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Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Cooler at night. Low in the low 40s.

Erin go brag!

Saturday is the day we drink green beer and think Irish. For area activities, see page 5.

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Single floor integration proposed for trial year

By HEATHER HAY
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A proposal to integrate one floor of a North Campus dormitory for one year on a voluntary basis will be considered at a meeting of the Faculty Council today.

The proposal, forwarded by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Minorities and the Disadvantaged, is being suggested as one method of improving black/white relations at UNC, according to William Small, Committee Chairperson.

"Both sides have a lot to gain from an experiment of this type," said Small. "Most students come from very homogeneous backgrounds, and I think many have preconceived notions about students of other races."

According to Student Body President Paul Parker, also on the committee forwarding the proposal, the experiment is "a step in the right direction."

"The basis of prejudice is ignorance," Parker said. "What we hope this will do is increase awareness. If you're aware, and you can see from different cultures and backgrounds, you can see how ridiculous prejudice actually is."

If the Faculty Council, an advisory board to the chancellor, approves the proposal, it will go before the chancellor.

Small said the proposal included a recommendation from the committee to continue the current University Housing policy of allowing freshmen to choose room assignments. The committee is also recommending roommate questionnaires be revised to include questions which could encourage integration.

"There are students who want to live in integrated housing, and there are students who would just like to try it out," Small said. "It would provide a more integrated environment of North Campus."

Recommending the integration of an entire dormitory would not have been feasible, Small said. "Only 8 or 9 percent of the students here are black, and involving enough black students to integrate an entire dormitory would have greatly affected the remaining black population."

"A key consideration is that this housing arrangement is experimental," he said. "As a start towards more equitable distribution of blacks and whites on campus, it's worthy of experimentation."

Faculty member Barnett continues to act and direct

By MIKE TRUPELL
Features Editor

This is the fifth in a series of articles about UNC faculty.

She speaks of Shakespearean dramas with a smile across her face and a sparkle in her eyes. Slowly, the dark-haired woman leans back in her chair and begins to reminisce about her earlier days when she and 13 others performed plays throughout the country. She laughs and recounts her job as a Chicago script girl and her work with the Writers' Guild.

These are what Patricia Barnett calls her "young and foolish days."

Although she never won a Tony for acting, an Emmy for writing or an Oscar for directing, the UNC associate professor of drama says she has led a rich life doing the things she enjoys.

"It's the kind of thing you wouldn't take a million dollars for now, but you wouldn't give a plugged nickel to do again," she says.

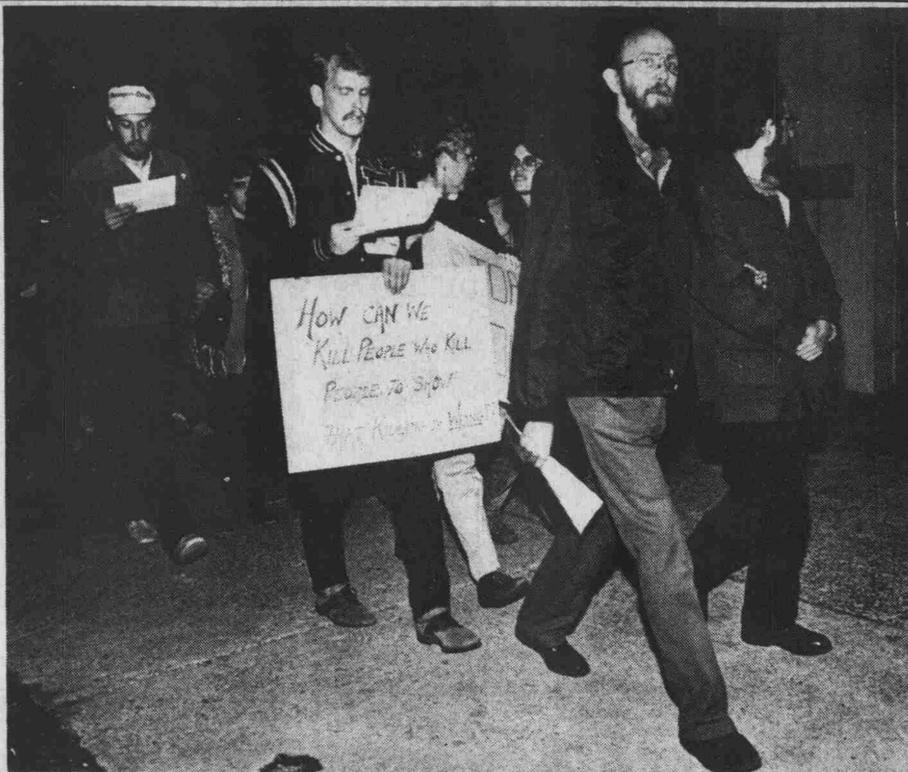
Barnett says her involvement with the performing arts came about almost by accident. "I became a theater major in college by default," she says. Barnett explains that after graduating from St. Catherine's College at St. Paul, Minn., with a bachelor of arts in Spanish, she was waiting to receive a graduate scholarship from a college in Peru.

"But something happened. The scholarship was delayed. But luckily another one was waiting for me at Catholic University of America's theater department. So I went there."

After graduating from Catholic University of America in 1952, Barnett made one of her first serious attempts at making a career of acting.

"When I got out of school, I became involved in a small company that toured," she says. "We took our own costumes and lights and music and make-up and all piled into a big red truck and traveled around the country. We played one-night stands all over. It was a marvelous experience."

"Of course I'd never have the stamina to do it again."



Death-penalty protestors held Thursday night a vigil and a march in Raleigh, protesting the execution by lethal injection of convicted murderer James W. Hutchins.

Smith disagrees with momentum theory, says UNC is ready for NCAA tourney

By MICHAEL DeSISTI
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The regular season has been history for two weeks now, with the ACC Tournament heding on one. North Carolina's third season begins on Saturday, and a few of the experts on basketball fate and fortune have said it might be short.

Dean Smith wasn't one of them. "I don't buy that momentum theory," the North Carolina coach said. "Someone said that Carolina hasn't done well in the (NCAA) tournament if we didn't win the (ACC) Tournament. There are a lot of cases where you end up on a bad note in the ACC Tournament and come on and do well. So I'm not buying that at all."

What most are willing to buy is that the Tar Heel team that dropped a two-point decision to Duke in the ACC Tournament semifinals last Saturday was not the same team that won 21 straight games and all 14 regular-season conference contests.

The difference? Two hands, for the most part.

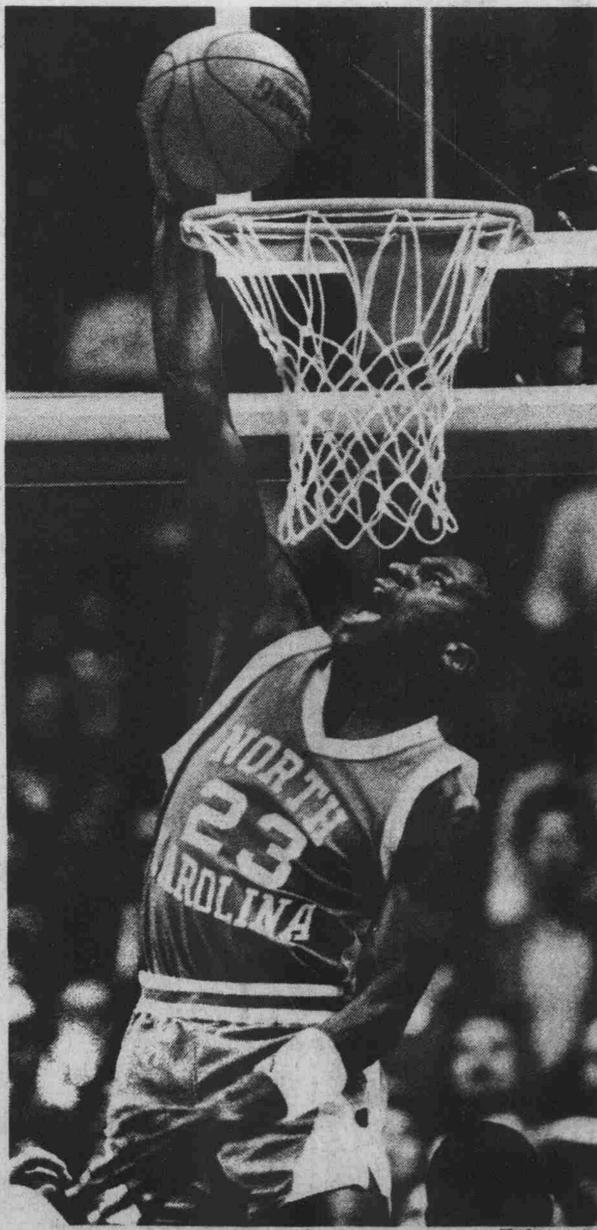
North Carolina plays its first game of the 1984 NCAA Tournament in Charlotte Saturday against Temple, a 65-63 winner Thursday night against St. John's. And the Tar Heels will match each of their two losses in 29 games with an injured starter. Point guard Kenny Smith started his first two games last weekend since fracturing his left wrist Jan. 29. Center Brad Daugherty, who strained a tendon in his right hand in practice March 7, sat out UNC's first-round win over Clemson and fouled out against Duke with only 19

minutes playing time the next day. "I don't like looking out there and seeing two guys with bandages on their hands," Smith said.

"As far as injuries go, if you know ahead of time you can plan accordingly. But I think we'll be healthy on Saturday."

Dean Smith said North Carolina will go with seven starters, so to speak, in the NAAs. Steve Hale, who wowed people

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UNC's Michael Jordan slam dunks during the ACC tournament. The junior guard will lead UNC against Temple Saturday.

Hunt refuses lawyers' pleas

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Hunt refused Thursday to halt the scheduled 2 a.m. Friday execution of James W. Hutchins, who was sentenced to death for the slayings of three law officers almost five years ago.

Hutchins' execution would be the 15th since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976. It would be the third execution in the nation by lethal injection. The last occurred Wednesday when James David Autry was executed in Texas.

While Hunt prepared Thursday to announce his decision to let the execution proceed, Hutchins visited with his wife, Geneva, at Central Prison in Raleigh. His wife left the prison around 4:30 p.m.

Prison spokeswoman Patty McQuillan Thursday night said Hutchins would be allowed a private "contact" meeting with his wife from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in a small room at the prison.

She said two or three guards would view the private meeting through a window.

McQuillan said Hutchins would strip to his undershirts and socks before being taken to a preparation room about 1 a.m. She said intravenous needles would be inserted into his arms and a saline solution would drip into his veins from about 1:30 a.m. until 2 a.m., when he would be taken to the death chamber on a gurney.

When the execution occurs, three technicians standing behind a curtain press plungers, none knowing who will administer the lethal drug, she said.

45-minute walk Marchers protest death penalty

By WAYNE THOMPSON
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RALEIGH — Capital punishment opponents gathered here Thursday night to demonstrate against what one protester called an "ineffective strategy" for dealing with violent crime — today's 2 a.m. execution of convicted killer James W. Hutchins.

After protesters held a silent vigil at the Church of the Good Shepherd on McDowell Street, about 65 of them started the 45-minute march to Central Prison. Two protesters held a sign reading "We walk for life."

Tony Clarke-Sayer, head of North Carolinians Against the Death Penalty, said the purpose of the march was to bear witness to the group's conviction that the death penalty was wrong.

"It's wrong, unjust and ineffective strategy for dealing with violent crime," he said. "It's our belief that through

witnessing with this march tonight we can raise the public consciousness on this issue."

About 11 p.m., Hutchins' attorney, Joseph Cheshire V, said he was despondent over his client's fate. "He's a very strong man," Cheshire said. "He's at peace with his God. And he's probably stronger than most of the rest of us."

Cheshire also said he felt Gov. Jim Hunt's refusal Thursday to commute Hutchins' sentence was not done because of any political reasons.

During the march to Central Prison, Patrick O'Neill of Greenville carried a sign that read, "Jim Hunt is not God."

"I find it hard to believe that Jim Hunt was uncognizant of the political issue involved with the death penalty," he said. Recent public opinion polls show that a majority of North Carolinians favor the death penalty.

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Edmisten, N.C.'s 'top cop,' aims for state's highest office

By WAYNE THOMPSON
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Sixth in a series on candidates for governor

RALEIGH — North Carolina Attorney General Rufus Edmisten's head was bowed low, his voice soft as he sought to reassure a woman whose elderly husband had not returned for several hours from a fishing trip.

"Mrs. Stille, I'll say a little prayer for you myself," he said. "I'm going to hope for the best." Hanging up the phone, he turned and said "there's probably not much hope," and continued with the interview. "He probably fell out of the boat in the rough seas and drowned. He called a sheriff he knew on the coast and asked him to help search for the man."

Such a call is typical of the day-to-day chores of the position Edmisten has held since 1974, he said. "I get calls sometimes from 10, 20 people a day, just ordinary people, asking for help. That's what makes the job challenging."

But Edmisten's biggest challenge of his political career may be just ahead — the May 8 Democratic primary. According to the latest Carolina Poll taken by the UNC School of Journalism, Edmisten and former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox are in a dead heat in the government race. Of the 587 North Carolina Democrats who said they planned to vote in the May primary, 20 percent favored Edmisten, and 20 percent favored Knox. The two are seven percentage points above the nearest Democratic challengers, D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth and Jimmy Green.

"Not one of those is better able to handle the job than I am," Edmisten. "As the state's top cop for 10 years, I've worked in all branches of state government, from the governor's office to the legislature."

"In my humble opinion, that qualifies me as the best candidate for governor," he said as he picked up his pipe, lit it and



Rufus Edmisten

leaned back in his chair.

"I think the most important problem facing the state in the next decade is the lack of a basic education for North Carolina," he said. "Almost one-sixth of the adult population are functional illiterates."

"To begin bringing back dignity to our schools and reaping the talent and potential of our students, I have called for raising starting teacher salaries to \$20,000," he said. Money to fund the raises, he added, could come from the state budget surplus and improvements in the state's tax collection ability.

While paternalistic on education, a query about his stand on crime causes Edmisten to lean forward in his chair.

"I'm somewhat of a fanatic about drug pushers," he said of his creation of the state's first drug squad within the State Bureau of Investigation.

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