

## Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the low 60s. Low near 50.  
Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the mid-60s. Low in the 50s.

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## Anti-apartheid group builds shantytown

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The UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group obtained approval to erect a shanty in front of the South Building Tuesday morning after hours of discussion with Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III and University Police.

The group received permission minutes before a rally in support of University divestment from South Africa was to begin in the Pit. Later in the afternoon, group members set up two more shanties.

The controversy began about 5 a.m. when the group began setting up the shanties to express sympathy for the black South Africans who live in similar structures. Group members were approached by campus policemen who wanted to know if they had obtained permission to build the structures, according to member Paul Pickhardt, a junior from Charlotte.

About an hour later, the police returned to the site and said the shanties would have to be taken down, said Herman Bennett, a group member and one of the rally's organizers.

"They said this was defacing state property and demanded that we call the groundskeeper," said Bennett, a senior from Chapel Hill. "I said I'd rather call someone from Student Affairs. . . . I eventually called Chancellor Fordham. He was upset that we had called him at 6:30 (a.m.)."

"He thought it was very inconsiderate. He said he wasn't sure he'd give us permission."

Bennett said Major Charles E. Mauer of the security office arrived on the scene about two minutes later, saying that Fordham had called him and that the police would take the structures down if the group members did not remove them.

Under the supervision of police, physical plant workers dismantled the shanties shortly before 8 a.m. Group members protested, saying the fate of the shanties paralleled the plight of black South Africans banished from their homes by the nation's white government officials.

Mauer said he decided to have the shanties taken down because the organization had not asked for permission to erect them.

"Any time someone puts up something like that without having permission to do it, I have the authority to take it down," he said.

Fordham said he did not order Mauer to remove the shanties. He called campus security after talking to Bennett, he said, because he wanted to know if the students had obtained approval from campus police.

He said that when he learned from campus police that they had not granted permission to construct anything, he told Mauer that the police did not have to leave the structures standing. He added that he did not tell the police they had

to remove the buildings.

"I told them I would not interfere," Fordham said. "No one had given me a clear request. . . . (to put up the shanties). I had no basis on which to make a decision at 6:30 in the morning. I told him (Bennett) to submit a proposal to me later in the morning and I would consider it then."

As he watched the workers removing the shanties, Student Body President Bryan Hassel said he would submit a request to Fordham to allow the group to reconstruct the shanties before the rally scheduled for 12:15.

"I think it was a hasty move to take them down before anybody had a chance to talk about it," he said.

The answer to Hassel's request came shortly before noon. Fordham agreed to make an exception in the Facilities Use Policy to allow for the shanties as long as certain restrictions were followed, Hassel said.

In a letter to Hassel and group member Dale McKinley, Fordham specified that the structures were not to extend more than 10 feet south of the "patio area" in front of the building. Other restrictions prohibited disturbance of normal classroom activities and called for the structures to be removed and the area completely cleaned by noon on March 25.

"I determined that I would make an exception because the proposal was very responsibly framed," Fordham said. "It was clearly the wish of a significant number of students to express a concern over an issue."

After quickly reassembling one of the shanties, group members went to the Pit and began their rally.

Reading from a press statement, group member Cassandra Butts told the crowd that the UNC Endowment Board invested almost \$6 million in 33 corporations operating in the Republic of South Africa.

"Through these investments, UNC in effect lends support to and profits from institutional racism," she said, adding that the group is demanding "immediate and full divestiture of all of the University's funds from South Africa."

She said that even though the student body voted overwhelmingly in favor of amendments calling for divestment in the 1983 and 1986 campus elections, the Endowment Board had responded by emphasizing that its purpose is to maximize profits.

"Therefore, we, the members of the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group, find no other alternative but to express our outrage by building this shantytown and engaging in peaceful protest," Butts said. "We pledge to continue until our demands for divestiture are met."

The group is demanding a boycott of the securities of all banks and corporations doing business with South Africa, Butts said. They are also calling for an emergency meeting between a delegation of group members and the Endowment Board to discuss the group's divestiture proposal.



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### Musical shacks

University employees (above) dismantle shanties built in protest by a campus anti-apartheid group. But after gaining approval from Chancellor Fordham, group members return and rebuild.

## Making thought into an industry

Hunt says U.S. must export brainpower

By VICKI DAUGHTRY  
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Americans must learn to think for a living if the United States is to continue to compete in a world economy filled with cheap labor, former N.C. Governor Jim Hunt said Tuesday night in a speech to the UNC College Democrats in the Student Union.

Hunt was the final speaker in a series of lectures sponsored by the College Democrats. Elected in 1980, he served as governor until 1984, when he lost to incumbent Republican Jesse Helms for a Senate seat.

Hunt said that the United States cannot, and should not, compete with the abundance of cheap labor in the world economy.

Another potential area of competition in the world economy is the amount of capital gained by investment, he said. However, Hunt said the most capital-intensive steel plant in the world is located in Korea.

"In this world environment in which we're forced to live and compete, there's only one way for us to survive and have the kinds of opportunities we want for ourselves and our children," he said.

"We have to become the center of new ideas and innovation, a place where new things are constantly bubbling up."

Hunt also predicted for a new approach for the Democratic Party in the future.

"The chances are excellent that the Democratic Party will nominate the man or woman who will be president in 1988," Hunt said. "For this reason, we ought to be thinking very hard about what we're going to do with the presidency in terms of leading the nation and even the world."

Hunt said the United States can again assert the clear leadership that it once enjoyed in the post-World War II days by focusing on superb education. Education will provide for the emergence of the thinking generation which will lead the nation in the world economy, he said.

"That superb education should produce the brightest and most imaginative young people in the world," Hunt said.

"We've got to develop people who can think and reason, people whose brains, imagination, and hearts have become sensitive to the needs of the nation."

Hunt said he felt that the Reagan



Former Governor Jim Hunt

administration has probably been the greatest failure in providing leadership for education.

"We ought to have the goal of making America's schools the best in the world, where every child can develop themselves to the fullest," Hunt said.

He said that in the next seven years, one-half of all America's teachers will retire. The political landscape of the post-Reagan years will be different, providing Democrats with more of an advantage in improving education, he said.

"We can either make our schools far better than they are now or, if we don't get the right kinds of people, we can make them worse," he said.

Hunt said that education is critically important, thus emphasizing that we must realize that teachers are, as a result, some of the most important people in the nation.

## Committee recommends more mandatory writing courses

By GUY LUCAS  
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Students need more writing in their courses, according to a report from a Faculty Council committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Writing Across the Curriculum was established at the Faculty Council meeting Sept. 20, 1985, at the suggestion of council Chairman George A. Kennedy.

Committee Chairman George W. Houston said both faculty and students needed a greater understanding of the importance of writing.

"What we ultimately decided was there are good programs on campus to help students develop what we call the basic skills of writing," he said. "What seems to be lacking is a more general understanding . . . of the link between one's analytical and thinking abilities and one's writing ability."

The report recommends that all freshmen who place out of English 1 and 2 be required to take one composition course during their first year. This requirement could be met by any of the 30-level English courses or the English 29 honors course, the report says.

Only 5 or 6 percent of all freshmen place out of English 1 and 2, and some of those students register for English 29 or one of the 30-level courses, the report states, so there shouldn't be too much impact on course enrollment if this recommendation is adopted.

The report also recommends eventually requiring all sophomores, juniors and seniors to register each semester for at least one course with a major writing element. These courses would be designated by the letter "W" with their course numbers.

Houston said developing new courses for the requirement

wouldn't be necessary. The writing elements of many existing courses could be strengthened, he said.

The report says the requirement could be met by any course with a "W" designation. "W" courses taken to fulfill other requirements could be used to fulfill this requirement.

Houston said the requirement would cut down on the amount of choice students have in the courses they could take.

"I think it will probably cut down somewhat," he said. "I'd like to avoid putting students in any kind of a bottleneck situation."

The report also recommends:

- Expanding the Writing Center's staff, facilities and responsibilities, and giving the center access to computer terminals.
- Appointing a "writing advocate" for each department who would serve as liaison between the department and the Writing Center. The advocate also would make faculty aware of resources available to help develop writing components in their courses and special writing programs in each department or school.
- Strong administration support for the English department's current program to work with secondary schools to improve writing instruction in those schools.

Through its surveys of faculty and students, the committee found that 65 percent of the students said their teachers rarely, if ever, wrote useful comments on their writing assignments, while 85 percent of the faculty said they provided comments.

Houston said he wasn't sure why students and faculty

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Vicki Barrett, president of the Forensics Union, displays some of her close to 70 awards

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## Forensics president unselfish

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of profiles on UNC students that will appear on Wednesdays.

By MARTHA WALLACE  
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When asked to describe her, three adjectives came to mind without hesitation — compassionate, cooperative and reliable.

Joanne Gilbert, coach of the Carolina Forensics Team, added, "You know, all those adjectives you use to describe the ones you love," as she spoke of Vicki Barrett.

And what's not to love? Barrett, a senior speech communication major from Springfield, Va., has come a long way since she joined the Carolina Forensics Team three years ago.

As a freshman, still getting used to the idea of college, Barrett was able to not only keep up in her classes, but participate in Individual Events competition with the team. This involved travelling to other universities to compete in public speaking and interpretation of literature at the local, regional and national level.

"UNC competes in regional tournaments," explained Bill Balthrop, director of the team, "we don't have enough money to compete nationally."

UNC may not compete in the national tournament, but Barrett has qualified nationally for the past three years. "It's a privilege just to qualify," Gilbert said. "Vicki

### Campus Personality

has done several events each year. Currently, she's qualified in one event, and almost qualified in four other events."

The Carolina Forensics Team is ranked in the top three schools at almost every inter-collegiate tournament, and, Balthrop said, Barrett has been very instrumental in the success of the team, earning close to 70 awards.

Her contribution to the forensics team doesn't end with competition, however.

Last year, as a junior, Barrett was voted team captain, where her duties included administrative and clerical work for the team. This year, she was selected by her teammates as president of the Forensics Union, a co-curricular group.

"This is a testimony of the high regard she is held in by her peers," Balthrop said.

Her new position involves organizing the team for various events, helping the captain and giving a lot of moral support. This seems to come easy to Barrett, who, in addition to competing with, and captaining the team, often helps out the coach with the dirty work.

"Even as it isn't her designated position, that doesn't

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And homeless near a thousand homes I stood. — Guilt and Sorrow