

# UNC under scrutiny for 10-year accreditation

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Students might be getting in gear for finals, but the University as a whole has a much more significant examination to pass.

UNC must be reaccredited every 10 years, and this week a committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is on campus to determine if its various requirements are being met.

The accreditation is a method of peer review from other Southern institutions.

Committee members are in Chapel Hill for three days — wrapping up this afternoon — to tour the University and interview members of the faculty, staff, student body and administration.

"They're here to get a feel for the campus," said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean of undergraduate education.

The group comprises nine administrators from UNC's peer institutions and is led by Michael Adams, president of the University of Georgia.

While the committee is in town only for a short time, it has been working on the reaccreditation process for months.

UNC issued in September a compliance report to SACS. In December, the organization asked

for additional information about some of the reports, Owen said.

In the compliance report, University administrators had to provide detailed information about how UNC meets 80 standards in nine specific aspects of the institution, such as teaching credentials.

Before leaving Chapel Hill today, committee members will speak with Chancellor James Moeser and other top administrators about their findings.

Part of the committee is analyzing the Quality Enhancement Plan, a required component of the reaccreditation process.

"It's a set of goals for ourselves to raise the bar toward excellence," said Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty.

Many universities create enhancement plans that focus on a single area. But in being a large research institution, UNC chose to look at how students learn in research laboratories, classrooms and public service arenas, officials said.

The plan highlights the new undergraduate curriculum, which works to make connections between different subjects and foster a more global approach to education.

The plan also discusses the proposal of a "Maymester" schedule offering — which would allow stu-

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dents to spend several weeks after the spring semester studying with faculty on or off campus before summer break gets in full swing.

Traveling to Chile is one possibility — UNC maintains a partnership with the country's Southern Observatory for Astrophysical Research telescope.

And academics isn't all committee members are concerned with. They are also talking to members of student government about life on campus, Owen said.

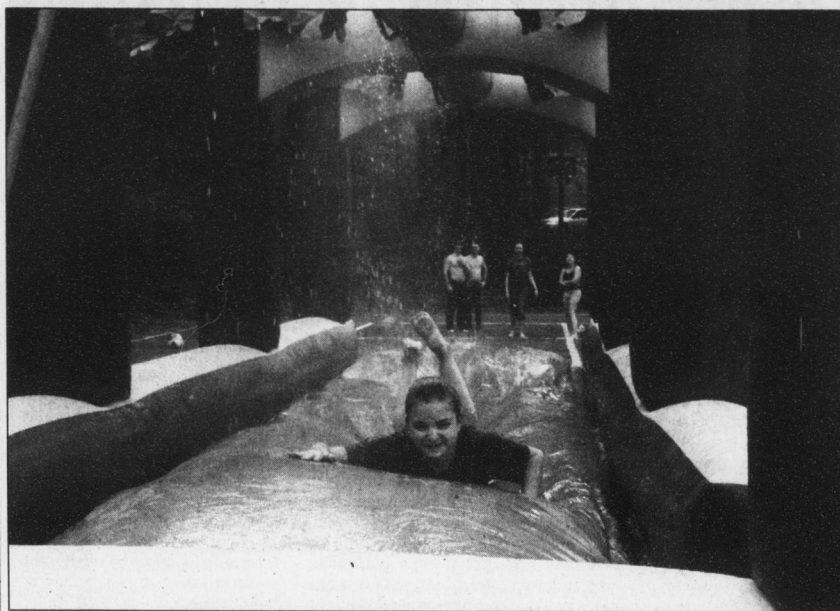
"One (committee member) will be interested in the student environment," she said.

The final word on UNC's accreditation status likely will come in December, Wegner said.

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## SLIP SLIDING AWAY



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Senior Heather Bucurel slides through an inflatable jungle slip 'n' slide at the annual Beach Blast held on the Ehringhaus field Wednesday evening. The end-of-the-year party, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, featured bands, miniature golf, inflatable obstacle courses, sumo wrestling and free cotton candy. "I think it's awesome," said Bucurel. "It's a great way to spend my last few weeks in Chapel Hill."

## LANGUAGES

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"It is very important for everyone in this era of globalization to learn a foreign language, and Bengali is no exception to that," she said. "Moreover, it is the world's fifth most spoken language by virtue of the large population of Bengali speakers all around the world."

Students also have the opportunity to learn Indian languages through summer fellowships.

"There are new grants that start this year from the Department of Education that will send any student who wants to go to India to study Bengali all expenses paid for a summer," Stephens said. "You can come back and be almost fluent in a language."

Students who take the new courses are giving themselves a leg up in the job market, Stephens said.

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"It's a fast track to specialization," he said. "Whereas if you studied Spanish or French, the opportunities are not quite so easy because that's what everyone else is doing."

"We need specialists in the fields of anthropology, political science and economics to handle the inevitable crises that are going to occur in South Asia and the Middle East."

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## PASSOVER

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where we have a cafeteria, which doesn't adhere to these rules," said Alison Linas, a freshman from Richmond, Va.

Rachel Goldhaber, a freshman from Raleigh, also said the rules will be difficult to follow.

"We're freshmen," she said emphatically. "All you eat is really carbohydrates — and you can't have bread or pizza."

Mars reminded those in attendance of other obligations as well.

"At this time, as we celebrate our freedom, it means nothing if we don't help other people's freedom," he said.

"As Jews, we have not only a moral obligation, but a historic obligation."

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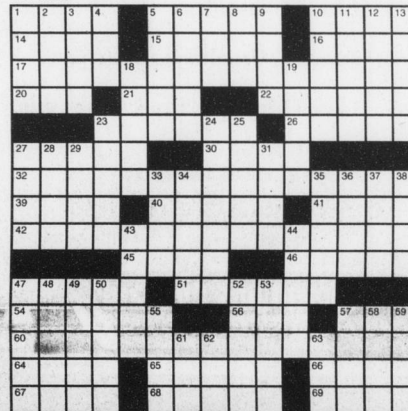
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last summer to be president of the College of William and Mary. Gail Agrawal is interim dean.

When she leaves July 1 to be dean of Kansas University's law school, another interim dean will be tapped to serve until a permanent replacement fills the post.

Jack Boger, a UNC law professor, interviewed for the job Tuesday.

Kenneth Randall, law dean at the University of Alabama, and Maureen O'Rourke, interim law dean at Boston University, will interview in the coming weeks.

The first search consisted of two others who are no longer in the running and Davison Douglas, law professor at William and Mary, who still is being considered.

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