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UNC Picks Insider as Nursing School Dean

Linda Cronenwett, the Sarah Frances Russell Professor of Nursing, says she wants to improve N.C. health care.

By SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

One of UNC's own received the recommendation on Monday to be the new School of Nursing dean.

Linda Cronenwett, who serves as the Sarah Frances Russell Professor of Nursing, displayed a determination to improve the quality of health care in North Carolina that led to her getting the recommendation, acting Provost Ned Brooks said.

Cronenwett was one of the top five

candidates Brooks reviewed to make a recommendation for the new dean. The nomination must now be approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors.

Cronenwett said her prime mission was to ensure an outstanding quality of health care improvement in the state, by improving the quality of education that nurses receive from the school.

"I want to make the School of Nursing relative to nurses who work in the state by continuing the excellent quality of education from the school and developing ideas to affect health care in North Carolina," she said.

Cronenwett, who joined the faculty in August after teaching in the hospital at Dartmouth College, teaches a course to graduate students and nurses from the community. The course researches the

methods and measures on quality improvement in health care.

In addition to teaching, Cronenwett also represents the nursing school in the UNC Health Outcomes program.

The program is a campuswide effort to develop teaching and research skills that will improve the educational and professional outcomes in the area of Health Services. Bill Roper, dean of the School of Public Health and developer of



Nursing Professor Linda Cronenwett said she wanted to continue the school's excellent education.

Health Outcomes, said he worked on the project with Cronenwett and was impressed with her expertise in the field of science.

Brooks said he thought very highly of Cronenwett, but the fact that she came from UNC did not play much of a role in determining her nomination.

"If she had come from the outside, we would have looked at her the same," he said. "It is only a bonus that she is currently at the school, so she has had time to become acclimated to it. She is an absolute gem."

The search for a new dean began last summer when current Dean Cynthia Freund announced she would step down July 1 after nine years at the position.

Roper, chairman of the search committee, said his committee received hundreds of nominations and applications,

but had to narrow the pool to five candidates who made presentations at the nursing school in February.

"Our committee strongly recommended Linda," Roper said. "She is a nationally known leader in nursing and nursing research."

Roper said he could not say when the BOG would decide whether to approve Cronenwett, but he said he would predict the decision would be final within two or three months.

"I'm excited and honored and looking forward to this new challenge in my life," Cronenwett said. "I want to continue the excellence that has led us to be the No. 6 School of Nursing in the nation."

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POWs Get Visit From Red Cross

Officials say the three U.S. soldiers appear to be in good condition but will not be released any time soon.

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Nearly a month after Yugoslav forces captured three U.S. soldiers along a disputed border, the Red Cross was allowed to see the men Monday, but chances of their release anytime soon were considered slim.

Western officials cited critical comments by a Yugoslav leader, meanwhile, as evidence of the first crack in President Slobodan Milosevic's regime since the NATO air campaign in Kosovo began March 24.

And the European Union tightened economic sanctions and banned fuel shipments to Yugoslavia but left the touchy issue of enforcing it with an Adriatic naval blockade to be worked out by NATO.

International Committee of the Red Cross chief Cornelio Sommaruga gave no information about the captured soldiers' condition but said a Red Cross doctor and a delegate would pay another visit to them Tuesday. After meeting Milosevic, though, he expressed pessimism that they would be freed before the war ends.

"International humanitarian law says prisoners of war would be liberated at the end of active hostilities. Regrettably, we are not at this point at the moment," Sommaruga said.

The U.S. soldiers were shown on Serb television after their March 31 capture near the Macedonia border with bruised faces and cuts. The Red Cross had repeatedly been denied access to the soldiers, who are believed to be held in or near Belgrade.

"I was able to talk to them only a few minutes," Sommaruga said. "We looked into each other's eyes and shook hands very warmly."

Sommaruga said "it was not possible to have a full-fledged (Red Cross) visit in accord with the provisions of the Geneva Convention," but that he had given the men letters from their families and paper to write back.

Sommaruga also said the Red Cross would work to reopen its mission in Kosovo after receiving security assurances from Milosevic.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Monday's meeting came "25 days late" and represented a "bare minimum" of what international law requires in terms of access to war captives.

He said the three "appear to be in good condition."

Those held captive are Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los

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Committee Dismisses Charges

Erica Smiley, chairwoman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, says she will issue an apology tonight.

By CARRIE CALLAGHAN
Staff Writer

The Student Congress Ethics Committee dismissed charges Monday night of inappropriate behavior brought against Rules and Judiciary Committee Chairwoman Erica Smiley.

The charges stemmed from an April 20 Student Affairs Committee meeting where other representatives said Smiley behaved in a manner unbecoming a Congress representative following debate regarding a resolution.

Smiley said she would issue a public apology to the student body at tonight's Congress meeting. Smiley's counsel, Laura Killinger, said Smiley used pro-

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Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee Chairman Erica Smiley, left, appeared before the Ethics Committee on Monday evening with her counsel, Laura Killinger, for behavior unbecoming a Congress representative. The Ethics Committee dismissed the charges against Smiley.

Council Debates Budget Spending Items, Tax Hike

By DANIELE EUBANKS
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Chapel Hill Town Council members questioned spending items on the town's budget proposal, which was presented to the council at its Monday meeting.

Town Manager Cal Horton said he and the council would further delve into the proposal, which includes a 3.3-cent property tax hike, at a work session Wednesday.

The tax increase would go toward a town general fund that typically provides for fire and police protection, park construction and other general government services, town documents state.

A tax hike would allow the town to hire additional firefighters and a stormwater management engineer, and fund the improved maintenance of the town's capital assets and infrastructure and increased pay for some town employees.

The proposal calls for \$53.5 million divided into eight categories.

Most money would go into the general and transportation funds, \$31,780,000 and \$6,272,500, respectively. The town relies on property taxes to pay a major portion of the costs in these two areas, town documents state.

With the higher tax rate, a taxpayer whose property was valued at \$150,000 would pay \$49.50 more per year for the services, a copy of the proposed budget

states.

Several members presented Horton with questions about decreasing spending, and he said he would address them at Wednesday's work session.

Council member Joe Capowski said he was confused about the amount of money available in the fund balance.

Council member Pat Evans suggested that some service bonds be postponed. The bonds go to human services agencies, such as Habitat for Humanity and

the Orange County Senior Center.

"When we adopted the schedule for granting bonds, we didn't know it was going to be a tight year," she said.

Evans also wondered if any money allotted for capital improvements could be cut out. "Is there money that has been traditionally channeled into capital improvements that hasn't been used in the last few years and could be cut out

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Steve Troxler examines young tobacco plants. Like other N.C. tobacco farmers, Troxler's livelihood is being threatened by the effects of a multibillion dollar settlement between tobacco companies and the government.

UNC Family Holds On To Tobacco Tradition

The Troxler family says they fear they will have to give up farm life thanks to the recent tobacco settlement.

By BEN BRAZIL
Staff Writer

BROWN SUMMIT - UNC senior Jeremy Troxler never wanted to be a tobacco farmer like his dad.

Growing up on a farm north of Greensboro, Troxler spent every August getting up before dawn, walking into the fields and picking tobacco leaves still dripping with dew.

"I remember it being hot, 90-degree heat, and kind of cursing the fact that I was out there," said Troxler, a Morehead Scholar. "I think farming is the kind of thing you can only appreci-

ate when you're done for the day."

Troxler doesn't see that kind of work in his future, but farming is something he loves and admires.

It's also a family legacy that he fears is dying.

"I know this isn't my place," Troxler said as he rocked in a red chair on his front porch at home. "I could never be a farmer for the rest of my life. But it's sad that even if someone did, it's not a possibility."

Troxler's pessimism stems largely from the \$246 billion in settlements that the nation's five major tobacco companies reached with the 50 states, five commonwealths - such as Puerto Rico - and the District of Columbia last year.

The settlement will reimburse states for the money they have spent treating smoking-related illnesses. It might

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INSIDE Tuesday Fraternity Frenzy



Police responded to a call from Fraternity Court where many Sigma Nu members were throwing benches. One Sigma Chi member's car window was shattered. See Page 2.

A Conservative Trend

Some conservative leaders on campus and nationwide say their presence is being felt more strongly among college students. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Showers;
Lower 70s.
Wednesday; Rain;
Lower 60s.

Experience is the name so many people give to their mistakes.

Oscar Wilde