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Locals Recount Arrests, Abuse at IMF Protest



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At a Tuesday press conference in the Great Hall, Greg Pettis, Kate Lovelady and Lucie Laurain (L-R) discuss the IMF protests.

Students and locals held a press conference on campus to publicize their experience at a protest in Washington.

By JOSEPH PARDINGTON
Staff Writer

Returning from a massive protest in Washington, D.C., over the weekend, students and local residents described Tuesday their harsh treatment by police and jail officials during the 25,000-strong demonstration.

At a press conference in the Student Union, members of seven campus organizations recounted their involvement in the protest against the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the national prison system.

Members said they were illegally arrested, brutalized by police and mistreated while incarcerated.

Greg Pettis, a graduate student in political science from Sacramento, Calif., said he was roughed up and denied adequate food in Washington, D.C. jails.

"I was held 27 hours in jail," he said. "While I was there I was only given four pieces of bread to eat and one carton of fruit juice."

The Anti-Corporate Dominance Coalition – the umbrella name for the participating groups – led the event.

The member organizations are Students United for a Responsible Global Environment teamed with Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Globe Committee of the Campus Y, Internationalist Books, Students for Economic Justice, the

International Socialist Organization and the Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

SURGE member Dennis Markatos said the protest was an eye-opening trip. "We had amazing experiences that really could change our lives that show a lot about our government and show the state-corporate nexus," he said.

1997 UNC graduate and International Socialist Organization member John Wexler said the purpose of the press conference was to educate the public about the protests.

"(We wanted) to let people know that UNC students went and about the jailings and the police brutality in general," he said.

Protesters at the press conference said they found themselves running from the police instead of focusing on the issues

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Patient Attempts Suicide

Officials said the patient attempted to jump from the top of the 35-foot water chiller near the Bell Tower.

By BROOKE ROSEMAN
Staff Writer

A Hillsborough woman who threatened suicide on campus is still under treatment at UNC Hospitals.

Trudy Brewer threatened to jump from a 35-foot water chiller plant in the Bell Tower parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, police reports stated.

Archie Daniel, a representative from the UNC Department of Public Safety, said Brewer had originally been admitted to the hospital for an anxiety attack or a potential heart attack.

Hospital spokeswoman Karen Stinneford said Brewer fled from the medical ward while in the process of being discharged from the hospital Monday afternoon.

Daniel was present when Brewer attempted to jump.

"We negotiated with her until she reached a point where she felt like she could come down and deal with her life," he said.

Maj. Jeff McCracken said Brewer was convinced by public safety officials and hospital personnel to leave her precarious position on top of the water plant.

DPS Director Derek Poarch said there was a public safety department negotiator on the scene and a number of officers securing the area around the Bell Tower lot.

The DPS released Brewer to hospital officials who took her into custody and transported her to the UNC Hospitals emergency room, reports stated.

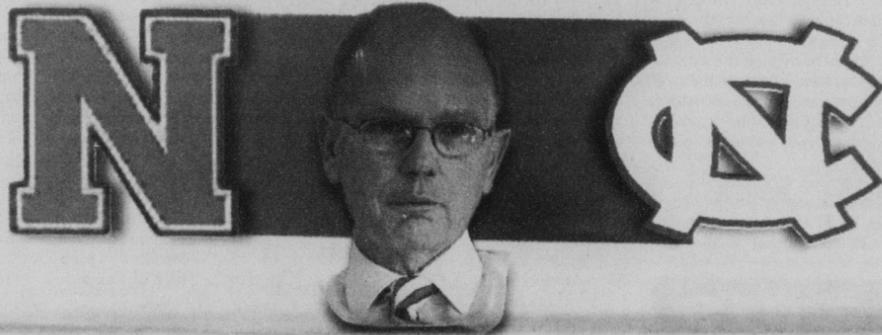
McCracken said he could not comment on whether Brewer was considered a high-risk patient after she attempted to commit suicide or how long she would continue to be hospitalized.

Stinneford said the hospital could not release any information about Brewer's current condition.

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A Transfer Chancellor

UNC, UNL Differ In Approaches To Academic Life



By VICKY ECKENRODE
Managing Editor

"I proudly accept the chancellorship to the University of Nebraska – that's the last time I say that."

This small blunder at the end of James Moeser's remarks to the Board of Governors after his official election Friday showed there were still some kinks that needed to be worked out before Moeser fully transitions to his new home.

In 1789, UNC became the first state university in the country. And almost a hundred years later, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln received its charter from the state legislature in 1869.

The two schools took varied paths with academic focuses but now share a common thread. After spending four years at UNL as the school's head figure, Moeser now takes his experiences there to UNC.

"In many ways they are very different institutions," Moeser said last Friday after the Board of Governors officially announced his appointment.

But he was quick to promote his ability to make the transition from a land-grant university that academically appears more like N.C. State University than the liberal arts foundation of UNC.

The Paper Comparison

Although Nebraska is ranked in the second tier of national universities, according to U.S. News & World Report, the school is a member of the Association of American Universities, an organizational group of 50 institutions heavily focused on graduate and research programs, and is a Research I institution.

UNC, ranked 25 overall among national universities, is also a Research I school.

Tuition differences between the two schools could prove to be a sticking point in Moeser's transition as in-state students at UNC pay less for their education than their counterparts at UNL. The in-state tuition is \$2,262 a year at UNC and \$3,152 at UNL. The discrepancy between out-of-state payments is even greater. Out-of-staters at UNC pay about \$4,000 less than those at UNL.

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22,142 Football East/West Research 1 Second Tier \$3,152 \$7,360 17% 18/1 Metropolis 6,618 46%

Student Enrollment Biggest Sport Campus Composition Research Public Ranking In-State Tuition Out-of-State Tuition Alumni Giving Rate Student/Faculty Ratio Setting Number of applicants Avg. Graduation Rate

24,180 Basketball North/South/Middle Research 1 Top Tier — 5th in Nation \$2,262 \$11,428 26% 16/1 Town 17,236 83%

Lack of N.C. Ties Sets Moeser Apart

By CATE DOTY
Managing Editor

Chancellor-elect James Moeser is a son of Texas who found his calling at the key-board of an organ.

The late Michael Hooker, a Virginia native, found his in the ancient tomes of philosophers.

Their predecessors include a scientist, a lawyer and revered academics. Those names, which once figured at the head of the University, now pepper campus buildings.

So what is a 61-year-old organist doing at the helm of UNC, a Research I institution of higher learning with aspirations of

a rich intellectual climate?

Apparently, he's filling some pretty big administrative shoes with a storied past and a hopeful future.

Moeser is the latest in a diverse cast of chancellors, some veteran administrators and some renowned scholars.

And beyond the family characteristics and the academic backgrounds, he is the outcast in a group of men who all had ties to North Carolina before their chancellorship, tenuous though those ties might have been.

"Ties to the state gave the candidate authentication," said Board of Governors member John Sanders, who served on the search committee that enlisted Hooker in 1995.

"Alumni gave those ties more merit than they possibly deserved. But they do give the candidate an advantage."

Former UNC-system President Bill Friday made it a point during his career to appoint candidates who came from North Carolina or from within the system.

UNC alumnus Christopher Fordham, chancellor from 1980 to 1988, began his teaching career at the School of Medicine

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Drug Abuse Suspected With Body Found on Highway

By THERESA CHEN
Staff Writer

Officials are citing drug overdose as the most plausible cause of death for the woman found dead near the 260-mile marker on Interstate 40 earlier this month.

Although the Alamance County Sheriff's Office is still waiting for toxicology results from the medical examiner's office, speculation has targeted the death of Rhonda Eason, 31, as drug-related, Lt. Paul Fine said.

"I wish (the medical examiner) would hurry (the toxicology report) up so we

could decide whether it was a homicide or an overdose," he said. "If it comes back that there were enough drugs in her system, then we'd be leaning toward the overdose idea."

Fine said the sheriff's office knew Eason was a heavy drug user, and the fingerprints that helped identify her body were obtained from drug-related criminal charges.

"I don't want to get into that, but she got into a fight one night," Fine said. "It was drug-related, and she ended up getting arrested."

Fine said the overdose idea was favored over homicide because there

were no signs of physical trauma to the body. Although the N.C. Department of Transportation worker who discovered the body said it looked like Eason's head was bloody when he found her, Fine said this was not the case.

"The head was not bloody," he said. "We saw absolutely no signs of blood on the outside of the body."

Even if the results of the toxicology report do point to drug overdose as the cause of death, Fine said the investigation was not over.

Eason was last seen on March 25 at the Outback Saloon in Mebane. A report from the sheriff's office stated that

earlier that evening she told her husband she was "going partying" but never returned.

Fine said the sheriff's office wanted to know who was with Eason to determine whether anyone could be charged with concealing a death.

"It's unusual to find a nude body on the side of the highway," he said. "She may have been in bed with someone when she died of overdose and scared him. He could have loaded up her body and dumped her without putting her clothes back on."

Until the toxicology results are in, however, all the sheriff's office can do is

guess about Eason's case, Fine admitted.

"Without enough information, we're just speculating," he said. "We didn't want to do much speculation around her husband."

Fine said the department was trying to contact a possible witness in the case.

"There's an individual that we could talk to that may be able to shed some light on this," he said. "Not that he's involved or anything – just he may have seen something. He's not personally related to her at all."

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Every scholar is surrounded by wiser men than he.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

INSIDE
Wednesday

Campers Sent Packing

N.C. State officials held a forum Wednesday to discuss alternatives to the camp-out method of basketball ticket distribution, despite students who like the tradition. See Page 8.

'Hay Fever' Gets Laughs

David Hammond leads Playmakers' Repertory Company's latest show with talent that can turn a stack of dishes into a good joke. The play opened this weekend. See Page 9.

Brown Out

Nike threatened to sever ties with Brown University. Officials claim this is in response to a letter asking Nike to reform labor practices. Nike says it is just a negotiating ploy. See Page 11.

Take Over, Reach Out

Do you want to take the helm of The (Weekly) DTH this summer? How about serving as a liaison between the paper and the community? If you said yes to either, then contact Editor-select Matt Dees at mdees@email.unc.edu for more information on the summer editor and ombudsman positions.

Today's Weather

Sunny;
High 72, Low 59.
Thursday: Partly cloudy;
High 73, Low 58.