

News

Education professor dies after long illness

By MICHAEL JACKSON
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UNC professor of education Marvin D. Wyne died on May 14 in his Chapel Hill home after a long illness. He was 48.

Wyne, who had been a UNC faculty member since 1967, was the current faculty chairman of the School of Education.

"As a faculty member, he had a vision about how teaching could be made better and how students could learn more effectively," said Kinnard White, UNC professor of education, who gave a professional tribute at Wyne's funeral. "This had a great impact on those in the business of educating teachers for public schools," White said.

Even though Wyne had written books and research articles, his interaction with people in the profession — teachers, principals

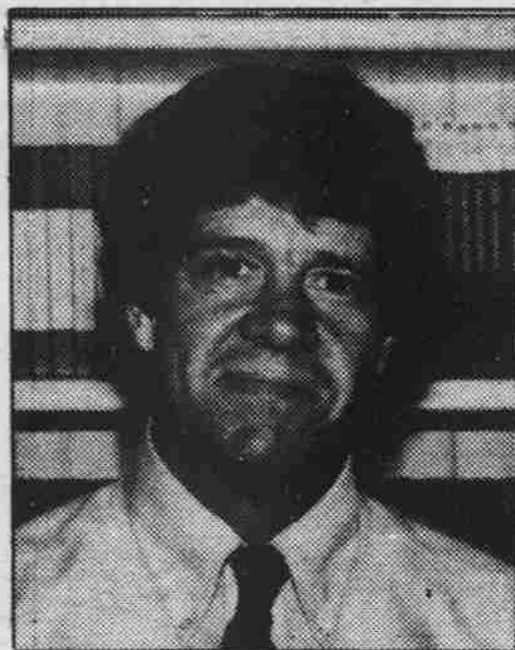
and students — was more important and perhaps more significant to the state of North Carolina, said White.

Referring to Wyne's work in the N.C. public school system, UNC Professor of Education Gary Stuck described him as a dedicated leader and an "action-oriented person who caused things to happen."

"He had an excellent reputation as a teacher," Stuck said. "I think (he was) someone who was genuinely liked by all who knew him."

"He really contributed to the study of teaching of education, not just in the classroom, but throughout the state," said William Burke, associate professor in the school of education.

Wyne's work in N.C. public education included serving as president and program chairman



Marvin D. Wyne

of the N.C. Association for research in Education.

At the University, Wyne was chairman of the selection committee for the Spencer Foundation Young Scholars Grant Program, which gives one-year seed grants for research in elementary and secondary education.

A native of Dupont, Ind., Wyne graduated from Hanover College in 1960 and received his master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University in 1965 and 1967, respectively.

Hunger strike

Students fast to protest board's divestment policy

By RON CRAWFORD
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Members of Action Against Apartheid ended an eight-day fast on May 15 after the UNC Board of Endowment announced its intent to create a committee to examine the University's position on divestment.

The student activist group began the fast on May 8 to draw attention to the issue of apartheid. AAA also wanted to encourage the BOE to divest University funds from companies with holdings in South Africa.

Three students fasted the entire eight days until the BOE's meeting on May 15, AAA member Dale McKinley said Sunday.

Members of AAA confronted S. Bobo Tanner, chairman of the BOE, before the board's meeting and asked him to discuss divestment with the board at the meet-

ing. The group also asked that a faculty council proposal calling for divestment be discussed at the meeting, McKinley said.

About \$5.6 million of UNC's endowment is invested in companies that operate in South Africa.

After meeting with the board in private, Tanner proposed to the AAA that a committee be formed to study apartheid, and the group announced the end of the fast.

The idea for the committee came from Student Body President Brian Bailey. "(Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs) Don Boulton and I had spoken about it earlier and I proposed to Mr. Tanner that we create a committee formed from the different parts of the University," Bailey said Tuesday.

Bailey said the committee's purpose will be to "talk about apartheid and possible solutions and possible steps the University can take."

McKinley suggested the committee be composed of students, faculty, trustees, and staff members, with three representatives from each group. McKinley also requested that the committee be formed before the next Board of Trustees meeting in June, and that it make its proposals before the next BOE meeting in August.

Bailey said his ideas for the composition of the committee were similar to McKinley's. He said he'd like the committee to include members of the administration and "representatives of big contributors" to UNC.

The times the committee will meet and make its proposals have not been set, Bailey said.

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