

weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high near 60
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high upper 40s

on campus

• Josh White Jr. will give an acoustic concert at 8 p.m. in the Union Cabaret. Tickets, \$2 students, \$4 public.

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CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Applications for the 1993 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, worth \$500 to a person who exemplifies King's ideals, are due Monday



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SOCCER SEVEN-PEAT?

UNC women's soccer team begins its charge for a seventh-straight NCAA title Saturday at Fetzer Field



sportsline

REINSTATED: Relief pitcher Steve Howe, to major league baseball under the orders of arbitrator George Nicolau. Howe had been given a lifetime suspension from baseball June 8 by then-commissioner Fay Vincent.

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Waters urges federal reform

By Jennifer Talhelm
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U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said the U.S. government should not have been surprised by the Los Angeles riots.

Waters, who delivered the fourth keynote address of Human Rights Week 1992 Thursday night, said the riots happened because the government had ignored the needs of poor Americans.



"Increasingly we're seeing young men and women, especially African Americans and Latinos, who are being dropped off the American agenda," she told about 150 students and community members who gathered to hear her speak in Memorial Hall.

"(These young Americans) don't show up in anyone's statistics," she said. "America has pretended they're not there, yet the selling of drugs and crack has gone up, and it's dividing America."

Waters said many poor young people in America grew up seeing a disparity between their lifestyles and those of middle-class Americans.

"The legislatures are broke, cities are broke — the money's been in the defense budget," she said. "When Los Angeles exploded, none of us should have been surprised."

But Waters said further riots could be avoided by improved academic and cultural education and by improving and expanding social programs. "It is time for us to look inward," she said. "The rage is still boiling underneath where problems continue to multiply."

"We have some very, very angry people who don't feel a part of anything."

Waters commended the UNC students fighting for a free-standing black



U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., speaks at Memorial Hall Thursday night

cultural center.

"I'm here to say to you that the struggle has been an honest one," she said. "We've got to talk about what's hurting us. We've got to confront each other and cry when we don't understand. When we do this, we will do something about the rage."

Waters said she supported a free-standing BCC because the center would help to educate black students about themselves and would teach white stu-

dent up for what they thought was right.

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Representative drawn to UNC by BCC issue

By Michael Workman
Assistant University Editor

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., arrived late for the dinner in her honor at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center Thursday night, but a boisterous audience of 35 children and 25 adults waited for her anyway.

The dinner preceded a speech by Waters in Memorial Hall, which was part of Human Rights Week.

Waters represents California's 29th Congressional District, which is located in South-Central Los Angeles, an area hard-hit by the riots after the acquittal of four white police officers accused of beating motorist Rodney King last spring.

The congresswoman addressed the BCC audience for about 10 minutes, and she answered questions from the children afterward.

During her remarks in the BCC, which were clearly targeted toward the children, Waters compared UNC students' struggle for a free-standing black cultural center with the children's struggle for self-esteem.

The triumph of free-standing BCC supporters, signified by Chancellor Paul Hardin's support of a new center several weeks ago, was a major reason for her visit, Waters said.

"The reason I come is I heard about some young people who wanted to get something done and were willing to fight for it," she said.

Waters urged the children to stand up for what they thought was right.

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Ban supporters, opponents split on Clinton order

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on President-elect Bill Clinton's proposal to end the ban on homosexuals in the military. Monday's edition will explore the local implications of such a change.

By Andrea Jones
Staff Writer

The possible lifting of the ban that prevents openly homosexual men and women from serving in the U.S. armed forces has provoked controversy between conservative and liberal groups across the nation and within the military.

President-elect Bill Clinton plans to issue an executive order early in his administration that would repeal the U.S. Department of Defense directive that bans homosexuals from the military.

David Leavy, Clinton's assistant press secretary, said a specific date had not been set as to when the order would be issued, but he affirmed Clinton's stance on gay and lesbian rights.

"We have not started prioritizing issues at this point," Leavy said. "(Clinton) supports lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military. He feels we should end all discrimination and bias in society."

Harold Jordan, coordinator of the National Youth and Militarism Program with the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization based in Philadelphia, said Clinton appeared to consider the issue important.

"(Clinton's) transition team seems serious about this," Jordan said.

Leslie Alexander, head of the Eagle Forum Collegians, said Clinton's

stance on the issue was a clear-cut statement of what she thought were misplaced priorities.

The Eagle Forum is a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C.

"It's clear that the president-elect is not willing to listen to information that it will be endangering military security by lowering morale (to admit homosexuals into the service)," Alexander said. "It's clear that he doesn't value military security as much as he values the support of the gay community."

Alexander referred to "documentation and age-old wisdom" to support her view and said many military employees agreed with her.

"Experienced, older, lifelong men and women members of the military ... will testify that that lifestyle has an ill effect on morale," Alexander said.

She said the military should not admit professed gays or lesbians because "heterosexual men are very threatened by that," and explained that "close quarters and very little privacy" in the armed forces made for tension between homosexuals and heterosexuals.

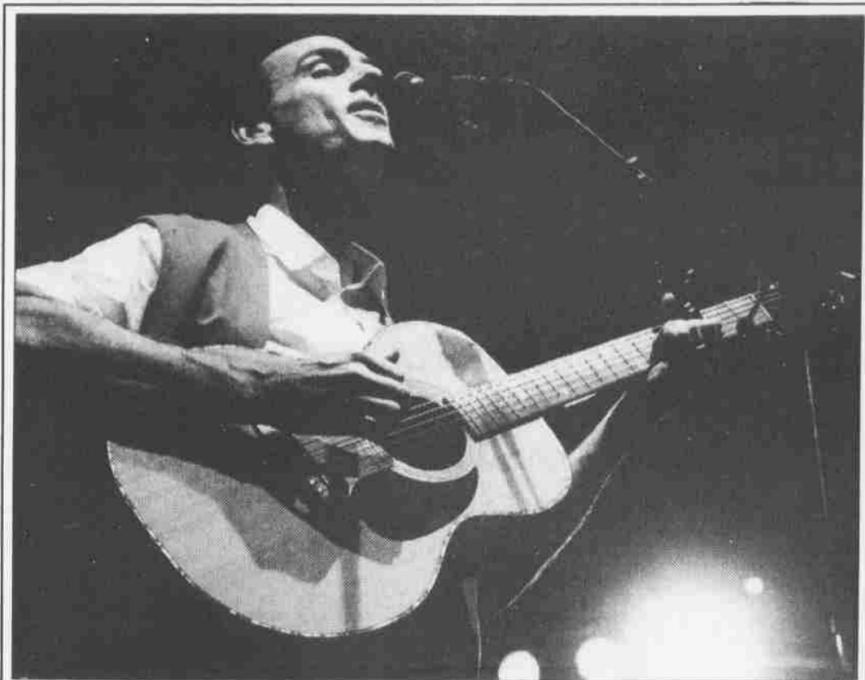
Alexander also said that she thought her views were not prejudicial and that open homosexuality was an obstacle to military unity.

"I don't mean it as persecution or as bashing," she said. "We're not talking

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Bill Clinton



J.T. on the move

James Taylor solemnly sings "Something in the Way She Moves" at the Dean E. Smith Center Wednesday night. Taylor charmed

an enthusiastic home crowd by shaking hands with audience members in between tunes for an upcoming live album.

Tenure issue hits grad students

By Justin Scheef
Staff Writer

The University might be losing more than just award-winning professors if the administration continues to deny tenure to assistant professors who are said to emphasize classroom performance more than research, some students said.

Kevin Stewart, an assistant geology professor, said he soon would receive a final decision in his tenure case and added that he expected to be denied tenure because of insufficient research. If Stewart is denied tenure, he will leave UNC after his contract expires in 1993.

But the decision would not affect just Stewart.

Ruben Giral, a graduate student whom Stewart is advising on his master's thesis in the field of structural geology, said it was likely that he also would leave the University if Stewart did not receive tenure.

"It's a terrible shame," Giral said. "Some of Kevin's projects are going to come into fruition in the next 18 months." If denied tenure, Stewart will not be employed at UNC when those projects are completed, Giral said.

Since Stewart is the only structural geologist in the department, Giral said he would look for an adviser at another university or would work where Stewart was employed.

"It's going to affect me dramatically," Giral said. "It's hard to find someone to advise you on the nuances of your field."

"If he were to stay, I would be working with one of the pre-eminent structural geologists of our time. ... His research is one of the two major reasons I decided to come here."

Paul Ferguson, an assistant speech communication professor, also is close to being denied tenure because of a lack of traditional research.

Students who have worked with Ferguson on various productions said that if Ferguson did not receive tenure, they would lose one of their most valuable resources.

Students who have been rallying support for Ferguson have collected 1,700 signatures on a petition this week, speech communication graduate student Martin Strobel said. The students are hoping to collect 5,000 signatures, he said.

"It's pretty damn exciting," Strobel said of the efforts, which included approaching students outside the Dean E. Smith Center Wednesday night before the James Taylor concert.

Strobel said Ferguson supporters would be meeting Thursday with Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students also have been rallying behind Stewart by writing letters to various politicians and campus administrators citing the amount of the research

Stewart has done and the positive effects he has had on his students.

A poster presentation authored by doctoral student Steven Lundblad, Stewart and assistant geology professor Michael Follo received a "Best-Poster-Session Award" at the national meeting of the Geological Society of America last month. Follo was denied tenure this spring for reasons similar to those in Stewart's case.

Stewart and Follo are co-advisers to Lundblad, who said he expected to finish his work this spring before Follo's contract expired.

Follo said that he felt good about the award but that Lundblad deserved most of the credit. "One thing I don't want to do is take too much credit for that award," Follo said.

Stewart agreed that the credit for the award should go to Lundblad. "I think it is really nice that Steve is getting some credit for his work," he said.

A research grant is pending for Lundblad's work, Stewart said.

Follo said news of the award was not widespread in the geology department. "I'm not convinced that is completely coincidental," he said. Follo added that very few colleagues had congratulated him on the award.

Lundblad said Follo and Stewart had helped him immensely with the award-winning poster, but that his research was in a different field.

Panel discusses environmental racism, Gov. Hunt's record

By James Lewis
Staff Writer

Experts on environmental racism discussed waste dumping in communities with large minority populations, and student environmentalists blasted Governor-elect Jim Hunt's environmental record during a panel meeting at Gerrard Hall Thursday night.

The discussion, titled "A Healthy Environment is a Human Right," was sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition and was part of the Campus Y's Human Rights Week.

Before the formal meeting, Josh Busby, SEAC co-chairman, read a statement written by SEAC members criticizing Hunt.

"Jim Hunt has ... shown extremely poor judgment in dealing with environ-

mental hazards that threaten the health of North Carolinians," the statement reads.

The statement includes criticism of Hunt's law firm and also accuses him of mishandling a 1981 Warren County landfill proposal.

As the panel discussion began, Therese Vick, a representative from Northampton Citizens Against Pollution, spoke on behalf of the citizens of Northampton County, which is the proposed site of a solid-waste incinerator.

"(We) challenge the new administration to stop using rural North Carolina

as the toilet for the state," Vick said.

Northampton is "tailor-fit" for the waste site because the county is predominantly black, has the third-highest percentage of children in poverty in the state and is "educationally and economically deprived," she said.

Vick cited the effort to put a solid-waste landfill on a Cherokee Indian reservation in Western North Carolina and proposals to put low-level radioactive dumps in Richmond County, on the border of Chatham and Wake counties and in Northampton County as examples of environmental injustice.

Vick said that in all the proposed sites, minorities would be most affected by the dumps. "Environmental racism is alive and well in North Carolina," she said.

Robert Bullard, author of "Dumping

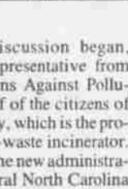
in Dixie," said that students were the catalysts for change in America and that they must work to solve environmental problems.

"Students have to come together," he said. "They have to get out of the ivory towers and get involved in environmental justice organizations."

Members of the Halifax Environmental Loss Prevention of Tillery also attended the meeting but did not participate in the discussion. Group members said they were involved in a fight of their own against corporations involved in large hog farm operations that produced air and water pollution.

They cited a 1987 United Church of Christ study that stated that "3 out of 5 Black and Hispanic Americans live in

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Chapel Hill buses safe, inspected, director says

By Shakti Routray
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Transit never has been involved in a fatal accident like the one that occurred at Duke University Tuesday, according to town transportation director Bob Godding.

Amy Elizabeth Geissinger, a freshman at Duke University, was killed Tuesday when she slipped off the bus she was riding as it made a turn.

Godding said Thursday that Chapel Hill Transit had an outstanding inspection and safety record.

"My knowledge of (the Chapel Hill

Transit) system is that we have everything working exactly the way that the manufacturers say that they should work," Godding said.

"There is no way that I am aware of that that could happen," Godding added, referring to Tuesday's accident at Duke.

Al Rossiter, director of Duke News Service, said the accident was being investigated by the Durham police.

In addition, Duke University President H. Keith Brodie directed Duke's safety task force Wednesday to con-

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I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law. — Martin Luther King Jr.