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Hooker named contender for Spangler's prized job

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UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker is one of several people being considered to replace UNC-system President C.D. Spangler, two sources closely involved with the search process said.

Other people who have been named include Education Secretary Dick Riley, UNC-Charlotte Chancellor James Woodward and former N.C. Gov. Jim Martin.

Hooker is out of town for the week and could not be reached for comment Monday. Jane Brown, chairwoman of the faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill, said Hooker told her that he was not interested in becoming UNC-system president. "I'm going to believe he's going to be here," Brown said. "We hired him to be here for the duration."

If the Board of Governors Search Committee selected Hooker and he accepted, he would step into the position in June, after less than two years as chancellor at UNC-Chapel Hill. That would leave the University without a chancellor and spark the second chancellor search process of the 1990s.

While UNC-Chapel Hill Provost

Richard Richardson said he had not discussed such a move with Hooker, he said he would like to see the chancellor remain in Chapel Hill.

"I would personally be disappointed to see him leave this campus," Richardson said, adding that he thought Hooker could still contribute to UNC-Chapel Hill if selected to be UNC-system president.

Richardson, who served on the committee that took more than a year to select Hooker, said Hooker has made great strides with the N.C. General Assembly and UNC trustees so far.

He said he had heard people talk about what would happen if Hooker moved to the system's General Administration, but added, "I would be very hopeful that they could find another choice for president."



Chairwoman of the Faculty Council JANE BROWN said Chancellor Hooker told her he did not want the position.

BOG Chairman C. Cliff Cameron discounted the candidate list as speculation. "People can't just be throwing names into the pot" whether or not that person is interested, he said.

This search process is only the second since the 16-school system was created in the 1970s. UNC-CH Political Science Professor Thad Beyle said the possibility of a chancellor stepping up to the position was unprecedented.

Beyle attributed the interest in Hooker to his popularity with the General Assembly. "I think one of the reasons why is that he's done so well with the state legislature. He's done so well with the community at large."

Beyle said Hooker's outreach and assertive decisions endeared him to state officials. "He won the legislators' hearts when he stepped in and said, 'James Williams, you are out of here.'"

Hooker called for Williams' resignation after the English professor admitted having sex with students, soon after Hooker took over in July 1995.

Cameron said he would like the Search Committee to submit a final candidate by late April.

Search Committee Chairman Jim Holshouser could not be reached.

FLORIDA FESTIVITIES



North Carolina celebrates its 20-13 Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 1. Quarterback Oscar Davenport was the game's Most Valuable Player. *See story, page 12.*

Professor criticized for graduation speech

BY MARVA HINTON
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When Professor Michael Eric Dyson quoted Snoop Doggy Dog to illustrate "the freedom of lyrical creativity" in his Commencement address, he raised more than a few eyebrows.

Dyson, a communications professor and race relations expert, faced criticism when he quoted profane rap lyrics, criticized UNC alumnus and basketball star Michael Jordan and referred to fellatio in a song by pop singer Alanis Morissette.

Dyson's speech described societal

conditions that he said put the American dream out of reach for many of America's youth. "The value of youth culture is partly in its blistering detail about how the American Dream has not only been fondled, but molested," Dyson told the graduates.

Chancellor Michael Hooker told The News & Observer in a Dec. 17 article that he received phone calls and e-mail from parents criticizing the speech.

Neither Dyson nor Hooker could be reached for comment Monday.



Commencement speaker MICHAEL DYSON was criticized for quoting profane rap lyrics in his address to December graduates.

Amelia Bruce, vice president of the Senior Class, said the controversy surrounding Dyson's speech was more a product of the speech's topic than anything else. "Race relations is a controversial issue," Bruce said.

Bruce served on the committee that selected him to speak. She said she would choose Dyson to speak again. "I stand by our decision to select him," Bruce said. "He met our expectations."

But Leah Compel, the parent of a December graduate, said Dyson was a poor choice for speaker. She sent a letter to Hooker criticizing the speech.

"It was extremely inappropriate because Commencement should be a joyous occasion," Compel said. "It is not for everyone in that audience to be screamed at for 18 minutes."

"I thought his tone was inappropriate. I thought his negativism was inappropriate. What we need is positivism." Chairwoman of the Faculty Jane

Brown said she thought such criticism went too far and said she supported Dyson's address. "I thought (the criticism) was excessive," Brown said. "I thought it was an overreaction."

Bruce said she thought the committee knew more about Dyson's background than the general public. "I think perhaps some of the controversy maybe could have been approached differently if people had paid closer attention to his background," Bruce said.

Dyson has been called a "hip-hop intellectual" and has spoken about gangsta rap and black America on national television shows.

Brown said it was unfortunate that Dyson's language overshadowed the message of his speech. "The focus on the language in the rap lyrics distracted us from the main message. (Dyson) was speaking for people who are rarely spoken for. A lot of people appreciated that."

BSM plans memorial for slain UNC junior

BY EVAN MARKFIELD
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The Black Student Movement is planning a memorial service Sunday for a 20-year-old UNC student who was gunned down on Dec. 21.

According to a statement from Dean of Students Fred Schroeder, Travis Cooper, a junior from Lumberton, was killed when bullets were fired into the automobile in which Cooper and four of his friends were riding.

The shooting occurred at 4:20 a.m. as the five friends were leaving The Ballfield, a club in Hoke County. The Hoke County Sheriff's Department said it appeared that the car in which Cooper was riding took a wrong turn and was turning around when it was

approached by the other vehicle. A person in that vehicle started shooting into the car Cooper occupied.

Cooper was struck by a bullet in his left side. Two other passengers also sustained bullet wounds.

The sheriff's department has no possible motives or suspects in the shooting, a representative said Monday.

At UNC, Cooper was an active member of a teen outreach program that is part of the Sonja H. Stone Black

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Memorial service

Memorial service for Travis Cooper
1 p.m.
Sunday
Great Hall

Students have options when filing tax forms

BY JEFF YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

While many students cringe in fear of the mailman who will bring their first set of IRS tax forms, Uncle Sam offers different ways for tax payers to shell out money to the government.

Tax season has arrived, and students should be aware of tax information.

Barbara Albright, a spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service's Greensboro regional office, said the

IRS is bracing for their busiest season by stressing basic filing information.

"The most important thing for students to be aware of is the fact that while they may not be required to file a tax return based on their income level, they will not receive income that was withheld by their employers without filing their own income tax return," Albright said.

No one who earned less than \$6,550

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BACK TO THE BOOKS



Christopher Barefoot, an employee of Student Stores, sells textbooks to Jeff Berkaw on Sunday afternoon.

Downtown armed robbery leads to high speed pursuit

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
CITY EDITOR

A fifth teenager was arrested Saturday in connection with an armed robbery that occurred in downtown Chapel Hill and led to a high-speed chase into Durham.

Thursday night five teenagers allegedly robbed a 42-year-old Chapel Hill man at gunpoint on the corner of North Columbia Street and Carr Street. After the stickup, the victim went to his nearby home and called the police, Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman said.

"A car pulled up next to him," she said. "A man got out, pointed a silver handgun at him and demanded his wallet."

The victim surrendered his wallet, which included a Visa credit card, two personal checks made out to the victim, deposit slips and \$65 in cash.

Police dispatched a description of the car the suspected robbers were driving, and an Orange County sheriff's deputy spotted the vehicle on U.S. 15-

501 near the Omni-Europa Hotel.

Chapel Hill police along with the deputy chased the car to Durham where it turned right on Garrett Road and wrecked at the Circle K, Cousins said. She said she did not know exactly how fast the cars traveled during the chase, but they exceeded the speed limit.

"When the car wrecked, all (occupants) got out and ran," Cousins said. "One of our police dogs and the Durham police found one of the suspects. Three others were arrested near Pier One at South Square later that night."

Cousins said four suspects were taken into custody Thursday night after the robbery. Another suspect was arrested Saturday at his Durham home.

Quincey Jevon Hunt, 16, of 1602-B Sedgefield St., Durham; Edmund Ravon Riley, 18, of 1602-A Sedgefield St., Durham; and Joshua LePerry Sands, 17, of 1200 Leon St. apartment B-4, Durham were charged with robbery.

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For the Record

Due to technical difficulties, the Dec. 6 issue of Creative Urges, The Daily Tar Heel's literary magazine, printed an incomplete ver-

sion of the poem, "Surfaces," by Jonathan Farmer. The complete poem is printed on page 5 of today's paper.

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An optimist is one who believes marriage is a gamble.

Laurence J. Peter