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A Year of Change and Challenge at UNC

January 22: Chancellor Michael Hooker diagnosed with lymphoma.

March 25: Provost Dick Richardson suffers heart attack.

April 12: Hooker takes medical leave. Acting Chancellor Bill McCoy appointed.

April 16: Acting Provost Ned Brooks appointed.

June 1: Hooker returns.

June 16: Vice Chancellor for Finance Jim Ramsey announces plans to leave the post Aug. 1.

June 17: Richardson returns.

June 24: Former Kenan-Flagler Business School Dean John Evans appointed as interim vice chancellor of finance.

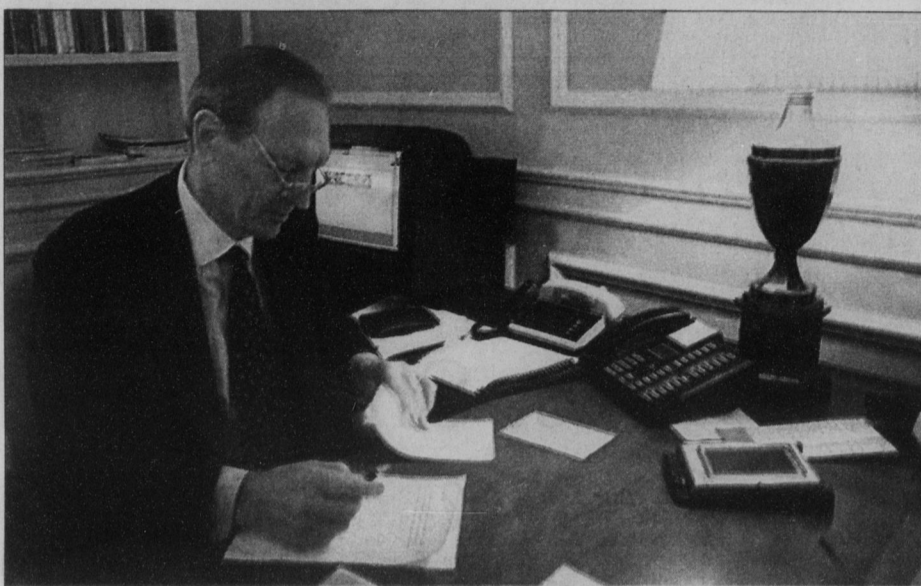
June 29: Hooker, 53, dies from cancer complications.

July 15: McCoy appointed as interim chancellor.

July 22: Legislators fail to agree on UNC-system bond package.

July 29: UNC budget shortfall sliced to \$6.8 million.

BY MEGAN SHARKEY, DAN HELIAS, & DANA CRAIG



Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy is one of many new faces recently introduced to UNC's administrative ranks. McCoy took the post one month after Michael Hooker died from lymphatic cancer complications.

Changes Shake UNC Foundation

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
Senior Writer

Provost Dick Richardson has served UNC for more than three decades.

He saw some of the first computers brought to campus, watched five chancellors lead the University and saw numerous buildings and residence halls erected.

But Richardson says the upcoming school year will be the most exciting time ever at UNC. "This is the most creative period I have ever seen at Carolina," he said. "There are so many energizing ideas taking place, and I feel really good."

But in 31 years, Richardson said, for once, it was not business as usual at UNC. Despite major initiatives facing the campus as it heads into the millennium, the

University comes off a turbulent summer filled with management change-ups and financial woes.

The administrative ranks are shaky. The faces of the leadership have seemingly changed overnight. Words like "interim" and "acting" have become part of students' vocabulary. UNC welcomed a new School of Law dean, a new School of Nursing dean, a new Department of Dramatic Arts chairman and a new, but familiar, interim chancellor.

Officials said change at an organization as large as UNC was normal, but so many changes at the same time was not.

In addition to the new faces, plans for the departure of several key figures are under way. An interim vice chancellor for finance has been appointed while a com-

mittee searches for a replacement.

The provost, the second-in-command University post, will be up for grabs when Richardson retires in August 2000. And although an interim chancellor is slated to lead UNC until May 2000, a committee is on the lookout for a permanent one to fill the South Building office that has resembled temporary housing since March.

But perhaps more pressing is the University's financial stability. UNC suffered a one-two punch when a budget shortfall created an \$11.9 million deficit. Officials sliced the deficit to \$6.8, but the worse was yet to come. A bond package that would have given UNC-system schools \$3 billion failed in the N.C.

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Committee Sets Dec. Deadline for Chancellor Pick

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
Senior Writer

The search committee that tapped Chancellor Michael Hooker took 18 months to decide on a candidate, but members say that this time, they want to select a permanent person for the post in only four.

Richard Stevens, chairman of the committee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the group wanted to present names to the BOT by December.

"We would like to, but we also don't want to do anything hasty," Stevens said. "We had the luxury of time with (former Chancellor Paul

Hardin), but we want to have a permanent chancellor sooner than later."

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy, former vice president of finance for the UNC system, took over when Chancellor Michael Hooker died June 29 due to complications stemming from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. McCoy first assumed Hooker's duties as acting chancellor when Hooker took a medical leave April 12.

But picking a name is just the start of a long road before the new chancellor can move into South Building. Once the committee has decided on a candidate, the group must present two or more names to the BOT. From there, the BOT will recommend two names to UNC-sys-

tem President Molly Broad.

Broad selects the final candidate and sends it to the Board of Governors for final approval, Stevens said. Broad initially gave the committee a deadline of next May's Commencement to select a new chancellor.

Stevens said the approval process for the chancellor candidate would move quickly, despite its numerous steps. But even if the committee met a December deadline, the candidate might not take up the post until Commencement.

"He or she may not be in the job because they may want to finish out the academic year (at their former institution) to give the appropri-

ate notice," Stevens said.

The committee will hold a forum Aug. 26 to hear opinions from students, faculty, staff and members of the community to hear what type of chancellor they want.

The committee has two scheduled meetings in September. After that, members will meet every Thursday as needed, Stevens said.

Despite the time commitments, he said committee members would still be able to maintain their regular responsibilities. Several of the University's major players, such as Student Body President Nic Heinke and Faculty Council

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FALLING FOR UNC



Students packed South Road on Sunday for the 1999 Fall Fest celebration that is designed to give students alcohol-free options for their first weekend back on campus. See story page 9B.

Norwood Makes Court Debut

Brian Norwood, a defensive tackle for UNC, made his first court appearance after being charged with rape.

BY BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

ROCKINGHAM — Suspended North Carolina football player Brian Norwood made his first court appearance Monday since being indicted on a number of charges stemming from the alleged rape of an 11-year-old girl in his hometown of Hamlet.

Sitting in the front row and wearing a gray dress shirt and slacks, Norwood did not speak during his 30-minute appear-

ance at the Richmond County Superior Court.

Instead, when the assistant district attorney reading the court's docket reached his name, Norwood's attorney Derek Crawford simply asked the judge for a continuance, which was granted.

Norwood hurried out of the courthouse without comment during the first break.

Crawford, hired only for this appearance, said the case was continued so Norwood would have time to hire a full-time attorney.

He said that while no exact timetable was given for Norwood's next appearance, it would most likely be sometime next month.

On Aug. 11, a Richmond County grand jury indicted Norwood and nine

"Norwood has been suspended from all football-related team activities, until his legal situation has been resolved."

CARL TORBUSH
UNC Football Coach

other men on sex charges resulting from a series of incidents alleged to have occurred two years ago.

Richmond County sheriff's investigators say the 10 men, some of them in their 40s, raped the girl several times. Following his arrest, Norwood was

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2 Assaults Threaten Campus

A student was assaulted Tuesday night at knifepoint while she was walking alone near Franklin Street.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
Senior Writer

The assault on a female student around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night has University Police warning students that the attacker could still be on the loose.

According to police reports, the victim was walking in the alley between the Carolina Coffee Shop and Hanes Art Center when a man grabbed her by her shirt and pants, ripping them both. The assailant then dragged her between a row of cars and threatened her life with a knife if she screamed, reports stated.

When a noise startled the man, the victim sprayed him with Mace and contacted University Police.

The victim described her attacker as a light-skinned Hispanic man with light facial hair and possibly a goatee.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said he was not sure whether the assailant was the same man who assaulted a UNC sophomore early Sunday morning near Grimes Residence Hall.

"The description is very close to the attacker in the original assault, and it could be close, but we aren't making any assumptions," Poarch said.

University Police sent out e-mail messages to all faculty, staff and students through its emergency alert system notifying them of the assault late Tuesday night, he said.

Point-2-Point drivers told their riders about the assault and urged them to walk in pairs.

Posters with a composite sketch were posted in all residence halls and buildings early this morning.

University Police Capt. Mark McIntyre said officers were working with Chapel Hill and Carrboro police to identify possible suspects and conduct interviews regarding the first assault.

"We haven't narrowed anything down yet," McIntyre said.

The victim of the first assault had been walking with two friends on campus but separated from them between Grimes and Caldwell Hall to walk to her residence hall.

The victim described the man as a dark-skinned Hispanic man who stood about 5-foot-9 or 5-foot-10 inches tall and weighed about 175 pounds.

The three women then shoved the man, who fled toward Davis Library. They notified University Police by using one of the campus callboxes.

The suspect from the first assault was last seen wearing blue jeans and no shirt. He had short dark hair and a goatee and moustache.

University Police requests that anyone with information about the cases call the anonymous tip hotline CrimeStoppers at 942-7515.

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INSIDE Wednesday

Join the Madness

We don't restrict our madness to March. Want to talk to protesters on the steps of South Building or walk through a locker room during halftime? Write for us. Pick up an application in Suite 104 of the Student Union and bring it back by 5 p.m. Aug. 27. Interest meetings will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 24 in Union Room 226 and at 5 p.m. Aug. 25 in Union Room 209.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
High 90s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy;
High 80s.

Turbulence is life force. It is opportunity.

Ramsay Clark