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## Nathan 'excited' to tackle student body presidency

■ Student Body President Mo Nathan pledged more student-faculty interaction.

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In his first moments as student body president Tuesday, Mo Nathan promised service and enthusiasm.

"On this day of a new beginning and a fond farewell to a wonderful year, I am excited," said Nathan, after being inaugurated in the Great Hall with other student government officials.

"I'm excited to have the honor of serving this student body," he said. "I'm excited to be working with so many great people. Let's get started."

Nathan said "the people," whom he called a "community of learners," were among UNC's many assets.

"Our strength is derived from the quality and the depth of the connections that bind those parts into a community," he said.

Student government will play an important role in bringing these parts together, he said.

Nathan said his administration plans to tackle goals of revamping advising, bringing graduate and undergraduate students together and working to increase faculty and student interaction.

Before Nathan spoke, former Student Body President Aaron Nelson began a new tradition with Nathan. After making remarks, he passed down a symbol of what his office had meant: a pitchfork from the University Day of Action.

Nelson said his greatest experience was this September 11 activity, when the University community cleaned up after Hurricane Fran. The pitchfork, inscribed with the Day of Action's date, brought laughter and clapping from the audience.

Nelson compared the office of student body president to a relay race.

"I have every confidence in Mo Nathan and his administration to run

### Powerful words

For the full text of Student Body President Mo Nathan's inauguration speech, please see The Daily Tar Heel's web site at: [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth)



the next leg of the race," Nelson said. "He has the trust of the students ... and he has my trust."

Nelson praised the help of students, faculty and administrators who made his term a success.

"I hope that I have not let (students) down," Nelson said. "This has been the best experience of my life and it has been a pleasure and honor to spend my senior year this way."

Lindsay-Rae McIntyre, former student body vice president, also praised student government's many members. "I want to thank those of you who work in student government, all 225, who are here and are not here," she said. "We couldn't have done it without you."

She introduced Chris Yates, student body vice president, as one who was ready to listen and answer questions.

In Yates' remarks, he confessed limitations, but promised devotion and commitment to his position.

"What I do have is an opportunity, an opportunity to bring myself, my skills and my short-comings to the office of student body vice president," he said.

He said his vision included allegiance to the needs, goals and programs of the University and to encouraging individual students' visions.

Julie Gasperini, former student body treasurer, thanked the student body and student government.

As she welcomed Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum as her successor, Gasperini was the first of many

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Outgoing Student Body President Aaron Nelson passes the torch to Mo Nathan, the newly inaugurated student body president. In his inaugural address, Nathan said student government needed to respond to challenges such as bringing graduate and undergraduate students closer together.

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## Report blasts surcharges for ATM use

■ But banks say service costs for non-customer use necessitate the fees.

BY JONATHAN SESSLER  
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A consumer group's report attacking the use of ATM surcharges drew both opposition and support from North Carolina banks and UNC students.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group issued a report Tuesday stating that 45 percent of the nation's ATMs now impose this surcharge on non-account holders using the ATM.

Wes Jones, campaign director for U.S. PIRG, said the fee was not needed.

"The profits of large banks are already skyrocketing. This is just another way for them to make money," he said.

Jones said the surcharge not only drained the pocketbooks of customers, but also harmed the livelihood of smaller financial institutions.

These banks do not have a large number of ATMs and their customers often must use other tellers, Jones said.

"People are flocking to the larger banks to avoid the surcharge," Jones said. "In the future we may see more community banks being driven out."

Dana Stockton, spokesperson for First Union Bank, said the fees were common business sense not an attempt to take advantage of customers.

"The money is used to reinvest and create more services," Stockton said.

He said the decision to surcharge came after management learned many customers didn't belong to First Union.

"It's a fee for service and convenience," he said. "Non-customers are simply paying for our accessibility."



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Tom Latimer uses the ATM outside of NationsBank Plaza. He and many other people use this machine every day, some providing revenue for a rival bank.

Smaller credit unions that do not impose this surcharge disagreed with some of the conclusions in the report.

"Despite the surcharges, there has been an increase in customers," said Susan Tilley, a supervisor for the State Employees Credit Union.

Carlton Howard, manager of alternative delivery for Coastal Employees Federal Credit Union, said he did not like surcharges but understood the need.

"Surcharges are harmful because one

has to pay more money," Howard said. "But it's their service, and if I don't belong I should be charged extra."

UNC students said they did not see the reasoning behind surcharges.

Michael Warner, a junior from Greensboro, said, "It's just a way for them to make more money."

Ryan Paulowsky, a freshman from Las Cruces, N.M., said he agreed.

"I think the charge is unfair, and I shouldn't have to pay it."

## BOG search for UNC president requires secrecy, officials claim

BY JONATHAN COX  
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The search for the UNC-system president has left many people with unanswered questions. But officials maintain that secrecy is important in searches to fill key leadership roles.

Samuel Poole, a member of the Board of Governors president search committee, said secrecy was needed when appointing the best candidate. "We need to get the best candidates possible," Poole said. "Some people would not choose to be a candidate if they thought their names would be released."

Provost Richard Richardson, who headed UNC-Chapel Hill's chancellor selection committee, also said secrecy was needed for candidate protection. He said candidates risked possible damage to their reputations if their names were released. "Many people fear they would

be damaged at home if they didn't receive a position," Richardson said. "People would wonder why the person was leaving and feel (their organization) was not good enough."

Former student body president Aaron Nelson, who participated in the search for the vice chancellor of student affairs, also said secrecy was imperative to the security of the candidate. "I think a search has to be a closed process," Nelson said. "If a candidate is in a good job they



Provost RICHARD RICHARDSON said secrecy was needed to find the most qualified candidates and to protect their reputations.

need that protection."

Richardson outlined the measures taken to ensure secrecy during the search for UNC-CH chancellor. He said most processes begin with a professional search firm, which keeps a file of possible candidates. "The firms have usually made contact with these individuals to see, if a position would arise, if they would be interested in it," Richardson said. "There is a lot of pre-screening that goes on by the firm and they present the credentials to the committee."

Richardson said there was no direct contact between the candidate and the committee until the firm presents its recommendations. Once the committee reviews the credentials, it decides who to interview. "The committee may decide to send one or two people out to meet the candidate off campus," Richardson

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## Committee meets year-end goals

BY GREYSON MONROE  
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As former Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini handed over her title, she gave up oversight of one of student government's newest standing committees.

Newly inaugurated Student Body Treasurer Marc McCollum will be the second treasurer to head the Student Fee Audit Committee.

"A lot of the initiatives that were begun this year were long term and will still need to be seen through," McCollum said.

The committee, created by the 1995-96 student government, is responsible for approving all proposed student fee

increases.

"The committee's whole purpose is to ensure accountability for the fees that are levied against students," Gasperini said.

Aaron Nelson, former student body president, said the committee had definitely met its goals in its first year.

"I think they have exceeded



Former Student Body Treasurer JULIE GASPERINI said the Student Fee Audit Committee ensured accountability for student fees.

every expectation," he said. "The Student Fee Audit Committee is the watchdog for student fees. They force an explanation for the student fees and keep the fees accountable."

Gasperini said the group looked at fee increases and the use of established fees. For example, members worked to eliminate a 50-cent fee for the Carolina Course Review and nixed a proposal to increase fees by \$10 to fund the varsity women's crew team.

McCollum said he would continue some projects. "We will also continue to pursue specific fee problems, like the education and technology fee, and their

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*As a general rule, nobody has money who ought to have it.*

Benjamin Disraeli