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Media Leaks Hamper Chancellor Search

By KATIE ABEL
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After two candidates withdrew their names from the running for UNC's ninth chancellor because of media leaks, search committee members are still narrowing their list for the post.

The 14-member committee originally set a self-imposed December deadline to complete its search, but last week it scheduled meetings into February.

Search committee Chairman Richard Stevens said Monday that he would likely announce additional meetings in the next several days.

Stevens said the search was still ahead of schedule because UNC-system President Molly Broad originally gave the committee a deadline of May Commencement.

The News & Observer and the Chapel Hill News published the names of four candidates Dec. 10, including School of Medicine Dean Jeffrey Haupt and former executive vice

chancellor Elson Floyd, who is now president of Western Michigan University.

Others on the list were Carol Christ, executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of California-Berkeley and Andrew Sorenson, president of the University

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Congress Offers Aid to Students Affected by Flood

N.C. college students whose families were hit by Hurricane Floyd can now apply for federal financial aid through Jan. 21.

By COURTNEY OBRINGER
Staff Writer

North Carolina college students with families suffering financial devastation from Hurricane Floyd's wrath might be now able to tap additional hurricane relief funds.

Congress' House Appropriations Committee allotted \$10 million in emergency student aid to families affected by Hurricane Floyd on Tuesday, in an attempt to keep flood victims enrolled in college.

To obtain funding, each university's financial aid office must gauge the magnitude of the school's need. Student aid offices must then complete a form by Jan. 21 that will determine how federal funds will be distributed.

Students will receive the aid in the form of Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, a type of funding that does not have to be repaid to the government.

Thomas Bates, spokesman for Rep. David Price, D-N.C., a member of the appropriations committee, emphasized the importance of helping North Carolina students stay in college.

"The bulk of the money will probably go to eastern North Carolina because they had the most devastation," he said.

Bates said universities were currently calculating their estimated needs. He said students would be able to use the money for the next three semesters.

Financial aid representatives at East Carolina University, the UNC-system school that was most affected by Floyd, declined to comment on the status of financial aid at the school.

But Mary Garren, assistant director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at UNC-Chapel Hill, said the University was still trying to assess its financial need for the upcoming semester.

She said a mass e-mail message was sent out to students from the eastern part of the state in September urging them to contact the student aid office if they were financially hurt from the hurricane.

During fall semester, the office tried to utilize all available money to aid hurricane victims, Garren said.

"We tried to assist students as best as we could with the funding we had available," she said.

Julie Rice-Mallette, director of financial aid at N.C. State University, said she hoped that more students in need of hurricane relief would come forward to receive aid.

She said most families did not know that specific student aid existed for hurricane victims. "We need to be more proactive in our approach to reach out to students," Rice-Mallette said.

She said her office was trying to convey aid options via e-mail and word-of-mouth. Rice-Mallette said students had been vocal about financial problems to faculty. She also said financial difficulty had forced some students to withdraw from the university.

Last semester N.C. State tried to accommodate hurricane victims through additional financial aid and by granting academic clemency to those students who needed to miss classes due to the hurricane, Rice-Mallette said.

"The university has made exceptions across the board both financially and academically."

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Broad Calls for \$475 Tuition Hike

By MATTHEW B. DEES
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UNC-system President Molly Broad recently recommended several tuition increases that she hopes will buy some time for the financially strapped state legislature to fund several pressing needs.

Broad's plan, which came after months of tuition increase proposals at several UNC campuses, would raise UNC-Chapel Hill's tuition by \$475 over three years.

Broad said the move, which she termed a "stopgap measure," would allow the N.C. General Assembly to deal with more pressing concerns, such as aiding flood relief efforts.

Later, she hopes, the legislature will return the favor by funding capital improvements and faculty salary increases.

Broad's plan includes a systemwide, \$275 tuition increase over three years to help modernize and expand campus buildings.

This marks the first time that students will be asked to pay for academic facilities.

Students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University would also be charged an additional \$200 to raise faculty salaries.

Undergraduates at the University would pay \$32 in additional tuition based on the increase in the consumer price index, a stan-

dard tuition policy. Graduate and professional students at N.C. State and UNC-CH will pay an additional \$88 next fall.

Similar minimal increases will also be enacted throughout the system, although none of the tuition dollars will go toward financial aid. Instead, Broad hopes that when the legislature reconvenes in May, it will approve a \$36.8 million need-based financial aid package that would cover costs for low-income students. "The cost of the proposal has been increased to reflect the proposed changes in tuition," she said.

The original package cost was \$32 million. But the proposal has met with mixed responses from student leaders and legislators. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, was wary of requiring the N.C. General Assembly to fully fund student financial aid.

"I really am concerned that if we rely totally on the Legislature for the financial aid package, it is too risky," he said.

Lee Conner, president of the UNC-CH Graduate and Professional Student Federation, also opposed the lack of financial aid provisions in the proposed increases and questioned requiring students to pay for construction. "I do not like the precedent of having students pay for capital."

The Board of Governors will discuss the plan this week in Wilmington.

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The Trail to the Tuition Increase

UNC-system President Molly Broad's request to raise tuition to address capital and faculty salary deficits comes after nearly a year of studies, proposals and political strategizing.

April 1999 —

■ Board of Governors consultant Eva Klein submits report indicating \$6.9 billion in capital needs to repair and renovate dilapidated facilities across the UNC system.

Summer 1999 —

■ The BOG submits a \$5 billion bond proposal to the N.C. General Assembly. The Senate approves a \$3 billion bond request, while the House only agrees to a \$1 billion plan that would require a public referendum. The proposal never makes it out of a House-Senate conference committee before the summer session ends.

August 1999 —

■ A UNC-Chapel Hill committee begins discussing ways to raise faculty salaries.

October 1999 —

■ A UNC-CH committee recommends combining a \$1,500 tuition increase for in-state students with legislative funding to boost faculty salaries.

■ The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies and The Daily Tar Heel host forums for students, faculty and administrators to voice opinions concerning the proposed tuition increase.

■ Despite considerable student protest, the University's Board of Trustees approves a five-year plan to raise tuition \$1,500 to fund higher faculty salaries.

November 1999 —

■ N.C. State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox announces she will also seek a tuition increase to fund student services. The N.C. State BOT approves the increase.

■ Students protest the BOG meeting where the system's faculty salaries study is released. The BOG estimates a much smaller need to make faculty salaries competitive.

■ UNC-Wilmington also proposes a tuition increase to fund higher employee salaries.

December 1999 —

■ UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University propose tuition increases for faculty salaries.

■ The Board of Governors host a forum to hear student concerns about the increase.

January 2000 —

■ Broad proposes a \$275 increase at all 16 system schools over three years. She also recommends a one-year, \$200 tuition increase at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University to address faculty salary needs.

The President's Plan

UNC-system President Molly Broad is recommending several tuition increases to take effect in Fall 2000, including a one-year, \$200 increase at the University to fund faculty pay raises.

Here Are the Numbers:

- Increases ranging from \$16 to \$32 for undergraduate students on all UNC campuses.
- For graduate and first-professional students at UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State University, increases of \$88.
- For graduate and first-professional students at all other institutions, increases ranging from \$34 to \$63.
- A University-wide Capital Facilities Fee of \$100 for 2000-01 is recommended to help provide financing for the highest-priority capital needs on each of the 16 campuses.
- Additional increases of \$100 for 2001-02 and \$75 for 2002-03 are anticipated. These fees could support borrowing to finance projects totaling \$375 million.
- All students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State will pay an additional \$200 next fall to help pay for increased faculty salaries at those schools.

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Floyd Bills Prompt Legislators to Cancel Undergrad Project

Renovations for the Undergraduate Library were supposed to start in December but were delayed by an N.C. budget crunch.

By LAUREN BEAL
Assistant University Editor

Though Undergraduate Library renovations have been postponed indefinitely due to the financial fallout stemming from Hurricane Floyd, University officials are hoping the project will soon return to the top of the state's priority list.

"You can't really argue with something like Hurricane Floyd," said Diane Strauss, associate University librarian. "It would be nice to have a scapegoat but in this case there really isn't one."

The Undergrad renovations, which had been planned for nearly two years, were one of many statewide capital improvement projects officially canceled by the N.C. General Assembly in a special session last month.

Hurricane Floyd compounded an already-tight state budget. In October, the state budget office placed a hold on all capital improvement projects that had not already gone out to

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FOR THE GRADUATES

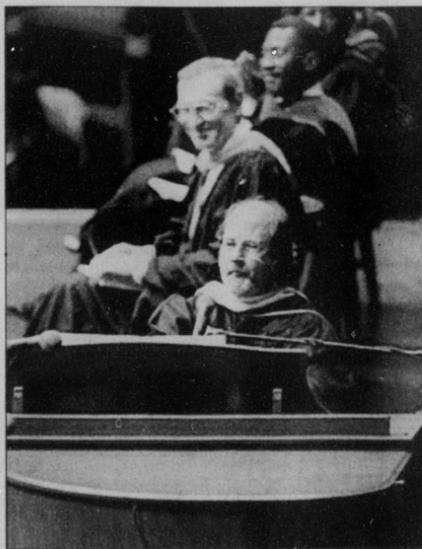


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNC NEWS SERVICES-DAN SEARS
Assistant English Professor Bland Simpson incorporates a rendition of "The Old North State" into his speech at the December Commencement.

Police Seek Suspects In Holiday Shooting

By KATHRYN MCLAMB
Staff Writer

Local police investigators are still searching for clues in a murder that occurred at an Orange Water and Sewer Authority plant more than a week ago.

On New Year's Day, Michael Gregory Crosby, 21, of Raleigh was found dead at the wastewater treatment plant on Mason Farm Road.

The body was found by a construction worker at the OWASA plant at approximately 11:09 a.m.

"Investigators have been following up on leads, interviewing people and will continue to do so," Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

Evidence found at the scene of the crime indicated Crosby was murdered at the OWASA plant by a fatal gunshot wound. However, police would not release any information about the details of the case and would not confirm reports that the gunshot was Crosby's head.

"There is a limited amount of infor-

mation we can release on an ongoing investigation," Cousins said.

Cousins also could not comment on possible motives for the crime but said several experienced investigators had been working on the case. "We have two investigators working full time on this, with others assisting them," she said. "We have also contacted the State Bureau of Investigation for assistance."

The investigation of Crosby's murder has been the first homicide investigation the Chapel Hill Police Department has faced since 1996. However, Cousins said the police investigators have had previous experience with homicides, and she was confident in their capabilities.

Although the body was found at the wastewater treatment plant, no connection has been established between Crosby or the murderer and OWASA or its facilities.

"Investigators have assured us there is no connection to OWASA, the plant,

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INSIDE Wednesday

Web Watchers

Many analysts see the recent merger between America Online and Time Warner as the next step toward making the Internet the country's most prominent medium. See Page 5.

New Faces, Same Rat

New owners of the Rathskeller say despite a few minor interior changes, patrons will still be able to enjoy the traditional atmosphere for which the popular eatery is famous. See Page 6.

You've Got Taxes

State residents will see a new line on their tax forms this year for them to compute the state's 6 percent sales tax for purchases online and through the mail. See Page 10.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
Low 60s.
Thursday: Cloudy;
High 60s.

One of these days is none of these days.

English proverb