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Mostly sunny; lower 60s.
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Budget hearing treatment raises student groups' ire

■ Student groups seeking funding said they felt belittled at the hearings.

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With this year's tight budget, student groups seeking funding expected cuts to their funding requests.

But they did not expect the disrespectful attitude of some finance committee members, say some student group representatives who were at Student Congress Finance Committee budget hearings in February.

Christine Nicolette, treasurer of the Newman Catholic Center, said she felt she was being attacked by some committee members during her budget request presentation. "I felt like some of the members were rude and insensitive when it came to students who didn't understand the process," she said. "I'm not political, our group's not political, and I felt like I was being talked down to or belittled. I didn't expect to feel that way."

Nicolette said the committee should have done a better job informing the

groups about hearing procedures.

But Speaker of Student Congress James Kilbourne said Student Congress held a three-hour meeting to answer questions prior to the hearings.

"The need to be informed has to be a two-way street," he said. "A lot of groups don't bother to read the Student Code or find out about the rules."

Emily Kistner, chairwoman of Students for Choice, said she thought some committee members were rude during her presentation at a subsequent allocation hearing held before February's budget hearings, while others were helpful. "I think they were embarrassed by the way their fellow members behaved," she said.

Finance committee member James Hoffman said some student group representatives had grounds to be upset by the treatment they received during the hearings. "Some (committee) members, I feel, didn't act according to the rules of decorum we'd like to maintain in Congress,"

Vita Salvemini, editor of the Catalyst, said she did not feel committee members were disrespectful toward her. "They were there all day, and they have classes, too, so if they were a little on edge, it was expected. Life doesn't stop

because you're on Student Congress."

But Sammy Banawan, co-chairman of UNITAS, said he felt committee members should have paid better attention during presentations, which, he said, could have avoided a misunderstanding about his group.

The finance committee recommended that UNITAS be defunded, a decision that Hoffman said followed a precedent set last year of not funding programs whose members receive class credit.

But while one aspect of UNITAS is a course for credit, Banawan said not all members were taking the course and that the multicultural program also involved a residential floor in Carmichael Residence Hall and fundraising events. "I tried to point that out in my rebuttals, but it seemed like they weren't listening," he said.

Hoffman said the full explanation of the other aspects of UNITAS did not come out until after the hearing. "I think we wouldn't have had a problem funding an entity that doesn't receive credit."

Finance committee chairman Jason Jolley said he fully understood UNITAS, but felt any program that gives course credit should be funded by tuition money.

UNC misses top-10 list in new study

■ The listing excludes reputation as a factor in evaluating the schools.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Another publication has decided to put in its two cents on what universities lead the nation in research. However, the list of elite colleges excludes a familiar name.

UNC, ranked as the third-best public institution by U.S. News & World Report, was not even listed in the top 10 in a new book by two experts using a unique methodology.

"I would say it's not your typical

Research versus reputation

UNC, which usually ranks in surveys as a top-flight public research institution, does not make the top 10 in a recent study which attempts to exclude reputation as a measure of success.

Public institutions		Private institutions	
Rank		Rank	
1	University of Calif. at Berkeley	1	Stanford
2	University of Calif. at Santa Barbara	2	Princeton
3	SUNY Stony Brook	3	University of Chicago
4	University of Calif. at Los Angeles	4	Harvard
5	University of Michigan	5	Yale
6	University of Wisconsin at Madison	6	Columbia
7	University of Illinois at Urbana	7	Duke
8	Indiana University	8	University of Pennsylvania
9	University of California at San Diego	9	Brandeis
10	University of Colorado	10	Johns Hopkins

SOURCE: "THE RISE OF AMERICAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES," BY HUGH DAVIS AND NANCY DIAMOND

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ranking," said James Walters, UNC's former associate provost for undergraduate admissions.

Vanderbilt University Professor Hugh Davis Graham and Nancy Diamond, a graduate student in public policy from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, created a ranking intended to exclude a school's reputation as a factor in determining its strength.

The pair studied federal grants for research and development, the number of journal articles faculty publish, and the awards and fellowships received.

Using this methodology, several newer universities that have had less time to build reputations made their way to the top of the list.

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CHHS students use day to learn about cultures

BY TOWNE REDINGTON
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Young girls tap-dancing to Beastie Boys and poems that compared men to Dixie cup dispensers impressed Chapel Hill High School students Wednesday.

The Student Government of CHHS organized a class-free day to celebrate its Culturefest.

Alternating every year with the Humanities festival, Culturefest is a day-long event during which students pick and choose from a variety of activities, workshops, discussions and performances.

Junior Lauren Inman, a Student Government senator who helped coordinate the project said, "Our main goal was to expose students to things they've never seen before."

In the morning students attended workshops from massage therapy to bilingualism, African drumming to Cyberspace.

Several restaurants including Seeds of Sheba, The Flying Burrito and Jersey Mike's provided lunch.

The afternoon consisted of two assemblies made up of three performances each. The North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble, UNC improv

group CHIPS, and two high school bands were a few of the many who performed.

Kristen Anne Smith, also a senator, said the wide range of speakers and wealth of talent among the day's performers impressed her.

Inman and Smith agreed that student behavior was outstanding this year. "In the past, students weren't able to choose what they wanted to see," she said. "But this year kids were here because they wanted to be here."

Several teachers were pleased with how smoothly the day ran and commented on how much students seemed to enjoy the activities.

Andrea Foushee, a Special Services teacher, said, "It wasn't boring to say the least," adding that her students were more willing than usual to participate.

Principal Butch Patteson, said despite the schedule changes and bad weather, "This year's Culturefest was better than any year so far."

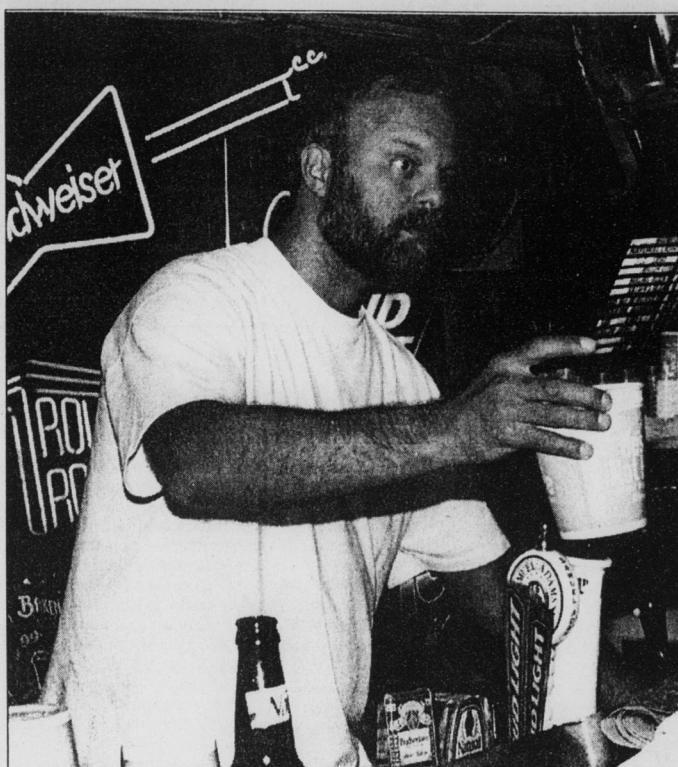
Student Government President B.J. Perlmutter also took the rain and hard work in stride. He said about 10 students had put in more than 100 hours to prepare for the big event.

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Pamela Poitier — actress, poet and actor Sidney Poitier's daughter — takes part in Culturefest 1997, an event featuring performances, lectures and food.



Mark Burnett, manager and bartender at He's Not Here, serves up a drink to a customer. Burnett has worked at the bar for 19 years.

On his toes

■ Mark Burnett balances bar duties with community charity work at He's Not Here.

BY BETTINA FREESE
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This time he isn't wearing his red tutu and black fishnet stockings, but with arms raised above graying hair, a silly grin, in an awkward ballerina's pose, Mark Burnett clumsily pirouettes in the shadows of low bar lights, pinball machines and beer taps at He's Not Here.

There are no drag shows being held at the bar, but Burnett, manager and bartender for 19 years, can be seen on the cover of an area band's compact disk in his red and black garb, bare belly protruding.

On one slow night at He's Not, some beer-swilling students file out quietly, leaving the place to the regulars lined at the bar.

"I love this guy, he's my friend," said Rubén Sanchez-Noykov, reaching for the blue plastic cup

Burnett has just released, foaming from the tap. Sanchez-Noykov, originally from Argentina, has lived in Chapel Hill for four years painting houses.

"This place, this Mark, perfect," he said in broken English. "I have not been to any other bar. No need."

Just a few barstools over, Mike Simpson removes the cigarette from his lips and says, "Everybody likes Mark."

"I've been coming here since 1975," Simpson said. "I remember when that tree out there was planted."

Although the bar is no longer crowded, Burnett stays busy, pouring and tapping beer, wiping counter tops and punching register keys. Mostly, he talks with customers, flashing a boyish grin.

Nobody waits for his attention longer than a few seconds.

There aren't usually fights, Burnett said.

"Just a little shoving once in a while," he said. "We only serve beer, and there's a lot of room in here, which prevents people from getting in each other's space."

The worst thing that's ever happened? A guy fell off the second floor deck rail.

"But he was crazy," Burnett said. "He would sit on that rail every Friday night, and we would tell him not to do it."

He didn't listen. "You don't just sit on a rail," Burnett said. The anonymous man

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Aldermen require sprinklers for future fraternity houses

■ One fraternity house, not affiliated with UNC, is now located in Carrboro.

BY JOSEPH KEENAN
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has followed the Chapel Hill Town Council's lead and passed an ordinance requiring the installation of sprinklers in multi-family dwellings, even though the town does not have any UNC-affiliated Greek houses.

In the wake of the May 12, 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity fire, the Chapel Hill Town Council passed an ordinance last November requiring all multi-family dwellings, fraternity and sorority houses included, to have sprinkler sys-

tems installed.

The ordinance states that all fraternity and sorority houses and future apartment complexes built within town limits must have sprinkler systems.

"We want to have a law on the books just in case there is a need later on," said Alderman Hilliard Caldwell.

"After the Phi Gamma Delta fire, we have to be very cautious. Although

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Carrboro Alderman HILLIARD CALDWELL said any future fraternity and sorority houses in Carrboro would need sprinklers.

Time's running out

Now is the time for you to make your mark on campus.

On April 5, the DTH will proudly announce the 131st editor in its 105th year of publishing.

And you can be a part of this decision-making process as an at-large selection board member. An 11-member board, consisting of three

DTH staff members and eight at-large student members, is charged with selecting the editor. The only requirement is that you set aside April 5 for the actual editor interviews.

Applications for the board are available at the Student Union desk and are due by 5 p.m. Friday. If you have questions call 962-0245.

California gave the nation Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. May its grapes rot.

Mike Royko