

## Service Honors Hooker's Legacy

University and state leaders spoke fondly of a chancellor who strived to make UNC the best public university.

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When Michael Hooker became chancellor of the University in 1995, he hung his UNC student ID card on his office wall.



It served as a testament to his memories as an undergraduate. It was proof of his love for UNC.

And it was a sign he had returned home.

Hooker died June 29 due to complications stemming from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 53.

Provost Dick Richardson called him audacious. Gov. Jim Hunt said he possessed an enthusiasm that made everyone around him younger. UNC-system President Molly Broad called him a

Student Body President **Nic Heinke** struggled through the account of his last talk with Hooker.



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As the UNC Gospel Choir sings "Amazing Grace," Student Body President Nic Heinke, UNC-system President Molly Broad, Gov. Jim Hunt and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf honor the death of Chancellor Michael Hooker at a memorial service held Friday.

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## Proposal On Bond Under Fire

Officials say the proposal, that would give \$2.7 billion to UNC, has not garnered the support needed to pass.

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A proposed \$5 billion bond for construction of state universities and community colleges is in danger of failing, student leaders said.

Despite heavy lobbying, Student Body President Nic Heinke said it appeared the bond would not pass in the House or even in the finance committee — where the bill currently is waiting for a vote.

"To be frank, it is in trouble unless something changes," Heinke said. The finance committee meets today but the members do not have to vote on the bond. If the finance committee does not approve the bond, the bill will die in committee.

Lee Conner, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said he doubted the bond would make it back to the floor.

"They said they would not refer it to committee if they aren't 100 percent sure they would have enough votes to pass it," he said.

If the bond passed, \$2.7 billion would go to UNC to help repair buildings.

Heinke said he and other lobbyists conveyed personal accounts of dilapidated buildings and other unsatisfactory conditions in an effort to persuade legislators to approve the measure.

"We've basically been going down, talking to anyone we can find," he said. "People are understanding that the students do care."

Conner said the upcoming elections were a factor in the bond passing.

"One of the biggest problems is that the Democrats fear the issue could be turned into a campaign issue against them," Conner said. "They're afraid of how it could be twisted and used against them."

In a recent meeting of the House Republican caucus, a majority of GOP lawmakers decided the funding initiative needed voter approval, Conner said.

He said about two-thirds of House Democrats supported the bond, but that it would not be enough to override the votes of dissenters.

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## Community Copes With Loss

Those who attended the service say speakers' personal anecdotes about Chancellor Michael Hooker provided a glimpse into this life,

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Katherine Schafer met Chancellor Michael Hooker only once.

She never walked across campus with him or discussed UNC's role in the community.

She never sent him a list of demands or protested a policy he enacted.

But she still sat with family, friends and colleagues in Memorial Hall to mourn the loss of UNC's leader.

The junior from Greensboro had a connection to Hooker that rivaled any athlete he cheered for or state legislator he lobbied. The pain of cancer struck a familiar chord for Schafer.

Her father also has non-Hodgkins lym-

phoma — the incurable disease that caused Hooker's death.

"I have a personal connection on a personal level," Schafer said. "It's devastating to see (the cancer) take so many from our lives."

Schafer was one of many students, friends and colleagues who lingered on the steps of Memorial Hall coping with remembrances of a chancellor who fought to change UNC for the better.

The service featured speeches from Gov. Jim Hunt and UNC-system President Molly Broad.

Provost Dick Richardson closed with a humorous story of a University Day when Hooker leaned over to him and threatened to walk out because of the ceremony's length.

"The stories just evoked Michael for me,"



UNC-system President **Molly Broad** said the service was a tribute to Hooker and the University.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen said. "We all have Michael stories, so I felt like he was with us."

In addition to UNC speakers, the service also featured Hooker's colleagues from Massachusetts and Maryland, where he worked before returning to UNC.

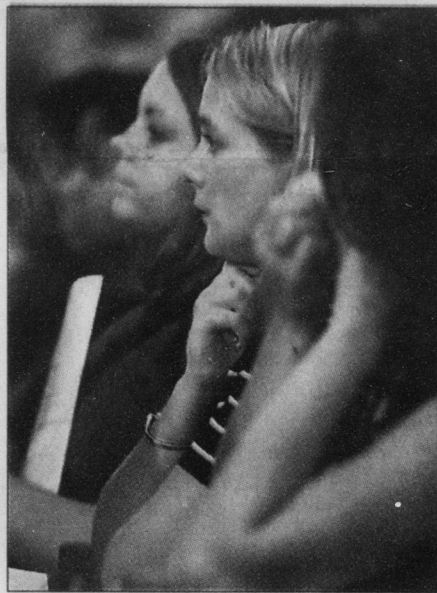
Peter Cressy of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and Freeman Hrabowski of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County pointed to Hooker as a big influence on them throughout their careers.

"What impressed me most was the fact that so many of his friends and colleagues called him a mentor — even people who were older than he was," senior Jennifer Clark said.

Christopher Martens, William Aycock professor of marine science, said the personal connections between Hooker and the speakers impressed him most.

"The thing that reached the deepest for me is how the people who were speaking really knew him on a very personal level," Martens said.

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DTH/CARA BRICKMAN

Mourners reach for tissues and hold back tears as Nic Heinke recalls the last time he saw Hooker.

## 1999 Special Olympics Conclude With Big Bang at Ceremonies

Fireworks, dancing, music and fun signaled the end of the Special Olympics on Sunday in Durham.

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Each year on the Fourth of July, in tune with patriotic song, fireworks explode over Duke University's Wallace Wade Stadium, delighting the audience gathered on the stadium's stone seats, lighting the sky in brilliant fashion.

This year, however, these fireworks had added honors, and Durham's Independence Day celebration responded with a little more — more people, more heat and a lot more to celebrate.

Wallace Wade was the home of the 1999 Special Olympics' Closing Ceremonies. Unlike the opening ceremonies held in Raleigh's Carter-Finley Stadium, the closing ceremonies were more informal and personal.

The ceremonies were dedicated to

Michael Hooker, volunteer Neale Orruk and Egyptian volleyball player Baset Barin, who all died last week.

Unlike the performances by Billy Crystal, Stevie Wonder and Sugar Ray at the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies included the St. Paul's Baptist Church Choir and the National Guard's 440th Army Band.

The athletes entered the field together, without country delegations, and sat together on the ground.

"It was a true celebration of the athletes," said Monika Moore, student body vice president and intern for the Special Olympics.

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Coordinator of local and University relations **Aaron Nelson** said UNC did itself proud at the games.

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MONIKA MOORE  
Student Body Vice President

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Moore said in an effort to fight the intense heat Sunday, organizers supplied everything from sprinklers to water bottles and ice-cold towels for many of the 20,000 in attendance.

She said the athletes started to turn water on each other, splashing their teammates and coaches, as they danced to the music during the ceremonies.

The closing ceremonies marked not only the end of the Special Olympics but the beginning of North Carolina's bid for other prominent amateur sports.

"This was a real opportunity for us to showcase the University of North

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## Broad Consulting On Interim Choice

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON  
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UNC students could expect to find an interim chancellor in place as soon as Friday, according to reports from the office of UNC-system President Molly Broad.

Broad has indicated that she hopes to make a decision by the end of the week, said Joni Worthington, associate vice president for communication in Broad's office.

Chancellor Michael Hooker died June 29 after losing his battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 53.

Provost Dick Richardson, who is speaking for the University until an interim chancellor is chosen, said Broad had spent most of her time consulting with various members of the University community before making a decision.

"She spoke with members of the cabinet individually on Friday getting their feedback," Richardson said. "There is no fixed process one has to follow."

She has also met with faculty groups

and alumni, he said.

Broad could not be reached for comment.

But the process of finding someone to fill Hooker's shoes is not a new process.

When Hooker took a medical leave April 12 to battle his cancer, Broad appointed acting Chancellor Bill McCoy to the post. McCoy had previously served as UNC-system vice president for finance.

Richardson said the process of choosing someone to fill the post again was not unlike the search that took place in April.

"It's kind of the same, but she's talking to more people this time," Richardson said. "She's trying to touch base with as many people as possible."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen said Broad had been meeting with student leaders as well.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said Broad had spoken with him.

"She just kind of asked my opinion

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## INSIDE Thursday

### 'Pie' Tastes Yummy

The latest coming-of-age comedy, "American Pie," hits theaters and strikes some familiar chords in dealing with "the first time." While teenage sexuality is not a new topic, this movie takes a fresh approach in tackling the genre, minus the romanticism.  
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### Bulls Take Brand First

Duke sophomore Elton Brand was the No. 1 pick overall at last week's NBA Draft. Brand was taken by the Chicago Bulls and three of his teammates were taken in the top 14. Seven ACC players were chosen in the draft, but UNC senior Ademola Okulaja was not chosen in either round.  
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### Summer in the City

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*He was a student's chancellor and he was my chancellor.*

Calvin Cunningham