

**weather**  
 TODAY: Mostly sunny; high near 50  
 THURSDAY: Rain likely; high in the 40s

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 • An audio production class will present "Mixed Nutz" at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center Auditorium.

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 Anorexics and bulimics struggle for self-confidence, control despite media's unrealistic images of women

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 Founders of a new paper at N.C. State University hope to provide an African-American perspective

**sportsline**  
**MOVING ON:** UNC assistant football coach **Whitney Jordan**, to become Clemson's offensive coordinator. Jordan, a former Tiger receiver, had coached the Tar Heels' offensive guards and centers since 1990. Jordan was a Clemson assistant from 1959 to 1972.

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## UNC professor heads to capitol as Clinton aide

**By Gautam Khandelwal**  
 Staff Writer

Kenneth Thorpe is a teacher, a researcher and an expert in health-care reform.

And when he's not too busy, he's also an adviser to the next president of the United States.

Thorpe, associate professor of health policy and administration at the University, recently was appointed to President-elect Bill Clinton's national health plan transition team. The team, a group of about six national experts, will advise the Arkansas governor and help him come up with a concrete health-care reform proposal.

Thorpe first met Clinton in July when he was called to advise the then-Democratic nominee on health care and possible health-care reform packages.

"I started to do things on a very ad hoc basis in July," Thorpe said. "Just sort of phone calls — 'What do you think of this, what do you think of that?' — very informal.

"The way the campaign like that works is that the (campaign) had contracted with a group in Washington whose responsibility was to put together a health-care reform package. The (campaign) then called the people they knew that were experts in financing and health reforms issues on an

informal basis to provide input into the campaign."

Thorpe said he had performed a study on the economic impact of President Bush's health-care reform plan and found the president's proposed cuts in federal health programs would result in the loss of more than 2 million jobs nationwide.

Bush's plan would fail to reduce rising health-care costs, resulting in slower wage growth and even higher health-care costs, Thorpe said. These combined effects would lead to a large number of lost jobs, he said.

"If we don't do anything to control the growth of health spending, then that would continue to provide a major drag in the economy," he said.

Thorpe said a draft of the president-elect's new health policy would be ready in about two weeks.

"Clinton's got to make some calls on some key design issues," he said. "Within the next two weeks, he'll be doing that, and then we'll have a better indication."

Thorpe said the key elements of the proposal would be a national insurance program and an expenditure limit.

"Basically, the essential elements are a universal insurance program — everybody being covered and a national expenditure target to control

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## Seniors plan record class gift



Senior Class President Bob Paty announces \$365,000 class gift Tuesday

**By Marty Minchin**  
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The ailing UNC Library system soon will receive what could be the largest senior class gift ever given at a U.S. university.

Bob Paty, senior class president, announced at a ceremony Tuesday night that the UNC class of 1993 has set a goal of \$365,000 to be raised in five years for the UNC Library Endowment Fund. The National Endowment for the Humanities will add more than \$90,000 in matching funds to the gift, making it the largest senior class gift ever proposed.

"(The gift) is going to have a tremendous effect," Paty said. "Number one, (the gift is) going to put the library in the press, which it desperately needs right now."

The gift will be used to purchase books, periodicals, audio-visual resources and electronic equipment.

The class of 1993 will be asking each senior to pledge a gift of \$200 to be given during the next five years. The seniors are planning a phone-a-thon in late January to raise money for the gift. Pledging began Tuesday night at the ceremony.

James Govan, the retiring University librarian, said he was overwhelmed by the size of the gift.

"I can't tell you how pleased and excited and gratified we are to be chosen as the recipients of your gift," he told seniors at the Tuesday night ceremony. "You're in a very strong position to help the library in its crisis."

Govan said the interest the gift would earn once it was placed in the endowment fund would help the financially strapped UNC libraries.

The library budget has been on a

steady decline since the mid-1980s. The number of books the library purchased last year was only half the number bought in 1985.

The cost of periodicals has increased greatly compared to the small increase in state funding. As a result, the library has had to cancel subscriptions to more than 2,000 periodicals.

The library's national ranking among research institutions has slipped during the past two years.

Each book purchased from money earned by the senior class gift will have a bookplate inside of it commemorating the class of 1993, Govan said. "What you get out of this is thousands and thousands of little monuments, in a way," he said.

Chancellor Paul Hardin said he was very pleased with the leadership of the senior class and the gift they had chosen. "It's very, very important to have private gift support for the University," he said. "I'm delighted you chose the library."

Joe Hewitt, the associate University librarian who will take over as UNC librarian next year, said the gift would help to stop the library's decline.

"The funds allow us to achieve a certain level of excellence we couldn't even think of otherwise," he said.

Paty said the gift was chosen based on three criteria: the benefit it would have for the University community, the improvement it would have on the academic standing of the University and the enthusiasm and interest it would generate within the senior class.

"There were a lot of proposals that were given to us," Paty said. "It was very hard for us to make a choice. The more we thought about it, the more we kept coming back to the library."

## N.C. GOP suit seeks to change judicial elections

**By Anna Burdeshaw**  
 Staff Writer

An N.C. Republican Party lawsuit that labels the state system of electing Superior Court judges unconstitutional is still alive thanks to a ruling of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week.

Under the current system, the state is organized into four regional divisions, which are subdivided into smaller districts. Although Superior Court judges must reside in the districts they represent, they are elected on a statewide basis and hold court throughout North Carolina.

"The Republican Party as an entity is a plaintiff in this case," said Marshall Hurlley, an attorney for the N.C. Republican Party. "In addition, there are certain individual voters ... and former

candidates for judge that have a particular grievance with this system of election."

The state GOP asserts that it is a disenfranchised minority and is being manipulated by flaws in the judicial election system. The party believes this manipulation constitutes political gerrymandering, Hurlley said.

"You're unfairly canceling out the preference of the local populace by having statewide elections," Hurlley said. "If given an opportunity ... people on the local level in some parts of the state would elect Republicans."

The case was dismissed last year by the U.S. District Court, but the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the plaintiffs presented sufficient evidence to be granted a trial.

The Republicans have cited the case

of Raleigh attorney Howard Manning Jr. as an example showing that the current election system favored the Democratic Party.

Manning, a Wake County resident, was elected to the Superior Court in 1988 and won his district's vote again in the 1992 election. But Manning lost his bid for judgeship because statewide voters chose his Democratic opponents.

"I proved the point that you could win overwhelmingly ... at home and then go outside in the state and get chewed up," Manning said.

Manning said he favored a new system of election in which judges would be chosen only by the voters in their district instead of the current statewide system.

Robert Hedrick, Chief Judge of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said

he did not think the statewide election system was unconstitutional because Superior Court judges served constituents from the entire state.

"(The judges) do not serve only the district in which they live ... They serve the whole state," Hedrick said. "They serve in all four divisions."

Robert Farmer, a Superior Court judge who currently represents Wake County and defeated Manning in November, agreed with Hedrick.

"I do hold court all over this state," Farmer said. He pointed out that judges serve not only throughout their division but in each of the other three divisions. Farmer estimated that he had served in 60 of North Carolina's counties and said he knew of judges who had pre-

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## Local police want to upgrade firearms

**By Shakti Routray**  
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Although Carrboro police Chief Ben Callahan has not yet made a formal proposal to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for higher-caliber guns for the city's officers, some of the members of the board said they would support such a proposal.

Callahan requested higher-caliber guns to replace Carrboro police officers' current .357 revolvers.

Callahan said he requested 40-caliber Glock's in response to officers who raised concerns about the advanced weapons that many criminals own.

"We need to upgrade our weapons to be able to handle situations that may occur," Callahan said.

Jay Bryan, a Carrboro alderman, said Tuesday that the board had not received a full report on the gun situation. "(The issue) was something that came up in a preliminary budget discussion," Bryan said.

However, Bryan said that if Callahan made a formal proposal in the spring, the board would do its best to implement his request into the budget after studying the needs of other departments.

Callahan said that officers had asked for better guns during the past few years but that the past police chiefs had never formally brought the idea to the Board of Aldermen's attention.

It is a question of officer and public safety, Callahan said. "The officers feel less able to handle situations that they encounter," he said.

With higher-caliber guns, officers

will be better prepared to handle situations involving advanced weapons when they encounter them, Callahan said. "It only takes once," he said.

Callahan said officers had confiscated high-caliber, multi-shot weapons on raids. "Anybody that wants a gun can get it," he said.

The new guns, if approved, will be phased in over the next three years at a total purchase price of \$15,000, based on current price indexes.

Callahan said that there were some Carrboro officers who already knew how to use the 40-caliber Glock's but that others would have to be trained to meet state standards.

Frances Shetley, a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said she would support Callahan's request for the higher-caliber guns.

"I am a great believer in listening to staff recommendations, especially professionals whom I consider to be highly qualified," Shetley said. "I would support it."

Shetley added that she hoped the board would support the integration of the weapons into the Carrboro police force in the city's budget decisions to be made in June.

Hilliard Caldwell, also of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said, "I think it is a shame when the police department tells the aldermen that the guns out there in the community are better than the ones the officers have."

Caldwell added that he definitely would support the push for better guns and that the price of the guns should

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## Ferguson to file appeal by Friday; BOT mum on issue

**By Kathleen Keener**  
 Staff Writer

Paul Ferguson, the award-winning speech communication assistant professor who was denied tenure again last week, said Tuesday that he planned to submit his tenure appeal to the Board of Trustees no later than Friday.

"I am trying to maintain my confidence that the Board of Trustees will rule in my favor," Ferguson said.

Travis Porter, vice chairman of the Board of Governors and former BOT chairman, said that upon receiving Ferguson's appeal, the BOT would appoint a panel to consider whether his case was handled correctly. The panel will then present a report to the full BOT, which will vote on the panel's recommendation, he said.

BOT members were unwilling to comment specifically on their opinions

in Ferguson's case.

"If we are there to be a hearing body, we're there to be a hearing body," BOT member David Ward said. "We're going to hear the information and go from there."

BOT member John Pope said he could not speculate on the outcome of Ferguson's appeal.

Pope said he thought the primary responsibility of the University should be to teach its students, not perform research. A majority of the BOT feels that way, Pope said.

"The University is for the people of North Carolina, primarily its children," Pope said. "The people and children of

North Carolina benefit very little from research. There are not many subjects left (for research) that benefit the general population."

Pope said he thought that the overall concept of tenure had inherent problems and that all professors should have contracts that were evaluated periodically by other faculty members.

"I have a big problem with tenure," he said. "I don't know any other group of people who have a lifetime position."

Porter said the role of the BOT in tenure appeals such as Ferguson's would be to serve as an appellate body and decide whether the previous hearings in

the case were handled fairly.

Ferguson contends he was denied tenure primarily because William Balthrop, chairman of the speech communication department, and Beverly Long, a former head of the department and senior faculty member, destroyed a favorable review in Ferguson's file before his first tenure hearing last year.

The review would have helped members of the Speech Communication Advisory Committee better understand the need for "creative," or performance-based, research, Ferguson said.

During Ferguson's final University-based appeal, held before the Faculty Hearings Committee, Balthrop admitted destroying the review.

Ferguson also contends that Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, didn't inform other Speech Communication Advisory Committee members of the file's destruction.



Paul Ferguson



John Pope

## Two seniors aim to heighten black consciousness through sale of Negro League baseball caps

**By John Davies**  
 Staff Writer

Imagine Major League Baseball without Dave Winfield, Kirby Puckett, Glen Braggs or Ricky Henderson.

From 1877 to 1945, the big leagues kept black baseball talent from its ranks. The Negro League was formed in 1910 to accommodate black baseball stars who were excluded from the major leagues.

Two UNC seniors have sought to publicize this otherwise forgotten league.

Kelvin Baggett and Nigel Long started a company called Nubian HBC two months ago and now are selling fitted Negro League baseball caps

through mail order to college campuses across the state. The company also is distributing the caps to "black" clothing shops in North Carolina and Virginia.

The HBC in the company's cryptic name stands for "heightening black consciousness." Nubia was an ancient kingdom located in present-day Ethiopia.

The caps come with information about the Negro League. "Our fashions are used as fashion statements as well as educational tools," Baggett said.

The Negro League was established in 1910 in response to the segregation of Major League Baseball in 1877. By 1920, the National League of the Negro League was formed with six teams. The Negro American League was formed in 1923, and the first Negro World Series

was played in 1924.

"One of the biggest pastimes for blacks was going to the games and seeing the players," Long said.

Negro League teams traditionally played 70 games a season. In addition, they competed against major league teams in exhibition games organized by the major league teams as money-making schemes. In all, Negro League teams won 268 of the exhibition games against the major-leaguers, compared to the major league teams' 168 victories.

"A lot of people can't believe that the black teams played major league teams," Long said.

The Negro League boasted an impressive slate of players, including Satchel Paige, Hank Aaron and Josh

Gibson. "It was said that Babe Ruth was the white Josh Gibson," Long said.

The Negro League began to disband in 1945 with the reintegration of the major leagues when Jackie Robinson left the Kansas City Monarchs to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"I think that it is important that people realize the importance of the (Negro) League itself, but also its historical significance," Baggett said. After all, no black players were around in the major leagues even to try to break Ty Cobb's record for the most career hits or Babe Ruth's record for the most home runs.

In tribute to the accomplishments of the Negro League baseball players, a portion of the profits from the cap sales goes directly to the black community on

a case-by-case basis, Baggett said.

"We try to see where the profits could best be placed," he said. "It was a great concern that we not limit ourselves (in contributing) to one organization."

Long said, "We see blacks wearing so much (athletic) paraphernalia, and the money doesn't come back into the (black) community."

So are Cuban X Giants caps going to displace Malcolm X caps?

Signs of the once-forgotten league are beginning to emerge in today's pop culture. On the Fox network's show "Roc," the main character sports a Baltimore Black Sox jacket. Other Negro League paraphernalia abounds on rap videos and even on NBC's "A Different World."

"I think our business has been very successful," Long said. "We're very happy with our progress and the reception from the customers."

Although sales at predominantly black colleges are thriving, sales at UNC have been lackluster. "(The caps) don't sell as well at UNC or Duke," Long said.

In the future, Baggett and Long also hope to market Negro League jackets and jerseys and black clay faces — necklaces highlighted by a single black face made of clay.

"(The faces) aren't of anybody in particular," Long said. "They're supposed to represent the beauty of black

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— Marcel Marceau