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## Bonnie Batters Coastline, Stalls Over State

### Threat of Storm Thrusts Communities Into Action

In preparation for Hurricane Bonnie, local schools closed early and the University left the Student Union open 24 hours on Wednesday.

By MATT LECLERQ  
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Staff Writers

Although forecasts predicted the Triangle Area would be spared the brunt of Hurricane Bonnie, UNC and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools prepared for the worst, just in case.

Jim Ramsey, vice-chancellor for finance and administration, said UNC would follow an emergency procedure if Hurricane Bonnie hit hard. "The report we've got is that (Hurricane Bonnie) is on line so that we will most likely receive 30 to 40 mph winds, but if the storm moves westerly, we could be looking at 50 to 60 mph winds," he said.

The Student Union was open late Wednesday night to provide shelter if students could not get to their cars or residence halls, he said. P2P Xpress shuttles was cancelled last night because the taller buses are more susceptible to strong winds, but the P2P vans still ran Wednesday night, Ramsey said.

Contending with wild weather is nothing new to the University, Chancellor Michael Hooker said. "We were truly tested with Hurricane Fran two years ago, but it gave us a marvelous opportunity to fine-tune the corrections that needed to be made," Hooker said.

Ramsey said UNC was taking additional precautions in case Bonnie took a trip through Chapel Hill. "We are bringing in extra workers that can deal with problems that may result from flooding."

The public safety command center at the University police station was open throughout Wednesday night, Ramsey said, and students could call the police command post with questions about the storm and any class cancellations.

At press time, UNC had made no class cancellations, Ramsey said.

In anticipation of the hurricane, local schools and town workers joined UNC in battening down the hatches.

Forecasts of strong winds and heavy rain possibly hitting the area between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. prompted school officials to dismiss high school students at 12:45 p.m. and middle school students at 1:30 p.m., spokeswoman Kim Hoke said. Elementary schools remained on regular schedule.

The superintendent decided to release students at 11 a.m. "We simply didn't want school buses on the road in traffic trying to navigate with the kids," he said, adding that buses can topple in 45 to 50 mph winds.

The threat of the hurricane caused N.C. State University officials to take similar precautions. Provost Phillip Stiles said classes after 4 p.m. Wednesday were cancelled, but classes would probably run on a normal schedule the rest of the week. "We're closing classes for what might be dangerous conditions for people traveling to evening classes."

Town workers also took part in storm preparation efforts. Chapel Hill safety and public works crews, additional police officers and firefighters were on call Wednesday evening, standing by in a "wait-and-see mode," Assistant Town Manager Ruffin Hall said.

In addition, Orange County Emergency Management crews were on call Wednesday morning, said Tammy Comar, OCEM administrative assistant. The American Red Cross also managed two shelters that were ready to open if needed.

The town's efforts to contend with the storm coincided with the procedures followed during Hurricane Fran in 1996, Town Manager Cal Horton said. "We've been through these types of procedures and have well-established response plans," Horton said.

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Federal Point Firefighter Todd Long pulls a portion of a tree from Fourth Street and Atlanta Avenue on Carolina Beach Wednesday afternoon during the passing of the eye of Hurricane Bonnie.

## 'Chronic' Storm Continues to Strike N.C.

Officials said Hurricane Bonnie is expected to be east of Greenville by 2 p.m. today and leave North Carolina by 2 a.m. Friday.

By TRISHA L. DABB  
State & National Editor

Chronic. That's how a science officer described Hurricane Bonnie as it lingered over the southeastern North Carolina coast

Wednesday night.

"It's slowed almost to a crawl. We can barely detect any motion at all," said Kermit Keeter of the National Weather Service in Raleigh.

"The longer the hurricane lingers the more damage there will be."

Arriving hours after nearly 500,000 people fled inland, the storm flooded roads and knocked out power to at least 300,000 people.

The edge of the storm reached the Cape Fear region early Wednesday morning. Bonnie's initial speed of 16 mph slowed to barely 4 mph.

"It seems to have gotten to the Wilmington

area and stalled," said Sgt. Jeff Winstead of the State Highway Patrol.

Winstead, who helped at the N.C. Emergency Management Center on Wednesday night, said speculation over the storm's next move is premature. The official projection has the hurricane east of Greenville by 2 p.m. today and leaving the state by 2 a.m. Friday. A better picture of the path might be ready late morning, when officials predict Bonnie will move again.

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## Committee To Choose Law Dean

Search committee chairman Richard Cole said at least 10 candidates had been considered for the position.

By CHRIS HOSTETLER  
Staff Writer

The UNC School of Law's search for a new dean has been narrowed down to about 10 candidates from all across the country.

The 16-person committee selected to search for current Dean Judith Wegner's replacement spent part of its summer locating candidates to interview for the position. Wegner announced in April that she will step down from her position July 1, 1999.

The committee, which will recommend a replacement to Chancellor Michael Hooker and Provost Richard Richardson in December, plans to have its next meeting in mid-September.

School of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean Richard Cole, who chairs the search committee, said members have found candidates for the position all over the country. "We have at least 10 first-class contenders at the moment," he said. "Many more have been contacted about the position."

The committee has not yet begun to eliminate applicants. Cole said although there is not an official deadline to apply, the committee has set a date of Sept. 1 to begin reviewing applications.

Law School secretary and committee member Ephur Foster said the committee members shared ideas with each other about the qualities they were looking for in the new Law School dean.

She said the committee was search-

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## Silence Abounds in Dorrance Case

Most in the ACC and UNC community remain mum about Tuesday's lawsuit filed against the University.

By BRIAN MURPHY  
Assistant Sports Editor

One day after two former players slapped the University of North Carolina and women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance with a \$12 million lawsuit, shock waves of silence rolled through the ACC and the University community.

On Tuesday, Debbie Keller and Melissa Jennings filed suit against UNC and 10 individuals, including Chancellor Michael Hooker, former Athletics Director John Swofford and Athletics

Director Dick Baddour.

On Wednesday, attempts to contact eight ACC women's soccer coaches went mostly unrequited.

Only Florida State women's soccer coach Heather Kirby-Nelson returned phone calls. Her stance echoed that of the UNC players who spoke in support of Dorrance at Tuesday's news conference.

"I feel very sympathetic for Anson Dorrance," she said. "He has done so much to set the standards in soccer and promote the game."

"I think this is an unfortunate situation," she said. "Everything I know about Anson is as a first-class individual. I felt sick about it."

Former player and current Virginia coach April Heinrichs said Tuesday that Dorrance always acted "professionally" during her time at UNC.

In the suit, Keller alleges that Dorrance sexually harassed her on multiple occasions. Jennings alleges that Dorrance provided for the purchase of alcohol and encouraged her to use it.

The pair allege that Baddour, Hooker and Swofford along with Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor, and Senior Associate Director of Athletics Beth Miller failed to intervene in the situation despite complaints made to them.



UNC coach Anson Dorrance has been accused of sexual harassment by former Tar Heel player Debbie Keller.

"We don't accept those allegations as representing what happened," said Ehringhaus, who refused to comment on any specifics of the case Wednesday.

The University said it conducted an internal investigation in which Baddour said it found actions that fell short of "the standards of good judgment we expect."

Baddour, Hooker, Keller, Miller and Swofford did not return phone calls. UNC attorney Tom Ziko declined to comment.

Defendants have 30 days to answer the charges once they are filed. After the complaints are answered, an investigation period begins in which both parties can summon and question witnesses for oral depositions and request evidence.

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## THE LONG ROAD TO FOOD



DTH/JENNIFER GUTHRIE

Freshman Stephanie Bucklew from Laurinburg, N.C., gets an extra pickle from Ivy Degraffenried for her chicken sandwich Wednesday afternoon during the first hour of Lenoir Mainstreet's opening. See story Page 3.

## Bomb Strikes U.S. Franchise

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - Police claimed to be closing in Wednesday on suspects in the fatal bombing of a Planet Hollywood restaurant, which authorities said probably was the target of homegrown terrorists taking aim at the United States.

"I am confident they will be arrested soon," the South African Press Association quoted President Nelson Mandela as saying.

The explosion Tuesday evening at the crowded tourist spot on Cape Town's spectacular waterfront, killed a South African bank employee and injured 27 people, including eight Britons. The identities of the other victims were not immediately released.

FBI agents headed to the site from Nairobi, Kenya, to help in the investigation.

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## INSIDE Thursday

### One Thing Changed

Diversions returns for another year of entertainment for readers. Since last year, one local music venue, the Lizard & Snake Cafe, has closed, leaving a void for some local bands. How does this affect our coveted music scene?

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### Shady Motives?

Student's said they didn't think the Monica Lewinsky matter factored into Clinton's decision to bomb the Sudan and alleged terrorist camps sites in Afghanistan. See Page 2.

### Today's Weather

Rain and windy;  
Mid 80s  
Friday, Partly cloudy;  
low 90s.

### Let's Get Cookin'

Time is ticking away to turn in your DTH staff applications for this semester. Anyone interested in writing, editing, designing, taking photographs or working on the Web edition of the paper, can pick up an application in at the DTH office in Union 104.

They are due by 5 p.m. on Friday and can be turned in at the DTH front office. If you can stand the heat, come over to our kitchen.

Nothing befalls a man except what is in his nature to endure.

Marcus Aurelius