



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Student Activists Speak To Moeser Via Phone

Various student groups spoke with Chancellor-elect James Moeser during a telephone conference Wednesday afternoon.

Representatives from Students for Economic Justice, Surge, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Campus Y, UE 150, the Solidarity Network and Campaign to End the Death Penalty discussed campus issues with Moeser during the half-hour phone conversation.

Junior Kea Parker said the students wanted to give Moeser a student's perspective of how the University was run and to let him know that they would be active on campus.

"We told him that we didn't know how things work in Nebraska, but (that) students play an active role in decisions here," Parker said.

The students and Moeser discussed a range of issues including the corporatization of the University, the tuition increase, environmental issues, educational access and accountability.

The students raised concerns about Moeser's backing of the Fair Labor Association, a labor monitoring group many student activists oppose because of its structure and purpose.

"He said he supported the University's involvement with the FLA which we see as an extension of the corporatization of the University," Parker said.

Students raised concerns about Moeser's accountability. The chancellor-elect said he would be accountable to students through student government, Parker said. She said the students let him know that student government was not a good representation of the student body. Parker said that although the meeting was rushed, it served its purpose.

"It was good," Parker said. "We got a better sense of who James Moeser is."

Annual Block Party To Celebrate Year End

The fifth annual Franklin Street Block Party will be held today from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m.

"Chillin' on the Last Day of Class" is sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Delta sororities and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Tickets cost \$12 and include a free T-shirt. Proceeds go to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Only those with tickets will be admitted.

The event boasts performances from Gran Torino, Weekend Excursion and Tin Can Jam. The bands will play on East Franklin Street across from the Morehead Planetarium.

Students to Perform Work of Ruth Moose

Students in the first year seminar "Southern Writers in Performance" will present "The Writing of Ruth Moose in Performance" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Tate Turner Kuralt auditorium.

The students have adapted several of Moose's works for the stage.

Moose will be present at the performance and plans to comment on the adaptations and read an excerpt from her latest novel.

For further information contact professor Paul Ferguson at AndreaPF@aol.com.

20 UNC Faculty, TAs Honored With Awards

Fourteen faculty, one librarian and five teaching assistants were honored with campuswide teaching awards late last month.

The awards were decided on by the 29-member Committee on Teaching Awards composed of faculty, administrators, students, staff and alumni.

Awards were presented for excellence in undergraduate teaching by professors and teaching assistants.

Ridley Kessler, who works for the Academic Affairs Library reference department, received the Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement.

5 Students Garner National Accolades

Juniors Brian Loomis and Julius Lucks received the national Goldwater Scholarships for excellence in the field of natural sciences.

Junior Jatin Harshad Joshi recently received the esteemed Truman Scholarship worth \$30,000 towards his senior year and graduate studies.

Seniors Aaron Levine and Peter Bernel were two of only eleven nationwide winners of the Churchill Scholarships for graduate study at the University of Cambridge.

From Staff Reports

Nov. 4, 1999 — UNC dental fellow Fusayoshi Matsukawa is killed by a car as he crosses the street on Manning Drive, prompting a massive campuswide effort to improve pedestrian safety. Orange County becomes the first county in the United States to issue a moratorium against the death penalty.

Nov. 8, 1999 — Men's basketball assistant coach Phil Ford returns to his position.

Nov. 11, 1999 — UNC men's basketball coach Bill Guthridge allows Cota and Newby to rejoin the team.

Nov. 17, 1999 — UNC leaders hire a professional search firm to help the Chancellor

Search Committee select the University's new chancellor.

Nov. 18, 2000 — After rumors that Carl Torbush will be fired as head football coach, his players band together to show support. Director of Athletics Dick Baddour announces Torbush will stay.



Nov. 23, 2000 — Junior Daniel Sarrell is arrested in connection with an arson fire in Morrison Residence Hall. Three other fires that occurred in Morrison over the past month remain unsolved.

Dec. 11, 1999 — Jeffrey Haupt, dean of

the School of Medicine, and Carol Christ, vice chancellor and provost at the University of California-Berkeley, withdraw their names from the chancellor search after media leaks.

Jan. 11, 2000 — Congress's House Appropriations Committee allots \$10 million in emergency aid to families affected by Hurricane Floyd.

Jan. 12, 2000 — Molly Broad calls for a \$475 tuition increase over three years. Broad also initiates a proposal for a \$36.8 million financial aid allotment.

Jan. 13, 2000 — The Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor proposes a \$70 increase in student fees.

Jan. 19, 2000 — A referendum to increase student fees \$3 to fund the United States Student Association is proposed.

Jan. 21, 2000 — Mark Kleinschmidt, speaker of Student Congress, removes the USSA referendum from the ballot, saying it was placed on the ballot in violation of the Student Code.

Jan. 24, 2000 — Several students file lawsuits to get the USSA voter referendum back on the ballot. Gov. Jim Hunt calls for a state of emergency as a result of major snowfall across the state.

Jan. 25, 2000 — Starting today, UNC

students get an unprecedented three-day break due to historic 16-inch snowfall.

Jan. 31, 2000 — President Clinton approves federal disaster aid money to North Carolina as a result of the snowstorm.

Feb. 2, 2000 — The Student Supreme Court decision on the USSA referendum is delayed to make a decision on constitutional discrepancy.

Feb. 3, 2000 — A fire at Morrison Residence Hall marks the fifth in three months. Officials enforce stricter evacuation penalties.

UNC Survives Turbulent Year, Ready for More

The last year has been anything but typical for administrators and student activists at the University.

By ROB NELSON
Editor

Marcus Aurelius once said, "Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away."

For the past nine months, the waters at UNC have been rocky, maintaining a steady flow of activity and, at times, pro-

ducing some historic rapids.

The death of Chancellor Michael Hooker in June left the University community in mourning and remembering Hooker as a fiercely authoritative but passionate leader whose best days will remain unknown.

Touting his love for the University, Bill McCoy stepped up to the plate and led UNC for a year as interim chancellor.

Seemingly constrained by the nature of temporary leadership, McCoy maintained a relatively low profile during his tenure, cracking away at tedious internal problems such as the budget shortfall late in the summer.

Meanwhile, a fiercely secretive search committee sifted through applications

and conducted interviews as the hunt intensified for UNC's ninth chancellor.

The doors of the closed search swung wide open April 14 — almost a year to the day when Hooker took a medical leave of absence to cope with his lymphatic cancer — as the Board of Governors officially selected James Moeser, chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to lead UNC into the next millennium.

Amid fanfare and ceremony, Moeser jumped from the cornfields to become a Tar Heel, promising, much like Hooker, to make UNC the best public university in the country.

But Moeser's anticipated arrival in August will only be the exclamation point on an already momentous year.

In early September, the UNC campus renewed its commitment to public service as the state coped with the environmental and financial aftermath of Hurricane Floyd.

Weeks later, an eight-year struggle came to a dramatic end, as a \$28.6 million alumni bequest paved the way for a freestanding Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. Years of protest, national attention and lofty fund raising will come to a close when ground is broken on the center early next year.

But perhaps fall will be remembered most for the debate surrounding proposed tuition increases.

Various plans worked their way through the UNC-system bureaucracy, with student protesters shouting all the

way about threats to UNC's accessibility.

The final call now rests with the state legislature when it reconvenes Monday, and the same student activists are already gearing up for lobbying efforts in Raleigh.

Whether it was 16 inches of snow, the near firing of football coach Carl Torbush, the off-the-court woes of assistant men's basketball coach Phil Ford, an unexpected trip to the Final Four or renewed debate over UNC's corporate links and labor ties, 1999-2000 was a markedly unique year at the University.

It was a year of historic votes and moments, a year of tragedy that left UNC without stable leadership and a

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Committee Approves Capital Proposal

By KATHLEEN HUNTER
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RALEIGH — The legislative committee charged with assessing the UNC system's capital needs unanimously approved a motion Wednesday officially identifying a need for state funds to improve facilities.

The motion, submitted by Rep. George Miller, D-Durham, also committee co-chairman, comes days before the N.C. General Assembly reconvenes.

Approved at the committee's final meeting, the move capped more than two months of tours in which committee members visited the 16 system campuses and several community colleges.

The committee's assessment states that system campuses have both short-term and long-term facilities needs "in an amount in excess of \$3 billion."

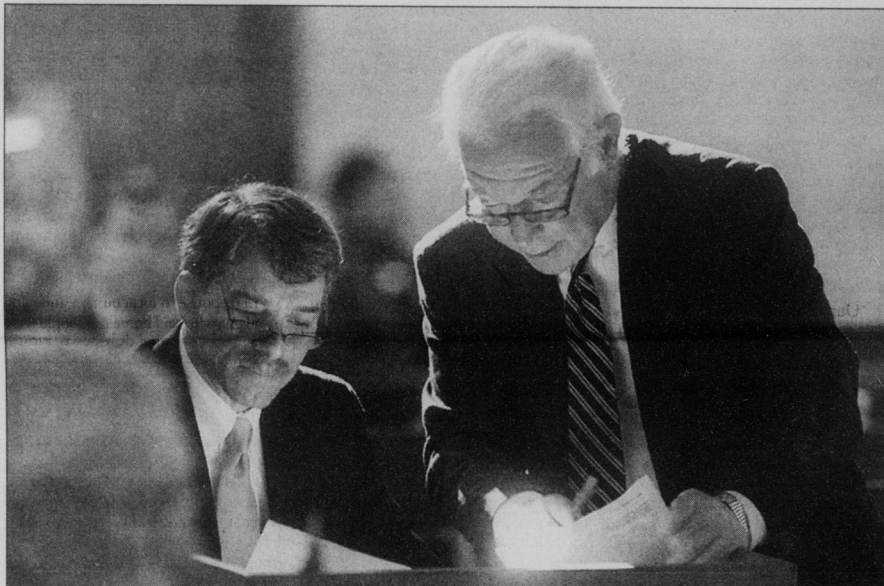
A legislative conference committee will consider the motion when the General Assembly reconvenes Monday.

The motion also recommends that "a referendum for a bond issue to be submitted to the citizens of North Carolina for a vote."

The needs committee was formed after the legislature adjourned last summer without approving a multibillion-dollar bond proposal to fund systemwide capital improvements.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said she was pleased to see bipartisan recognition of the system's need for capital funding. She said the committee's campus tours had been beneficial because they allowed legislators to see campus needs first hand.

Broad said system officials were ready to mount a massive lobbying campaign if the legislature put the capital package to a referendum.



DTH FILE PHOTO

Speaker Pro Tem Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and Rep. George Miller, D-Durham, commiserate in the N.C. House chambers. State lawmakers Monday will begin considering a proposal to improve UNC campus facilities.

The motion also includes a provision for a "blue ribbon" commission outside the legislature to promote a referendum.

Committee members, such as Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, stressed the importance of maintaining UNC's capital facilities. Lee said he was confident that North Carolinians would pass a referendum. "If we go out there and tell them the true story ... I think they will be appalled and want to do something about it and support it," he said.

Rep. Phillip Baddour, D-Lenoir, also said a well-informed public would pass the capital package. "I think when the issue is explained to the people of the state, they will overwhelmingly respond and approve the proposal," he said.

Sen. John Garwood, R-Alexander, said the motion's inclusion of community college capital improvements would help garner county commissioners' support for a bond referendum.

"We can encourage (county commis-

sioners') support across the state of this bond issue and increase tremendously its chances of passing," Garwood said.

Student Board of Governors member Jeff Nieman said he was pleased to see the capital issue put in motion. "This is an official recognition of the University's needs and affirmation that the legislature wants to go forward ..."

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Bonds' Fates Could Rest With Voters

Legislators continue to push for a referendum before approving a bond package to fund the system's needs.

By JONATHAN MOSELEY
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State legislators anticipate asking N.C. residents in November to approve the issuance of more than \$3 billion in bonds to improve UNC-system campuses.

For the second consecutive year, the N.C. General Assembly is discussing its funding options. In the face of severe state budget constraints, the primary fund-raising technique under consideration is a bond issue.

A bond issue is essentially a series of loans taken from banks and other corporations. The state government takes out the loans for the amount of funds needed and pays back the money, with interest, using taxes and other revenues.

The House and Senate clashed last summer over whether the issue should go to a general voter referendum.

UNC-system advocates argued the N.C. constitution did not mandate that the bond package be approved by "the full faith and credit" of state taxpayers. They also were wary of the massive campaign that would have been needed to persuade citizens to vote for bonds.

But House members on both sides of the aisle worked to prevent the passage of a loan without N.C. voter approval.

As a result, no action was taken, and the proposal now is being redrawn for debate in the legislature's short session beginning Monday. The proposal calls for at least \$3 billion in bonds and leaves open the possibility of a referendum.

UNC-system President Molly Broad said Wednesday that any financing for capital improvements outside of the bond package would have to come from the state's general fund.

But a severe budget shortfall makes this an unlikely alternative.

At one point, legislators talked of proposing a \$300 million measure that would have addressed emergency issues at the UNC campuses, but leaders soon dropped the idea. "I don't think we can pass any bond issue, no matter how small, without a vote of the people," said Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, co-chairman of the committee on higher education facilities needs.

Although any spending without a public vote is unlikely, many legislators say that as long as a referendum is in place, they will pass the \$3 billion measure.

Rep. Charlotte Gardner, R-Rowan, said a state referendum prevented the legislature from cheating the people of their money. "Any time you saddle the taxpayers with a lot of debt service, citizens need to be aware of that," she said.

Sen. Robert Martin, D-Edgecombe, said he definitely would support the bond issue. "The bond issue is needed, so I'll be supporting it," he said. "What better reason is there than that?"

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Change, Challenge Await New Chancellor

By KIM MINUGH
Assistant University Editor

UNC-Chapel Hill officials and student leaders have laid out an agenda for Chancellor-elect James Moeser in hopes of finally resolving unanswered issues that have plagued the University this year.

The UNC-CH community will pitch him questions of a bond package, administrative vacancies and fund raising.

And many say one of his biggest challenges will be familiarizing himself with North Carolina and UNC-CH — and staying afloat amidst the turmoil.

But officials say a résumé full of experience and dedication could be his life preserver. "(Moeser) needs to worry about familiarizing himself with the character, history and people that make up this University," said Student Body President Brad Matthews.

Matthews said he had faith Moeser could quickly acclimate himself in light of the demands he would meet.

And filling administrative holes that have plagued officials this year will build



DTH FILE PHOTO

UNC-system President Molly Broad applauds Chancellor-elect James Moeser at the April 14 Board of Governors meeting at the Carolina Inn.

a support base Moeser will need. He must pick his top administrators, a new provost and a vice chancellor for research.

Provost Dick Richardson said appointing such high officials should be Moeser's first priority. "He's got to get his team together first," he said. "He must get a feel for the place, learn the campus and learn the players."

And as the N.C. General Assembly

gears up to start its short session Monday, memories of last year's bond package are sparked. The package, which now calls for at least \$3 billion to fund system capital improvements, failed during last summer's long session.

Richardson said Moeser would have to take immediate action in garnering support for the bill likely to be proposed by the General Assembly. "The most daunt-

ing issue (Moeser) has to face is the issue of capital budgeting," Richardson said.

To effectively lobby on behalf of all UNC-system schools, Moeser must again hit the history books and learn the state.

"He must join in alliance with the General Administrations of the 15 other (UNC) campuses," Richardson said. "It'll take talking across the state, contacting alumni and doing everything he can to get a positive decision on that."

Former Student Body President Nic Heinke proposed a different approach for Moeser. "He has to be a very humble leader," Heinke said. "He needs to, in a subtle but effective way, address the needs of the University."

And undoubtedly the tuition debate will rear its controversial head in Moeser's administration, as UNC-CH awaits the state's likely approval of a \$600 increase for the University over two years. "He will have to grapple with the question of faculty salaries fairly early and make a decision about how funds will be allocated for faculty salaries," Richardson said.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy sets the tone for Moeser's welcome. "We can't say it enough, but we need to keep competitive faculty salaries so we can attract and retain quality faculty," he said.

And while some faculty argue that

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