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Broad calls for analysis of admissions standards

■ The request came to make sure universities are not using racial quotas.

BY MONICA DEV
STAFF WRITER

In light of recent national decisions concerning affirmative action, UNC-system President Molly Broad has announced plans to reform UNC-system admissions policies.

Broad requested chancellors on the 16 UNC campuses to review their universities' admissions and scholarship policies nearly a month ago. Monday, she unveiled plans to ensure policies do not conflict with current precedents.

"We need to look at what (universities) are doing to see if any of our practices are not in legal standing," UNC-system attorney Dick Robinson said.

The legal precedent that UNC campuses should follow was set in 1978 by the Supreme Court case University of California vs. Bakke, Robinson said. The court ruled that universities could not use racial quotas in admitting students, though race could be considered as one variable in admissions.

"You've got to treat people the same unless you have a good, valid reason for treating them differently, and race generally isn't a good reason," Robinson said. He added that the review was not intended to diminish diversity on campuses.

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UNC-CH Director of Admissions Jerome Lucido said he had not heard of the review. But he said UNC-CH admissions, which employ the Bakke method, would comply.

"Bakke is the law of the land right now," he said. "I'm certain that our policies meet the legal interpretations of our Supreme Court and district courts."

UNC-system schools also plan to review the current system of university-sponsored scholarships.

"You can't give scholarships on the basis of race," Robinson said.

Robinson said he could not predict



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the future of remaining race-based scholarships in the UNC system, but he said he assumed the scholarships would either open up to all applicants, or be offered through a private source.

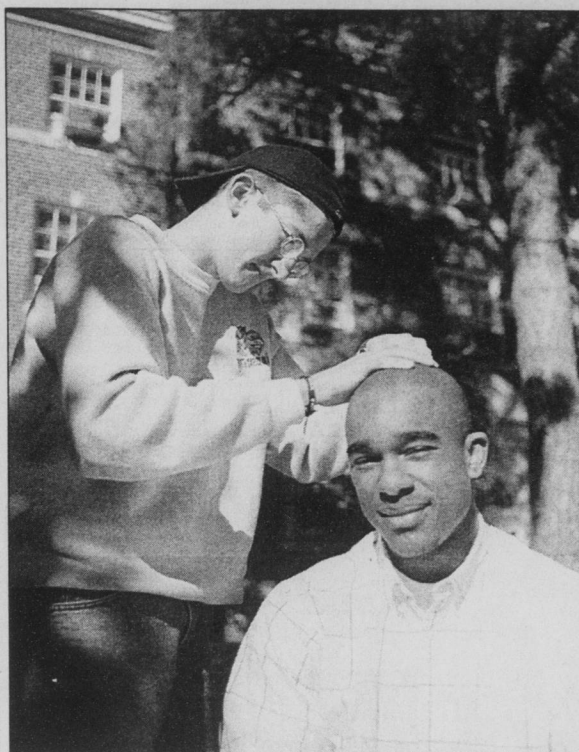
East Carolina University reviewed its scholarship programs based on precedents set by national court cases ruling that state scholarships should not be based on race, said ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin.

Student Body President Mo Nathan said he supported the review of university admissions and scholarship policies.

Broad said every university in the nation could benefit from similar evaluations.

"I don't know any university in America that wouldn't benefit from what we're doing."

SUN SHAVE



Rollan Fisher is losing his hair thanks to the razor wielded by Chuck White. Cutting hair outside is a popular student pastime.

Financial aid administrator search ends

■ Shirley A. Ort will direct the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The University has lured a Washington state financial aid administrator to take over the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

The selected director, Shirley A. Ort, wrote her resignation for her 12-year stint as senior associate director of student and financial aid for Washington's Higher Education Coordinating Board as UNC officials announced the change.

Ort, who was offered the job at UNC on Friday, will take over the financial aid office Monday from Eleanor Morris, who has served as director since 1980.

"I'm very excited. I have learned a lot about the program and people at UNC," Ort said from her office Tuesday.

"I'm really happy I know I'm coming to a good shop. There will be a learning curve here obviously. I will be slow to make changes."

Ort was one of many candidates considered for the office in a national search. But Morris, who sat on the committee that helped pick her successor, said she knew Ort from serving on some of the same professional boards.

"I think she's able, qualified, skilled, has strong experience and I think, will be helpful with the University and the state," Morris said. "I think she has a grasp of financial aid issues."

Barbee Crowley, a student on the search committee for a new director, said Ort cared deeply for students.

"I think students are really going to like her," Crowley said.

"I was thrilled that (Chancellor Michael Hooker) liked her and approved her."

"Her policy analysis into how students finance their education, in particular, will be a major asset as we head into the 21st century."

Ort said the University had a strong scholarship program, but competition from other universities meant the program needed to raise more money.

"The University has a healthy scholarship program already, but we'll need more to stay competitive," she said.

"We have to make sure what we offer students is adequate so we can recruit quality folks."

Happy Thanksgiving

INSIDE

Tar Heel women rebound

The No. 9 UNC women's basketball team put the Florida loss behind it with a 90-48 drubbing of UNC-Asheville on Tuesday. Page 5

Today's weather

Mostly sunny;
low 60s
Thanksgiving: Breezy;
low 60s

Over the river ...

While you're busy stuffing your face with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, DTH staffers will be, too. So enjoy this edition of The Daily Tar Heel, the last one until Monday. Have a safe trip home, and Happy Turkey Day!

Campus groups express outrage about Swain's firing

■ Student, faculty and staff are questioning the firing of Lt. C.E. Swain.

BY KERRY OSSI
STAFF WRITER

Certain campus groups want Chancellor Michael Hooker to know they expect him to take a close look at the case of former University Police Lt. C.E. Swain, who was dismissed last week.

Black Student Movement Vice President Tamara Bailey said she was outraged by the department's decision to

fire Swain. BSM leaders are encouraging members to e-mail Hooker with their concerns, she said. "We're asking him not to uphold that decision," she said. "This was the one immediate action we could take before people left for break. There was no way we could let this slide." She said some



Former University Police Lt. C.E. SWAIN's dismissal has raised the concern of campus organizations.

members had received e-mail responses from Hooker that said he could not speak on the issue.

Archie Ervin, service chairman of the Black Faculty/Staff Caucus, said the group had sent Hooker a letter asking him to take a personal interest in Swain's case.

"The chancellor has a right to intervene in this case and, I think, a responsibility to look at this decision process really closely," he said.

Swain was fired Nov. 19 for allegedly falsifying his timesheet when a Chapel Hill Newspaper employee reported he had been in the newspaper's office at a time when he should have been on duty. "Based on what we know, the offense

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Black Student Movement vice president

is not serious enough to warrant a firing," Ervin said. "From outward appearances, there seems to be something else at work here, larger than an altered timesheet."

Swain's dismissal came after he filed

a grievance against his supervisor Maj. Jeff McCracken, in which he said he had been pressured to tear up an underage drinking citation he had written for the daughter of a Board of Trustees member.

"Even if he had stopped by (the newspaper), that's not something a man should lose his job for," Bailey said.

"I think it's very obvious and blatant — it boils down to a retaliation."

Swain said he had received support from people both on and off the University.

"It's also alumni and people from other counties calling and stopping me on the street," Swain said. "Believe me, it's very appreciated."

BSM waits for Hooker to respond to demands

■ The Black Student Movement's demands focus on UNC's black community.

BY CATHERINE MEDEOT
STAFF WRITER

The Black Student Movement is still waiting for Chancellor Michael Hooker to respond to 22 demands submitted to him Nov. 14, BSM Awareness Day.

Tamara Bailey, BSM vice president, said the BSM understood that Hooker had many responsibilities, but would like to see him take some action.

"He's a very busy man, but I'd like to see something done before I leave for Christmas break," she said.

"The ball is in his court. It's up to him now."

Hooker could not be reached for comment.

The BSM demanded that certain changes take place due to "the worsening state of the academic, social and political climate for blacks at UNC."

The demands state that the University should recruit more minority professors, officially recognize the Upendo Lounge as the Black Student Union, and reinstitute scholarships targeting black graduate students.

Hooker did not agree to consider the demands until certain additions were made, Bailey said.

"He asked us to provide a rationale for each of the demands," she said. "In the spirit of intellectual climate, he also asked that we used the word 'requests' instead of 'demands.'"

Bailey said the BSM refused to change the wording of the document

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J. ASHLEY COHEN
BSM Parliamentarian

because it would weaken the meaning of the demands.

Student Body President Mo Nathan said he thought the efforts of the BSM were "fantastic" but that members must work cooperatively with the administration to have their demands met.

"I hope the administration will view this as an opportunity to better understand the BSM's demands and to work together," he said.

"I cannot believe the administration would not be interested and grateful for such feedback (from the BSM)."

Some members of the BSM said they were concerned that Hooker still had not addressed their demands.

"His priorities are in the wrong place concerning race relations on campus," said J. Ashley Cohen, BSM's parliamentarian.

Bailey said, "Honestly, I do not feel the University is doing anything to address our demands."

"If demands are not addressed, we will take other measures."

Bailey said she was not sure what other measures would be taken. "The state of affairs of the University is getting worse," she said.

"We're just not going to sit here and let things happen."



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf (left) and Student Body President Mo Nathan maintain positive communication through annual meetings. The two discussed student safety and open-container issues Tuesday at Town Hall.

Chapel Hill mayor mingles with Nathan

■ Safety issues, including street and pathway lighting, were topics of discussion.

BY ANGELA LEA
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President Mo Nathan and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf met Tuesday afternoon to discuss town-gown issues in what Nathan called "a pre-Thanksgiving chat."

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate dialogue between the town and the University and to bring students' concerns out into the open, Nathan said.

Much of the discussion centered around safety issues including lighting. "I'll admit we can't light the place up like a prison yard, but I would like to see an annual lighting tour to see where students really travel and where more lighting is needed," he said.

Waldorf agreed lighting was an important concern.

Nathan also said he would like to improve the safety of local bus stops. "One thing I would like to see, but which might be cost-prohibitive, are emergency call boxes," Nathan said.

Waldorf agreed to look into the cost of placing call boxes at some of the less well-lit stops.

Waldorf and Nathan also addressed concerns about fraternities' and sorori-

ties' progress toward complying with the sprinkler-system ordinance.

All UNC fraternities and sororities will be required to have sprinkler systems by Nov. 11, 2001, said Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones.

Waldorf said she hoped fraternity and sorority members were keeping the ordinance in mind and continuing to make arrangements for installing the sprinklers. "It would be good for the town to ask about this again," she said. "We want to be as cooperative as we can, but the deadline is there."

Alcohol was also an area of concern, and Nathan said he would like to see the open-container ordinance modified.

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We are all worms, but I do believethat I am a glow-worm.

Winston Churchill