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Search Continues as 'Chancellor Shalala' Rumors Hushed

By **KATIE ABEL**
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The search for UNC's ninth chancellor continues silently after rumors were squelched that U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala would become the University's next long-term leader.

UNC students and professors left for Spring Break speculating about whether Shalala was in line for the chancellor spot. Whispers had circulated around campus March 9 that the Chancellor Search

Committee had nabbed Shalala for the post.

But The Washington Post reported last week that she told the UNC search committee three months ago that she was not interested in the chancellor position.

An anonymous



Secretary of Health and Human Services
Donna Shalala

source told The Daily Tar Heel on March 9 that the search committee had picked Shalala as the next chancellor.

Shalala's extensive political background combined with her experience as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison seemed to match the committee's criteria for UNC's next long-term leader.

Several developments had also indicated the search was nearing its end. University of Alabama President Andrew Sorensen withdrew from the search March 8, prompting speculation

that Sorensen's withdrawal could have been spurred by the committee taking him off the finalist list.

Several sources said the committee was pushing to wrap up the seven-month search by last Thursday's Board of Governors meeting.

But the BOG made no mention of the hunt for UNC's next long-term leader at last week's session.

Search committee Chairman Richard Stevens said Sunday he expected the search to continue into April.

Although the only two remaining

search committee meetings are slated for March 23 and March 30, Stevens said he anticipated the committee to schedule additional meetings this week.

The Board of Trustees also meets Thursday and the committee could still forward its list of finalist candidates to the board this week.

But BOT Chairwoman Anne Cates said she expected the meeting to proceed without mention of the chancellor search.

The search committee must submit its top candidates to the BOT, who must

send at least two candidates to UNC-system President Molly Broad for consideration.

Broad, who has ultimate discretion in choosing a chancellor, must forward a finalist to the BOG for approval.

Although Broad originally set May Commencement as the deadline for a new chancellor to be in place, she said last week she could not speculate on when the search would end.

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How Sweet It Is!



UNC Pushes Buttons, Upsets No. 1 Stanford

By **BRIAN MURPHY**
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — It was a moment indicative of North Carolina's new season.

Bill Guthridge letting his talented freshman have it right there on the bench.

UNC's mild-mannered coach, desperately searching all season for the right buttons to move along an underachieving bunch, let Joseph Forte have it during a timeout with seven minutes left.

"Coach Gut said to me, 'Either stop shooting like you're scared, or stop shooting,'" said Forte, UNC's leading scorer.

"I didn't want to stop shooting."

So Forte, who had missed eight of his 10 shots in the game, including his last five, calmly scored the game's next eight points on a leaner and two 3-pointers from the top of the key.

The run turned a two-point deficit into a 53-47 UNC lead as the eighth-seeded Tar Heels knocked off No. 1 Stanford 60-53 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

After the shots, the 62-year-old Guthridge was back to his affable self.

"He had a big smile on his face. He said, 'That's the way you're supposed to shoot the ball,'" said Forte, who had 17

points on 6-of-14 shooting.

Forte and the rest of his mates have taken to Guthridge's new demeanor.

"We feed off his energy," forward Kris Lang (10 points) said. "And Joseph took it the right way."

After a season of searching, Guthridge and his team are finally coming up with some answers.

"Maybe we're pushing the right buttons now," Guthridge said after the Tar Heels (20-13) secured their 20th win for the 30th consecutive season.

The streak appeared in jeopardy as Stanford jumped to a 21-13 lead by dominating the glass. The Cardinal grabbed 10 offensive rebounds to combat a woeful 10-for-29 performance from the field.

But UNC got hot from outside. Trailing 25-17, Capel connected on the Tar Heels' first 3-pointer of the game. The trey ignited an 11-2 run, giving UNC a 28-27 halftime lead.

Capel hit another 3 during the stretch, and Julius Peppers provided another spark, blocking two shots, scoring three points and collecting one steal.

"It all started with our defense," UNC center Brendan Haywood said of the run. "We finally started boxing out, our defense put some pressure on their shooters, and we started clicking."

Halftime didn't stop the Tar Heels' momentum either as UNC began the second half with a 6-0 spurt.

But Stanford eased its way back into the contest with a couple trey of its own before Forte's spree ended its championship hopes.

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UNC guard Joseph Forte slams the door on Stanford in the game's closing seconds. The freshman led the Tar Heels with 17 points on 6-of-14 shooting in the 60-53 win.

Tar Heel Women Make Late Surge, Advance in NAAs

By **T. NOLAN HAYES**
Sports Editor

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell has said it all season: It's not how you start; it's how you finish.

She was proved correct when the Tar Heels, who were once 12-11, won six of their last seven games to earn an NCAA Tournament berth.

And her saying was prophetic again Saturday night, when her Tar Heels fell behind early against Maine before rallying for a 62-57 victory at the Thunderdome in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We were a little sluggish out there in the first half and only scored 20 points," Hatchell said. "But in the second half, I thought we played well. We got things going and got some

good contributions from players off the bench, and some of our key players stepped it up when they had to."

The fifth-seeded Tar Heels (19-12) will play No. 13 seed Rice, which upset host UC-Santa Barbara 67-63, on Monday at 9:07 p.m. PST in the second round.

UNC trailed the Black Bears 24-20 at intermission after shooting 30 percent and going a span of 6:14 with no points against Maine's sagging 2-3 zone. UNC was 1-for-9 from 3-point range, and only three Tar Heels — forward LaQuanda Barksdale, center Jackie Higgins and point guard Nikki Teasley — had scored.

But things would get worse before they got better. Sparked by three quick 3-pointers from guard Kristen McCormick, the Black Bears (20-11) opened the second half on a 13-4 run to grab a 35-24 lead with 16:28 to go.

The Tar Heels took a timeout, knowing they were running out of chances to save their season.

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| UNC | 62 |

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Committee Tours N.C. Campuses

A group of state legislators visited UNC-CH, N.C. State and N.C. Central to examine the schools' capital needs.

By **LUCAS FENSKE**
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State legislators traded office chairs for bus seats to examine firsthand the funding needs of three UNC-system schools, including UNC-Chapel Hill.

Joined by administrators, senators and representatives from the Joint Select Committee on Capital Needs hopped on the bus Friday to tour UNC-CH, N.C. State and N.C. Central universities.

But some committee members said they were ready to end the visits and start the number-crunching process.

Rep. Martin Nesbitt, D-Buncombe,



School of Medicine Dean Jeffrey Houpt addresses a legislative committee last week as they gauged UNC's infrastructure needs.

said the tours had become repetitive, and it was time for committee members to start meeting and reach a decision.

The committee was formed to recommend a course of action on capital needs across the system after a multibillion dollar bond request by UNC-system President Molly Broad failed to pass the N.C. General Assembly last summer.

Committee members first traveled to N.C. State and visited the David Clark

Lab Building, built in 1939.

Sharply contrasting the surrounding discarded chairs and cabinets and areas roped off with tape marked "CAUTION DO NOT ENTER," legislators were treated to a computerized projection illustrating the school's needs.

Underscoring the university's needs, Chancellor Marye Ann Fox said the David Clark building had several safe-

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Systemwide Fee Increase Follows Tuition Hikes

By **LUCAS FENSKE**
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Only a month after raising tuition at select system schools, the Board of Governors approved unusually high increases in student fees.

The Thursday action raised fees throughout the system by an average of 8 percent and caused some BOG members to call for a change in the way universities submit tuition and fee increase requests.

Brad Wilson, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, said fee and tuition increases should be presented at the same time to allow BOG members to consider both jointly.

In the past, tuition increases were usually submitted before student fees.

Wilson said tweaking the system would eliminate the possibility of a school not receiving a requested tuition increase and raising student fees to

make up the lost funds.

"That's something I'd do," Wilson joked. "That's why I'm not a chancellor."

Other BOG members were concerned by the amount of the increase. For several years, the board unofficially restricted universities to a 5 percent fee increase.

"We ought to be very careful about straying from the 5 percent (limit), particularly in light of the tuition increase," said BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin. "We set it for a reason — fees were out of control."

Resulting from the unanimous vote, UNC-Chapel Hill student fees will increase by 9 percent, reaching \$850.82 for the 2000-01 school year.

Including the tuition increase, UNC-CH undergraduate tuition and fees will hit \$2,710.82 for residents and \$11,876.82 for nonresidents starting in fall 2000. But UNC-CH students do not pay the largest fees in the system.

N.C. State University undergraduate students will pay \$886 in fees, an 8 percent increase. UNC-Wilmington stu-

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INSIDE Monday

The Soul of 'Wit'

"Wit," the latest production from PlayMakers Repertory Company, gives its audience a glimpse into a feisty poetry professor's struggle to come to terms with cancer. See Page 3.

School Arrest

The arrest of a Chapel Hill High School cafeteria employee for assaulting a student has led officials to re-evaluate the hiring standards for temporary employees. See Page 4.

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Today's Weather

Rainy;
Low 60s.
Tuesday: Cloudy,
Low 60s.

Victory — a matter of staying power.

Elbert Hubbard