

Feb. 6, 2000 — The Student Supreme Court announces that the removal of the USSA referendum was constitutional.

Feb. 8, 2000 — Baddour calls a meeting to discuss lower-level ticket allocation for students at the Smith Center.

Feb. 9, 2000 — The decision is made to schedule weekend classes to make up for the days cancelled due to snow. A petition by Student Body President Nic Heinke puts the USSA referendum back on the ballot.

Feb. 11, 2000 — The BOG passes a plan for a \$600 tuition increase for all students, despite student protest. The proposal next heads to the state legislature in Raleigh for

consideration this summer.

Feb. 15, 2000 — Student body elections for all offices are held, but results are delayed due to technical troubles with the elections board computers.

Feb. 16, 2000 — Results from the elections are announced, with Erica Smiley and Brad Matthews moving to a runoff for student body president. Students vote for a fee increase, reject the USSA referendum and elect Tee Pruitt CAA president, Jason Cowley and Sherylann Black senior class officers, Robin Yamakawa RHA president and Thad Woody GSPF president.

Feb. 21, 2000 — Brad Matthews is elected student body president with 61 percent of

the vote in a runoff election. Student Congress votes to endorse the NAACP boycott of South Carolina because of the Confederate flag being flown over the state capitol.



March 2, 2000 — UNC junior Chiara D'Amore avoids three Honor Court charges by formally apologizing for her actions in an Oct. 28 protest against Kraft Foods.

March 7, 2000 — University of Alabama President Andrew Sorensen, a strong possibility to become UNC's ninth chancellor, yanks his name off the list of candidates.

The 'BOLO' sexual assault case ends when suspect Jesus Alvarez Ramos enters a guilty plea to two counts each of attempted second-degree kidnapping and assault on a female. Alvarez Ramos, who still maintained his innocence, was sentenced to time already served, a total of eight months.

March 10, 2000 — Rumors swirl around campus that U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala will become UNC's new chancellor. Shalala later refutes the rumors.

March 26, 2000 — UNC's basketball team advances to the Final Four with a 59-55 victory over Tulsa. The win sparks a massive celebration on Franklin Street, where students fed bonfires and chanted until the wee hours.

March 31, 2000 — Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy agrees to let UNC join the Workers' Rights Consortium labor monitoring group. McCoy said UNC would also retain its affiliation with the Fair Labor Association.

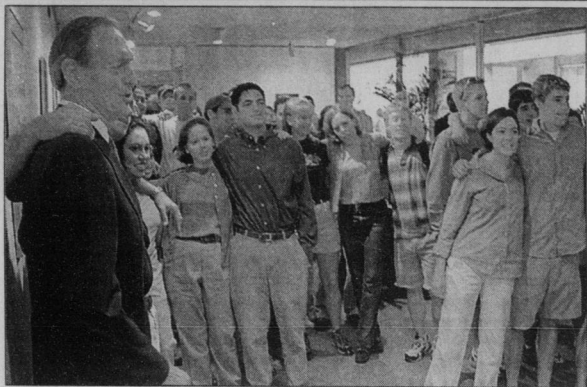
April 14, 2000 — The Board of Governors approves James Moeser as UNC's ninth chancellor, ending a 10-month search that began with the death of Chancellor Michael Hooker last June. Moeser, chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 1996, will officially take office Aug. 15.



April 15, 2000 — More than 600 demonstrators, including seven UNC students, are arrested in Washington, D.C., in an ongoing protest against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

April 27, 2000 — UNC alumnus Michael Jordan comes to Chapel Hill to dedicate his West Franklin Street restaurant, 23.

May 2, 2000 — Student Body President Brad Matthews' attempt to appoint Marissa Downs as chairwoman of the Elections Board goes before Student Congress after the Rules and Judiciary Committee rejected the appointment. He is unable to raise the two-thirds vote necessary to overturn the unfavorable recommendation.



Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy sings "Tar Heel Voices" with students, faculty and the Loreleis during his official welcoming to the University.

# McCoy Looks Ahead To Life Beyond UNC

By KIM MINUGH  
Assistant University Editor

With a demanding year at the helm of UNC almost behind him, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy is planning to pack up his office in three months — and unpack his clubs.

And when McCoy is golfing under a Carolina-blue sky after retiring, he will feel a sense of satisfaction and contentment.

"We've said we've wanted to be the very best public university in the country," he said.

"I feel we've left a strong term working toward that end."

Though his time at UNC was considerably shorter than many high-ranking officials, McCoy served a term brimming with heated debate and intense controversy.

Now, he's ready to exchange his seat in South Building for a seat on the golf cart.

"I haven't played golf but twice in the last 12 months," he said.

"I look forward to focusing on things I've had to put on hold."

While his wife, Sara, will decline an invitation to the greens, McCoy said the two will be taking several trips — even if

they are "semi-business" — in the coming months.

McCoy said he and his wife looked forward to visiting New Jersey, Wisconsin, Colorado, Berlin and London, where their two daughters lived.

And though McCoy longs for a some quiet, it may be hard to find — with six grandchildren in tow. McCoy said he welcomed the opportunity to watch them grow up at a closer distance.

Despite the temporary nature of his post, McCoy said he accepted the appointment as if he were occupying the position permanently.

"I was so intent on doing a good job, and to be able to take a slower pace — it'll be great."

McCoy reflects upon his time at UNC fondly.

"I have this feeling that this is a really important institution that's doing important work," he said.

"I'm glad to have been a part of it for awhile."

And as a reporter thanked him for his last interview for The Daily Tar Heel, he laughed at the thought of no more reporters — and possibly the thought of no more picketers, no more protestors and no more personnel problems.

"It'll be quiet."

# Tuition Battle Unites Student Forces

Student government leaders and activists found common ground in fighting several tuition increase proposals.

By KATIE ABEL  
University Editor

It was a few hours at Morehead Building on a crisp October day that would become the first chapter.

Armed with signs of protest, more than 400 students chanted on the lawn that day, screaming, "Keep UNC accessible" and "Don't lock us out of education." Clad in T-shirts and sporting green wristbands, the demonstrators congregated outside in a tightly packed crowd before a microphone.

It was an atmosphere of emotion and fervor, much different from the formal boardroom where administrators and students in business suits sat silently amid piles of agendas and proposals.

Then-Student Body President Nic Heinke emotionally recounted a more personal story — he told of how he relished his chance for an affordable education at UNC. Both Heinke and the protesters had fired the first shots in the battle to keep tuition low. The scene would foreshadow the next seven months.

And it was just the beginning of a fight that will culminate this summer in N.C. legislative chambers.

As the N.C. General Assembly hammers out its yearly budget, legislators will consider a \$600 UNC tuition increase over two years, a \$31 million financial aid plan and a \$3 billion bond package. But it was the talk of a tuition increase that has topped the agendas of student leaders and activists alike.

The first whispers of the proposed tuition increase were the sole spark for a small group of students to launch what would later become the Coalition for Educational Access to lobby student support across the system.

Student government leaders altered their priorities as tuition immediately soared to the top of their political platforms. "We are two parts of a greater movement," said UNC senior Jeff Nieman, a student member of the



Margie Wakelin leads a group of students protesting the proposed tuition increase. The students marched, chanting "No University without diversity," from the Pit to the Carolina Inn, where the BOG was meeting.

Board of Governors. Coalition member Sandi Chapman said those joint efforts were the core of the movement.

But the nine-month march has proven that the groups aren't always on the same beat. The coalition spent time garnering widespread student participation through rallies and demonstrations.

Student leaders had more one-on-one contact with the officials and administrators who were making the final decision through e-mails, phone calls and personal meetings.

"The stir is created by the mass movement, and we have just added the proper agreements," Nieman said.

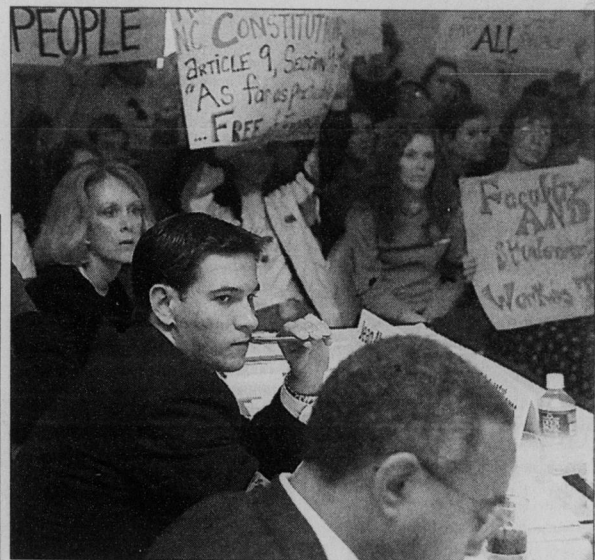
With student government's recent changing of the guard, coalition member Michal Osterweil said it was difficult to predict the amount of interaction the group would have with Student Body President Brad Matthews and his administration. "It's this administration's chance to prove that this student government is for the students," she said.

Heinke said the student efforts this year had proven that no one group could represent student diversity. "We came together over one common goal," he said. "Each student can bring a different perspective to the table." Coalition members said diverse perspectives would be important in garnering legislative support. Coalition members have said any boost should be coupled with financial aid and a commitment from the legislature to support system needs.

Erica Smiley, a coalition member, said that besides distributing fact sheets

to each legislator, the coalition aimed to pair at least two students with each official as part of its lobbying efforts. Nieman, Lee Conner, former Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, and other student leaders have formed a five-member legislative team as part of their primary effort.

Far removed from the Morehead Building lawn or Carolina Inn boardroom, the battle will move to legislative halls in four days. The tale will become more complete. But that October day might be the most telling of them all.



Then-Student Body President Nic Heinke listens to debate during the Oct. 28 Board of Trustees meeting. The board passed a \$1,500 increase.

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