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Administrators to face solid opposition shown by signatures

Deanna McDonald
News Editor

Petitions against this December's graduation ceremony are circulating campus as part of the latest effort to reach a compromise between students and administrators.

Students supporting the petition want a separate small graduation ceremony for the Bryan School of Business and Economics. So far, the petitions hold 40-60 signatures. The numbers are expected to climb as the petitioners make progress throughout the week.

The University announced plans to hold the first formal winter graduation ceremony this December. Graduates will receive recognition of their achievements in a commencement this year, and all participants will wear full regalia rather than personal attire.

Unlike May graduation, however, students will participate in

one unified ceremony rather than be separated by schools.

A bulletin from the Office of the Registrar states that "graduates will be lined up, seated and introduced individually and alphabetically by college/school and degree."

Petitioners do not agree with the new procedure. They stress the importance of maintaining unity among classmates and familiar faculty. In addition, they are not looking forward to a particularly lengthy ceremony that recognizes unfamiliar faces.

One student comment urges UNCG's Commencement Committee to "eliminate the large graduation ... we go to school with friends and faculty in the Bryan school and that's who we want to graduate with."

Another supporter continues the message by adding, "Unity is fine - but so is graduating amongst friends. Allowing for a Bryan

School ceremony is appropriate and much more meaningful."

Student opposition to the new policy comes as a surprise to many faculty members who are involved in the planning of the ceremony.

Pam Cash, chair of the Commencement Committee, says that in the past, students graduating in December have always written letters demanding the same formal recognition granted to May graduates. Chancellor Pat Sullivan, along with graduation councils, are finally creating the opportunity for that, she says.

Cash, who knows of students' concerns about graduation, says, "I understand it but we are trying to make it better and I think this is a great compromise. Students will still have a chance to interact with familiar people from their past here."

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Painters And Jello...



Geoffrey Gartner/THE CAROLINIAN
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Professor makes second speech in Mexico today

From Staff Reports

Dr. Joseph B. Mountjoy, a professor of anthropology will present a paper at a conference in Mexico today.

Mountjoy will be presenting a paper on the radiocarbon dating of archaeological remains on the coasts of Nayarit and Jalisco at a symposium about the chronology of West Mexican archaeological cultures. The symposium will be in Colima, Mexico, and is sponsored by Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History.

This will be Mountjoy's second trip to Colima in recent months. This summer he presented a paper titled "The Development of Indigenous Culture in the Municipality of Puerto Vallarta" at the University of Colima. On the same trip, he presented a paper on coastal West Mexican archaeology at the national meeting of the Mexican Society of Anthropology and History in Tepic in the Mexican state of Nayarit.

In early October, Mountjoy presented a paper titled "Early archaeological Cultures on the Coast of West Mexico" at a symposium on West Mexican archaeology at the Chicago Art Institute. The symposium focused on cultures of West Mexico before 900 A.D.

The purpose of the symposium was to plan a book about West Mexican archaeology. The book will be published in conjunction with the Institute's planned exhibit of artifacts from West Mexico. The exhibit and book should be completed in two years, according to Mountjoy. The project is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A UNCG faculty member since 1969, Mountjoy has spent the past decade conducting archaeological research in the Banderas Valley of West Mexico. His writings about the research have been published as chapters in several books and as numerous articles in the journals "Studies of Mankind" and "Ancient Mesoamerica."

Militia Arrests Shock Quiet Town

John W. Fountain
Times/Post News Service

CLARKSBURG, W.Va.—Residents of this small town reacted with shock Saturday to news that the FBI had arrested seven men connected to an anti-government militia group for plotting to blow up the agency's new fingerprinting facility just outside town.

"It really flipped me out," Kay Bohanna, 37, said as she stood on the porch of her wood frame house. "I couldn't believe it."

Or, as Rick Quinn, 15, a high school sophomore working at the local coffee shop, put it: "It's just kind of odd in a small town where nothing much ever happens."

Among the seven arrested were four from West Virginia, two of whom are well-known locally: the leader of the West Virginia Mountaineer Militia Floyd Raymond Looker, a real estate developer who ran unsuccessfully for political office; and James R. Rogers, 56, a lieutenant with the Clarksburg Fire Department.

Lt. Governor Arnold gets personal with UNCG students

Paula Nelson
News Editor

Steve Arnold, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, spoke to a small group of UNCG students in the cozy confines of the Cypress Room in the Alumni House Thursday afternoon.

At 35, Arnold looks like he would be more comfortable hanging out with the gang at a local bar than serving in local government. However, the High Point native has been at this long enough to have a good feel for it.

After graduating from UNCG in 1984 with a degree in Political Science, Arnold almost immediately hit the campaign trail, running for and obtaining a spot on the High Point City Council. Af-

ter two terms in High Point, he served one term in the N.C. House of Representatives before being elected to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, of which he is currently a member and previously served as chairman.

"In...11 terms, five elections, I have never lost an election," said Arnold proudly.

Sponsored by the Political Awareness Club, a nonpartisan political education club, Arnold had a special message for college students: get involved.

"Youth have a vitality that is desperately needed. New ideas are always important, so long as new ideas maintain a steadfast commitment to old principles because old principles never change."

Arnold's approach to governing

is based on this idea of traditional principles and values.

"I've always sought, recognizing my own limitations, to try to find those principles and then try to take issues and plug them into these principles. Then you know you're always right," he says.

Traditional principles and values, such as the primacy of public property and responsible citizenship, are what Arnold feels the nation desperately needs.

He claims, "We have an administration in Washington that is totally corrupt, that is totally dishonest, that gets up every morning trying to fool the American public."

According to Arnold, the present program, led by Democrats, is predicated on the polls and essentially lacks a focus on principles.

"Political power is what it's about for them. Government power is too strong now. It needs to be reduced, not only in the federal government but in the state and local [government], too."

Arnold maintains that the government's job is to enhance freedom by reducing governmental power and cutting back on spending and taxes.

On the state level, Arnold sees a "glaring hole," referring to the lack of power held by the Republican party. This is where the Lieutenant Governor's race gets interesting.

First, a quick civics lesson. The office of Lieutenant Governor is small but significant. Besides the duty of assuming the office of governor in the event of the elected official's sickness or death, the Lieutenant Governor is an ex officio member of the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges. Most importantly, the Lieutenant Governor presides over the N.C. Senate.

Presently, the Republican party has control of the N.C. House of Representatives while the Democrats have a majority in the Senate. This majority, however, is slim. There are 26 Democratic Senators and 24 Republicans. If just one Democrat loses his seat to a Republican, the Senate will be split and it will be up to the Lieutenant Governor to "break the tie." So the Lieutenant Governor will most likely be in a very powerful position this year.

Arnold, like most candidates is stressing reform. However, he is realistic and realizes that one man alone cannot bring about major change.

"Politics," he claims, "is not just about going out and arguing with the other guy; it's about governing right," which means establishing policies that reflect the desires of those whom the policies directly affect.

"The way to do it (policy change)," he explains, "is to get a majority coalition that is committed to change. We need to have a unified government."

Arnold is hoping for a Republican majority in both the House and Senate after this year's election.

Arnold focused his talk Thursday on education and violent crime reform, while volunteers for his campaign provided students with copies of his ideas in other areas, such as affirmative action and taxes.

Assuming, correctly, that most students were interested in education reform, Arnold presented a well thought-out platform.

"Education reform is critical," he urged. "The way to reform education is not to just spend more money. What we need is systemic reform."

Systemic reform is just what it sounds like: a change in the system. Both parties realize the need for such changes as pay increases for teachers, a reduction of class sizes, and repair of school buildings. But Arnold sees these as problems on the perimeter of a larger issue: the fact that N.C. school systems are controlled by politicians in Raleigh, who are very far removed from day-to-day operations in the schools, and who "answer to special interest groups."

Arnold suggests that "what is desperately needed is to take all that power in the classrooms away from politicians and bureaucrats...and give it to parents and teachers."

Instead of heavy government control over education, Arnold suggests applying market forces to the classroom. He believes that politics is the most inefficient way to allocate resources, the most efficient way being to ensure customer satisfaction. In this case the customer is the parent. If market forces are in control, the system will provide satisfaction for parents.

He sees too much government involvement as the reason for North Carolina's crime problem as well.

"The reason we have a crime problem in this state is not because we don't have a good sheriff's department, not because we don't have a good police department, not because we don't have good judges or court personnel...the problem is the legislature. The legislature for years has been con-

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Jammin' At The Fountain...



Blair Clayton/THE CAROLINIAN

Sophomore Chelsea Houser and UNCG Graduate Jay Christian sing and play guitar while enjoying the weather at the fountain Monday.

Weather Outlook

Tuesday:
Partly Cloudy
High in the mid 60's

Wednesday:
Mostly Clear
High in the 60's to lower 70's
Low in the 40's

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Baltic states fear being left out of NATO expansion

William Drozdiak
Times/Post News Service

BRUSSELS—As they strive to calm Russian fears about NATO's looming expansion toward the east, the United States and its allies are now focusing on another problem arising from the shifting landscape of European security: the anxiety of Baltic and other nations worried about being left

outside the alliance.

NATO officials are pressing ahead with plans for a summit conference before next summer that would dramatically reshape the alliance. NATO's 16 leaders are expected to announce a short list of new members, probably Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, to be admitted by 1999.

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Campus Safety



10-11-96, 11:58 a.m., Possession of Weapon on Campus: A student living in Grogan Hall was charged for having a weapon on campus when police saw him firing an air pistol out a second floor window. He was charged on a campus citation.

10-11-96, 1:19 p.m., Obtain Money by False Pretense, Larceny: Dale Teresa Burnette, non-student, was arrested for selling four books that she had taken from the EUC Bookstore. Ms. Burnette was apprehended when she was leaving Addams Bookstore on Tate St.

10-11-96, 2:30 p.m., Breaking & Entering Auto, Larceny: A student told police that someone took his parking permit from his vehicle parked in the Freshman parking lot. Entry was gained through an open window.

10-11-96, 2:55 p.m., Larceny: A bracelet that had been found at Cone Art was missing when a female came to reclaim it. It was unknown if she was the rightful owner.

10-11-96, 7:30 p.m., Breaking & Entering, Larceny: Two students in Weil Hall told officers that someone had gone into their room and taken several personal items. The room was unlocked at the time.

10-11-96, 11:50 p.m., Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: Omar Sharif Muhammad, non-student, was charged with these offenses after officers searched his vehicle. Mr. Muhammad was stopped for questioning of his inspection sticker.

10-12-96, 1:20 a.m., Larceny, Possession of Marijuana: Four

UNCG students were charged on criminal and campus citations after their car was spotted on Jefferson St. with city property in the trunk. One student admitted to having marijuana on him.

10-12-96, 10:00 p.m., Injury to Real Property: Someone shattered a window in Hawkins Hall. A student resident reported the damage to police who found a beer bottle on the ground outside. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

10-12-96, 11:35 p.m., False Fire Alarm: A pull station on the third floor of Weil Hall was activated. Police responded but did not find any evidence of a fire. The case is under investigation.

10-13-96, 10:55 a.m., Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill, Felony Possession of a Weapon on Campus: A UNCG student was arrested at Tower Village after firing a 9mm automatic weapon. The bullet became embedded in a bedroom wall. There were no injuries; however, the student was transported to Mental Health for evaluation.

10-13-96, 1:01 p.m., Injury to Real Property: A student's car parked in the gravel lot on Forest St. was damaged. The student told officers that one tire had been punctured, the rear window broken, and another tire flattened. This case is under investigation.

10-13-96, 7:57 p.m., Domestic Trespass: A UNCG employee was arrested on campus on a Warrant for Arrest for Domestic Trespass. The employee was cooperative but was held at the Guilford County jail.

10-13-96, 11:19 p.m., Larceny from Auto: A license plate was stolen from a car belonging to a student. The student told officers she had parked the car in the gravel lot on Forest St.

Crime rate drops, hits 10-year low, FBI says

Pierre Thomas
Times/Post News Service

WASHINGTON—The nation's crime rate fell to the lowest level in a decade, the FBI reports in its yearly survey of law enforcement agencies, with the rate of violent crime in 1995 dropping 4 percent from the previous year.

The reduction in violent crime was fueled by a fairly dramatic 8 percent decrease in the rate of murders, along with a smaller decline in rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults, according to the report, released Sunday. Overall, 21,597 murders were recorded in 1995, 13 percent fewer than in 1991. The rate of property crime fell by 1 percent to 12 million offenses, the lowest number since 1987.

Attorney General Janet Reno and other law enforcement experts attributed the continuing drop in crime to a variety of factors, including maturing and consequently less violent crack cocaine markets, sharp increases in the number of police officers on the streets, improved coordination between federal, state and local authorities, and more prisons to house violent offenders.

The survey, known as the FBI

Uniform Crime Report, was compiled from crimes reported to more than 16,000 law enforcement agencies covering 95 percent of the nation's population. Preliminary figures, documenting the drop in serious crime, were released in May.

Release of the new numbers comes as the presidential race heads into its final leg, and the report was quickly embraced by President Clinton as evidence that efforts to combat violence are working.

Clinton has come under attack by his Republican opponent, Bob Dole, for not doing enough about crime.

"All Americans can be pleased with today's report that our nation's crime rate is at a 10-year low," Clinton said in a statement released Saturday by the White House. "Our anti-crime strategy—to put more police on the street while working to get drugs, gangs and guns out of our neighborhoods—is working."

While lauding the numbers, Reno and others who follow law enforcement were reluctant to suggest that the country has resolved its crime woes, which continues to rank in public opinion polls as a chief concern for citizens, par-

ticularly for those in areas that have not seen dramatic declines in crime.

Nationally, every region of the country except the West showed drops from 1994 crime levels, with each category of serious crime showing modest declines.

The lowest level of crime was reported in the Northeast.

Reno said that while there had been improvement in many areas, juvenile crime rose, and remained a prime concern. In fact, the one crime category that showed a slight increase was larceny, an offense often associated with juveniles.

"The larceny increase could be an early warning signal that more young people are coming of crime-committing age," said Alfred Blumstein, a criminologist at Carnegie Mellon University.

Law enforcement experts predict the rapid growth in the number of juvenile offenders, which only recently stabilized, could become worse with a surge in the teenage and young adult population in the next decade.

"We are hopeful that the declining numbers represent the beginning of a trend, but we remain concerned over the prospect of an increase in juvenile crime in the next

six to seven years," said James Pasco, executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police.

While the crime rate numbers were generally heartening, a closer look reveals why many Americans remain anxious.

For example, although the 1.79 million violent crimes reported in 1995 resulted in the lowest rate since 1989, that rate was still 21 percent higher than a decade ago.

Also, the number of people murdered by strangers continued to grow.

More than half, or 55 percent of murder victims, were killed by strangers or persons unknown, compared with less than half in 1990.

The recent decline is "good news, but it's far too early to celebrate," said James A. Fox, dean of the college of criminal justice at Northeastern University.

"We are not winning the war against crime," Fox said. "One of the reasons the crime rate is so far down is because it went so high" in the late 1980s and early 1990s when the nation struggled to cope with the explosion of crack cocaine and its accompanying violence. "The peak is now coming down to a more normal level."

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They also hope to give their blessing to a new military command structure designed to help the alliance cope with unpredictable threats in the post-Cold War era.

The Western leaders also intend to invite Russian President Boris Yeltsin to sign a new charter that is supposed to open an era of cooperation and bury past animosities between former enemies.

The charter was conceived as a way to convince Moscow that NATO's enlargement is not a menacing encroachment on Russia's frontiers.

It remains highly ambiguous, though.

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tion to hold one ceremony for all graduates, she adds. "The cost of these individual ceremonies is enormous. The money has to be donated by alumni and business people."

Those disagreeing with the new graduation plans do not feel that they are fairly represented by administrators.

Cari Bailey, President of the Bryan School Student Advisory Council says, "This isn't about money. They say they are being 'student-oriented', but they aren't listening to what the students want." Bailey is hoping that the petitions will stir up voices and identify true opinions of UNCG students.

Dr. Jim Lancaster, assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, remains optimistic about the plans for commencement. As a member of the Commencement Steering Committee, he helps plan the details of the ceremony. He says, "The discussion had always been, 'Why can't we (December graduates) have a real ceremony?'"

Still, there are undetermined factors of the new ceremony. Lancaster is anxious to know if it will work, and, if so, how will the school improve it. Also, parallels and differences between the May and December graduates can be observed after the first formal ceremony is implemented.

"I think it's certainly appropriate for students to voice their con-

cerns," says Lancaster. He recommends turning to student representatives of the Commencement Committee because they can influence the outcome of student interest in this issue.

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trolled by liberal Democrats [who] have refused to get tough on violent crime."

Arnold supports capital punishment and mandatory prison time for crimes against children.

Arnold's opponent is incumbent Dennis Wicker, who has been in the General Assembly for the past 16 years. The Political Awareness Club plans to sponsor a meeting with Wicker on campus in the coming weeks.

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Tiananmen protester charged as subversive

Steven Mufson
Times/Post News Service

BEIJING—China will put former student leader Wang Dan on trial for “conspiring to subvert the government,” a charge punishable by at least 10 years in prison, human rights groups in the United States said Saturday.

Wang, 26, has been in detention for nearly 17 months without being charged, granted a hearing or given access to lawyers or family.

If convicted, he faces 10 or more years in jail and possibly the death sentence.

Conviction is almost certain; in China, trials are usually mere formalities before sentencing.

In addition to the subversion charge, Wang was accused of

“publishing anti-government articles abroad,” accepting a scholarship from the University of California and “joining other dissidents to set up a mutual aid plan,” the human rights groups said.

The charges are the latest in a series of setbacks for China’s beleaguered dissident movement.

More than seven years after government troops crushed the student-led demonstrations in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square, government critics face harsh repression for speaking their minds.

This week Chinese police arrested leading dissident Liu Xiaobo and, without trial, sent him to a labor camp for three years.

Two other activists have disappeared and are presumed to be in

police custody: Wang Xizhe, a veteran dissident based in the southern city of Guangzhou, and Wang Hui, who has campaigned for the release of her husband, an activist detained in a labor camp. (Wang Xizhe, Wang Hui and Wang Dan are not related.)

Government authorities indicated their plans for Wang Dan when the Beijing People’s Intermediate Court informed Wang’s mother, Wang Lingyun, that she had one day to find her son a lawyer.

The move to put Wang Dan on trial is a clear signal of the government’s determination to keep a lid on China’s top dissidents. “With this decision to go ahead with a criminal trial against Wang Dan, they have decided to make an example of him

as they did Wei Jingsheng,” said Robin Munro of Human Rights Watch-Asia. Wei, China’s most prominent dissident, was sentenced last December to 14 years in jail on similar charges.

At Wei’s trial, prosecutors used his conversations with Wang Dan as evidence against Wei.

Most of those conversations concerned ways to raise money for the families of jailed political prisoners and for unemployed former prisoners. Wang Dan has been at the forefront of the dissident movement for nearly a decade.

He was a leader of “law seminars” at Beijing University in 1988 that later became democratic salons.

In 1989, he was one of the co-founders of the Beijing University students’ federation and was a

leader of the Tiananmen protests. A member of the hunger strike committee, he took part in negotiations with government leaders. He later expressed regret for not trying harder to bring the demonstrations to an end before the army stepped in.

Although he was considered to be a moderating influence on the most radical student leaders, Wang was put at the top of the government’s most-wanted list after government troops drove protesters from the square on June 4, 1989.

He was arrested later that year and served four years of a six-year prison sentence.

After his release in 1993, Wang Dan wrote in favor of democratic reforms, the release of political prisoners and a reversal of the

Communist Party’s verdict on the Tiananmen Square demonstrations. During this period, Wang complained about police harassment and surveillance and said he feared for his life.

In May 1995, Wang signed a petition asking the government to show greater tolerance toward its critics. He got just the opposite. On May 21, 1995, he was detained again.

Wang was realistic about the prospects for change in China. Shortly before his arrest last year he wrote: “Unless there are major changes in the political situation of the Chinese Communist Party, the conditions under which Chinese dissidents exist can only get worse, while the scope for political action becomes ever narrower.”

Corruption, donor rivalry keep town’s spigots dry

John Pomfret
Times/Post News Service

GORAZDE, Bosnia—For a while it looked like there would be no projects to provide this eastern Bosnian town with water this year. Then it looked like there would be three. Now it seems there will be two.

But still water won’t come to this town of 60,000 people until at least next year.

The confusion, competition and corruption surrounding the provision of water to Gorazde encapsulates many of the problems hampering the international effort to rebuild Bosnia.

The Muslim-held town of Gorazde was besieged for 3 years by the Bosnian Serbs, who cut off water and electricity. Bosnian officials brought up the issue of

Gorazde’s water at the Dayton peace conference last November. But Western powers decided not to press the Serbs to open a water valve leading into this town, which straddles the Drina River.

In March, responding to Bosnian government pleas, France agreed to provide Gorazde with water. Paris made a \$1 million grant to a French aid agency, Action Against Hunger. The agency secured a contract to buy a water treatment plant from a French water company, Lyonnaise des Eaux. Plans were devised to put the plant on the banks of the Drina and pump river water through it.

No attention was paid to the fact that two similar water treatment plants were already stored in a tunnel near Sarajevo, just 60 miles away. The late American disaster relief specialist Fred Cuny had

brought the package to Sarajevo at great risk in 1993. Now that Sarajevo has water, the equipment is no longer needed there. And the equipment still works. To speed the Gorazde project, the International Committee of the Red Cross fixed its water network by pumping water from the Drina into an ancient cistern surrounded by minefields upriver from the town. Water was released from the cistern into the system, thereby testing the pipes.

“Chocolate ran from the pipes for the first week,” recalled Pierre Errand, a Red Cross delegate, describing the filth that spewed out of kitchen sinks all over town. Since then, the Red Cross has improved the quality and now the town has water that is safe for washing for about an hour a day.

Still, no French work began.

The French aid agency had originally said Gorazde would have a reliable water supply by the end of September. But it remains essentially dry.

Christophe Morvan, the head of Action’s Sarajevo office, said work began slowly because his agency had not received Bosnian government permission.

He predicted that the water treatment plant would be delivered in December and that the town would have water in January. Other officials pointed out that winters in Gorazde are frigid, making it almost impossible to carry out complicated engineering work.

Worried that Gorazde would pass its fifth winter without water

and impatient at its colleagues’ lackadaisical pace, the Red Cross stepped in two weeks ago with another idea, projected to cost \$500,000—half of what Action would spend. The Red Cross said it would turn an old factory on the outskirts of Gorazde into a water treatment plant.

The factory needed chlorination equipment and several miles of pipes to bring water to the town. Beat Schweitzer, who heads the Red Cross office in Bosnia, said his team, which went to Gorazde last week, could have water in the town in several weeks.

At the same time, however, the Bosnian government was shopping around. Donors from the Saudi Arabian government ex-

pressed interest, agreeing to provide Gorazde with \$2 million to do a project no different from that of the Red Cross but at four times the price.

“Everybody was interested in water, everybody promised,” said Hamid Prses, the deputy governor of Gorazde canton, as he smiled and waved a bank credit line for the Saudi money. “But we won this in the end.”

On Oct. 3, the Red Cross backed out and pulled its team from the town, leaving only the French and the Saudis. A Western expert predicted that minus the ICRC’s expertise, Gorazde will have no water until next spring at the earliest—almost two years after the end of Bosnia’s war.

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Cooperation present during UNCG's homecoming events

I am writing in response to the Board Opinion in *The Carolinian* on Tuesday October 8, 1996 which cites an absence of cooperation with Homecoming Activities.

As chair of the Homecoming Committee, I can personally attest to an outstanding spirit of cooperation that went into planning Homecoming Activities.

You suggest that a central planning board for Homecoming Activities be assembled.

In fact, such a committee does exist.

This year's committee consisted of staff representatives from Alumni Affairs, Intercollegiate Athletics, Student Activities, and students from the Campus Activities

Board, Residence Hall Association, and the Greek System.

This committee began meeting last February and ultimately developed a comprehensive assortment of activities that started Wednesday and concluded Sunday.

Each of the activities was planned with awareness to others and cooperation from all.

Your Board Opinion suggesting that if people do not choose to participate in a particular event then the planners of the event did not cooperate is erroneous and misleading.

While maximum participation is the goal of all event planners, and individual's

right to choose their participation level should always be available.

The example cited in your Board Opinion bears no relationship to cooperation in planning.

The people who chose to attend the activities prior to the game and then did not go to the game had nothing to do with cooperative planning.

As always, input from students about event planning is continually welcome.

**Bruce J. Michaels, Director
Elliott University Center/
Student Activities
Chair, Homecoming Committee**

No Pepsi can mean no SLORC

Last week, the Environmental Awareness Foundation (EAF) sponsored a fast in support of a freedom movement taking place in the country of Burma, located in southeast Asia.

In 1990, Burma held a free election, and the people elected Aung San Suu Kyi of the National League for Democracy as their President.

Burma's military leaders refused to honor the results of the election.

They promptly seized control of the government, and they have been in power ever since.

During its reign, the military government known as the SLORC (State Law and Order Restoration Council) has committed countless human rights violations against its own people and held the legitimate President, Suu Kyi under house arrest for several years.

At the same time, the SLORC has also encouraged foreign investors and companies, mainly from the United States, to open factories and production facilities in Burma in order to support their military spending.

After realizing the atrocities occurring in Burma, most of these companies such as Levi-Strauss and Eddie Bauer have left the country.

A few though, have decided to remain. One of these companies is PepsiCo.

They continue to run factories in Burma, despite the world-wide protest of human rights organizations, including UNCG's EAF.

EAF is asking the entire UNCG campus to participate in a national boycott of PepsiCo and to support the freedom movement in Burma.

The SLORC will leave power only

when it stops receiving the support of other nations and foreign investors.

A Pepsi boycott will help tell the company what we think of their presence in Burma.

You can help by not purchasing Pepsi beverages, or eating at Taco Bell, Pizza Hut or Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Even though Pepsi is a huge corporation, the actions of a few individuals will bring attention to this extremely important cause.

For more information about this protest or the situation in Burma, you may contact EAF at 334-5342, or come to one of our weekly meetings held in the EUC every Wednesday at 8 p.m..

**Douglas J. Yorke
Treasurer, EAF**

Were homecoming changes successful?

In response to the Board Opinion in the October 8 edition of *The Carolinian*, I want to clarify a couple of points about cooperation and Homecoming Activities.

There was a Homecoming planning committee made up of representatives from the Student Activities Office, CAB, Athletics, the Alumni and a number of student groups.

The committee recommended some major changes for Homecoming this year, such as an afternoon men's soccer game, changing the parade route, and changing the site for the alumni party.

All of the groups participating supported the changes and did their best to publicize and promote the activities.

It was unfortunate that the band played during the singing of the national anthem.

They were scheduled to stop playing before 2:00 p.m. and were not given the cutoff signal at the appropriate time.

When they realized the game had started, they ended their performance as planned. The party was scheduled to end at 2:00 p.m. so those that wanted to attend the game could do so.

While there were alumni who left the field, many attended the game.

Also, there were a number of alumni who did not attend the pre-game party who attended the game, as well as the women's soccer game on Friday night.

However, please realize that just as the student body is a diverse population with various interests, so, too, is the alumni body.

This is the reason we offer a variety of activities in order to attract alumni back to campus to celebrate.

This year was an experiment in changing Homecoming, which was supported by all the groups represented on the planning committee.

Many of the "traditional" events, such as the alumni party being located in front of Alumni House, the parade marching down College Avenue and an evening men's soccer game were changed.

Many of the events were a success; some were not. It takes time to implement change and for people to adapt.

A thorough evaluation will be made of the event in order to determine if the changes were successful and should be repeated next year.

We, in the Alumni Office, look forward to a continued working relationship with the many campus organizations who help plan and implement Homecoming.

**Joan M. Glynn
Director of Alumni Affairs**

Board Opinion

Helms absent from NC race for Senate

With the Presidential Debates and the extensive media coverage everyone should be aware that one of the most important elections in recent history is less than one month away. All of the candidates have been campaigning and advertising in preparation for Election day. One important candidate has been absent from the campaign trail, that candidate is North Carolina's own Senator Jesse Helms.

Where has Senator Helms kept himself this election? The Senator never appears in his own campaign ads. Most Helms ads only feature three second snips of comments made by Senator Helms' challenger Harvey Gantt. None of the televised ads ever state Senator Helms' positions on issues, the ads simply seek to discredit Gantt.

The veteran Senator also refuses to participate in any debates against Gantt. After the Helms-Hunt debate in 1984, when Helms lost the debate, it is no small wonder the Senator has an aversion to debates. Despite his lack of ability to debate, Helms' owes it to the people of this state who put him in office to do at least one public debate.

One of UNCG's collegiate neighbors, Elon College, hosted candidate interviews. Senator Helms did not bother to participate. His office claimed that the people should know where he stands after all these years.

Any United States Senator that will not even participate in a forum designed to educate and inform voters must not have an appreciation for the office he holds.

One of the problems perhaps is that many of the voters in North Carolina, especially those under the age of 45 do not know exactly where Senator Helms stands on many issues.

He has effectively managed to gain reelection each year through campaigns of

negativity and fear. It stands to reason that if you must make the electorate afraid of your opponent to win, then maybe you are not doing something right.

Although his last term of office has been relatively quiet, Helms has managed to offer the voters a few unforgettable moments. First he suggested that President Clinton may need a bodyguard to come to North Carolina. Thank you Senator Helms for making our wonderful state sound like the land of the almighty Redneck. He also helped to pass a bill known as the Helms-Burton Act.

The new law helps to strengthen the American embargo against Cuba by rejecting the Visa of any foreign businessman operating on confiscated U.S. land located on Cuban soil.

Couple this with his undying support of the tobacco industry, and you can truly see where Helms' interests lie, with big business. But Helms is a Southern gentleman, raised in an era that has long past, who expects to gain reelection again by keeping the voters of North Carolina ignorant.

The state of North Carolina deserves more from its Senator. As citizens, we have a right to expect more Senator Helms than for him to hide from the electorate.

So where is the Senator? Where is his secret hide-out? Is he on vacation helping the poor in Central America? Is he running his campaign from a secret base located in the depths of Washington? Has anyone filed a missing persons report? Anyone with information concerning the Senator's location should quickly call the Missing Senator's Helpline at 1-919-555-LOST.

The Carolinian is not endorsing Harvey Gantt, but simply stating our opinion of the kind of campaign Helms' is running.

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Does Clinton get the credit or the blame?

Dr. Richard L. Leshner
Times/Post News Service

Washington - "If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything," Abraham Lincoln said. "If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

It is an iron law of politics that the president gets credit or blame for how the country is doing at election time, regardless of whether his administration's policies actually are responsible.

And in the absence of war or social upheaval, the key determinant of how the country is doing is always the economy.

Not surprisingly, then, President Clinton insists the economy is doing splendidly, thank you very much, and that he deserves credit for it.

Of course, only a few months ago President Clinton and Secretary of Labor Robert Reich were going about the country telling everyone that working people didn't have a chance anymore, but that was then and this is now.

So it is up to us to decide if the economy really is going great, as the president claims, and if so whether he deserves credit for it.

Certainly, most of the indices of economic vigor are positive.

Unemployment is low as the private

sector, led by small businesses, continues to generate new opportunities by the trainload.

As at least some of the president's advisors will now admit, most of the new jobs being created are excellent ones that offer good pay, benefits and prospects for the future.

Inflation remains at tolerable levels. Interest rates have kicked back up in recent months, but are not high enough to stifle investment and consumer purchasing.

But overall during the Clinton administration, the Gross Domestic Product have grown by only 2.3 percent a year, according to the Joint Economic Committee, which is anemic by historic standards. During the 10 preceding years, the average growth was 3.2 percent.

By the way comparison, in the first three years of the Reagan administration, economic growth averaged 4.8 percent.

Further, it is highly debatable whether President Clinton deserves credit for even relatively modest economic growth. Stable interest rates are largely the result of the declining federal budget deficit for which Clinton deserves no credit whatsoever.

When he took office, his first priority was a major "stimulus package" involving billions in new federal spending, a proposal which Congress wisely refused to enact.

Then he came up with his wildly ambitious scheme to impose a federal health care system on the country which would have cost even more. Again, Congress saved the president from his folly.

Since then, President Clinton has fought a delaying action to prevent the downsizing our federal government so desperately needs.

He has vetoed one spending bill after another in a desperate effort to prop up the vast federal bureaucracy, defend the status quo, make his liberal supporters happy and - not incidentally - keep the deficit as high as possible.

Despite Clinton's obstructionism, the 104th Congress has managed to whittle federal spending down, privatize many federal programs and abolish many others.

The result is a much smaller federal deficit, lower interest rates and a more vigorous private sector.

But make no mistake - this achievement is almost totally the result of persistent, thankless work by members of the 104th Congress who have been vigorously opposed and undercut by the Clinton administration every step of the way.

To the extent President Clinton deserves credit for any of this, it is only in his inability - despite his best efforts - to prevent it from happening.

Editorial Policy

Commentaries and letters may be submitted or mailed to the Opinions Editor in Room 212, Elliott Center. They must be turned in by Friday 3 p.m. prior to Tuesday's publication.

All submissions must be typed and have the author's name, signature, current address and phone number. Submissions may be delayed or shortened due to space limitations. All submissions for publication become the possession of *The Carolinian*.

This publication is devoted to upholding the fair representation of all ideas and opinions relevant to and influencing the life and issues of the UNCG community.

Attention cartoonists!

The Carolinian is looking for students to create political cartoons for the Opinions section. If interested, please call 334-5752 or stop by Rm. 212 in the Elliott University Center.

Children's Fair receives positive feedback

Colena Gardner
Staff Writer

The Seventh Annual Children's Festival, held on Saturday October 12, received an enormous amount of positive feedback from the Greensboro community.

Under the direction of Dr. Treana Atkins Bowling, the program was sponsored by the School of Education and the NC Teaching Fellows program.

Over 33 university organizations participated in the festival.

From the Geography Club to the Collegiate Music Educators, from the NAACP to Tri-Sigma Sorority, there was a great deal of UNCG support.

The Children's Festival enabled children of all ages to take part in recreational and hands-on learning. Puppet and bracelet making, face and finger painting, a maze, spoon and egg race and sand art were just a few of the many activities that the Children's Festival had to offer.

"It is a special day for children," said

Myra Gebbie, mother of two. "UNCG is great for having this for the community. They have a variety of activities for children of all ages. I have a toddler and a small infant and they are really having a great time."

"One other reason why I like this festival is that it is free."

This is my first time being here and I will be back here next year."

"This is a great opportunity for children to see a college campus and interact with other children their age," said Judy Wilson.

Many first-time visitors of the festival were surprised that college students would actually hold a program like this one.

Bowling feels the turn out of the festival was better than last year because of more participation from the campus organizations.

The event was free, but non-perishable food items were accepted to feed Greensboro's homeless families.

"This is my first time being here and I will be back next year."



Geoffery Gartner/THE CAROLINIAN

The Seventh Annual Children's Festival was held on Saturday October 12th, in the quad here at UNCG. The event was sponsored by the School of Education, but 33 university organizations participated in the event.

Weatherspoon Art Gallery receives grant

From Staff Reports

Weatherspoon Art Gallery has received a grant of \$112,500 for general operating support from the Institute of Museum Services (IMS), located in Washington, D.C.

Weatherspoon was one of 192 national museums, including six others in North Carolina, that received a total of over \$15 million in grant support. Recipients represented all types of museums around the country, both large and small, including

art, history and children's museums, zoos and aquariums.

Grant recipients were announced by Diane Frankel, IMS director. "In its 20 years, IMS has encouraged the best in museum practice through programs like general operating support," said Frankel. "The grant provides national recognition for museums that have the highest ratings of their peers. It is a stamp of achievement that sparks vital public-private partnerships."

The IMS is an independent federal agency, which is part of the National

Foundation for the Arts and Humanities. To apply, each institution must perform a complete self-evaluation on all aspects of operations, from collections care and maintenance to educational programs and exhibits. Grant amounts are equal to 15 percent of a museum's operating budget up to a maximum of \$112,500.

"One of my greatest sources of pride and a true sign of the quality and significance of the Weatherspoon's collections, exhibitions and programs is the number of extremely competitive federal grants we have been awarded in the last six years," said Ruth Beesch, the Weatherspoon's director.

"The year 1996 has been the most successful yet for the Weatherspoon."

Not only were we awarded a \$100,000

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New exhibits to open in Weatherspoon Gallery

From Staff Reports

Exhibitions of sculpture by Mark Lere and photography by John Schlesinger will open on Sunday, October 20 in Weatherspoon Art Gallery at UNCG.

Featured will be five of Lere's sculptures and two large works on paper in Gallery One.

Schlesinger will have a series of silver gelatin prints mounted on saw blades on exhibition in Gallery Two, along with a series of seven works under glass.

The exhibitions are being presented in conjunction with the artists' visits to campus as Falk Visiting Artists in the UNCG Department of Art.

The works can be viewed through January 19.

Both were organized by Dr. Douglas Dreishpoon, the Weatherspoon's curator of collections. Each artist will discuss his work in free, public events. Lere will be on campus November 4-6. He will conduct a gallery walk-through talk at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 4 and will give a slide lecture on Tuesday, November 5.

Schlesinger will be at UNCG November 11-13. His gallery walk-through will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 11, and he will give a slide lecture at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12. The slide lectures will be in the Weatherspoon's first floor auditorium.

Lere was born in North Dakota in 1950 and now lives in Los Angeles, Cal.

He has had solo shows of his sculpture in California since 1976 and has executed public commissions in both Los Angeles and Seattle.

"Lere uses industrial materials-aluminum, fiberglass, bronze and steel, to create a variety of forms that are essentially abstract but suggest multiple associations," said Dreishpoon. "His work investigates a wide variety of images and materials and extends the metaphoric and stylistic possibilities for a contemporary sculptural sensibility."

The exhibition will include a selection of Lere's sculptures and works on paper.

Lere has done sculpture commissions for West Hollywood, Cal.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; the Government Services Agency, Washington, D.C.; Seattle Scat-

ter Project; Kaohsiung Museum of Art in Taiwan; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; and Heritage Park Library Plaza in Irvine, Cal.

He has received a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Fellowship for sculpture. He is a graduate of Metropolitan State College and received his MFA degree from the University of California at Irvine.

"Schlesinger combines a variety of sources, cinema, performance, staged models, fabricated and real situations, through techniques of montage and double-exposure," said Dreishpoon.

"The resulting images are layered, like a dream or a narrative with multiple meanings." "The saw blades, installed on the gallery walls in constellations, are the equivalent to a visual language with its own inherent structure and syntax. Together with the other works, they reinforce Schlesinger's preoccupation with composite imagery and visual metaphor."

Schlesinger's works are in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, Brooklyn Museum, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Houston Museum of Fine Arts and Princeton University. He has received two fellowships from NEA in addition to a Bush Foundation Fellowship and a Minnesota State Arts Board grant. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

October events at the Weatherspoon are dedicated to National Arts and Humanities Month.

Singing at Babylon...



Courtesy Photo

UNCG favorites Archers of Loaf will play Wednesday, October 16 at Babylon in Greensboro. The Chapel Hill-based band's latest album is "All the Nations Airports." Pictured are (l-r) guitarist Eric Johnson, bassist Matt Gentling, vocalist/guitarist Eric Bachmann

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Actress Jane Curtin's place in the 'sun'

Susan King
Times/Post News Service

HOLLYWOOD—Even a seasoned comedy veteran like Jane Curtin admits it's often difficult to keep a straight face on NBC's hit sitcom "3rd Rock From the Sun."

"When it comes to the actual doing of the show, we try desperately to make sure we are professional," says Curtin, who came to fame in 1975 as one of the original Not Ready for Prime Time Players on "Saturday Night Live" and then starred for five years in the sitcom "Kate & Allie."

"But," she adds, "there have been a couple of times when it has been to our benefit to break up."

Such as the time when John Lithgow's gooney alien character, Dick Solomon, was strutting around like a peacock in skin-

tight, black leather pants that squeaked.

"It would have been impossible to do that scene had I not been allowed to break up," Curtin, 49, explains.

"There have been times when John and I have been doubled over on the floor over the things that we do."

In fact, Curtin says, "my sister wants to make these terry cloth mittens that I can wear during rehearsals so I can have an absorbent mitt, because I have the tendency to cry when I laugh."

In "3rd Rock," Curtin plays the straight-laced, sarcastic college professor, Mary Albright, who shares her office with physics professor Solomon. Dick is actually the high commander of an alien expedition sent to Earth to study its inhabitants.

After spurning his fervid ro-

mantic advances most of last season, Mary finally has succumbed to Dick's puppy dog charms. Curtin believes Mary could have held out a little longer before linking up with Dick.

Part of the fun of "3rd Rock" is that, on the surface, both Lithgow and Curtin look far too dignified and sophisticated to be playing such goofs.

"It's much more fun to see proper people make fools of themselves," Curtin offers, "than it is to see idiots make fools of themselves."

In recent episodes, audiences have learned that

Mary was actually a musical theater major in college and was once so fat that she had to give up her parents' dream of becoming a championship ice skater.

Curtin relishes being a clown. "I love this so much," she says.

The actress, who is as funny in real life as she is in reel life, is sitting in the audience section of the Studio City sound stage of "3rd Rock."

The crew is busy dismantling the set from the previous evening's taping. Casually dressed in blue jeans and a sweatshirt, Curtin has

just finished a table reading of an upcoming episode in which dimwitted alien Harry (French Stewart) runs for city council.

"I don't know anybody that has ever been on this show who doesn't love it so much," she says. "There's not one person who doesn't get to do something that either they have always wanted to do or has always wanted to be put in that position where you can just sort of be stupid."

Curtin didn't even care what "3rd Rock" was about initially; she was just eager to work again with creators and executive producers Terry and Bonnie Turner.

"They did 'The Coneheads' (movie)," she says, referring to the 1993 film in which she, Dan Aykroyd and Laraine Newman recreated their popular "Saturday Night Live" characters. "Bonnie was my saving grace. She kept me company while I was sitting on the set in the director's chair with a cone on my head. She would have serious conversations with me about kids and I had the cone on my head. I just loved them."

But doing the series meant that Curtin, her husband Patrick Lynch, a producer, and 13-year-

old daughter Tess had to relocate to Los Angeles.

"I am here for the duration of the show," Curtin says. "When the show is over I can go back to Connecticut."

Curtin, who has appeared on Broadway ("Candida"), starred in feature films ("How to Beat the High Cost of Living"), TV movies ("Divorce Wars—A Love Story") and miniseries ("Common Ground"), says the sitcom is her favorite format.

"I had tried everything. I kept looking for the perfect forum for the perfect job."

This is the most fun. I like instant gratification. You get to do a show in front of an audience and in front of a camera and then forget it and go on. Next week you have a whole different play to produce."

The actress won two Emmy Awards for her sparkling performance as the old-fashioned, sweet, divorced mom Allie Lowell in the 1984-89 CBS sitcom, "Kate & Allie," which also starred Susan St. James.

"Kate & Allie," she says, had a lot of heart. "It had a wonderful sense of humor. Overall, it was

done very, very well and the character was so much fun to play. I had a ball doing it."

Curtin also had a ball doing "SNL" along with Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, Garrett Morris, Aykroyd and Newman.

"It was the '70s and '80s, which was just a ridiculous period where people were tremendously self-indulgent and behavior was reprehensible," she says. "But the 90 minutes of the show were the most exciting thing you could ever imagine."

During her five seasons on "SNL," Curtin played such memorable characters as the caustic "Update" anchor, the sweet, slovenly Mrs. Loopner (mother of Lisa), and the matriarch of the Conehead alien clan from the planet Remulak.

"I hated doing the Coneheads because of the glue," Curtin says with a shudder. "The glue was just horrible."

I liked Mrs. Loopner the best because I got to wear a house coat and big fluffy slippers."

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Butler seeking treatment for addiction to painkillers

John Carmody
Times/Post News Service

WASHINGTON—Brett Butler, star of ABC's "Grace Under Fire," has announced she is seeking treatment on an outpatient basis for an addiction to painkillers.

Butler, a recovering alcoholic, is the second major TV star to enter rehabilitation this fall.

Last month, "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer checked into the Betty Ford Clinic to combat a drinking problem. Production on his NBC series was halted temporarily, but he is scheduled to rejoin the show before the month is out.

Butler said her treatment won't affect the production schedule of the series, which, after three appearances through Oct. 6 this new season, ranks 26th among 113 series aired on the six networks.

Butler's publicist, Lisa Kasteler, said the comedian started using painkillers to relieve back pain but Kasteler did not know the medi-

cation she was using.

Butler, 38, published her autobiography, "Knee Deep in Paradise," earlier this year.

She has used her own experiences with alcohol, spousal abuse and poverty for her stand-up routines.

•NBC crews worked all weekend to restore power and telephones to the first 15 floors of the network's mid-Manhattan headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, many of which suffered water and smoke damage during Thursday's five-alarm fire.

•No matter what way the researchers slice it, viewer-voter interest in the 1996 presidential tickets is down in a major way from four years ago.

Thursday, Nielsen said that some 26.6 million viewers, on average, watched the 90-minute exchange last Wednesday between Vice President Gore and GOP nominee Jack Kemp in the only vice presidential exchange scheduled this fall.

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programs and communicate effectively with our audience."

In addition to the Weatherspoon and the Ackland Art Museum at UNC-Chapel Hill, other state recipients of IMS funds were Old Salem, the North Carolina Aquarium and Roanoke Island at Manteo, Health Adventure in Asheville, the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh and the Carolina Raptor Center in Charlotte.

Weatherspoon Art Gallery is located in the Anne and Benjamin Cone Building at UNCG. Founded in 1942, the gallery holds what is considered to be among the nation's best university collections of American contemporary art.

It holds approximately 4,300 works which include paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints by many of America's best-known artists.

Form its earliest days, the Weatherspoon collection has focused on 20th century American art, with most of its holdings concentrated in art form the post-World War II period.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Challenge Grant, which is one of the most prestigious grants in the arts, but we have been awarded our third general operating support grant from IMS.

"This is truly an outstanding amount of federal funding for any institution, regardless of its size and reputation, to receive in one year."

I particularly grateful because this funding comes at a time when federal funding organizations such as the NEA and IMS are suffering from legislatively mandated budget cuts.

These cuts have made the process of applying for grants more competitive than ever.

One of the great virtues of the granting process for both IMS and NEA is the high standards which institutions must meet and with which they must comply.

The Weatherspoon Art Gallery's artistic mission and management of operations have benefited from these standards.

"Receiving this continuation of general operating support funding from IMS means we will be able to retain staff hired two years ago on this grant."



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Childs' leg stuns him, Knicks also

Barbara Barker

Times/Post News Service

PURCHASE, N.Y.—At first he thought it was a joke. That is how stunned Knicks point guard Chris Childs was Friday when the New York medical staff told him he had a broken leg.

Said Childs: "I was like, 'Yeah, right. Show me the X-ray.'"

The X-ray, taken three days after Childs collided with teammate Charlie Ward, revealed a non-displaced fracture of Childs' right fibula. They also revealed the biggest weakness in the Knicks' offseason retooling plan.

The Knicks, who had three point guards in Derek Harper, Ward and Gary Grant last season—plus Anthony Mason, who could help with ballhandling duties—are now down to just one true ballhandler: Ward, a third-year player with one career start.

All told, the Knicks have only three healthy guards on their roster—shooters John Starks and Allan Houston plus Ward—and have been forced to use forward Chris Jent as a two-guard just to be able to practice. At this point, Starks will alternate as the backup at both positions.

With Childs slated to be out three to six weeks, Knicks General Manager Ernie Grunfeld already has placed a few calls, so fans shouldn't be surprised if a new face pops up in Purchase this week.

There are some experienced unsigned point guards out there—Spud Webb leads the list—but the Knicks' options are limited because they can offer only the league minimum salary of \$247,000.

Former Laker Tony Smith, who was cut from the Heat during the offseason, and Scott Brooks, who was on the Rockets team that beat the Knicks in the 1993-94 NBA Finals, also are available.

"I do think we need somebody," Knicks Coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

"We need someone to free John up to play the two in practice, if nothing else. We need another point guard, a true point guard."

"We're going to miss Chris, but I feel Charlie is capable of leading the ballclub," center Patrick Ewing said. "If something like this was going to happen, it's great it happened in the preseason. I don't think it changes our goals at all."

Ward, who played just 44 minutes his rookie season, averaged 12.7 minutes in 62 games last year. He played well in the playoff win over the Bulls, but he still is unproven.

Van Gundy said Ward has improved since the end of last season and is ready for the assignment.

"I think there has been a natural progression in skill development where I think he's become better with the ball," Van Gundy said. "I think he's able to go faster, because he's able to handle the ball now up to what his speed is."

Ward didn't know about Childs' injury until teammate Herb Williams called him late Friday night.

"It was disappointing," Ward said. "First, in that a teammate is hurt. Secondly, in that I'm going to have to play a lot in the pre-season."

Even though I haven't played, still it's wear and tear on your body. I'm going to do it and get through it.

"I don't doubt myself in anything I do. I haven't, and I won't. I've done all I can do as far as preparing and getting ready."

Spartans continue to take Big South by storm

John Kennedy

Times/Post News Service

The UNCG men's soccer team continued their winning ways over the past weekend, when they traveled to Charleston, SC and defeated the Buccaneers of Charleston Southern 2-0.

With the win, the Spartans move to 12-0-0 overall, and 4-0-0 in the Big South Conference.

The loss drops Charleston Southern to 1-11-1 overall, and 0-4-0 in the Big South.

Siggi Eyjolfsson scored for the sixth game in a row, and Mark Pinch added his second goal of the campaign to key the victory for the Spartans.

"It was the worst game we played all year by far," commented head coach Michael Parker. "We are not playing as well as we have been, and that has me a little concerned for the week we have coming up. The competition we have played lately hasn't been that strong, and we have been

playing down to that level. I don't know if we are prepared to up our level against better competition."

The Spartans will be in action tonight, when they host the Bulldogs of UNC Asheville, in a matchup of the top two teams in the Big South.

"This game tonight has Conference championship implications on the line. It is likely that if we win tonight, we will win the regular season conference championship," said Parker.

UNCG continues to climb in the national polls. In the latest version of Soccer News, covering soccer in the US, the Spartans have moved all the way into the number five position, behind Virginia, Cal-Berkeley, James Madison, and UNC Charlotte.

They continue to build on their



Siggi Eyjolfsson
1 Goal

best start in Division 1 play, and they are five wins away from setting the best start in the history of the school, Division 1, 2, or 3.

Parker is a little skeptical about the rankings and the value placed in them. "The higher we go in the rankings, means the more ammunition a team has when they play us, so in that sense, it is a little scary. But I will be very surprised if we don't come out on fire tonight. I think we need to get our confidence back, and we will be ready to play."

The Bulldogs come in having won eight of their last ten games, and three in a row.

They have rebounded from an 11-1 drubbing from Clemson to start the season, to an 8-4-0 overall record, and 2-1-0 in the Big South.

The Bulldogs have a balanced attack, but are led by Joe Granack, who has five goals and five assists to lead the team in points with fifteen. Adam Stein has also been a key contributor as well, with five



Mark Pinch
1 Goal

Robinson, who has a 1.68 goals against average and also has three shutouts to his credit.

The Bulldogs are riding high, as they defeated conference foe Radford 1-0 on Saturday afternoon to give the Bulldogs their first victory in six seasons over Radford.

UNCG comes into the game, led by the horses that have led them all season long.

Siggi Eyjolfsson continues to lead the Big South in scoring with twelve goals and two assists for 26 points. Luke Jamroz is right behind with eight goals and seven assists for 23 points.

Jeremy Fedor and Matt Farris continue their steady play, and

wrap up the top five in scoring leaders in the Big South Conference.

Sophomore Brad Shumate continues his steady play in between the pipes to anchor the Spartan defense. Shumate's 0.86 goals against average is the lowest in the Big South, and his three shutouts are tied for tops in the conference.

This will be the third Big South match in a row for the Spartans, and perhaps the most important. After tonight's game, the Spartans will play host to the Spartan Classic over the weekend.

After having things a little bit easy for a while, the Spartans will be asked to rise to the challenge over the next couple of weeks, and judging on past performance, they should be able to succeed.

One interesting note for tonight's game, the Spartans have never lost to UNC Asheville, going 10-0-0 in a series that dates all the way back until 1978. Game time is at 7 pm tonight in the Spartan Soccer Stadium.

NFL should bear second look at Ditka

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Times/Post News Service

CHICAGO—Rich Kotite is 3-25 in his last 28 games, Rich Brooks is 3-12 in his last 15, and David Shula 19-50 in his career. And there's no place for Mike Ditka on the NFL sidelines?

Twenty-two coaches have been hired in the NFL since Ditka's dismissal as the Chicago Bears' coach after the 1992 season. Only one team, the Rams, called him.

"He didn't want to be interviewed," said John Shaw, Rams president. "He said we knew his qualifications, and if we wanted to hire him, fine, but he didn't want to be a name on somebody's list."

So the Rams went for Brooks, who has been a raging disappointment. Meanwhile, Ditka is on network TV, does three radio shows a week in Chicago, smokes too many cigars to keep count and is getting ready to open "Iron Mike's," a fancy restaurant in downtown Chicago.

"Let me tell you a story," Ditka said. "One of the owners when I got fired comes up to (Bears President Mike) McCaskey and says, 'How could you fire my favorite coach?'"

Well, since then he's hired two other coaches. So what does that tell you about Mike?

Ditka's chances of being hired again?

"Maybe I'll buy my own football team."

How many personal-seat licenses could a Mike Ditka team sell?

Instant entertainment, unpredictability, success. In 11 years, Ditka compiled a 106-62 record in regular-season games, 112-68 overall, including a victory in Super Bowl XX.

"I'll be damned if I have to kiss somebody's ... to get a job," Ditka said. "The record is there. There's only about five or six guys who have ever won 100 games in 10 years and I'm one of them."

That was a goal of mine. Was it egotistical? Sure. But the fact I was able to do that with a team I had inherited that hadn't won ... must mean I can do something right."

George Halas hired Ditka, the former Bear tight end, but then Halas died and his heirs, the McCaskey family, took over the team. Eventually, Mike McCaskey

dismissed Jerry Vainisi, Ditka's friend and the team's general manager, and then after the Bears dropped to 5-11 in 1992, he fired Ditka.

"I didn't think he had (it in him)," Ditka said. "He never makes decisions, which is a sign of a very poor executive."

"The thing is, we don't lose that last season if that play doesn't happen in Minnesota. I'm still there. No question, it was that one play."

Oct 4, 1991: The Bears had a 20-0 lead, but quarterback Jim Harbaugh called an audible, the Vikings intercepted his pass and returned it for a touchdown, then went on to win, 21-20. Ditka went wild, berating Harbaugh on the sideline.

"It destroyed me for the rest of the year," Ditka said. "I lost my zeal, lost my enthusiasm. I was very unhappy with the way I handled the situation. I was very unhappy with who I was. I made an ass out of myself. I made a kid I really loved look bad on national TV."

It won't happen again, he said, and if the telephone rings at season's end, beyond being surprised, he will be interested in working again in the NFL.

"I believe if I ever coached again, you would never see a blowup," Ditka said, and call it a coincidence, but he was blowing smoke from his cigar.

"I'm just telling you, I know a lot more about myself in the last four years. I got to the point where I had a bad attitude, a chip on my shoulder and I was intimidating people. I have no desire to do that anymore."

"I had my chance in my town with my team and I made it happen. Two years after I was out, I used to wonder about going back, but—I know you will think I'm lying—but I don't wonder now."

I know what it takes to win and the essence of life for me is discipline and resiliency. I never got the chance to bounce back the last time, and that's all that hurts."

But what if he never gets the chance again?

"I have one favorite song in the world, 'My Way,' by Sinatra," he said. "Listen to the words—it epitomizes my life. Regrets, I've had a few, but I did it my way. I took the ..., chewed it up and spit it out. And it worked, dammit, and that was rewarding. If it never happens again, it happened for me."

UNCG women roll, remain in Top 25

From Staff Reports

The UNCG women's soccer team continued its regular-season dominance of the Big South Conference with a 3-0 victory over Charleston Southern on Friday evening.

The win boosted the Spartan's to 10-2-0 on the season and assured the Spartans of maintaining their place in the national polls.

UNCG was ranked 12th in the nation by Soccer America and held their 18th ranking in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NCSAA) poll.

This poll handicaps the



Ali Lord

UNCG is ranked in the South) from being ranked ahead of a third-ranked team in another weaker region.

The Spartans are solidly entrenched in fourth place, behind North Carolina, Florida and Clemson and Texas A&M.

UNCG can control its own fate later in the season when they have a chance to face both Florida and

Texas A&M later this season.

The Spartans are powered by sophomore forward Ali Lord.

Lord, has already netted 16 goals and 38 points this season. This goal total is the most in one season by a women's soccer player in UNCG history.

UNCG has played out most of its home schedule for the season and will be forced to win on the road to close out the year.

The Spartans will travel first to Virginia Tech where they will enjoy a 4 p.m. start on Wednesday and then travel to Baltimore on Saturday where they will take on the Retrievers of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Plenty of intrigue, drama happening at NBA camps as season approaches

Shaun Powell

Times/Post News Service

Three weeks before the real drama begins, several subplots are taking place at various campsites around the NBA. A look:

•Seattle SuperSonics: Shawn Kemp's holdout is futile. The Sonics can't touch his contract because the NBA owners smartly included a clause in the labor agreement against renegotiating deals with players who signed extensions in the last three years.

Kemp's problem isn't money, it's bad advice. He could have been a free agent during the summer had he stuck with his rookie contract. Instead, he agreed to a seven-year extension worth \$25.4 million in 1993 and then held out in '94 until the Sonics tacked on a \$14.6 million balloon payment in 2002. Well, it's 1996, and Kemp is concerned about the average.

•Dallas Mavericks: In his first wise decision as the Mavericks' coach, Jim Clemons ordered the Mavs' public relations staff to kill the "Three Js" marketing concept.

Jason Kidd and Jimmy Jackson, who didn't speak to each other for most of last season, are saying the right things and insist their feud is history. This, just months after Kidd issued a trade-him-or-me ultimatum to the Mavs. At the root of their conflict was singer Toni Braxton, who was on her way to a date with Kidd when she was intercepted by Jackson.

•Detroit Pistons: Grant Hill reported to camp with some love lost for Doug Collins, who couldn't convince Allan Houston (signed

with Knicks) to stay. But Hill also took on Houston, too. "I don't know the reason he left," Hill said.

"I don't think it had anything to do with me. But if it did, then so be it. I'm glad he left. As far as I'm concerned, he's the enemy now. I would rather be with one team than abandoning it and going elsewhere to a contender." We'll see how Hill really feels in two years, when he can exercise an escape clause.

•Los Angeles Clippers: They've cornered the market on heavy centers with bad attitudes. Stanley Roberts reported overweight again and was booted from camp for cursing Coach Bill Fitch; Dwayne Schintzius is holding the starter's position. The Clips then did the sensible thing and signed Kevin Duckworth.

•Miami Heat: Pat Riley is still trying to compensate for losing Juwan Howard, but it's tough to find another frontcourt player besides Alonzo Mourning capable of giving 20 points and 10 rebounds. Riley doesn't want to pay the freight for free agent Brian Williams and he couldn't convince the Portland Trail Blazers to give up Clifford Robinson. The Golden State Warriors want P.J. Brown for holdout center Rony Seikaly, who has drawn Riley's interest, but the price is too steep.

•New Jersey Nets: John Calipari is going through lengths to upgrade the Nets' ghastly image by sending the team to a Tampa resort for training camp and getting the Nets to build a new, full-time practice facility. What the Nets could use isn't cosmetic touchups,

but players. The Nets tried to swap Yinka Dare and Khalid Reeves for Seikaly; no deal.

•Los Angeles Lakers: Shaquille O'Neal has finally confessed his true feelings about his former team. Much of his distaste centers around Nick Anderson, the same player Shaq once mentioned in his first rap record. Well, the lyric has changed a bit. O'Neal accused Anderson of being unhappy with his role and jealous of Shaq's presence. Obviously, nothing like that could happen with the Lakers, where Cedric Ceballos once left the club for an AWOL weekend in Lake Havasu because his minutes and shots were affected by the arrival of Magic Johnson.

•Orlando Magic: The club says it will miss Shaq's 30 points and 10 rebounds, but not the rest of the package. Magic officials have spent the last week leaking anti-Shaq propaganda to the Orlando media, hinting of a prima-donna attitude that they kept quiet last season. Well, now the Magic has the opposite in the middle. Felton Spencer may not be MVP material, but he's no prima donna, either.

•San Antonio Spurs: Bob Hill didn't receive the contract extension he wanted in the offseason, so his coaching job rests on how much of a difference Dominique Wilkins can make with the regular-season wonders and playoff underachievers. This is the kind of team Wilkins should've signed with three years ago; instead, he chased the money and went to Boston. Now he's no longer a primary option.



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