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## BOG to Name UNC Chancellor Today

### James Moeser, Chancellor of the University Of Nebraska-Lincoln, Will Be Tapped for Job

By CATE DOTY  
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James Moeser, chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be chosen as the University's next chancellor, high-ranking officials at both UNC and Nebraska confirm, ending a 10-month search process.

Today the Board of Governors is expected to approve Moeser at its morning full board meeting, following both an emergency Board of Trustees meeting and the BOG's Personnel and Tenure committee meeting Thursday.

The confirmation of Moeser, UNL's chancellor since 1996 and a veteran higher education administrator, caps off UNC's highly secretive search, which began just a month after Michael Hooker's death June 29.

As of late Thursday evening, the search committee members and those close to the search remained close-mouthed to the press, refusing to confirm or deny any names of candidates.

But the commotion surrounding the calling of an emergency BOT meeting early Thursday morning prompted

immediate speculation that members might have finally picked a new chancellor.

BOT Chairwoman Anne Cates called the emergency 11 a.m. meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday, allowing for meager trustee attendance. All but one trustee joined the meeting by conference call.

The meeting, called under the pretense of personnel matters, went into closed session after Student Body President Brad Matthews was sworn in as the new student trustee. He was able to vote on the BOT's decision.

According to N.C. Open Meetings Law, personnel matters, including a chancellor search, can be discussed behind closed doors by a public governing body.

And in accordance with the recently revised BOT bylaws, unscheduled meetings can be called less than 48 hours before the actual event when, in the opinion of the chairwoman, an emergency exists.

Legally, UNC is required to submit two candidates for UNC-system President Molly Broad's consideration, although she had asked in July for three

candidates. While BOT members and the Board of Governors refused to comment on the search results, officials at UNC and Nebraska both cheered and lamented the committee's imminent choice.

"I've heard he's wonderful, a real visionary," said Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. "My understanding is that the search is over - we'll have a new chancellor soon."

But UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Grecan said he was saddened and surprised by Moeser's departure, which he said was definitely in the works.

"You can assume it's true," Grecan said. "It's a real loss for us. He's an absolutely wonderful leader."

Grecan said he had not known of Moeser's definite departure until a reporter's phone call Thursday afternoon prompted him to contact the chancellor himself.

"We all like him and trust him - he's a man of principle," Grecan said. "He makes thoughtful, considerate decisions. It's sad, to my mind."

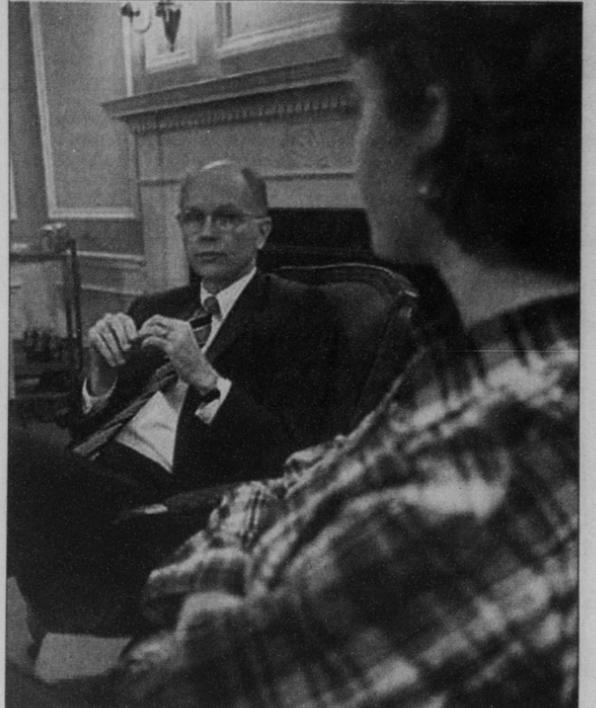
But Moeser's departure does not come as a complete shock. He also tops the public candidate list for the presidency of the University of Florida-Gainesville - a roster that includes former UNC Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd, now president at Western Michigan University and until recently, a contender in the UNC search.

In an interview April 5 with the Lincoln Journal-Star, the 61-year-old Moeser said he would consider leaving Nebraska for Florida if they wanted him and if his wife Susan was in agreement with his decision.

Moeser's coming appointment is the final chapter in a lengthy, often bewildering story. After Hooker's June death from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Broad appointed a search committee with a deadline of May Commencement.

But just last month, committee Chairman Richard Stevens scheduled committee meetings after graduation, leading some to question when the University would ever find a new chancellor.

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James Moeser, chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is shown here in his office, meeting with a student last year.

## UNC Health Care Finalizes Rex Deal

The agreement, valued at \$290 million, will expand UNC Health Care's service to Wake County residents.

By KATE MACEK  
Staff Writer

A year after the process began, UNC Health Care System and Rex Healthcare officials announced the University's acquisition of Rex Healthcare on Thursday morning.

Jeffrey L. Houpt, UNC Health Care System chief executive officer, and James B. Hyler Jr., Rex Healthcare Trustees chairman, signed the agreement around 11 a.m., making Rex a subsidiary of UNC Health Care System.

The agreement will allow UNC and Rex, a Raleigh-based company, to expand their services and save money through joint projects set up under the agreement. The projects will include expanding cancer care, pediatric services and women's services.

Munson, who is also interim president and CEO of Rex Healthcare System, said the acquisition would benefit the people in the Chapel Hill and Raleigh area.

"It gives us the opportunity to consolidate services and to reduce costs to consumers in both markets - Orange and Wake County," he said. "What it does is give the UNC Health Care System access to the Wake County market in ways that we haven't before."

Under the agreement, Rex's Board of Trustees will be restructured, and Rex

will be represented on the UNC Health Care Board of Directors.

The transaction, valued at \$290 million, also created plans for the establishment of a John Rex Endowment.

UNC will contribute \$58 million, which must be spent within 10 years, to fund strategic initiatives agreed upon by the two institutions.

The John Rex Endowment will be established with \$100 million from the transaction. Rex will use \$25 million of this for capital projects, and interest from the other \$75 million will be used to support indigent care and enhance community health care programs in the Triangle area.

The remaining \$132 million in long-term debt will stay with Rex and its affiliates.

The acquisition will change the gov-

erning board of both organizations. UNC appointed three new members to Rex's board, and Rex nominated three to UNC's board. In addition, UNC's board will nominate three candidates, and Rex will nominate nine to form the John Rex Endowment Board.

Despite their cooperative efforts, the two institutions will maintain their independence. Rex Healthcare will remain a private, nonprofit institution and will retain its current employees.

"Both of us will continue to operate as separate entities," said John Stokes, vice president for public affairs. "Rex has its own board, but actions of the board have to be ratified by the UNC Health Care Board."

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## Officials Up Standards For System Admission

Board of Governor members plan to tweak the process universities use to construct additional campus facilities.

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Surrounded in the rich ambience of the Carolina Inn, several Board of Governors committees laid their own courses of action for the system's future.

The Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs discussed several different ways to increase student attendance at select schools in

the system and a plan to implement the increase in UNC-system minimum admission requirements.

Students entering any system school in 2004 will be required to take two foreign language courses.

Students entering two years later, in 2006, will have to take an additional math course beyond Algebra II, typically a junior-level course in high school.

The current system recommends two years of foreign language and requires just three years of math.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said the delay in implementing the standards allowed high schools in the state

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## Service Day Set for Saturday

Project UNC offers nearly 60 public service programs aimed at improving Chapel Hill and the UNC campus.

By SHAHRZAD REZVANI  
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In the first-ever campuswide volunteer initiative, Saturday's Uniting and Nurturing our Community project will encourage volunteers to donate their afternoon to aiding and beautifying the campus and community.

Project UNC will offer students, faculty, staff and friends the opportunity to sign up for the project of their choice, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Polk Place.

The project offers about 60 public

service programs, including cleanup at the Botanical Gardens, yard work at the American Red Cross and gardening on campus with UNC's Grounds Department, said Co-chairwoman and former Student Body Vice President Monika Moore.

"Our goal is to unite (volunteers) in a day that not only unites to improve our campus but also the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community," Moore said.

The inaugural event was launched from former Student Body President Nic Heinke's platform. The event marks Heinke's final big project, which he has pushed for since he took office last year. Heinke got the idea from a similar event at Georgia Tech University titled Team Buzz.

To reward volunteers for their efforts, the closing ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. will offer free food, free T-shirts and live per-

formances by the Loreleis, Chapel Hill Players and the ClefHangers.

Although the event does not offer sign-ups for future service opportunities, Project UNC coordinators said they hoped volunteers would take the initiative to extend their generosity.

"Our hope is to get people interested in their own individual time," Moore said.

Project coordinator Zachary Fay expressed similar goals. "Hopefully, we will give the campus information about volunteer opportunities, and students will take it upon themselves for days, weeks and months to come."

Moore encourages volunteers not to wait until the last minute to sign up.

"On the day, the most exciting things will have been taken," she said.

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## A CULTURAL EXCHANGE



DTH/MARTHA HOELZER

Rosemary Waldorf speaks with 15 German exchange students who are visiting Chapel Hill for three weeks. The students from Kastellaun are staying with students from Chapel Hill High School. See Story Page 6.

## New Construction Schedule Keeps Seniors in Carmichael

By ELIZABETH BREYER  
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A few graduating seniors received word that their last-minute struggle to find temporary housing before graduation was over.

Although housing officials announced that renovations would push residents out of several campus residence halls the week before graduation,

a change in the construction schedule will allow seniors to stay in Carmichael Residence Hall until Commencement, officials said Wednesday.

"We weren't satisfied with the renovations and the work that was going to be done, so we are working with the proposals and delaying the start of construction," said Dean Bresciani, vice chancellor for student services.

A new sprinkler system is being

installed in Carmichael, one of four buildings undergoing improvements.

But Larry Hicks, associate director of administrative services for housing, said complications in the plans had caused the project to be delayed indefinitely.

"There is a certain window of opportunity in how long it will take, and we ran short with the time needed to guarantee that it would be ready when we came back in the fall," Hicks said.

Carmichael Area Director Jennifer McLamb said any student who wanted to stay in the building until graduation would need to apply at the area office.

The deadline has been extended until April 21 for any participants in Commencement to fill out the form.

McLamb said the change would affect a small but significant number of students. "Typically, about 60 people need to stay in Carmichael in that

week," she said.

Renovations are still on schedule for Morrison, Whitehead and Hinton James residence halls, and senior residents of those buildings will still have to find interim housing.

"All the other projects are on schedule, and we have no reason to change them," Bresciani said.

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## Home Wreckers

The UNC women's tennis team ran into second-ranked Wake Forest on Thursday and absorbed the worst of the collision. The Tar Heels lost 8-1 in their final home match of the season. See Page 11.

## Today's Weather

Showers;  
High 56, Low 53.  
Saturday: Thunderstorms;  
High 75, Low 58.

Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than being able to decide.

Napoleon Bonaparte