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## Potential asbestos leak prompts University to hire cleanup crew

■ The carcinogen was in a pipe that a construction crew accidentally damaged.

BY WES WHITAKER  
STAFF WRITER

Although a recent campus project created the potential for a dangerous asbestos leak, University officials said they had taken proper measures to keep any problems in check.

Red tape surrounding an area of Carroll Hall warns of an asbestos problem caused by a recent construction project that struck an underground steam line, said Don Willhoit, the University's director of health and safety.

"Workers from OWASA, Orange County's Water and Sewer Authority, were digging, hit an old steam line and disturbed asbestos," he said.

Asbestos, a fibrous material used for

gluing tiles, thermal insulation, fire-proofing and decorative finishings, is very dangerous when released into the air and breathed, Willhoit said. "When the broken up pieces of fibers are breathed, they can cause lung cancer or mesothelioma, which is a unique lung disease caused by asbestos."

"The area was immediately closed off, and appropriate actions were taken," Willhoit said. A UNC asbestos-removal crew has been called in to remove the asbestos, but recent wet weather has slowed the removal process.

But Willhoit also said it was not a problem students should worry about, especially with the current weather.

"Asbestos is only a health problem by inhalation. When it's wet outside, there is no inhalation problem at all," he said.

Because the dangers of asbestos were discovered, the material was widely used. "Asbestos can be found in almost every (UNC building)," said Jim MacFarquhar, associate director of

buildings and grounds. "Most commonly, it is found in vinyl floor tile and coatings or surfacing materials for concrete."

Unless buildings are damaged, asbestos does not cause any danger, said Larry Herringdine, assistant director of facilities management.

Campus construction crews usually can anticipate the presence of asbestos and take proper precautions. In this situation, OWASA crews accidentally struck a line they didn't know existed. The asbestos safety problem surprised both OWASA and the University.

Herringdine said that although this created a problem, students do not need to worry about asbestos. "Students will never come in contact with the asbestos that exists in these buildings," he said. "Unless you're down in a crawl space eating the floor tile, it won't bother you."

Herringdine and MacFarquhar both said it would be too costly and disruptive to remove asbestos for no reason other than that it exists.

## Rivals clash in showdown for top spot

■ ACC rivals Duke and North Carolina prepare for tonight's 1-vs.-2 matchup.

BY AARON BEARD  
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It didn't take a sociology class to teach Shammond Williams that the hype was inescapable.

But it was a reaffirmation. "I went to class (Tuesday), and my teacher said, 'We're going to beat Duke, right?'" Williams said. "I was like, 'That's not anything to talk about in sociology.'"

However, today's 9:10 p.m. meeting between ACC rivals Duke and North Carolina is seemingly the only thing to talk about in Chapel Hill, Durham and the rest of the college basketball world.

For the second time in the history of one of the most storied rivalries in college sports, the Tar Heels and Blue Devils will meet as the nation's top two powers. Duke enters the Smith Center ranked No. 1, having piled up a 20-1 record and a 9-0 mark in conference play. Second-ranked UNC stands at 22-1 and 8-1 in the ACC.

"I think it's something that all players look forward to," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said. "It's one of the reasons players come to North Carolina and Duke... to play in games like this."

The rivalry transcends the rankings and records. Separated by only an 11-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 15-501, the two schools have staged a series of turf wars over the years with determination and intensity comparable to the Hatfields and the McCoy's.

When they're not directing their offenses at each other, they're making deep pushes into the postseason. From 1990-95, either UNC or Duke appeared in the NCAA Final Four. The Blue Devils won back-to-back crowns in 1991 and 1992. The Tar Heels added one of their own in 1993.

As a result, the rivalry's appeal reached beyond Tobacco Road. Duke guard Trajan Langdon — who hails from Anchorage, Ala. — still recalls watching a Duke-UNC contest for the first time during his junior year of high school.

"I knew from then on it was the greatest rivalry in college basketball," Langdon said. "I'd seen other games in Cameron (Indoor Stadium) but nothing like the intensity level."

"You could tell there's nothing else like it, especially in college basketball."

The story was the same for in-state

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## CAA leaders look back on problems, successes

The Daily Tar Heel will feature an in-depth look at ticket distribution in Friday's DTH.

BY LAUREN BEAL  
STAFF WRITER

Although ticket distribution might be the one thing students remember most about the 1997-98 Carolina Athletic Association, the problems might have overshadowed the group's other actions.

"I think that we've had a pretty good year and that the majority of the student body doesn't know that and maybe never will," said Eric Hart, CAA co-sports marketing director.

Hart said the CAA's commitment to the promotion of Olympic sports was one of its best accomplishments. Carolina Fever, a CAA group of student fans, focused on supporting non-revenue sports.

"(Carolina) Fever had its greatest year yet with record enrollment of around 450," he said.

This year, the CAA sponsored "Meet the Teams" as a new event to allow fall athletes and coaches to interact with students.

"I think it was a great opportunity for some of the teams who don't get as much support. It was fun," said Mandy Morrison, CAA Co-president CHARLIE ROEDERER said the group salvaged potential problems due to miscommunication with other groups.

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# TACKLING tuition

BY TONY MECIA  
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As student body president candidates show their differences this week on the campaign trail, the sounds coming from their mouths on one issue sound the same.

All have pledged to fight tuition increases imposed by the N.C. General Assembly.

Although candidates' platforms read like mantra, those familiar with the workings of the state legislature say candidates who understand the budget process are the most effective.

"Experience makes a huge difference," said Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation and a long-time lobbyist of legislators.

"We need people working on our behalf who are familiar with how the system works, who have contacts, who have insiders to get information from," she said.

A recent Daily Tar Heel survey of more than 300 students found that tuition was one of the top five concerns of students.

Every year since 1993-94, the cost of tuition and fees at UNC has risen from \$1,419 for N.C. residents to \$2,173.32, a 53 percent increase. Out-of-state students have seen their bills climb from \$8,461 to \$11,159.32, a 32 percent mark-up.

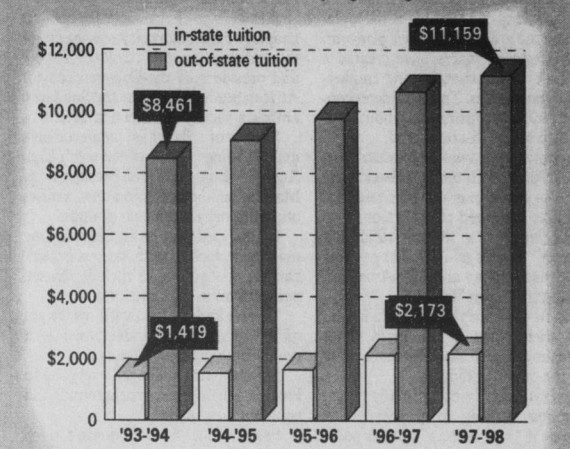
Still, UNC is widely considered one of the best buys in higher education.



GPSF President KATHERINE KRAFT said lobbying experience made a difference.

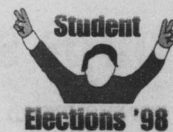
## The steady rise of tuition

In the last five years, tuition and fees at UNC have risen \$764 (53 percent) for in-state students and \$2,698 (32 percent) for out-of-state students. Nearly all student body president candidates have pledged to fight future increases.



SOURCE: UNC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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The Daily Tar Heel surveyed 305 students to find out which issues they considered the most important in the upcoming student elections. This week the DTH presents the following issues:

Tuesday: Food Service  
Wednesday: Cable & Internet  
THURSDAY: TUITION  
Friday: Ticket Distribution  
Monday: Parking

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## Experienced leader concentrates on issues rather than race

BY EMILY CRAMER  
STAFF WRITER

For almost 30 years, N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, has lived political life ignoring the color line.

Born in Lithonia, Ga. in an era when rigid barriers continually separated black from white, Lee recognizes the burden race carries yet he refuses to acknowledge skin color as a hindering factor.

Lee explained that his heritage and experiences have made him particularly aware of societal prejudices, but he has never felt that his race repressed his successes.

"I grew up in the South and understand racism and prejudice, which makes me more sensitive to other ethnic groups and to women as well," he said.

"I have always been accepted and have come to feel very comfortable."



A monthlong series spotlighting the achievements of contemporary black leaders.

Lee gained an extensive education at Fort Valley State College and UNC, and he went on to pursue careers in several diverse fields.

In addition to his political ventures, Lee served in several social work organizations, worked as a professor at both UNC and Duke University and contributed to environmental health and resources.

He has also used his far-reaching interest and expertise in many efforts, such as the Oregon Inlet committee, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield committee, the Legislative Study Commission on Public Schools, and the Rotary Club.

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SEN. HOWARD LEE  
D-Orange

As a political leader, Lee consistently refuses to play any kind of race card. Both during his term as mayor of Chapel Hill (1969-1975) and his years in the N.C. Senate, he has recognized the needs of the entire community, not on the basis of color but on the importance of their problems.

"When I was elected mayor of Chapel Hill, a reporter asked me, 'What will you do for the black community?'" he said.

"I told him, 'Nothing. I will prioritize the issues in Chapel Hill and I will not racialize any problem. Ever.'"

On the same token, he never blamed his losses on the color of his skin. When asked if he thought he was defeated in a state legislature race because he was black, he asserted his beliefs of equality.

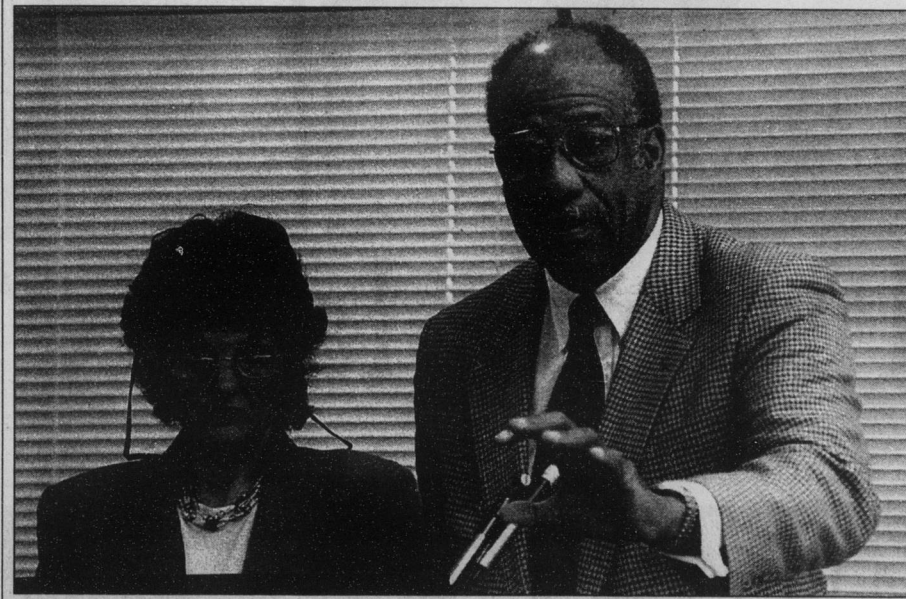
"I was defeated from state legislature position because of my inability to gain enough interest to merit my success," he said.

"I never believe there are restrictions because of race."

Lee said there were pitfalls of concentrating on skin color as the separating factor in everyday life.

"My thoughts have always been that anyone who allows themselves to become a victim of their race will end up a victim," he said.

"If I ever accept that race is the barrier that prevents me from where I'm going or where I'd like to go, then I am doomed, because I can't change my race."



Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, currently serves as a Senator in the state legislature. He has also worked as a professor at both UNC and Duke as well as being mayor of Chapel Hill from 1969-1975.

I'm sure it's gonna live up to it, because it's 1 vs. 2.

Vince Carter, UNC swingman

## INSIDE Thursday

### A class all its own

PlayMakers Repertory Company's first play of the year is the Tony Award winning "Master Class." Soap opera star Kathleen Willock plays the lead role of singer Maria Callas. Page 5

### Getting a second chance

A new program allows speeding offenders to have a monitoring device installed in their cars. Page 4

### Senior class acts

The candidates for senior class president and vice-president explain their reasons for running. Page 2

### Today's weather

Light rain, windy;  
high 30s  
Friday: Mostly cloudy;  
low 40s

### Election fever

Our coverage of student elections has preempted the daily Campus Calendar. The Daily Tar Heel will feature profiles of candidates on page two. Calendar will return Tuesday.