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UNC-system leader admits NCSU errors

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UNC-system President C.D. Spangler admitted Thursday that he made mistakes in his handling of the Board of Governors' (BOG) investigation of the N.C. State University (NCSU) basketball program.

"I know when things have gone well and when things have gone poorly," Spangler said in a telephone interview Thursday. "In this situation, things didn't go as well as they should have."

Spangler said he agreed that the Poole Commission's seven-month investigation proceeded too slowly and that his communication with BOG members during the investigation was lacking.

Spangler and Samuel Poole, BOG vice chairman, have been criticized by several BOG members for keeping the results of the Poole Commission report from the public and from BOG members. Spangler instead gave the board a general oral summary of the commission report along with his recommendations for reform of the NCSU basketball program Aug. 25. Poole did not release the original report to the public until Oct. 21.

"I wish that the whole matter had proceeded more rapidly," Spangler

said. "The fact that it was drawn out was not beneficial to anyone."

Spangler said the findings should have been more available to the entire board. "I need to communicate the good things and the areas where we're weak. They (BOG members) deserve that, and I'm going to try to make sure I do that."

Spangler said he viewed criticism of his performance as constructive, and he sought suggestions from BOG members as to how to improve.

"I expect to talk to individual board members as I already have. Should the Board of Governors wish to discuss the matter with me in an open meeting, I would."

"It's easier to look at something with 20-20 hindsight than when in the heat of the activity," Spangler continued. "You would hope you learn from your experiences, and I think that I do."

The BOG has a regular meeting Nov. 10. No specific plans to discuss the issue are on the agenda, he said.

Spangler said he was confident that he still had the trust of BOG members. "We need to understand each other. I'm willing to listen to what they have to say, and they're

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Grievance talks falter

By AMY WAJDA

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The administrative grievance hearing of University police Officer Keith Edwards began four hours late Thursday after negotiations for an out-of-court hearing broke down.

The hearing, presided over by Judge Delores Nesnow, began at 1 p.m. with the presentation of prima facie evidence, meant only to prove that there might have been discrimination.

Later in the day Nesnow, Edwards' attorney Alan McSurely, and Lars Nance, associate N.C. attorney general and the University's representative, agreed to have Edwards' entire case presented before the University's case was presented.

The witnesses called were Edwards, the only black female officer in the University police, and Collin Rustin, associate director of housing and a member of the Chancellor's Committee that heard Edwards' Step 3 hearing.

Attempts at an out-of-court settlement go back to Oct. 27, when Nance called McSurely to ask for a settlement proposal, Edwards said. McSurely said during a recess Thursday that Edwards asked the University for \$75,000.

Edwards said the University then countered with an oral offer of \$25,000 and a non-paying University position in which she would help the University improve the UNC workplace. In return, Edwards would drop the case and would not be able to sue the University for anything that occurred between 1987 and 1989.

Edwards said she refused the offer Wednesday night. Nance came to the hearing Thursday morning with an oral offer of \$50,000, she said. McSurely



Officer Keith Edwards (center) with her attorney Alan McSurely (left) and Lars Nance

and Nance met with UNC administrators at South Building for about an hour and then returned to the hearing and met with Nesnow, and Edwards then

refused the second offer. "They had nothing concrete to show me, nothing in writing," Edwards said. "I feel I was discriminated against,

and I feel I would be selling out against myself."

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Students stand behind suggested curriculum changes

By DIONNE LOY

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Recommendations in a recently released report for improving the curriculum at UNC are a step in the right direction, students said.

Students were interviewed Thursday about the Report on the Status of General Education at UNC-Chapel Hill. The reports were released earlier this week.

Many students are extremely encouraged because the report is oriented toward them, said Ruffin Hall, director of academic affairs for student government.

"Student input was especially vital in the report. I am encouraged by most of the recommendations, because they were based on the opinion of the students."

Hall said Student Congress supported

three of the proposals in particular: classes in a student's major fulfilling perspectives, one less required perspective for bachelor of arts degrees, and an academic minor.

These three points will relieve several of the problems surrounding the perspective program, Hall said. "Dropping a perspective will help especially with regard to philosophy. By requiring fewer perspectives, many students

will probably omit the philosophy. This will be a big relief."

The academic minor will increase broadening of studies, Hall said. "The minor will relieve some 'smattering' and put the student on a broad yet direct track."

Another attractive point is the encouragement for instructors to provide comments on student writing, said Mark Bibbs (Dist. 12), Rules and Judiciary

Committee chairman in Student Congress.

"One good thing is for professors to actually critique — to actually care."

Students expressed a desire to concentrate on their majors, and many thought lessening the perspectives would help.

"You should be able to concentrate on your major," said Jennifer Berces, a freshman from Durham. "It seems like

you've already gotten your broad outlook in your General College perspectives. People who want to take those classes could take them anyway."

Implementation of an academic minor would help indecisive students, said Scott Suddreth, a freshman from Greensboro.

"I came here wanting to be a busi-

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Student Congress rejects Davis' call for vote of confidence

By JASON KELLY

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Student Congress members tabled a motion to have a vote of confidence in Speaker Gene Davis in a Wednesday night session.

Davis initiated the motion to have a vote of confidence in his competence as speaker after the Student Supreme Court found him guilty Tuesday of violating the Student Code. Davis used campus mail — instead of U.S. mail as specified by the code — to send notices of a special meeting of Student Congress.

The congress postponed the vote

indefinitely, but it can be brought back for debate at any time.

Davis said he would have resigned the post of speaker if the vote had gone against him. Although he had hoped for a vote of confidence, Davis said he would remain as speaker because the congress did not express a lack of confidence in his leadership. Davis said he had received personal communications encouraging him not to relinquish his position.

Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7), the congress representative who brought the case to the supreme court, said congress did not want Davis to step down. "The fact

that we didn't vote does not count against Gene Davis at all. Congress is simply stating that there is no need for a vote of confidence. This is not the British government. We will not set a precedent in this situation."

Rep. Jürgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) said the vote of confidence was unnecessary because most members of congress did not question Davis' leadership. "What Gene and the other defendants were found guilty of was not their fault, but the whole Student Congress' fault. The whole Student Congress got slammed, not just Gene."

Buchenau added that Student Con-

gress should carry the responsibility for the supreme court verdict. "We must think about the way we do our business. We must be consistent and abide by our own bylaws. Congress cannot violate the constitution. If we don't like it, we'll have to change it. The supreme court couldn't help ruling the way it did on this unnecessary case."

Davis said he felt that being found guilty by the Student Supreme Court brought into question his competence as speaker, and he had to bring the question before congress. "Because of the supreme court ruling I felt I had to ask the body (of Student Congress) if they had confidence in my leadership."

"This was not a political maneuver. Part of my job is abiding by the code, and because I failed in this measure and was found guilty by the court, I thought I had to ask the body if they still wished me to continue as speaker."

Buchenau added that the vote of confidence was not only unnecessary, but it set a bad precedent for the future. "This is an extremely dangerous idea despite our confidence in Gene. A vote of confidence is a destabilizing factor with no positive consequences. Votes of no confidence in European countries have positive elements, because at the same time they call an officer into question, they offer a new candidate at the same time."

"It's nothing more than an opinion pole, but it can be used to implement or hinder a candidates' success," Buchenau continued. "The vote of confidence is a dangerous political tool which could bring down a Student Congress leader through repeated votes of distrust. We elected Gene, and votes of confidence are redundant."

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Gene Davis

DTH board members return to posts

By MYRON B. PITTS

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Four members of The Daily Tar Heel Board of Directors expressed delight at being reinstated to the board as a result of a Student Supreme Court ruling earlier this week.

Because of the ruling, the DTH board has added positions for the Student Congress speaker's appointee, a graduate student representative, a Student Congress Finance Committee appointee and the student body treasurer.

The positions were dropped in early October to avoid possible conflict that might hinder the DTH incorporation process, which calls for student fees to be repaid beginning in the spring. The board's bylaws must be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order for the newspaper to incorporate.

Though the Student Constitution indicates the board should have five members, the board's bylaws allow for five additional members who were approved in an Oct. 10 student body referendum.

Congress Rep. Jeffrey Beall (Dist. 7) called the legality of the referendum into question because he said the congress was not properly notified of an Oct. 8 meeting where members voted the referendum onto the ballot.

In the resulting Student Supreme

Court hearing, the referendum was judged invalid, but four new positions were added because of a 1983 referendum that was omitted from the Student Constitution.

Congress Rep. Mark Bibbs (Dist. 12), the defense counselor, found the old referendum while researching in Wilson Library.

"The night before the trial there was some digging done in the archives at Wilson Library," said DTH board member and general manager Kevin Schwartz.

"It was a good thing we found it (the referendum). One of the things the plaintiff said is we were operating illegally and secretly."

Despite the supreme court decision, the board still lacks two members present before the issue of referendum validity came into play. The now 12-member board is without an editor's appointee and an outside professional representative.

According to Schwartz, these members would likely be reinstated after incorporation by amending board bylaws.

Self-appointed Student Congress speaker representative Gene Davis said he would introduce another referendum after incorporation that would have an editor's appointee and outside busi-

ness appointee on the ballot. "There will have to be another referendum before the student body to decide the necessity of these positions," he said.

The student body voted overwhelmingly for the five appointees in the Oct.

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DTH/ Kathy Michel

Slogging to lunch

Four-year-old Christine Richards of Carrboro braves the rain Thursday afternoon as she visits

campus to eat in Lenoir Hall with her babysitter on her way home from kindergarten.

Keep walking and keep smiling. — Tiny Tim

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