

WEATHER
TODAY: Sunny; high in upper 60s
TUESDAY: Cloudy; high in low 70s

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ON CAMPUS
Carolina Indian Circle to read a proclamation condemning Columbus Day activities at 2 p.m. in the Pit.

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BOG gives University budget flexibility

By Deborah Greenwood
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The UNC Board of Governors voted Friday to give UNC-CH and nine other state schools greater fiscal independence.

The fiscal flexibility will give UNC-CH officials more control over the allocation of the University's resources, said BOG member Priscilla Taylor.

The N.C. General Assembly paved

the way for the BOG legislation by giving the board the power to designate certain universities as Special Responsibilities Constituent Institutions, Taylor said.

All schools usually are given funds for specific departments, and if the funds are not spent in those departments, they cannot be used, Taylor said.

"There were line items, meaning budget categories, for every budget," she said. "This means that if money was

budgeted for a certain area, it could not be spent anywhere else."

Schools categorized as Special Responsibilities Constituent Institutions now can transfer funds not used in one department or program to another department or program.

BOG member Reginald McCoy said the flexibility would allow the schools to reallocate funds to areas in which they are most needed.

"It will give universities certain pre-

rogatives to transfer money from one line to another, which I think is a good idea," McCoy said. "It will give them greater flexibility with their funds."

UNC-CH Chancellor Paul Hardin said he was optimistic about the flexibility.

"I'm just very pleased to have the designation," Hardin said. "(UNC-system) President (C.D.) Spangler invited chancellors to apply for it, and I believe that 10 out of the 16 schools did so, and

were accepted."
Ben Tuchi, UNC-CH vice chancellor for business and finance, said he did not know how the legislation would affect the University.

"I am not yet aware of any limits or repercussions, or of the exact conditions of the program," he said.

System schools that were given fiscal flexibility are East Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, N.C.

State University, UNC-Charlotte, Pembroke State University, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Wilmington, Elizabeth City State and the N.C. School of the Arts.

Taylor said, "We gave this flexibility to all 10 universities who had requested it."

McCoy said the BOG also discussed the board's request for a \$300 million bond from the state for capital improvements.

Charges may be dropped for Thigpen

By Ashley Fogle
Assistant University Editor

Assault charges against UNC football player Tommy Thigpen may be dropped in March if he continues to seek counseling.

"We deferred prosecution on Thursday," said James Woodall, Orange-Chatham county assistant district attorney. "There are certain conditions, and if Tommy meets

those conditions, then on March 26 the charges might be dropped."

Thigpen signed an agreement outlining three conditions for the charges to be dropped, Woodall said.

"He has to finish mediation with the Dispute Settlement Center, which he has already done. He also has to continue counseling with the University and enroll in the CHANGE program."

The CHANGE program is a series of sessions about domestic violence. Thigpen also must agree to stay away from his ex-girlfriend when not in their counseling meetings, Woodall said. Thigpen refused to comment Sunday.

Thigpen was charged Sept. 5 with two counts of assault on a female after an alleged dispute with his ex-girlfriend Jessica Grasso, a field hockey player. According to the police warrant, Thigpen hit Grasso in the face and choked her until she lost consciousness.

Woodall denied Grasso's requests that the charges be dropped the day after they were filed due to the serious nature of the allegations.

The case was relayed for mediation to the Dispute Settlement Center in Carrboro and to Jan Stone, Orange County domestic violence coordinator. Grasso refused to comment Sunday.

Woodall said deferring prosecution does not imply guilt or innocence. If Thigpen successfully completes the requirements, the charges will not appear on his record.



Chancellor Paul Hardin announces the \$320 million Bicentennial Campaign goal on the steps of South Building Friday.

Hardin announces \$320 million goal for bicentennial

By Michael Workman
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Chancellor Paul Hardin announced Friday that the University plans to raise \$320 million for the Bicentennial Campaign.

The long-awaited announcement from the steps of South Building officially began the Bicentennial Campaign for Carolina, a four-year fund-raising effort that will affect almost every aspect of the University.

"The South Building bell still rings for the more important events," Hardin said. "This is surely one of those events."

Campaign officials already have received \$155 million in gifts and pledges during the campaign that unofficially began in 1989, he said.

Money raised during the campaign will be used for a variety of needs, including need-based and merit-based financial aid, faculty salaries and library acquisitions, Hardin said.

Campus buildings also will be restored and "equipped for the next 200 years," he said. "(The money) will provide support for every academic area of the University."

Hardin said he was pleased with the campaign's progress.

"In the early stages of the campaign, we have already raised some of the biggest gifts in the history of the University."

About half of the campaign money will be added to the University's \$200 million endowment, which is less than the endowments of other major research universities.

The University of Virginia has an endowment of \$487 million, and Duke University's endowment tops \$500 million.

The campaign is not related to the financial difficulties the University is facing due to state budget cuts, Hardin said after the announcement. "This campaign would have taken place regard-

less of the state's temporary fiscal crisis."

He also expressed optimism about the University's financial problems. "The budget crisis will end before the campaign, I'm morally certain."

National campaign co-chairmen William Armfield and Hugh McColl also announced nine new pledges and gifts totaling more than \$10 million Friday.

Those pledges and gifts include a \$2 million gift from NCBN Corp. of Charlotte, the largest corporate gift received for the campaign.

Jefferson-Pilot Corp. of Greensboro has contributed \$1.05 million. The Belk Foundation of Charlotte and the Wachovia Corp. of Winston-Salem and Atlanta have contributed \$1 million each.

Some of the gifts are designated for specific purposes, while others specify the use for only part of the money. Some gifts are not designated at all.

Individual \$1 million gifts from McColl and Armfield and a \$1.025 million gift from John Lupton, chief executive of the Lupton Co. in Chattanooga, Tenn., also were announced.

Part of McColl's gift will be given to the political science department, and the remainder is undesignated. The Kenan-Flagler Business School and the School of Social Work will receive part of Armfield's gift, and the rest is undesignated.

Lupton has designated that his money be used to promote excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Richard Jenrette, a UNC Board of Trustees member, and Earl Phillips, a former BOT chairman, also have made \$1 million gifts.

The largest gift received to date is a \$10 million gift from the William R. Kenan Jr. Trust.

The Kenan Trust gift will be used to build the new Kenan-Flagler Business School building.

Probable cause hearings postponed in rape case of UNC wrestler, ex-student

By Warren Hynes
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The probable cause hearings for a University senior and a former UNC student accused of second-degree rape of another UNC student have been postponed until Friday, Oct. 25.

Hearings for Carmen Edward Catullo, 22, of I-3 Kingswood Apartments, and for Christopher Mitchell Burns, 21, of Wilkesboro, had been scheduled for Friday. But the alleged victim was out of town, said James Woodall Jr., Orange-Chatham assistant district attorney.

The two men were charged last month with the Aug. 24 rape of a UNC student. They allegedly took the victim home after a party and raped her in an apartment, according to police reports. Second-degree rape is defined as forced intercourse with a victim without use of a weapon.

Catullo was on the UNC wrestling team the past two years but has been suspended from the team. Burns also was a member of the wrestling team last year. He left UNC last year.

Barry Winston, the lawyer representing Catullo, said his client agreed to the postponement because under



Carmen Catullo

N.C. law, a preliminary hearing is not an absolute right. "It's usually a good idea for the defendant to agree (to a postponement)," Winston said.

If probable cause is found at the hearings, the case against Catullo and Burns will go to a grand jury, which will decide whether to indict the pair.

Thomas, Hill face character assassination

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Four friends of Anita Hill solemnly testified Sunday that she told them in the 1980s that Clarence Thomas had made unwanted sexual advances toward her.

A former associate of the Supreme Court nominee countered firmly, "I know he did no such thing."

Offstage, a polygraph expert said Hill had passed a lie detector test, which her supporters said boosted her credibility.

In a long day and night under the television lights, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard sharply conflicting testimony about Hill and Thomas, accuser and accused, in a drama that captivated the nation.

"He wouldn't take no for an answer," Susan Hoerchner quoted Hill as saying about Thomas in the early 1980s. Hill added that Thomas said, "You know if you had witnesses, you'd have a perfect case against me." Hoerchner told the panel, which is probing Hill's allegations of sexual advances and Thomas' unequivocal denials.

The lie detector test added an element of controversy. "Ms. Hill is truthful," said Paul Minor, administrator of the test and the head of a private security firm in Virginia, in comments that sent consternation through the ranks of

Thomas' defenders.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, called the development "highly offensive and highly political, too pat, too slick, exactly what a two-bit, slick lawyer" would do. Sen. Joseph Biden, the Delaware Democrat who chairs the committee, ruled the results legally inadmis-

sible.

The Senate is scheduled to vote Tuesday on confirming Thomas, a 43-year-old federal appeals judge whose nomination has turned into a tale of sex and politics unlike any other. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., predicted that most of Thomas' previously announced 13

Hearings prompt evaluation of process

By Anna Griffin
Staff Writer

Inside the doors of the Senate Caucus Room, the Senate Judiciary Committee debates the fate of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

Outside those doors, the nation attempts to grapple with the potential implications and the lurid content of the judiciary committee's first confrontation with charges of sexual harassment.

Seeing beyond the political posturing and propaganda of the ongoing testimony poses the greatest challenge to observers seeking the real truth, said Burnelle Powell, University law school professor and associate dean of academic affairs.

Whatever the outcome of the testi-

mony and the subsequent Tuesday vote over Thomas' confirmation, the harassment hearings have added a new dimension to the Senate confirmation process, Powell said.

"The Senate, unfortunately, has not asserted the kind of role in the confirmation process that our Constitution intended," Powell said. "The responsibility of the Senate is to advise and consent."

Judiciary committee members defend their current position as the logical response to the events as they have unfolded. Repeatedly declaring that their desire is not to serve as "judges," the committee members must still deal with difficult questions of truth and falsehood.

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Democratic supporters would stand by him unless something "really heavy" came up before the end of the hearings.

Biden held out the prospect of an all-night session to hear from each of the numerous witnesses scheduled to testify.

The contrast in testimony Sunday was striking.

Hill "said that Clarence Thomas had repeatedly asked her out," Hoerchner said. "She told me that of course she had refused, but he wouldn't take no for an answer."

Hoerchner said Hill told her that Thomas repeated his entreaties, saying, "I'm your type, I'm your kind of man and you refuse to admit it."

More than six hours later came an entirely different story, one depicting Thomas as a man completely incapable of such action — and Hill as anything but a meek victim.

"I know he did no such thing," said Nancy Elizabeth Fitch, a former assistant to him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. "I trust Judge Thomas completely."

J.C. Alvarez, another former aide to Thomas, called Hill opinionated, arrogant and aloof and said her former boss was being "mugged in broad daylight."

A liar needs a good memory. — Quintilian