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APPLE CHILL

the crowd as he sipped on a cup of water he said was necessary to cure a water he said was necessary to cure a hangover. "This is my second consecu-tive year, but his year is better because it's nicer weather, and last year I had to go to work," he said. "We're just taking in-the sights, smells and tie-dyed bathing suits they have for sale."

Bubbles floated in the air as children jumped in Pete the Dragon's Kiddy Bounce, people waited to ride on Thomas the Train, and an eclectic group of bands played on a stage

As people made their way from one end of the street to the other, modern rock sounds faded into blue grass and then into Latin rhythms. Sound Engineer Rainey Buscher said

this was his fourth year working at the festival, which featured a variety of local bands, including Clambake, Entouch Gospel Jazz and Green River.

"(Apple Chill) has anything from jazz traditional rock and roll," he said.

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said. "Right now we have no problem with the way they're headed." He cited the school's strong support

of human rights and its fight to en that UNC products did not come from sweatshops. "It's not a matter of being scared of increasing human rights stan-dards," he said. "We want that, too." UNC officials said the school's WRC

involvement was tentative, beginning April 7. The school is also affiliated with the FLA, which Nike supports. Rut Tufts, UNC's director of auxil-iary services, said UNC and Nike offi-

cials discussed plans to join the WRC beforehand. Tufts said UNC licensees would not have to undergo WRC searches until the upstart monitor came into its own. He said both the FLA and WRC were fledgling organization that had not get begun active monitoring. We have joined both the FLA and the

But Tufts said WRC involvement could cause problems with Nike in the future if the school asked its manufac-

including the distribution of saplings from the Davie Poplar to students from

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By KRISTIAN KORDULA

Minority groups are contesting a

The Florida branch of the National

Association for the Advancement of

Colored People sued the University of Florida-system Board of Regents

because they approved a plan created by Gov. Jeb Bush to institute One

Florida, a plan essentially ending affir-

The One Florida plan replaces racial

With a staff of students and other fac-

ulty, he organized more than 100 events,

mative action in the state.

Florida initiative to replace affirmative action on college campuses with a plan to accept the top fifth of graduating high

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school seniors

got a call that they wanted me to be provost," he said with a laugh. "It was a great sacrifice to leave teaching, but my daughter convinced me, and I think it has been true that I can do more for stu-

many controversial and pressing issues, all under the umbrella of improving aca-

Richardson has held this year was as chairman of the Chancellor's Committee on Faculty Salaries and Benefits, the committee which made the original recommendation to the Board of Trustees for a \$1,500 tuition increase

Plan, which guarantees high school stu-dents in the top 20 percent of their class admittance to the UF-system.

NAACP Leads Fight Against Florida Proposal

The lawsuit claims that Bush and the The lawsuit claims that Dusin and the Board of Regents did not follow proper procedures for changing rules regarding admission to a statewide system. T.H. Poole Sr., president emeritus for the Florida NAACP, said the governor did not abide by the correct lawmaking

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policies in establishing the One Florida plan. "The governor didn't have author-ity to change the law by executive order," Poole said. "There were already state laws regarding enrollment at the university system." Poole said the NAACP disagreed

over the Board of Regents alleged acceptance of the new policy without

"In a moment of national competition, we must be in a competitive position (with faculty salaries), which we are not now," he said. "I wanted, by whatever means necessary, to bring us into the top quintile, and raising tuition was way in which we could do it." the only And as a seasoned administrator used

to proving his point, Richardson provid-ed support for his stance by reading from a personal note that said the extent of the scholarships available would still make it possible for students to attend UNC.

served as interim provost while Richardson was on medical leave last spring, said Richardson's unwillingness to compromise his beliefs on issues such as tuition was the mark of a successful leader. "If you are going to be a provost, you may be involved in controversial things, and you can't be weak. I'm sure people may disagree, but that is the

stranger to Richardson, who also helped to handle the allocation of the \$28.6 million bequest of UNC alumnus David Clayton in September and to negotiate the University's bond package last summer. Part of the Clayton money, the

largest unrestricted gift in UNC history, will go toward the construction of a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, a project for which Richardson is also on the planning committee. "I feel absolutely it was the right deci-

careful examination.

Keith Goldschmidt, director for pub-lic information for the Florida Board of Regents, said board members were con-fident they would win this case because they didn't act in an unlawful way.

We're confident that we'll win our case," Goldschmidt said. "We abided by

the protocols and spirits of the law." Representatives from Bush's office said they were surprised the NAACP would want to contest any initiative that would afford minority students with a college education. "We find it incredible that the NAACP is suing to block the school house door for hundreds of African-American high school seniors, who, without the 20 percent program wouldn't get a shot at higher education,"

sion," he said.

However, Richardson's work with the legislature on passage of a bond package for capital improvements was not as successful. He called the rejection of that package "terrible," and said the new plan up for consideration this summer was of crucial importance.

The package is tentatively set at \$3 billion for capital improvements at UNC-system schools and N.C. community colleges. "(The legislature) has to recognize this is not a casual side order, a little something we can do or do without," he said.

Richardson said such issues, though outside the realm of academia, also helped shape campus life. Others have remarked on Richardson's tangible improvements to UNC's intellectual climate.

Continuing the work of the late Chancellor Michael Hooker, he has worked to improve the undergraduate experience, overseeing all efforts by the 14 deans and many centers which he handles as head of academic affairs at

He named projects such as a series of programs launched this year to improve freshman experience at UNC including summer reading and seminar classes, as well as the transformation of a revamped Graham Memorial building into the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence as examples of what had been achieved.

"He has really done a lot to strength-en student-faculty relations, undergraduate research and programs and the said Bush press secretary Justin Sayfie "If the 20 percent plan isn't imple-mented, 400 to 1,200 African-American students would not be eligible for admission.

Sayfie explained that the NAACP is in the process of filing a suit against the Florida Board of Regents because they didn't look over Bush's decision to implement the One Florida plan, which ends affirmative action to implement the

20 percent plan. He said the hearing should be wrapped up by the end of the week and that he would expect a decision in early June

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was developed which Richardson's watch, also said his acad-emic leadership had been impressive.

"Since I became director, he has been enormously supportive, providing advice and an unfailing sense of good humor and confidence that has made my experience far different," he said.

Remarks about Richardson's wit and cheerful demeanor are not uncommon he is generally seen as a friendly, casual leader, the man willing to kick back and relax as well as get things done.

"He never gets frustrated or upset and when people get intense, he would crack a joke. He has a sense of humor balanced with purpose and a compre-hensive understanding of the University, and you don't find that in a lot of people," Brooks said.

Brooks also said Richardson's style of leadership had helped ease through a turbulent year in top administration, after the death of Hooker and Richardson's own leave after a heart

attack in March. But Richardson said his role was unimportant and that the heart of the University was always in the students and faculty. "In the broad scope, adminis trators come and go and are by no means the most important players we're only ornaments on a very won-derful Christmas tree," he said.

Despite that perception, Richardson

said he still felt a major transition upon him and he would be sad to leave. " I feel like I've been shot out of a cannon – I've been here for 31 extraor-

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nature of being a leader," he said. Financial issues such as these are no the University.



afternoon. "I've gotten my hair dyed, eaten cotton candy, and I got my cheek painted," Sam said. UNC senior Jesse Lepow watched

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and gender preferences in university policies with the Talented 20 Percent WRC on an exploratory basis," he said. PROVOST

turers to be monitored. "When we finally begin implementing the actual monitoring, they'll be a number of licensees who will agonize over the decision of whether to continue with UNC.'

across the state and a speech by The State & National Editor can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu. President Clinton. Richardson remained the department head until he was tapped into service as the interim provost when Richard McCormick resigned in 1995. "I was actually at the beach when I **BAGEL WITH CREAM CHEESE** AND SMALL COFFEE

dents in the provost's office." In the last four years, he has faced

demic life at the University One of the most visible roles

tuition was crucial to maintain the gual-



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Despite the opposition many students expressed, he said he felt increasing ity of the University

Associate Provost Ned Brooks, who