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Hooker's Return Still Scheduled for June 1

By KAREN JOYCE
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During Sunday's graduation ceremony, Board of Trustee's chairman Richard Stevens shared a special message from Chancellor Michael Hooker to the 1999 graduates.

Stevens told the graduating class that Hooker sent his best wishes and that his treatment was progressing as scheduled.

When Hooker's leave of absence was announced April 12 by UNC-system President Molly Broad, she said the

Chancellor would be absent from his position for about two months, placing him back at work around the first of June.

This original timeline was determined by Hooker's physician, Dr. Lee Berkowitz, at the time of his diagnosis.

According to Student Body President Nic Heinke, Hooker completed his treatment at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., two weeks ago, and has been resting in his Chapel Hill home since that time.

"From all the indications I've heard,

(Hooker) is done with the last course of the experimental treatment," Heinke said.

"He should still be returning to work around June 1."

Heinke said he was not sure whether Hooker planned to



Chancellor Michael Hooker has been resting in his Chapel Hill home.

assume the full duties of the office upon his return, or if he would share the more than 50-hour per week job with acting Chancellor William McCoy.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen said she had not heard any alterations from the original statement.

Kitchen said she knew only what Hooker's first statement was, which included him returning to the University in June.

Board of Trustees Chairman, Richard Stevens said he spoke with Hooker this

past weekend.

"I had a nice visit with him this weekend," Stevens said. "As far as I know he's at home."

"We all just hope he's back as soon as possible."

In a speech at the Chancellor's Club a few weeks ago, Hooker's wife, Carmen, announced that his condition was improving.

She said while he was confined to bed rest at the moment, he was still planning

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U.S. Forces Release 2 Serb POWs

A Yugoslav spokesman says the government might be ready to accept the latest peace settlement.

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Two Serb soldiers held as prisoners of war by the U.S. military were turned over to Yugoslav authorities Tuesday.

Bombings continued as NATO missiles severed a key highway and allied jets struck a military airport. Diplomatic efforts to resolve the Kosovo crisis intensified.

Despite "some reservations," President Slobodan Milosevic's government said without providing details that it was "open" to G-8 proposals for ending the nearly 2-month-old conflict with NATO and was "ready to cut a deal" if the

alliance stopped the bombing.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nebojsa Vujovic also said Yugoslavia considered itself the moral winner of the conflict because it had stood up to "the mightiest military alliance."

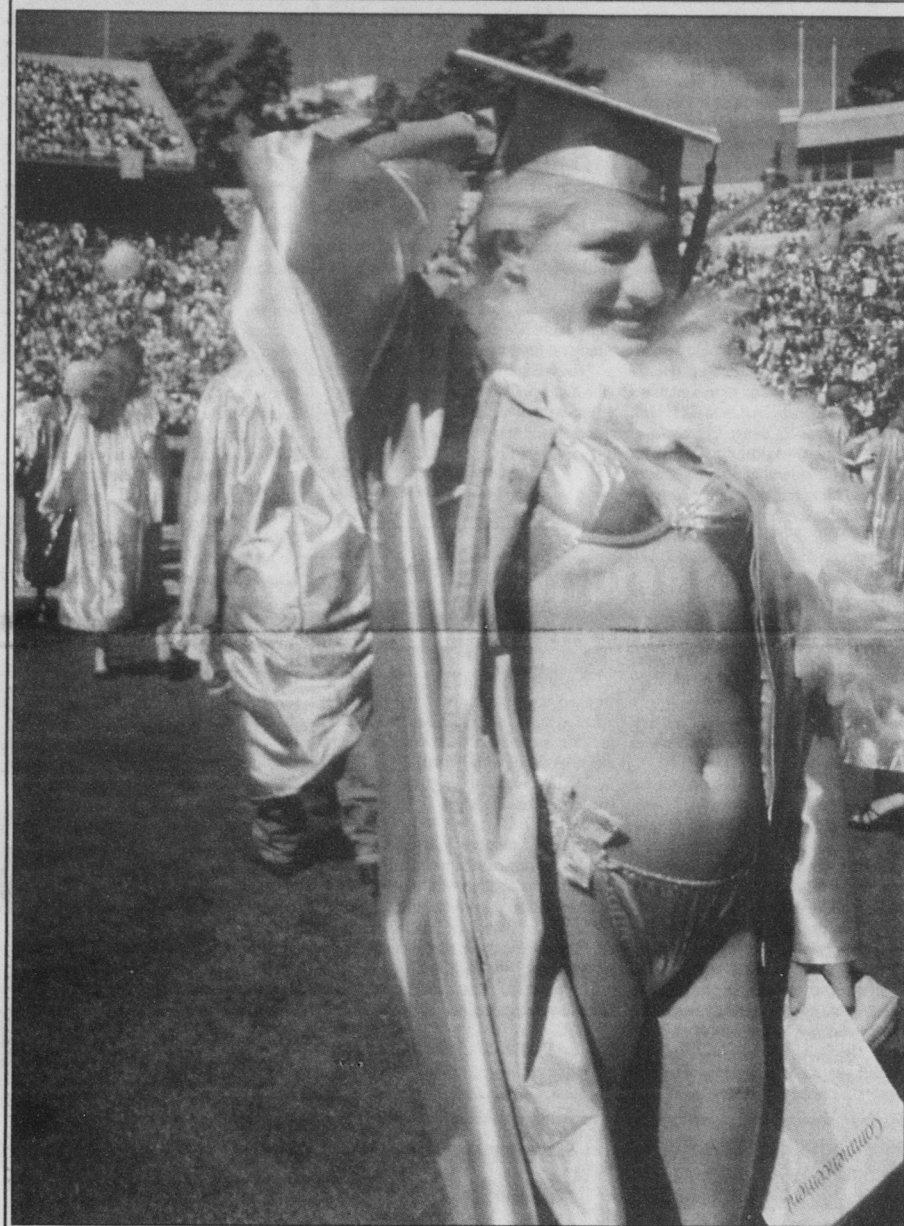
Vujovic told reporters, "Generally speaking, we have a diplomatic opening in regards to the peace initiative," adding that Russia's Balkans envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin was expected in Belgrade on Wednesday to continue the discussions.

Among other things, the G-8 plan, adopted two weeks ago in Germany, calls for an international security presence in Kosovo, which the Western powers interpreted as a well-armed military force with NATO at its core.

The Yugoslavs have rejected armed troops, especially from NATO countries taking part in the allied air campaign that started March 24.

Diplomats from the seven Western powers and Russia met in Bonn, Germany, on Wednesday to try to refine the proposals into a resolution for the U.N. Security Council. Besides

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Blue Skies Smile On Class of '99

Democratic Presidential Nominee Bill Bradley gave the keynote address at Sunday's ceremony.

By KAREN JOYCE
University Editor

The sky was Carolina blue as the 1999 graduates met in Kenan Stadium on Sunday to bid their farewells to "Blue Heaven."

The class of 1999 sat anxiously while the commencement took place, counting the moments before they would be "on their own." While most graduates said they knew their time at Carolina was well spent, many wondered, "What's next?"

"At least the anticipation is over, but what do I do now?" Ayodele Carro, a graduating biology and comparative literature major, said.

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley attempted to answer such questions in his keynote address. Bradley was a Rhodes Scholar in American history at Princeton University, where he was also a three-time basketball All-American. He captained the gold-medal winning U.S. men's basketball team at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo before playing professional basketball for the New York Knicks from 1967 to 1977.

Bradley was also a U.S. senator for 18 years before retiring in 1997. While in the Senate, he helped pass Megan's Law, which required sex offenders to report where they live.

Bradley's speech focused on the changing world, the importance of making a difference and "realizing what you owe another human being."

"In the end, what matters is how you treat your neighbor," Bradley said. "Nothing is more essential than recognizing the potential of your own humanity."

Bradley interspersed his speech with amusing anecdotes and "life lessons" he wished to share with the graduates.

"I met with some of your parents this

morning and they want me to deliver a message to you all," Bradley said. "Please don't move back home and remember to notify your credit card companies of your new address."

While much of the speech remained light-hearted, Bradley delved into the problems such as violence in public schools. He spoke of the need to get involved and stressed the importance of family life in the United States.

"Something is wrong when parents are so out of touch that they do not see their children are building bombs under their roof," Bradley said.

The graduates seemed pleased by Bradley's introduction which included "the smartest decision of his life," in turning down a scholarship to Duke University to attend Princeton University. But the largest response was saved for former Tar Heel basketball Coach Dean Smith.

Smith was asked to introduce one of the four recipients of honorary degrees. His brief moment at the microphone prompted a standing ovation from the graduating seniors and others throughout the stadium.

The honorary degree recipients at this year's commencement were: Bradley, doctor of laws degree; N.C. Senator President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight, doctor of laws degree; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith, doctor of laws degree; and medical librarian Nina Woo Matheson, doctor of science degree.

After the presentation of the honorary degrees, the graduating class began to rustle. A large beach ball was bounced from person to person as they awaited the signal to turn their tassels from Senior Class President Jeremy Cohen.

Acting Chancellor William McCoy

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Officials: University Ready for Olympics

By DAN O'BRIEN
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With the 1999 Special Olympics World Games less than six weeks away, UNC has been busy making last-minute preparations for the event.

The games will bring thousands of athletes, supporters and spectators to the UNC campus this summer.

But University administrators said they were ready to meet the challenge posed by such a large event.

"We pretty much have everything under control," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor of facility services.

Administrators prepared for the influx of athletes by rearranging schedules, reserving facilities and hiring extra

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Olympic Changes

UNC is stepping up its usual operations to prepare for the arrival of Special Olympians.

■ The Student Union will only be accessible to athletes and coaches until 7 p.m. during the week of June 26-July 4.

■ 62 additional staff members are being hired to work in residence halls.

■ Carolina Dining Services will serve three meals a day to the 3,000 to 3,500 athletes, while still serving summer school students.

SOURCE: REBECCA CASEY/ASST. DIRECTOR OF UNC HOUSING, SCOTT MYERS/DIRECTOR OF CAROLINA DINING SERVICES

Court Clouds District Debate

The Supreme Court decision is the latest in a series of rulings concerning the use of race in drawing districts.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court made it harder on Monday for federal judges to invalidate election districts drawn by state legislatures just because they suspect race was the major factor in setting the boundaries.

The unanimous ruling in a North Carolina case could have great influence on redistricting disputes nationwide after the 2000 census by forcing judges to be more certain of the role race played before striking down a reapportionment plan.

The decision did not mark any change, however, in the Supreme Court's consistent hostility to making

race the prime factor for drawing election district boundaries.

In a series of decisions, the court has said drawing districts primarily to maintain or enhance minority voting power unlawfully discriminates against white voters.

But the justices voted to overturn a three-judge federal court's conclusion that North Carolina's 12th Congressional District was unlawfully drawn by the state Legislature in 1997.

The district is represented by Democrat Mel Watt, one of two blacks elected to Congress in 1992 from a state that had not sent a black to Washington since 1901.

Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for the court, said the lower court wrongly chose not to conduct a full trial before ruling last year that the 1997 election map was too race-conscious. The three-judge court made that ruling in what lawyers call a "summary judgment" after considering the 12th District's

shape and its racial makeup.

"Evidence tends to support an inference that the state drew its district lines to support an impermissible racial motive - even though ... (the challengers) presented no direct evidence of intent," Thomas said. "Summary judgment, however, is appropriate only where there is no genuine issue of material fact."

In the North Carolina case, Thomas said, "The Legislature's motivation is itself a factual question" and should have required more evidence.

In a series of decisions since 1993, the Supreme Court has scuttled attempts by state and local lawmakers to draw districts to help minority political clout if race was the "predominant factor." Most of those rulings were reached by 5-4 votes that traced the court's ideological divisions.

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INSIDE Thursday

Jackets Buzz UNC

The Tar Heels' baseball team dropped its first-round game in the ACC tournament to Georgia Tech 15-4 on Wednesday. The loss was the worst defeat UNC has suffered in 94 tourney games. See Page 7.

A Rustic Retreat

The Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in Flat Rock, N.C. offers visitors a chance to explore both the poet's home and the estate's extensive grounds. The area served as a peaceful respite where Sandburg lived and wrote for the last 22 years of his life. See Page 6.

Get Hyped

The weekly summer edition of The Daily Tar Heel invites you, students and citizens of Chapel Hill, to participate in your community. If you are a student, come work for the paper this summer. We need writers, photographers and designers. We also want to hear your thoughts and concerns. Write letters or stop by the office in the Student Union.

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Charles William Eliot