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Chancellor Diagnosed With Cancer

Chancellor Michael Hooker was diagnosed Saturday with lymphoma and began chemotherapy treatment.

By ANGELA MERS
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A visit to UNC Hospitals brought shocking news for Chancellor Michael Hooker on Saturday night when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

After receiving the diagnosis, Hooker underwent chemotherapy and was released Tuesday morning.

Dr. Lee Berkowitz, a member of the

team treating Hooker and a professor of medicine at the UNC School of Medicine, described lymphoma as cancer in the lymph nodes. The disease's major symptom is the enlarging of the lymph nodes.

Berkowitz said lymphoma was treatable with chemotherapy, and the disease did not usually spread past the lymph nodes.



Chancellor Michael Hooker postponed a trip to Thailand after learning of his diagnosis.

"We are very optimistic that these treatments will do the job," he said.

Berkowitz said lymphoma was fairly common for people in the same age group as Hooker, who is 53.

He said Hooker would receive more chemotherapy in the upcoming months in an outpatient program. "He should be able to tolerate it very well."

Treatment will consist of chemotherapy once every three to four weeks over a few months, Berkowitz said.

Hooker said discovering he faced a life-threatening disease caught him completely off-guard. "It was like hitting a throttle in a highway."

Hooker said he admitted himself to the hospital Friday night with concern about his health for his upcoming trip to

Thailand this week.

"I didn't think I should go over there not in good health," he said, adding that he had cancelled his trip in the wake of the diagnosis.

Hooker said he planned to return to work today despite a few precautions he must take.

"I am not supposed to be in large crowds due to the risk of infection (from others)," he said. "Therefore, Carmen will have to go to the (men's basketball) game for me on Thursday."

Hooker said he did not think the precautions would have a significant effect on administrative matters.

"I don't think anyone will be over-

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Facts About Lymphatic Cancer

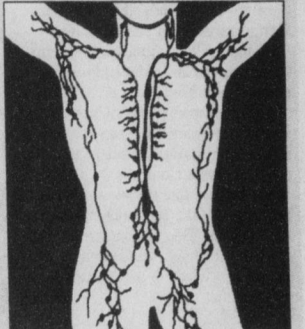
Chancellor Michael Hooker was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Saturday night. He will receive chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma over the next several months.

■ Lymphoma is a cancer affecting the lymphatic system, which includes nodes in the groin, neck, chest and abdomen or in the spleen, thymus, tonsils or bone marrow.

■ Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma occurs when these cells grow abnormally. Too much tissue is formed, and tumors begin to grow. The cancer cells can also spread to other organs.

■ The common treatment is chemotherapy every three to four weeks for a few months. If this is unsuccessful, several forms of drug treatments will be used.

■ Symptoms of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma include painless swelling in the lymph nodes in the neck, underarm or groin, fevers, night sweats, tiredness and weight loss.



The Lymphatic System

SOURCE: NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

IN HONOR OF A KING



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Students participate in a candlelight vigil in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. in front of Wilson Library and sing "Amazing Grace" before walking to the Great Hall for a Community Unity Vigil. See Page 7.

Budget Trumps Trial, Clinton Tells Nation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Clinton, standing before a Congress torn over his fate, proposed Tuesday to protect Social Security with the huge budget surpluses that Republicans are eyeing for tax cuts.

He also announced the government will sue the tobacco industry for smokers' health costs.

On a day of high drama that shifted from his daytime trial in the Senate to his prime-time State of the Union speech, Clinton made no mention of the sex-and-lies case.

But with the economy booming and the budget balanced, Clinton said America's achievements are sometimes overlooked "in the clash of controversy."

Several Republicans boycotted the 77-minute speech; Chief Justice William Rehnquist, presiding over Clinton's trial, also stayed away.

Clinton opened his address by recalling the admonition of new House Speaker Dennis Hastert for Republicans and Democrats to work in a spirit of bipartisanship. "Mr. Speaker, let's do exactly that," the president said.

In the ornate House chamber where he was impeached one month ago on a party-line vote, the president was received with respect and interrupted by applause 95 times. Democrats were most enthusiastic. Two of his harshest Republican critics - House Majority



During his State of the Union address President Clinton focused on Social Security and education issues.

The State of the Union

■ Republicans say "practical matters" would be their focus - not the impeachment trial. See Page 2.

■ Politicos debate the president's plan to provide a tax credit for stay-at-home parents. See Page 7.

Clinton's Team Renounces All House Charges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - White House Counsel Charles Ruff opened President Clinton's impeachment defense Tuesday with ringing statements of Clinton's innocence, an attack on the House's "rush to judgment" and a fervent plea to the senators who will decide the president's fate. "He must not be removed from office."

Speaking so quietly at times that some senators strained in their seats to listen, Ruff declared that "William Jefferson Clinton is not guilty of the charges" leveled by the House.

Ruff spoke from his wheelchair, his breast pocket copy of the Constitution on a nearby table, a few hours before Clinton's delivery of the State of the Union address across the Capitol in the House chamber.

In an opening statement, Ruff offered a point-by-point rebuttal of each allegation, criticized Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for his handling of witness Linda Tripp and accused the House of "prosecutorial ... fudge" on one key piece of evidence.

"We will defend the president on the facts and on the law and on the constitutional principles that must guide your deliberations," he pledged.

On emotion, too, as he answered Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry

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Law Dean Candidate Declines

University of Arizona College of Law Dean Joel Seligman notified UNC of his decision via fax Jan. 18.

By ASHLEY STEPHENSON
University Editor

The "No. 1" candidate for the UNC School of Law dean post has declined the University's offer, choosing instead

to fill the position at Washington University in St. Louis.

Joel Seligman, dean of the University of Arizona College of Law, notified Chancellor Michael Hooker via fax Monday that he would not fill the position. He said Tuesday he was still considering the offer.

Seligman was one of six dean candidates chosen by a search committee as finalists for the position held by outgoing law school dean Judith Wegner.

In a letter to Hooker posted in the

law school Wednesday, Seligman said the only factor that played a part in his rejection of UNC's offer was his family.

"I have decided to decline your generous offer to be the next dean of your very fine law school," he said.

"I am doing so only on one ground. I believe my family would be happier in a larger city."

In a letter to faculty and staff of the law school, Dean Richard Cole, chair-

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FOCUS ON: THE UNIVERSITY'S TRADITIONS

UNC Traditions: Tar Heels Born and Bred

By ELIZABETH SCHATZ
Staff Writer

There is an inexplicable transformation that leaves the blood of UNC students running pale blue after four years in Chapel Hill.

A walk along Franklin Street, past the Old Well, around the Davie Poplar and through the Pit, is a memory shared by alumni and students alike. But in recent years, traditions have slowly faded from the University's limelight, whether by increased regulation or decreased interest.

Nevertheless, there are traditions around every corner on campus. "A tradition is something that, when you say the word 'Carolina,' a thought comes to mind," said Jenny

Burlington, a senior from Raleigh. "It's something shared by generations."

But she said it was not always the traditions most steeped in history that left the most lasting impression.

"The little traditions and the little things you see everyday are what survive," she said.

A Campus Unlike Any Other

Rallying around athletics and suiting up for Halloween parties might be traditions that lack an intellectual element. But John Sanders, professor emeritus, said this was not detrimental.

"Traditions of social activity make this a congenial place," he said. "If it doesn't contribute to the intellectual climate, that doesn't mean it's bad."

Some traditions are not for the faint-



DTH FILE PHOTO

The Halloween celebration on Franklin Street has become a UNC tradition, bringing students from other schools as well as adults to the street. Last year's event drew 70,000 participants.

hearted. Many choose to sit by as spectators when streakers run rampant through libraries during exams.

But for most, the stories that echo from the mouths of tour guides through students' minds are familiar to everyone.

"For many years, the (Old Well) there was the only source of water," said tour guide David Wagner. "Students in Old East were required to get water from there about four times a day," he said.

The current white-columned land-

mark replaced the dilapidated shack that covered the well in 1897, and it became a fabled fountain of 4.0 GPAs for students who drank out of it on the first day of classes.

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INSIDE Wednesday

This Old House

The state Capitol building in Raleigh is currently being renovated in an effort to restore sections of the 159-year-old structure to their original appearance. See Page 8.

Stick It to 'Em

To fight car theft around UNC, Chapel Hill Police will soon offer car stickers that would allow police to stop and identify the driver during the night when most thefts occur. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Lower 60s.
Thursday: Mostly sunny;
Upper 60s.

A politician ... one that would circumvent God.

Prince Hamlet, "Hamlet," Scene V Act I