 60s.  
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## Hooker rules against panel, releases Nakell

Daniel Pollitt said appeal proceedings were underway and that he would continue as Nakell's lawyer throughout the process.

BY CHERRIECE WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Chancellor Michael Hooker discharged law professor Barry Nakell from his tenured position Friday, going against the recommendation of a faculty committee.

In a statement released Friday, Hooker stated, "I have today transmitted to Professor Nakell my decision that he be discharged from the University on the basis of misconduct of such a nature as to indicate he is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty."

Nakell was suspended in October after being charged with a misdemeanor for shoplifting \$36 worth of food and a restaurant guide from A Southern Season in the Eastgate Shopping Center.

Hooker stated, "My decision comes at the conclusion of a process that began with a recommendation of the dean of the School of Law and that included a hearing in front of the faculty hearing committee."

The five-member University personnel committee recommended that Nakell be given a one-year leave to undergo therapy. Nakell went before the committee in January citing a mental disorder that when aggravated by stress causes him to take things of small value.

Daniel Pollitt, acting council for Nakell and a Kenan professor emeritus in the law school, said proceedings for an appeal were underway.

"We'll argue that the five-member committee made the right decision," Pollitt said.

Under the University's Trustee Policies and Regulations Governing Academic Tenure, Nakell has the right to appeal Hooker's decision.

Pollitt said Nakell would still be seeking a leave of absence to get therapy. In addition to his shoplifting conviction last year, Nakell was convicted in 1991 of stealing a book from a Carrboro bookstore.

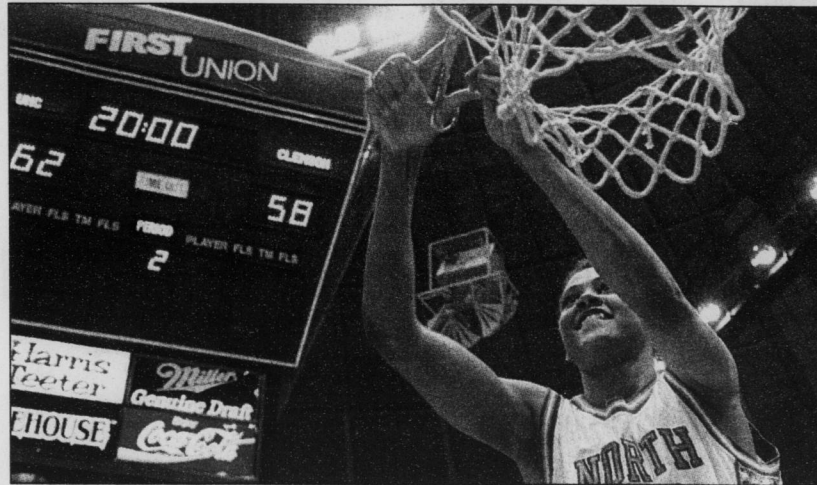
Hooker said Friday, "I can't forgive his two shoplifting incidents."

Nakell could not be reached for comment.



Chancellor **MICHAEL HOOKER** said he could not forgive Nakell's two shoplifting offenses.

## Tar Heels take home 3rd ACC title in 4 years



UNC point guard and ACC tournament MVP Marion Jones cuts down the net at Charlotte's Independence Arena, where the Tar Heels recaptured the ACC title. The championship was Jones' third in three seasons.

## Reid struggles, but UNC survives

BY JOSEPH ROLISON  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTE — Throughout North Carolina's women's basketball team's sprint to the ACC regular-season title, Tracy Reid was a constant.

Whenever Tar Heel standouts Chanel Wright and Marion Jones would hit slumps or turn in paltry statistics, Reid always seemed to pick up the slack. Even in the darkest times, North Carolina could expect double-digit points and valuable rebounds from the junior.

But in the fifth-ranked Tar Heels' 62-58 defeat of No. 22 Clemson in Sunday's ACC Tournament Championship at Independence Arena, Reid fell into a crater and

couldn't climb her way out.

Facing the Tigers' mammoth inside players, Reid struggled to eight points and 10 boards.

She battled away inside, often against a swarm of three orange-clad defenders. But no matter how hard she wriggled or how acrobatically she maneuvered, Reid couldn't tear free.

This time, however, North Carolina's old reliable just couldn't seem to buy a break.

"We started out, believe it or not, with (guard Itoro Umoh) on her, and we were chasing her with a diamond-and-one," Clemson coach Jim Davis said. "We really tried to get in her head ... early on."

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UNC guard Jessica Gaspar (left) scored 10 points in the second half.

The UNC women's basketball team lived up to its top seeding, beating Wake Forest, Duke and Clemson.

BY KURT TONDORF  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTE — She hid in the corner as she usually does against the zone, hoping the defenders buzzing around the perimeter would forget she was even on the floor.

But when North Carolina guard Jessica Gaspar took a Chanel Wright skip-pass in the corner and spotted up for her specialty — a clutch, demoralizing 3-point bomb in crunch time of the ACC women's tournament final — the Clemson defense quickly remembered.

It was too late. Gaspar let fly, and when her ninth 3-point bomb of the afternoon fell through, the top-seeded Tar Heels took a four-point advantage over underdog Clemson.

"We had a timeout, and (UNC guard) Lori Gear came up to me and told me I was rushing my shot and to concentrate more," Gaspar said. "When we came out of that timeout ... I did exactly what she said and it ended up going in."

Seventy-one more seconds then ticked off the Independence Arena clock, and UNC held on to earn an extremely physical 62-58 title-game win over the Tigers, capturing its third ACC title in four years.

"Our goal is to be one of the top programs in the country, and I feel with winning three of four we've established that," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

But accomplishing that goal was no cakewalk for UNC. After mopping the Independence Arena floor with Wake Forest in an 86-60 rout on Friday, the Tar Heels needed a late rally to stave off Duke in Saturday's 66-55 semifinal win and every ounce of their will to beat the dogged Tigers, the lowest seed (sixth) to ever advance to the final.

Until Gaspar's heroic shot added some punch, Sunday's game was a complete eyesore. The two teams

**Women's basketball**  
Clemson ..... 58  
UNC ..... 62



UNC forward **TRACY REID** scored eight points and snared 10 rebounds.

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## Witness questions accident report

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
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A witness questioned a report issued by Chapel Hill police Friday which stated that no alcohol was involved in varsity baseball player Daniel Lee Alexander "A.Y." Yoder's Thursday morning car accident.

"It seems like he's getting less of a rap because he's a varsity athlete," said Jessica Beard, a sophomore from Charlotte who was listed as an official witness to the accident on the police report.

Police responded at about 1:42 a.m. Thursday to a 911 call that a car had struck a brick wall at the Chi Psi fraternity house, located at 321 W. Cameron Ave.

No one was around the vehicle when police arrived, but Yoder, a senior from Taylorsville and a pitcher on the UNC baseball team, was later ticketed for failure to report an accident and careless and reckless driving.

Beard said she was in a car traveling

north on Mallette Street on Thursday morning when the accident occurred.

Yoder, who was travelling south on Mallette, ran a stop sign at the intersection of West Cameron Avenue and smashed into the wall surrounding the fraternity house.

"The car was accelerating up Mallette Street," Beard said. "It went airborne and smashed into the wall."

Beard said she went to Yoder's car and asked him if he was OK and if he wanted her to call the police.

"He said, 'No, don't call the police,' and then he took off down the street," Beard said.



UNC varsity baseball player **A.Y. YODER** said Sunday that he could not comment on the nature of Thursday morning's accident.

"I made the assumption that he was drunk because (the accident) was such an obvious drunk blunder."

Beard said she heard police talking about the possible involvement of alcohol in the accident, but she said she did not see alcohol in Yoder's car.

"I don't understand how he couldn't have been drunk," Beard said. "He was stumbling down the road when he ran off."

The police report stated that Yoder's failure to stop at the stop sign and excessive speed contributed to the accident.

The report did not include an estimated traveling speed for Yoder's vehicle.

Yoder said Sunday that he could not comment on the cause of the accident. Police estimated damage to the wall, which was about 3 1/2-feet tall and three bricks thick, at \$1,000.

Chapel Hill police officer Rhonda Walker, who filed the police report, could not be reached for comment.

Members of Chi Psi fraternity who were contacted would not comment.

## HELPING THE HUNGRY



Protesters march toward the Legislative Building in Raleigh on Saturday morning. The protest was organized in response to the new welfare reform bill aimed at limiting food stamps. **See story, page 3.**

## Town officials react to professor's comments on alleged discrimination

BY ROB NELSON  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Comments about possible discrimination by the Carrboro police by UNC professor Chuck Stone have sparked strong reactions from town officials.

Stone made the remarks following an incident Wednesday in which four black men were held at gunpoint by Carrboro police at Highland Hills Apartment after a woman called police because she believed the individuals were breaking into a car.

Though the caller was later found to be mistaken, the men felt they had been victims of racism. One of the men,

junior Anthony Burrow, said he was planning to seek legal action against the police because of the incident.

Stone said Thursday the students should sue the police and that the incident was normal for the Carrboro officers. "I would not be surprised to see a young black man



Carrboro Mayor **MIKE NELSON** said accusations of discrimination by the town's police force were unfounded.

killed by Carrboro police," he said.

Carrboro Police Chief Ben Callahan said Stone's statement was rather harsh.

"I called Mr. Stone and told him about Carrboro police and explained the situation," he said.

"I think he now has a better understanding of the Carrboro police and appreciated me calling."

Callahan said racism had absolutely nothing to do with Wednesday's incident. "We looked into what happened the day the report was filed and found nothing we needed to deal with internally."

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson declined to comment until he had talked

with Stone personally but said he thought the professor had spoken without knowing all the facts of the case.

"Our police are not racists," he said. "This is not Los Angeles and this is not Rodney King."

"Folks who live in Carrboro trust our police and know these allegations are unfounded."

Carrboro Alderman Hilliard Caldwell said he left a message for Stone on Friday afternoon but had not talked with him directly. He said he would try to call him again Monday to discuss the situation.

"I don't want to make any public comments until I talk with Stone,"

Caldwell said.

Stone said though his conversation with Callahan was congenial, he stood by his comments. "I was responding primarily to the kids' concerns," he said. "They felt terrorized."

Racism definitely played a role in the case, Stone said. "Had there been five white men in three-piece suits outside, the woman would not have called the police."

"I didn't mean to indict the Carrboro police; something like this could happen anywhere."

Stone said, "I see a pattern in law enforcement that is making things more and more difficult for black people."

## Make history

Eight students have the opportunity to make history.

The Daily Tar Heel editor selection process is around the corner, and we need eight students to represent their peers on the board that will choose the 1997-98 editor.

Applications are available at the Student Union desk and are due by March 21. The DTH Board of Directors will select from among all applicants.

Applications are also available to be the next DTH editor. The selection process will take place April 5 and includes an interview and lengthy application.

Questions? Call DTH Editor Jeanne Fugate at 962-4086.

And call soon — you don't want to miss this opportunity.

— The Editors

*Sports do not build character. They reveal it.*

Heywood Hale Brown