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Mostly sunny;
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UNC takes steps to raise ranking

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If UNC does not ascend from its current U.S. News & World Report ranking as the 25th best college in America, it will not be for lack of trying. In fact, University administrators are actively considering how to boost UNC's ranking by playing U.S. News' numbers

Some schools won't play the numbers game
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game, which tabulates data to determine "America's Best Colleges." In the past five years, UNC has teetered between No. 25 and No. 28 in the survey.

Many administrators and students believe quality of education inherently cannot be quantified like toaster ovens or televisions.

"They can't possibly cover everything by a simple, mechanical ranking criteria," said Chris Yates, a junior from Falls Church, Va. "It's only a small barometer of how the University is operating."

Yet high school seniors and their par-

ents place great stock in U.S. News' rankings, which are released each September. So do alumni who donate money to the University and are especially pleased to see their alma mater ranked among the nation's elite.

As a result, administrators are left striving to climb to the top of a ranking system they deem flawed.

"They don't measure the thing that really should be measured: quality of education," Chancellor Michael Hooker said. "It is more nebulous to try to rank what goes on inside the classroom —

how the professors are teaching."

Nonetheless, Hooker said he wanted UNC to be the best public school in the U.S. News survey. UNC currently lags behind the University of Virginia, which is No. 21, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, at No. 24.

"We are taking direct steps to improve the ranking," Hooker said. "We pay attention because the public pays attention."

Charged by Hooker with finding

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Correction

Based on interviews, The Daily Tar Heel incorrectly reported in the Feb. 28 edition that UNC baseball player A.Y. Yoder was charged with a felony for driving his car into a wall at the Chi Psi house on Cameron Avenue. In fact, the charge was a misdemeanor charge of failure to report an accident, stop sign violation and careless and reckless driving.

Also, according to a report filed by the Chapel Hill Police Department, there was no alcohol involved in the accident. The Daily Tar Heel had not obtained nor seen that report prior to publication.

The DTH regrets these errors and apologizes to A.Y. Yoder and his family.

Kilbourne considers time limit

Student groups would have 20 minutes to present their budget requests.

BY KELLY ETHERIDGE
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Student Congress Speaker Jamie Kilbourne is considering a proposal that would place time restraints on Student Congress budget hearings.

The proposal would give each student group 20 minutes to present their revised budget request to full Student Congress. After the allotted time, Student Congress would vote without further discussion.

"If you are scheduled from 2:20 to 2:40, at 2:40 we will take a vote and then move on to the next group," said Rep. Mike Holland, Dist. 6.

Student Congress will hold the hearings March 21 through March 23. Groups that came before the Finance Committee last weekend can appeal before Congress' final vote.

Although student groups have been assigned to a certain time period before, they have been allowed to go over the time limit. The new proposal would not allow extra time.

"It's not debatable whether we have a schedule or not. We have to have a schedule," Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini said. "The big question is whether we will extend that time."

Many Student Congress members and University students said they supported the proposal because an uncommonly large number of student organizations — 72 officially recognized groups — requested funds.

"I encourage Student Congress to stay on schedule in consideration of the other groups who are waiting for their turn," Gasperini said.

But some students are concerned that the proposed 20-minute time limit will not give student groups enough time to present proposals to Student Congress.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said, "I worry that a group won't have an opportunity to address comments or cuts made by Congress members in 20 minutes."

"I am more comfortable with time limits as long as Congress is committed to extend the time limit if need be."

Another concern is that student groups will not be aware of their time limitations before they appear in front of Student Congress.

John Hipps, a junior from Waynesville, said, "I think there should be time restraints, but I think that each group should know how much time they have and what kind of information that the committee needs so they can prepare in advance."

Kilbourne could not be reached for comment Wednesday.



Student Body Treasurer **JULIE GASPERINI** said Student Congress should stay on schedule during budget hearings.



Street musicians Jason Sypher (left), Phil Levy and Sarah Carleton, members of the band "CocOldtime," have played together for eight years. They are just some of the many artists who stop in Chapel Hill to perform for pedestrians.

Street musicians play tunes to liven up sidewalk scene

BY AMANDA GREENE
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The strains of a mandolin, played to the tune of "The Wizard of Oz" song "If I Only Had a Brain," travel up and down Franklin Street.

The song, played by Stephen Christoff, a wandering street musician, inspires a click of heels from a passer-by.

"When I was a kid I loved Bert in 'Mary Poppins,' and I was so impressed by him being a street singer that I knew I wanted to do that when I grew up," said Christoff, a 26-year old from Bowling Green, Ohio, who passed through Chapel Hill recently.

Christoff, like other street musicians, makes music for the day and for the night. You've passed them, maybe without a thought of where they are from or who they are.

In ancient times, street performers were called bards or minstrels, and their practice bore the name of "busking." The practice started in Europe as a profit-making, news-carrying enterprise.

Today, many street performers frequent Franklin Street either for the pleasure of playing some tunes on a sunny day or for the financial possibilities.

Jason Sypher of the bluegrass and folk band, CocOldtime, said the group

played mainly for their own enjoyment. His band recently joined the vibrant street-musician scene.

"For some, street playing is their livelihood but for us, it's just a paid rehearsal," said Sypher, a 23-year-old professional upright bass player from New Orleans. "If we weren't doing this we'd be playing anyway."

Phil Levy, another member of CocOldtime, said the band played the streets mostly as a hobby.

"For us, (street playing) is candy," said Levy, a 25-year-old violin-playing doctoral candidate at Virginia's College of William and Mary. "We mainly play gigs at festivals, dances and bars."

Although CocOldtime plays mainly at more organized settings rather than the free air of the streets, Levy also said this situation was not for everyone.

"Other musicians stay away from all that and just stick to the streets," Levy said. "There's no mortgage or rent to pay on the streets."

Although the members of CocOldtime don't perform on the streets for their sole source of income, they said they did not mind bringing in a little extra cash.

"It's nice to make some money doing

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Tenured teaching challenged by plans to review professor performance

BY ANNE CORBETT
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Tenured professors might not be untouchable after all.

Board of Governors members are considering periodic performance reviews for professors after they receive tenure.

"I think everyone should be subject to review, tenured or nontenured, in any profession," BOG member Jack Jordan said.

BOG member William Brown said, "I'm 99.9 percent sure that we need a tenure review process in our university

system. "We think it is important that people adhere to the same expectations that they did before they attained tenure."

The board's Committee on Personnel and Tenure plans to consider the issue at its March meeting and hopes to bring a proposal to



Chairwoman of the Faculty **JANE BROWN** said faculty opposed the idea, but supported the study.

the full board March 14, Brown said.

These plans follow the dismissal of two tenured professors at area universities. UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Michael Hooker discharged law Professor Barry Nakell on Friday for shoplifting.

On the same day, Katherine Frazier, an accounting professor at N.C. State University, was recommended for dismissal by a faculty panel for neglecting her duties as a professor.

John Dervin, the student representative on the BOG, opposes tenure review because of cases like Nakell's dismissal, which show that the current system

works. "There is a system of due process that is followed, and it generally works."

Jane Brown, chairwoman of the faculty at UNC-CH, stressed that the faculty did not want to see dismissal procedures change.

"There is a whole hearings process," she said. "The grounds for dismissal should not be changed."

Brown said faculty members preferred not to have post-tenure review, but that they were willing to work with the BOG on the issue.

"We believe we are subjected to a great deal of review already," Brown said. "We have student reviews after

almost every semester. We are reviewed annually for salary increases. We are reviewed for publications as we do research and seek to have it published."

The UNC-system Faculty Assembly agreed two weeks ago to submit guidelines to the BOG, Brown said.

Faculty members also do not want to see post-tenure review become a disciplinary process.

"It can be punitive like, 'You're not doing well, and if you don't do better, you're going to suffer,'" Brown said. She wants the process to focus on improving instruction and helping professors become more effective teachers.

Police make separate arrests in connection with robberies

BY JULIA WOOD
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Police made two arrests in connection with recent robberies in Chapel Hill and Carboro, and investigations on others are still underway.

Chapel Hill Police Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Cicero Leak III was arrested Friday night in Winston-Salem and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle.

The vehicle, a 1993 Jeep Cherokee, was stolen in a carjacking at Mill Creek Condominiums on Tuesday, Feb. 25, along with \$940 in valuables.

Cousins said a police officer was directing traffic in Winston-Salem after a basketball tournament, when the jeep tried to go around traffic and became stuck on a curb.

Cousins said when the officer approached the jeep, it was empty. While the police were running a license check, Leak approached the jeep and

began getting things out of the car.

Cousins said Leak was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and was being held in a Winston-Salem jail. She said she did not know if he actually stole the vehicle from Mill Creek Condominiums, and the investigation was still underway.

Carboro police also solved a separate robbery last week.

Carboro Police Spokeswoman Carolyn Hutchison said Theatris Delon Feaster was arrested on Feb. 27 and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the robbery that occurred at Sterling Brook Apartments.

Hutchison said there was a good possibility that the robberies at Sterling Brook and Village Apartments were related.

"We don't have probable cause to arrest Mr. Feaster for the other robbery,"

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MAN AT WORK



Construction worker John Hundley helps with cable installation on the 10th floor of Hinton James on Wednesday afternoon. Residents should expect to see John and his co-workers for the rest of the semester.

Most celebrated men live in a condition of prostitution.

Saint-Beauve