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Local residents took part in Carrboro Day, which was designed to build community. Page 2



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A local interfaith network said it shared Clinton's hope for the future. Page 5



Maybe next year?
Despite losing in the final four Saturday, all hope isn't lost for the women's lacrosse team. Page 7

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Mostly sunny; lower 70s.
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Williamson's lawyer files suit against doctor

The lawsuit contends that Wendell Williamson's psychiatrist was negligent.

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A malpractice lawsuit filed on behalf of former UNC law student Wendell Williamson claims he wouldn't have gone on a shooting spree had his retiring psychiatrist ensured the continuation of proper care.

Winston-Salem attorney Nick Gordon filed the suit Friday in Orange County Superior Court. The suit contends Williamson would have been able

to lead a normal life with medication had his retiring psychiatrist, Myron Liptzin, made sure he would continue treatment. Liptzin retired from Student Health Services in 1994.

"If proper procedures had been followed, Wendell Williamson would have been under control," Gordon said Wednesday.

Raleigh psychiatrist James Bellard, who testified for the defense in Williamson's criminal trial, stated in an affidavit filed with the lawsuit that Liptzin "deviated from the appropriate standard of health care" when treating Williamson.

The suit states Liptzin stopped treatment without taking proper steps to transfer Williamson to another doctor,

changed Williamson's medication on his final visit without planning for monitoring its effects, and retired without making sure Williamson would continue to take his medication.

A similar suit might be filed against the University, Gordon said.

According to an article written by James A. Wilson, the director of the N.C. Medical Board's



Former law student **WENDELL WILLIAMSON** killed two people in a January 1995 shooting spree.

Legal Department, "there is no single set of laws addressing all considerations" when a physician closes his or her practice.

But the article states physicians closing practice must "continue to consider how their actions affect their patients."

Katherine Hux, executive director of the N.C. Psychiatric Association, said the rules regarding closure of private practices might differ from those set up for facilities like SHS.

But she said, "There should be a policy (for SHS) that spells out what should be done when closing practice."

Erica Wise, a psychologist at SHS, would not comment "due to legal reasons."

On January 26, 1995, Williamson

shot and killed Ralph Walker, Jr. of Chapel Hill and Kevin Reichardt, a UNC men's lacrosse player, on Henderson Street. Williamson also wounded a police officer.

In his double-murder trial, Dr. Christina Mickewicz testified that in 1992, papers were initiated on Williamson, but a judge ruled Williamson was not a danger to himself or others.

Later in the trial, Williamson's mother, Fonda, testified that in February 1994, her son told her he was a telepath.

On Nov. 7, 1995, a jury found Williamson not guilty by reason of insanity on all 15 charges brought against him. He is currently being treated at Dorothea Dix Hospital.

Nelson issues apology for police actions

The Carrboro mayor offered to hold a meeting to discuss the incident.

BY ERICA BESHEARS
EDITOR

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson issued a formal apology last week to five black men arrested by Carrboro Police on Feb. 26, but the father of one of the men said Nelson's actions did not close the case.

"(Our sons) are appreciative of the letter," Jim Burrow said. "(Carrboro officials) obviously had quite a few opportunities prior to (last week) to apologize."

But Nelson said Tuesday night he had already apologized to the families. "They had already been apologized to, and I did it again."

The letter stated, "I know how traumatic something like this can be and regret it ever happened."

Nelson said he had not received any response to his offer to meet with the men and their families. "We'll meet with any citizen who wants to meet on an issue," he said. "They didn't (respond) the first time, and they still haven't the second time."

Burrow said the five men arrested planned to get together this week and form a response to Nelson's letter of apology.

The families have not responded to the offer for a meeting because Nelson did not specify which Carrboro officials would be involved, Burrow said. "His offer to meet with us was not the meeting we asked for."

"In the mayor's letter, he said 'a meeting with the town,'" Burrow continued. "He didn't say who would be involved."

Burrow said Town Manager Bob Morgan previously had offered to meet with them independent of the Board of Aldermen. "Since they went to the Aldermen twice (with reports), that's the discussion we want," Burrow said.

Last week, Burrow and the families of all five men held a press conference

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'New' Lenoir stages 1st day of operation

Union Station will serve as the main dining facility during Lenoir construction.

BY MOLLY GRANTHAM
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Summer school students got their first taste of Lenoir Dining Hall's temporary food and housing arrangement during Tuesday's grand opening of the new facility.

The same food booths from the Lenoir food court, minus Chick-Fil-A, will be located in Union Station for the next 14 months, making it the main student dining facility until August 1998.

"We (Union Station and Lenoir) are all one big family now," said "Miss Ruth" Justice, manager of Union Station. "It's an all-in-one deal."

Everything has been moved to Union Station in order for the old Lenoir to be completely renovated.

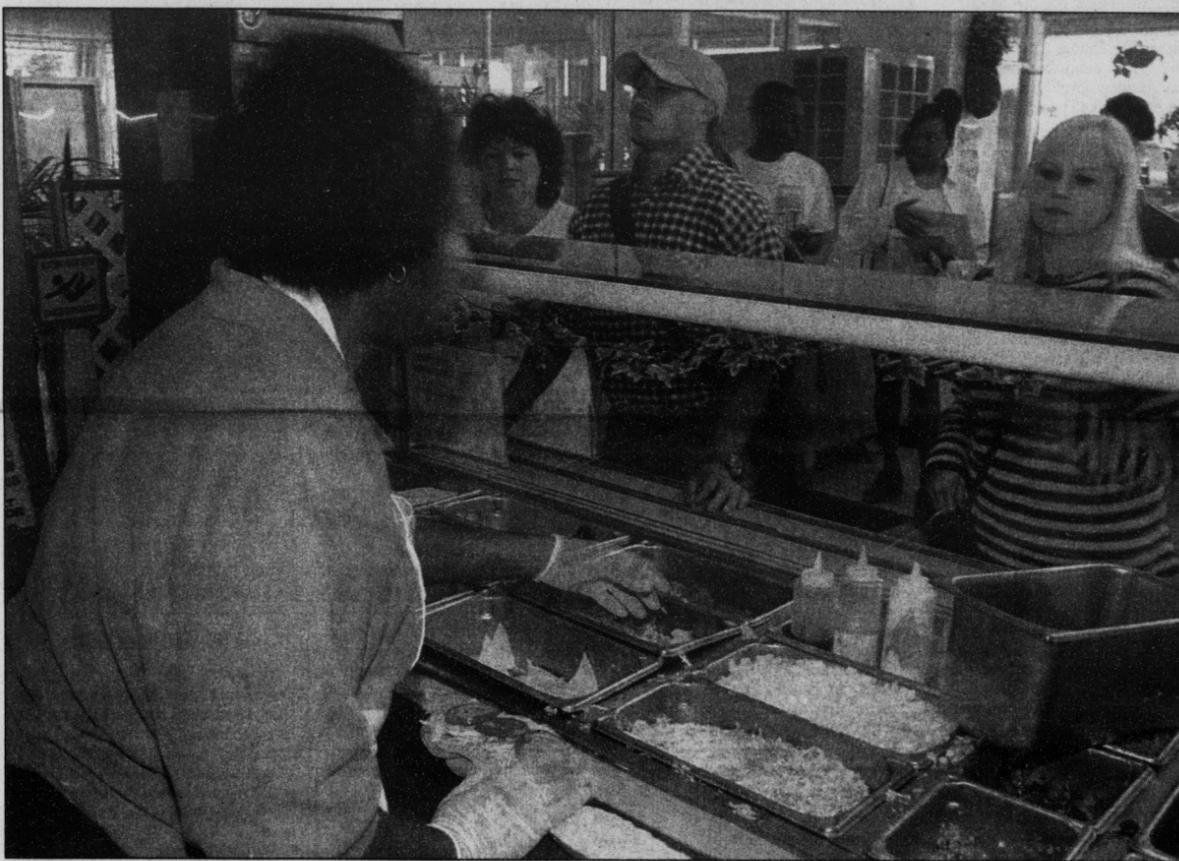
"Things are different now," said Chavella Ingram, a junior from Chapel Hill who had planned on eating at Chick-Fil-A.

"I think there needs to be a little more variety. What they have now will get old after a while."

The temporary Lenoir includes Totally Italian, Freshens, Sub Station, a Lite Bites salad bar and Taco Bell. Pizza Hut will be open by next Tuesday.

Unit Manager Jim Glinos hopes a deli-style area to serve fresh sandwiches and pasta and potato salads will be open by next week.

"I never went to the old salad bar," said alumni center employee David



Deborah Smith makes subs for hungry customers at the Sub Station in the new Union Station on Wednesday. Lenoir's eateries will occupy Union Station while the old Lenoir building is renovated and expanded to serve more students.

King, who was sitting outside with his salad.

"But I have no complaints about this one."

But other patrons were not as content.

"I wanted some french fries," said Stefan Greenlee, a senior advertising major from Greensboro.

"I don't know how they expect college kids to get by without french fries." Glinos admitted that students might

not be too happy with the arrangement. "(Lenoir) might be an inconvenience for students now."

"But if you are going to be here next fall, it will be well worth the wait." In the new Lenoir, patrons will walk

into a café and take an escalator upstairs to what will be known as Main Street.

"Everything will be state-of-the-art," he said. "We're going from a 1940's

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Committee narrows choices for Arts and Sciences dean

Current Dean Stephen Birdsall's term ends at the beginning of July.

BY MOLLY GRANTHAM
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Stephen Birdsall's term ends July 1, and though the search committee to find his successor has submitted three names, Provost Richard Richardson has yet to make a final decision.

"I would guess that the decision is pretty close," said Patricia Clark, secretary of the committee and assistant to the provost.

"(The decision) is probably depending on an answer from the final candidate."

Usually with this type of position-time is allotted for a transitional period. But with Birdsall's term ending in only

five weeks, that period might be unusually short.

"Everybody needs time to get acclimated and assimilated to a (new) position," Clark said.

Barbara Moran, chairwoman of the search committee and dean of the School of Information and Library Science, agreed time before moving into the office was important, but said a short transition would not hurt the new dean in terms of training.

"The candidates are all highly qualified and don't need 'training,'" Moran

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Provost **RICHARD RICHARDSON** will choose the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from a list of three candidates.

Faculty accept BOG post-tenure review policy

Each UNC-system school will have one year to draft a more specific policy.

BY ERICA BESHEARS
EDITOR

Faculty members across the UNC system are tentatively embracing broad guidelines for post-tenure faculty review approved by the Board of Governors on Friday.

"Post-tenure review is in everyone's future," said Bruce Larson, chairman of the Faculty Senate at UNC-Asheville. "We're ready to get the show on the road."

The new BOG policy lays out only a basic outline. Each university has one year to write a more specific policy, which must be approved by the BOG. All tenured faculty members must be reviewed at least every five years.

Larson and Jane Brown, UNC-CH chairwoman of the faculty, agreed that the UNC system responded well to a

nationalwide credibility problem by including faculty members in the decision-making process.

A committee of faculty and administrators from six schools and UNC-system General Administration met over the course of the last year and made recommendations to the BOG. The committee made an effort to get input from each university, said Roy Carroll, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs.

"I thought it was an excellent process," Brown said. "Faculty have been fully involved."

Larson said he liked that UNC-A faculty and administrators will have a year to tailor the process to the school's



Chairwoman of the Faculty **JANE BROWN** said she was pleased with the faculty's involvement in drafting the policy.

needs. "I think most people are ready to do something," he said. "We will do it in a way that makes sense."

Faculty involvement helped UNC respond to the tenure problem without making the mistakes of other states, Carroll said. "It was not designed to be punitive," he said.

A review system would provide public accountability, he said. "There is a public perception that tenure gives you a lifetime guarantee for a job," he said. "That's not the way it operates, and that's not the way it has operated."

Some professors view tenure review as an attack on tenure, but Carroll said the BOG was actually upholding and protecting tenure.

"What we're really calling for is a review of faculty performance to ensure faculty development," he said.

Although Brown stressed that faculty members are already reviewed after they get tenure, she admitted the new policy would help. "It was probably necessary in terms of the public's perception and the supposed need for accountability," Brown said.

A misunderstanding of tenure probably contributes to that perception, she said. "In the system now, faculty can be fired for not performing their duties."

Faculty members who oppose this tenure review mandate think the current review process for salary increases is good enough, Brown said, although review systems vary widely across the system. "We are reviewed after we have tenure (at UNC-CH). This simply makes it more systematic."

Larson said, "I think that the system of evaluation at UNC-A has been pretty adequate."

The new review will encompass all aspects of performance, including teaching and research, according to BOG guidelines.

Peers must be involved, and the professor must have a way to respond in writing to the review's findings. If a professor is found lacking, the review committee must set up a plan for the professor's improvement. Only after the faculty member does not improve following the unfavorable report can he or she be discharged.

Our aspirations are our possibilities.

Robert Browning