

# POLICE ROUNDUP

## Event Set to Showcase Undergraduate Work

The first annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research will be held today as part of prolonged efforts to highlight the research of undergraduate students.

Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, the work of more than 90 students from 30 campus departments will be presented from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The work will be displayed at the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence and other nearby campus sites. The celebration will include poster presentations of honors theses as well as a variety of dramatic art and music performances.

The event is being held as part of the University's ongoing efforts to boost intellectual climate, which was one of the lasting efforts of the late Chancellor Michael Hooker.

## University

Thursday, April 27

■ At 1:19 a.m., the Department of Public Safety received information about a possible controlled substance violation in a Morrison Residence Hall room, according to police reports.

Magistrate Maddrey found probable cause and issued a search warrant, police reports stated. The police searched the room at 1:40 a.m.

No further information was available.

■ At 12:16 a.m., an anonymous source reported smelling marijuana coming out of an Ehringhaus Residence Hall room.

Police recovered several marijuana smoking devices and a plastic bag of marijuana, reports stated.

One student was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia and released, reports stated. Another student was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana and released, according to reports.

Wednesday, April 26

■ A Chapel Hill resident discovered an envelope containing \$500 on Boundary Street near Brooks Hall.

He returned the property, according to police reports.

## City

Thursday, April 27

■ Carrboro police officers observed and followed a Chapel Hill man driving erratically early Thursday morning, reports stated.

The man was seen in his white station wagon at 2 a.m. driving erratically near the intersection of Jones Ferry Road and Old Fayetteville Road, reports stated.

Officers noticed him pick up a woman, who was searching for a ride in the rain. Police continued to follow the man after his brief stop, according to police reports.

Officers stopped him after the suspect turned onto Old Fayetteville Road.

Reports state that the man said his erratic driving was caused by looking in the back seat at the passenger. He claimed that she was wondering where she could obtain drugs and alcohol, reports stated.

There was no sign of alcohol on him and after officers questioned him, the man was sent on his way.

The woman appeared to be drunk and had difficulty with speech, reports stated. Because of the rain, officers drove her to a friend's house.

Wednesday, April 26

■ A Chapel Hill woman was arrested for attempting to obtain a prescription drug under false pretense.

Jenny Paige Robinson, 26, of 230 Nature Terrace, was arrested for one felony count of attempting to obtain property by forgery, reports stated.

The prescription drug that Robinson requested was a 40-pill bottle of Percocets, a potent pain killer used to ease discomfort, reports stated.

The place of arrest was Eckerd Drugs at Timberlyne Shopping Center.

Robinson was transported to the Orange County Jail and held in lieu of a \$1,500 secured bond, reports stated.

■ Carrboro police are investigating an incident of communicating threats at an area residence.

Officers are searching for a person making calls to 1000 Smith Level Road, threatening the resident with burning down the apartment, reports stated.

The resident, who wished to remain nameless, said the voice on the message was distorted but seemed to be a man.

"I had some bad service and if you don't watch it I'm going to burn the complex down," the message said.

Police are continuing their investigation.

# ECU Chancellor Plans to Retire

ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin says he will work until university officials select a new school leader.

By JENNIFER HAGIN  
Staff Writer

After 13 years at East Carolina University, Chancellor Richard Eakin has decided to retire and take a research sabbatical before returning to ECU as a professor of education leadership.

In a press conference Thursday, Eakin said he was resigning so that one chancellor could handle all the upcoming changes at ECU.

"It is clear to me that the opportunities ahead will require a long-term commitment, and now is an appropriate time to recruit a new chancellor," he said.

In the coming years, ECU will celebrate its centennial and initiate a fund-

raising campaign to collect \$100 million. University officials will also have to balance the need to expand the university to accommodate 27,000 students by 2008 with neighboring citizens' concerns over property values.

ECU currently has 18,000 students, an all-time enrollment high.

Eakin said he hoped to spend more time with his family once he left the chancellorship.

"I'm about to be 62, and it's time to take on new and different challenges," he said.

Eakin said he would remain as chancellor until a replacement was found.

"I have agreed, in order to assure that the university does not lose any momentum in the transition," he said.

ECU Board of Trustees member

Jordan Whichard said the search probably would begin at the May BOT meeting and last anywhere from nine months to a year.

Whichard said the nationwide search would include faculty, student, trustees and alumni opinions.

Officials would not speculate on whether the search would be open to the public.

James Smith, executive assistant to the chancellor, described Eakin as a man of high integrity.

"He makes decisions in a forthright way after consulting the people necessary," Smith said.

Smith also said Eakin was a successful fund-raiser.

In 1996, Eakin helped raise more than \$50 million in the Shared Vision, one of ECU's largest fund-raising cam-

aigns.

In the years Eakin was chancellor, ECU experienced unprecedented growth.

During his tenure, student enrollment greatly increased, expansion and renovations on various campus buildings including the school library and the Student Recreation Center were completed and the UNC Board of Governors declared the school a Doctoral II institution.

"Accompanying that growth will be the parallel challenge of providing the classrooms, laboratories, offices and residence halls for those new (ECU) students and their new teachers," Eakin said.

Smith said there were several qualities the new chancellor should demonstrate. "He needs to be an exquisite listener, not because he's forced to, but because he wants to."

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# Wicker Promotes Education

Wicker's platform pushes some education initiatives begun by Gov. Jim Hunt and environmental programs.

This is the final installment of The Daily Tar Heel's profiles of the top five candidates for N.C. governor.

Primaries are slated for May 2.

By ALICIA GADDY  
Staff Writer

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker hopes to continue to climb North Carolina's political ladder into the governor's office this fall.

But first, he'll have to win the Democratic primary, where he is locked in a tight race with N.C. Attorney General Mike Easley for the May 2 nomination.

While some polls show the Sanford native trailing Easley, political experts say the race is virtually neck-and-neck. Spokesman Marc Stinneford said Wicker hoped to move ahead of his opponent with his ideas to improve education, health care and the environment. "We believe the voters are responding to Wicker's views, especially his plans for education," he said.

He said Wicker proposed plans to implement a public preschool program, reduce elementary class sizes and raise teacher salaries above the national average. The focus on K-12 education mirrors the agenda of the man he aims to succeed, Gov. Jim Hunt.

Wicker also hopes to make higher education more accessible to North Carolinians, Stinneford said. He proposed establishing a scholarship program similar to Georgia's Hope Scholarship.

"He wants to provide scholarships to any student in North Carolina who earns a 'B' average," Stinneford said. This would provide tuition to any N.C. public or private college or university.

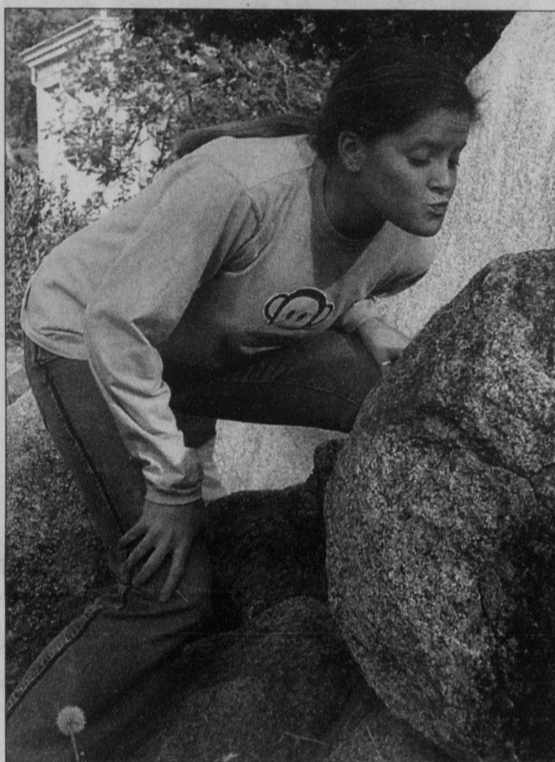
But the preschool and scholarship proposals depend on the success of Wicker's push for a state lottery. Without this major part of his plan, these programs could go unfunded.

Regardless of the lottery's fate, Stinneford said Wicker hoped to keep UNC-system tuition as low as possible. He said this could be done through selling UNC bonds, but only if the state supported the idea in a referendum.

Besides improving education, clean-

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# Opening Young Eyes to the Old World



Tiffany Bennett demonstrates how she kissed the Blarney Stone on her trip to Ireland in March.

DTH/KATE MELLNIK

By JENNIFER WHITE  
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When Tiffany Bennett applied to be a counselor for a group of contest winners traveling to Ireland, she had one clear advantage.

Sure, she had spent her sophomore year student-teaching in Spain and had leadership experience as president of Chapel Hill Players improvisational comedy group.

But it was Bennett's job as a school bus driver that she swears most likely got her the job.

"They wanted you to have worked with kids more than anything else," she said. "I know the most enticing part of my application was that I drove a school bus. That definitely helped to pull me in."

Each spring, Parade Magazine, a national Sunday newspaper supplement, sponsors an overseas trip for about 100 outstanding young newspaper carriers.

The contest winners ranged in age from 12 to 18 and are known as "Young Columbus" winners.

Fourteen college seniors from around the country are also chosen to act as counselors on the all-expense-paid trip.

Bennett, a senior Spanish major

from Chicago, learned about the trip through a mass e-mail message. After her interview, she was chosen as one of the 14 to spend eight days in Italy earlier this month with the students, who acted as junior ambassadors.

"Our ultimate goal was to go to the U.S. Embassy and visit the Lord Mayor there and kind of show off these kids and what they had done for their newspapers and communities," Bennett said. "These kids pretty much are the cream of the crop of our nation."

Counselors worked with escorts, which included newspaper and Parade employees, to entertain, interest and motivated the students.

Bennett said her previous experiences abroad helped her to understand the importance of the trip for the high-school students.

"For a lot of these kids, an experience like this leads into what they want to do in college," she said. "I went on an exchange to Costa Rica, and it definitely opened my eyes to the world and to what I want to do with my life. That was the purpose of this trip for these young people."

After spending a semester in Madrid teaching Spanish and English to elementary and middle schoolers, Bennett decided to enroll in Teach for America.

The program, sponsored by AmeriCorp, places newly graduated teachers in under-resourced, under-

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# Annual Apple Chill Block Party to Hit Franklin

Vendors and store owners hope to cash in when an estimated 28,000 people visit the Sunday street fair.

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An annual Chapel Hill tradition - one soaked in funnel cakes, clowns, family fun - will hit Franklin Street on Sunday.

Sunday's Apple Chill festival, sched-

uled from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., is expected to draw a crowd of nearly 28,000 fairgoers downtown.

Now in its 28th year, the event began as an arts and crafts fair in an area park and has evolved over the years to feature various bands and dance acts along with local performers.

"Every year there's something different," said Parrish Anderson, coordinator of this year's Apple Chill. "It's a visual delicacy to come and see these works of art."

Anderson said the Parks and Recreation Department had issued permits for about 210 vendors, ranging

from performance acts to arts and crafts booths to food.

Unusual performers also will participate in this year's festival, including a mime who moves only if given money and Contact Dancers who use one another as dance props.

Traffic is expected to be the biggest problem of the day. Officials will block off Franklin and Henderson streets from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., allowing for preparation and cleanup from the festivities.

Last year's After Chill, a tradition of dancing and music in the streets after the official event, led to close to 50 traffic

related citations.

Fred Battle, who works with the Public Works department, said it would be responsible for the setup and cleanup of the fair but that police would handle the citations.

He said there would be 35 to 40 employees on hand to help with the fair. Businesses and restaurants on Franklin Street are bracing for the crowds as well.

Scotty Mathess, a manager at Pepper's Pizza, said that while the restaurant did expect more business on Sunday, it was not bringing in extra

help.

"We'll have a whole lot of people running their butts off," he said. "We don't need extra people; we'll just have to run a lot more."

Courtney Holden, assistant manager at Light Years, said the store would probably see more business than usual Sunday. "I'm sure there will be more (people)," she said. "There will probably be more people shopping on the streets, however."

Scott McClellan, interim director for

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# Bush Addresses Educators On Student Performance

By LUCAS FENSKÉ  
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GREENSBORO - Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush spoke to state education officials Thursday, reminding them that excellence and accountability were key to improving K-12 education.

Bush, after attending a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raising luncheon at Greensboro's Koury Convention Center, briefly stopped at the "Closing the Gap" Conference in the same building.

The conference drew education officials from across the state to discuss ways to erase the performance gap between white and minority students in N.C. schools.

Delegates said they were pleased Bush discussed the issue but wished his speech had not cut short the previous speaker, Lou Anne Johnson. The movie "Dangerous Minds" was based on Johnson's experiences as a teacher for at-risk youth.

Bush said there were three ways to erase the racial achievement gap and produce better students. "In the South, the debate used to be over access," he said. "The new challenge is no longer access for every child but excellence."

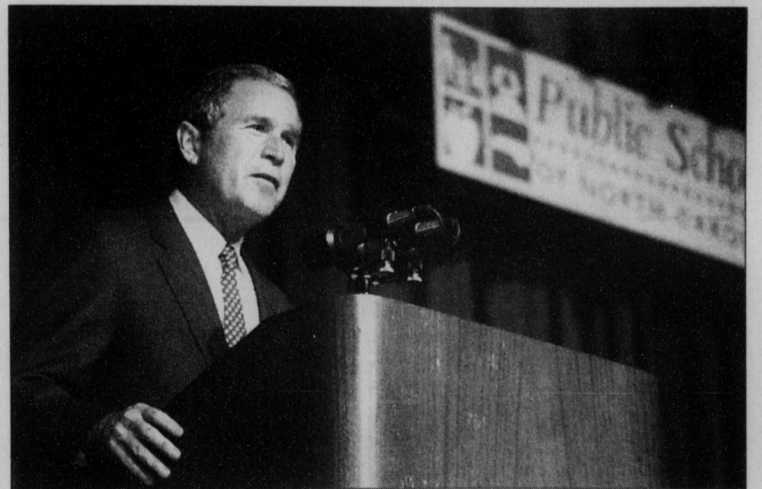
First, he said schools must push students to excel. "Every child can learn if we set high standards," Bush said. "If you have low expectations (for student performance), they will be met."

Second, he said he made sure as Texas governor that local, not state, officials had control of schools. "Should I get another job, I would make sure schools were controlled by local citizens," he said. "They care more than someone in Washington."

Third, Bush said it was important for states to measure student performance. "Whenever I mention the need for strong accountability, I always see children squirm," he said. "But we're going to do measurements."

If elected, he said, he would make sure state officials would have access to federal funds to help eliminate the racial achievement gap and boost overall student performance.

Angela Watson, Winston-Salem curriculum coordinator, said Bush was eager to help teachers.



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Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Republican presidential candidate, speaks at the "Closing the Gap" state educational conference in Greensboro on Thursday.

But she said she wished the previous speaker, Johnson, was able to finish her speech by reading a letter written by her students. "I appreciate Bush, but I wanted to hear more (from Johnson)."

Doug Greenberg, a biology teacher at Southeast Raleigh High School, questioned Bush's commit-

ment to his educational plans. "(Bush) didn't sound convincing," Greenberg said. "It's easy to say what the crowd wanted to hear."

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