

World Focus Necessary For Campus

This is a University that is committed to being a world university," Chancellor James Moeser told guests at a reception for Chilean President Ricardo Lagos Escobar on Friday.

"This is a University that seeks to be a global presence, to make a difference in this world."

A priority of Moeser's since his first days as chancellor, the expansion of UNC's international presence is one of his most important and advantageous goals for the University.

UNC-system President Molly Broad also spoke at the reception, emphasizing the need for UNC "to function and compete in a multi-ethnic, global community."

The reception, at which UNC awarded Lagos an honorary law degree, demonstrated one aspect of the University's commitment to maintaining a worldwide network of what Moeser called members of the Carolina community.

Aside from keeping up with other universities, Lagos explained in his speech why it is important for UNC to seek the kind of international presence that Moeser and Broad advocate.

"It is up to us to be able to change the world," Lagos said. "The academic community is essential."

His speech focused on what he called the "rough coalition that is fighting terrorism," applauding international efforts to help the United States combat terrorism after the attacks of Sept. 11. "These are not attacks against the United States, these are attacks against humanity," he said. "Terrorism is a global concern. It requires a global solution."

But Lagos was concerned, as we should be, with more than the terrorism that destroys buildings. "Growth, democracy and social justice are intrinsically connected," he said. "One cannot be achieved without the other two."

UNC students and University officials should work for worldwide expansion of those three goals, as well as for the strengthening and development of the "rough coalition" so that it can someday combat other forms of terror ranging from poverty and hunger to oppression and injustice. Lagos, who argued for that goal, said universities and the academic community will play an essential role in seeking such changes in the world if it is to be achieved.

Moeser, who has long pledged commitment to UNC's international scope, also sees the academic role as necessary in moving toward global cooperation.

"Now it is time to put the world in (students') laps - to work toward the day when every Carolina undergraduate will have the opportunity to pursue a meaningful international experience," Moeser said at his University Day inaugural address on Oct. 12, 2000.

"We must extend the international reach of this university if we are going to continue to lead," he added. "Consider the possibilities, for example, if every undergraduate had the opportunity to study abroad."

That kind of opportunity would help students develop the skills that will be needed in a world in which international connections are increasingly emphasized in every field of endeavor.

"We must also be a world university," Moeser said in his Sept. 5 State of the University address. "We must offer a truly superior international education at Chapel Hill, an education that will prepare our state and our students for leading in a global economy."

UNC already has several initiatives directed toward increasing its international scope. One project, a possible Kenan-Flagler Business School satellite campus in the Middle Eastern nation of Qatar, is now being discussed by faculty and administrators.

Another new project, the OneMBA program, will allow UNC students to study in Hong Kong, Brazil, the Netherlands and Mexico. Recently finalized plans for the program include an executive MBA program that involves courses of study in Chapel Hill and Washington, D.C., and at universities in each of the four other countries.

Students and faculty also will benefit from a recent \$10 million gift to UNC for international studies. The endowment is one of several recent gifts that will help internationally oriented programs such as study abroad opportunities and research in international studies.

In creating and expanding programs like these, the entire University community should support Moeser's international commitment for UNC.

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BOG Examines Tuition Policy, Budget Cuts

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In its monthly meeting, the UNC-system Board of Governors discussed two issues that have been at the center of numerous discussions in recent months - the board's tuition policy and system-wide budget cuts.

In the Budget and Finance Committee meeting Friday, board members debated how to best re-examine the board's existing tuition policy.

The current plan calls for the board to host a workshop before its meeting in January as the starting point for a formal re-examination of the policy.

Finance Committee Chairman Addison Bell said he recently hosted a conference call with five UNC-system chancellors - including UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser - to get their input on the tuition policy.

"This is a very complex issue... I was hoping to get as much preparation as possible before the workshop," Bell said.

Bell said he plans to hold similar conference calls with the remaining 11 UNC-system chancellors.

But several committee members said they also would like to be involved in the discussion or at least have detailed information on what had occurred.

"It strikes me that it would be a very

positive thing for us to hear what the chancellors had to say," said BOG member Jim Phillips.

In her report before the full board Friday, UNC-system President Molly Broad also informed members that an agreement had been reached with Gov. Mike Easley's office to plan for a 2.7 percent budget reversion.

"This (agreement) is predicated on the understanding that the chancellors will offer the necessary classes in the spring semester," Broad said.

She said that economic data will be re-examined after Jan. 1 - when the first half of the fiscal year comes to an end - and the extent of the cuts could be readjusted.

But Broad also said members of the Bond Oversight Committee - which first met last week - will ask the governor to release \$57 million in renovations and repairs funding that he is holding in case the economic situation further declines.

"We do not want to find our University in the same position as when we had to go to the voters of this state with the bond program," Broad said.

Also at the meeting, two board members - H.D. Reeves and Peter Keber - gave reports to the full board about their recent trip to Qatar with members of the UNC-CH faculty. UNC-CH is considering establishing a business program in the country.

"The purpose of the trip, really, was to look the place over," Keber said.

Both BOG members said they were pleased with what they saw in Qatar and the possible benefits for UNC-CH of establishing a school in the country.

"This is really a business deal - you do this for us, and we will give you lots of money," Keber said. "But there are a lot of advantages to North Carolina, other than just the money."

The board also unanimously approved planning for an Institute for Disaster Studies.

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Thurston Cherry gives a shout out to his fraternity after being named Homecoming king (above). Ms. UNC of 2000, Kelly Hash, crowns the new Homecoming queen, Shayla Higginbotham (below).

Homecoming King, Queen Crowned

By PHILISSA CRAMER
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Flanked by the Marching Tar Heels and under a clear Carolina blue sky, Thurston Cherry and Shayla Higginbotham were crowned Homecoming king and queen during halftime of the UNC-Wake Forest football game Saturday.

"It was the best feeling in the world," Cherry said. "It's a great honor to be in this position."

Higginbotham received 842 of 1,604 votes for queen - 52 percent of the vote - while Cherry received 831 of 1,555 votes - 53 percent - for king.

King runners-up Marcus Harvey and Victor Ibrahim received 26 and 21 percent of the votes, respectively. Queen candidates Jessica McLean and Aidil Polanco garnered 26 and 22 percent.

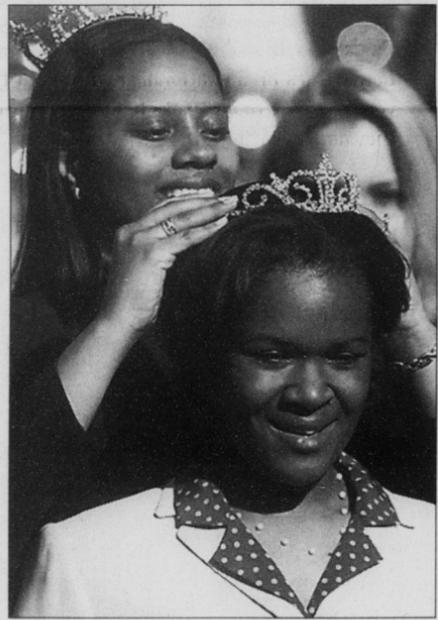
Problems with Student Central threatened to complicate online voting for Homecoming king and queen last Wednesday. The Web site experienced problems in the morning, preventing some students from accessing the page. The problem was fixed by noon.

"I don't think it really made a difference because so many people voted," said Board of Elections Chairwoman Emily Margolis. The elections board offered candidates the option of extending the voting, but none opted to do so.

Now that the elections are over, the king and queen will begin work on one of their duties - completing a major service project. Higginbotham's project, the "Healing Hearts" program, will provide toys and cards for children affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Cherry plans to hold a health awareness day in the spring, with workshops addressing stress, STDs, healthy relationships and nutrition and exercise. "It's something everybody needs."

Nominees who were not elected said they remain committed to service. "Despite the fact that I did not win, my service project shall be done," said Harvey, whose project will



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focus on domestic violence. "It's still important to me."

Polanco also said she plans to carry out her proposed service project, Hunger Awareness and Relief.

This year's election reinforced longstanding ties between the election of Homecoming king and queen and the Black Student Movement. Last year was the first time in 10 years that

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Group Submits Vision 2020 Plan

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More than 200 Carrboro residents turned out Saturday for the preliminary presentation of Carrboro's vision for downtown growth.

Carrboro officials had hired Walkable Communities, Inc. to develop a comprehensive blueprint, called Vision 2020, for Carrboro's growth during the next two decades.

The group's final recommendation moved the project into the hands of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, which will vote on a final version of the plan after further meetings and suggestions.

The presentation, held at the Carrboro Century Center and organized by the Downtown Visioning Steering Committee, was divided into two parts. The first was a slide show in which Dan Burden, the founder of Walkable Communities, compared problems in Carrboro to solutions implemented across the country.

The second part of the presentation was a residents' forum at which concerned citizens could learn more about

specific parts of the proposed solutions.

The presentation included suggestions to implement mixed-use buildings that house businesses and residents in three- to five-story structures and close Weaver Street to traffic for limited periods each day.

Other proposed changes were to implement one-lane traffic on Weaver Street, create roundabouts with increased enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way and add bike lanes on all major streets.

Burden suggested that roundabouts, or traffic circles, are the solution to the congestion that Carrboro is facing because they keep cars moving and reduce the risk of accidents. "They reduce speed by 15 to 20 miles per hour, but they also reduce the risk of fatal crashes by 90 percent," Burden said.

Aldermen Alex Zaffron said he was very impressed with the turnout at the event and was pleased overall with the community interest.

"The turnout really blew me away," Zaffron said. "It really exceeded our expectations."

Andreas Hay, a four-year resident of

Carrboro, said he approved of several ideas but that he was hesitant about the level of change they would involve. "Some of the stuff is very interesting, but personally, five-story buildings seem like such a drastic change," Hay said.

Zaffron said the next step for the community is uncertain, but there are several measures that must be taken before the plan's implementation.

"The plans have to be presented to the Board of Aldermen, and I think we definitely need to send a draft to the attorney so that old ordinances impeding this type of development can be changed," Zaffron said. "We were really just focusing on getting through this."

Cynthia Liston, a member of the steering committee, said the presentation was the first step in the improvement of Carrboro. "The purpose of today is to present a conceptual plan and get (the residents') take on it," Liston said.

"This is a great thing, but in some ways it's only the beginning."

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Relative Unknowns Join U.S. Senate Race

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Several relatively unknown candidates have begun pursuing the U.S. Senate seat in North Carolina that will be vacated by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., in 2002.

Former Durham City Council member and Democrat Cynthia Brown, Republican Lumberton radiologist Jim Parker and Republican Rowan County insurance agent Doug Sellers have announced their candidacies. They have joined a race that includes such political heavyweights as former Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole and former White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles.

Reasons for Running

UNC political science Professor Thad Beyle said he thinks several of the candidates who lack name recognition are running because they feel they can preserve the conservative attitudes of Jesse Helms.

He added that some people run because they feel Dole cannot adequately

uphold the will of North Carolina's people. But Beyle said he thinks some unknown candidates might find it difficult finding money or support.

"The way campaigns are run, you have to have a lot of money to buy media time," he said. "These people could very well be in the race for a long time and then realize they have no attraction outside of their home area."

But several of the candidates say they are running because they believe the issues they stand for are important.

Cynthia Brown

Brown has local political experience from serving on the Durham City Council from November 1995 to December 1999.

Brown spokesman Ken McDouall said her campaign is dependent on volunteers and other grassroots measures. McDouall added that he expects the use of volunteers will help the campaign save money.

He said that if Brown is not dependent on money from political lobbyists, she can focus more effectively on the needs of the people. "I think her feeling

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Campus Y to Sponsor Children's Rights Week

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UNC football players will tackle child illiteracy today with Literacy Day, the first event of Children's Rights Week.

Sponsored by the Youth Outreach committee of Campus Y, the week, titled "No One Left Behind," will feature speeches, forums and discussions meant to educate the campus about the issues facing children today, organizers said.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, eight members of the football team, including David Thornton, Quincy Monk, Anthony Perkins, Mercedes Perry and Errol Hood, will be reading their favorite children's books to local elementary school students in the Pit. They also will be eating lunch and playing football with them in Polk Place. The event is designed to promote literacy

Children's Rights Week

Monday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Literacy Day. UNC football team members will read children's books to elementary students in the Pit while other students and players play football and eat lunch in the quad. (Co-sponsored by Project Literacy.) **7 p.m.** Rick Koca, founder and national director of StandUp for Kids will speak in 111 Carroll Hall on some of the unknown truths about the 2 million homeless children and teens in the U.S. Co-sponsored by StandUp for Kids - North Carolina. **Tuesday: 6 p.m.** A dinner discussion will be held in the Student Union Cabaret. Should convicted child molesters be required to register and report criminal records to their town? **7 p.m.** Sociology Professor Carolyn Tyson will speak

among children.

"Kids look up to sports players as idols," said Youth Outreach Co-chairwoman Katie Cunningham. "If they see their idol doing something, they'll want to do it, too."

The week's keynote speaker, Rick Koca, will be giving a speech tonight on issues facing homeless children. Koca is the founder and national director of StandUp for Kids, an organization that helps children.

The speech, which is open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. in 111 Carroll Hall.

"(Koca) is pretty amazing," said Campus Y President Raj Panjabi. "He'll make some of the people in the audience cry."

Other events this week will include a

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on the disproportionately low number of minorities in gifted programs and possible causes and implications in 111 Carroll.

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Calvin Cunningham and his wife, Elizabeth, will speak on Children's Rights from a legislative point of view in 100 Hamilton Hall. (Co-sponsored by Young Democrats.)

Thursday: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Social and Economic Justice Fair in the Pit. **7 p.m.** Members of the School of Social Work will be speaking on the issues including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 100 Hamilton.

Friday: All day. Youth Outreach will hang T-shirts and paper dolls for hungry, abused and neglected children in Polk Place.

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RUNNING DOWN A DREAM



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Runners begin the Freedom 5K at Woollen Gym on South Road. The race was held to raise money for the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund. See story on page 5.