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Chancellor Prepares to Resume Duties

Chancellor Michael Hooker said he had stayed in touch with his Cabinet members during his leave of absence.

By KAREN JOYCE
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While Chancellor Michael Hooker said he was still planning to return to UNC over the summer, University administrators say they are reluctant to make any promises about his return. A statement from UNC-system President Molly Broad's office stated the office had no official information regard-

ing the Chancellor's upcoming return. "When Chancellor Hooker is ready to return, and the physicians say he is ready to resume the responsibilities of the job, we will be eager to welcome him back," Broad's office stated.

Hooker, who took a leave of absence in April due to non-hodgkin's lymphoma, has been planning to return to his office in June since the announcement was made.

In a phone interview from his Chapel Hill home, Hooker said he did not feel as though he had really been gone from his position.

"I stayed in touch with my Cabinet members all summer," Hooker said. "I kept up with what was occurring and I

plan to re-integrate (myself) over the course of the summer."

Acting Chancellor William McCoy said he had not spoken with Hooker on a regular basis because of the Chancellor's need for rest. However, McCoy said he would not leave the University until the transition between



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he and Hooker was complete.

"I'm planning ... to keep everything on course and keep things moving," McCoy said.

"I'm sure as soon as (Chancellor Hooker) is able to get back, he will, and we will make an effort to make it a smooth and seamless transition."

Hooker said while he didn't know what McCoy's plans were, he hoped the acting chancellor would stay at UNC and continue to help out. Hooker said he will be continuing chemotherapy over the summer and that could cause him to be away from the office more than usual.

"I go back to the N.I.H. on Thursday and will have another round of

chemotherapy," Hooker said.

"I don't know how many more (chemotherapy treatments) I'll have over the course of the summer."

Because Hooker will continue his chemotherapy and treatment at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., President Broad and Hooker's medical team will meet this week to discuss the immediate future of the Chancellor's return and the status of his medical condition.

No official announcement concerning Hooker's return will be made until after this meeting.

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Vote Clears Lt. Swain Of Charges

University police Lt. C.E. Swain's law enforcement license will be put on probation for five years.

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Lt. C.E. Swain will get to keep his law enforcement certification after a 13-2 vote by the N.C. Training and Standards Commission Friday.

But Swain's lawyer Alan McSurely said he held his breath when members of the commission declared their votes.

"The first four (votes) went 'yes, no, yes, no,' and I was like, 'Oh, God, it's going to be close,'" McSurely said.

The commission voted to uphold a recommendation made by Administrative Law Judge Fred Morrison in March that puts Swain's license on a five-year probation.

Swain faced scrutiny when the commission's standards committee found probable cause in August 1998 to terminate the University police officer's license for lying on his officer license application. "I'm in the clear now," Swain said. "This proves that the system does work."

McSurely and Swain allege that the charges that surfaced in August 1998 were UNC's way of retaliating against Swain for a ticket he issued in 1997.

Swain gave an alcohol citation to the daughter of a UNC Board of Trustees member and was then fired by Chancellor Michael Hooker on grounds that he falsified his time card. "There is no question that the people behind this were upset about Swain's giving the ticket and exposing what was going on at UNC," McSurely said. "He committed two sins, like a double no-no."

Swain said the decision meant the commission had linked the citation to the charges that Swain falsified his application. "They tried their best. They did everything they could to try to make me look bad. But I'm in the clear."

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University police Lt. C.E. Swain called the decision a victory and said it helped clear his name.

Still Rockin' After All These Years

Despite changes along the way, the Cat's Cradle has been part of the Chapel Hill music scene since 1969.

By CARL JACOBS
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In July, 1969, Neil Armstrong, Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. and Michael Collins became the first men to walk on the moon.

One month later, flocks of hippies migrated to Woodstock, New York to witness the largest rock concert in history featuring bands such as The Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin.

Here in Chapel Hill the times were also a-changin'. The small town was placed on the music map with the addition of an intimate music venue on Rosemary Street: Cat's Cradle.

Thirty years, a couple of owners, hundreds of bands and a few locations later, the Cradle has maintained a successful business.

Currently located on 300 E. Main Street in Carrboro, the Cradle has kept

Local Club Remains 'Cradle of Activity' After 30 Years on the Scene

Over the years Cat's Cradle has showcased both local acts as well as nationally known artists. The overall quality of the shows has created a reputation that has endured and even spans generations of UNC students, and many visitors to the Cradle have a tale to tell.



The Cradle is known for local favorites like Jump, Little Children (above) and Less Than Jake.

"I've been going (to Cat's Cradle) forever," said Cindy Ramos, a senior communications major from Chapel Hill who remembers when the Cradle was located at 206 W. Franklin St. "It was much smaller then, but there wasn't much difference in the way things were conducted."

Brian Swann, a sophomore undecided major from Sumpter, S.C. said "My aunt went to college here, and before I came up here she was telling me (Cat's Cradle) was one of the places I needed to go. I've been there a bunch of times. Most trips are kind of a blur," he said. "I got lost on the path behind it once."

Jason Hartsough, a first-year law student from Greensboro, said with a laugh, "A friend dragged me there to see the Wallflowers. I was like, 'Who the hell are the Wallflowers?' They got famous the next week."

associated with a club that does so much good in the community."

The club now hosts a variety of bands, ranging from those playing their first gig ever to those who have been established for years such as The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, Burning Spear, The Specials and Pavement.

Although the Cradle has seen bands

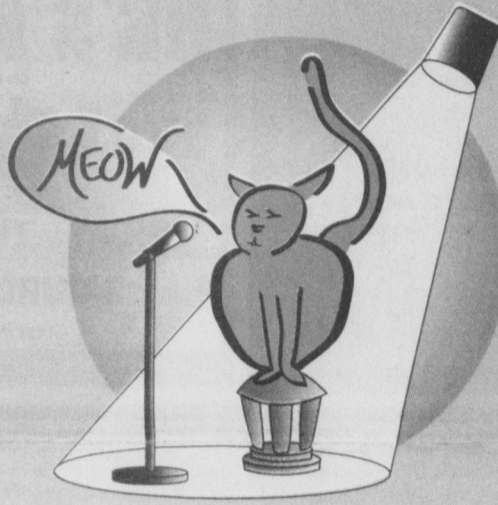
such as Ben Folds Five and Squirrel Nut Zippers work their way up from relatively small local crowds to national recognition, Powers said that it is the bands who create themselves.

"We're not in the business of making stars," Powers said. "We simply give them an opportunity to prove that they can play."

Named after Kurt Vonnegut's 1963 novel, the original Cradle opened in a small room on Rosemary Street in the fall of 1969. At the time, there were no other clubs dedicated to playing local music.

Bill Smith, one of the Cradle's origi-

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REACH FOR THE STARS



DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

Geri Bushel of Raleigh rides the Gyroscope at Morehead Planetarium's 50th anniversary celebration Saturday morning. Activities at the event included tours of police cars and concerts by local musicians.

Sprinklers Due by Fall 2001

By SHERISSE STEWARD
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While all Greek houses at UNC have until 2001 to complete sprinkler installations, some houses have already started the process this summer.

The 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fire, which killed five UNC students, led officials to enforce stricter standards of fire protection.

"A lot of good came from a very bad tragedy," said Ron Binder, director of Greek Affairs.

Binder said the Chapel Hill Town Council passed an initiative in the fall of 1996, which required any sorority or fraternity houses and new apartment complexes to have efficient sprinkler systems installed.

UNC Greek Affairs is requiring 33 sprinkler systems to be installed in sorority and fraternity houses by September 2001.

Nine houses have completed the installation, and nine others will be finished by the end of the summer. The remaining 13 will be completed in the following summers.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma soror-



Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder said he was sure all the houses would meet the deadline.

ity, Zeta Psi fraternity, Chi Omega sorority, Delta Delta Delta sorority, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Phi Mu sorority and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority are the nine houses that have installed their sprinkler systems.

Caprice Mellon, fire marshal of the Chapel Hill Fire Department, said if sprinklers were not installed by September 2001, houses would be evacuated until further notice.

According to Grinnell Fire Protection Company, which has been hired to install three houses' systems, the installation time for each system varies from one week to one month.

"It depends on the size of the house," said Terry Parrish, branch manager of

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State Bill to Defuse Bomb Threats

By DAN O'BRIEN
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Prank callers in North Carolina might soon find themselves and their families in serious trouble because of a proposal recently passed by the N.C. Senate.

In response to a rash of recent bomb threats, Sens. Howard Lee, D-Orange, and Walter Dalton, D-Rutherford, have proposed legislation that would significantly increase the penalties for calling in bomb threats.

"We hope this gives administrators a strong tool to help prevent violence in schools," Lee said.

Since the Littleton, Colo. shootings, bomb threats in N.C. schools have increased sharply.

"We've had 68 reported to emergency management," Kay Williams, communications director for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, said.

"We usually get a few, but not nearly that many."

She added that bomb threats have

been expensive as well as disruptive, with more than \$100,000 in estimated costs in one school system.

"That includes things like extra time for police who have to search the school, lost meals at lunch time, and any extra security guards."

Williams said she thought future incidents would be discouraged by publicizing the new penalties.

"The fact that the students have been

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INSIDE Thursday

Diamonds in the Rust



Like the mythological creature for which Gaines Steer's business, The Last Unicorn, is named, Steer's creations out of "architectural antiques" are whimsical and unique. See Page 5.

Widening Plan Stalled

After originally approving a plan by Meadowmont developers to widen a portion of N.C. 54, Town Council members have expressed concerns about the potential impact of adding lanes to this already busy highway. See page 2.

This Ain't No Disco

Take a break from your summer school classes and free time and come work for The Daily Tar Heel. We need writers, photographers, designers and copy editors. So take a trip to the Student Union and boogie with us.

I don't give them hell. I just tell the truth, and they think it is hell.

Harry S Truman