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COSC OKs Modest Changes To Code

Major changes put off for more review

By JOHN LIPPS
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The Committee on Student Conduct unanimously approved Tuesday a watered-down proposal for revisions to the Honor Code, which will be sent to the chancellor and Student Congress for approval.

After much debate about possible complications, COSC members decided to leave most of the discussed changes out of the proposal - implementation of the "XF" grade, changes to students' basic rights and a complainant's right to appeal all were put off for future review.

The committee did make numerous wording changes to the Honor Code but none that would significantly impact policy. "There is fine-tuning (left), but I think we have the substance to it," said Judith Wegner, COSC chairwoman.

Aaron Hiller, student body vice president and COSC member, said the committee effectively has addressed the problems with the old system, adding that the bulk of the revisions to the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance will make the system easier to understand.

"The instrument will become an easier document to work with," Hiller said.

"I've worked with it for three years, and I still think I need a law degree to understand it as it was."

But he clarified that the revisions will make an important difference. "It's not just a semantic change; it's going to have a real effect," he said.

COSC will send the proposed revisions to Chancellor James Moeser on Dec. 15. If he approves the changes, the revisions will be sent to Student Congress.

Hiller said that once Student Body President Jen Daum or Speaker Carey Richter sponsors the proposal, it likely will take a month to work through Congress. He added that the proposal will be put on a consent calendar, which

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State Check On BOG Put Off for Now

By KATHRYN ROEBUCK
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Despite a looming deadline, a legislative commission charged with reviewing the UNC-system Board of Governors has not met and probably will not convene before the holidays, officials say.

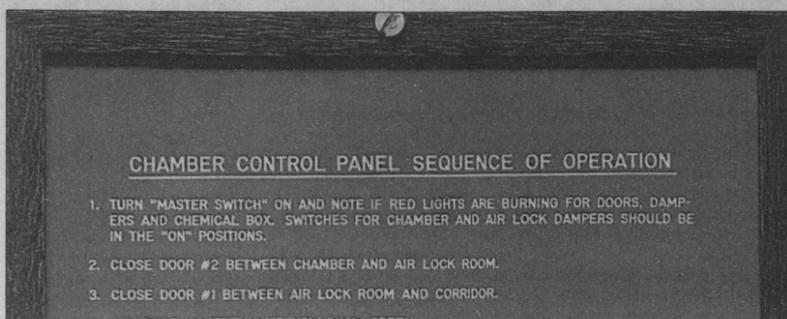
The N.C. General Assembly voted to create the commission in October 2001 after several legislators questioned the board's size and its impact on the system's two research universities - UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University. The study commission is scheduled to report its findings in January 2003.

But the 10-member commission has not been able to meet because of the extended legislative session caused by difficulties drafting the state budget.

Commission member Rep. Beverly Earle, D-Mecklenburg, added that other committees also have not met as a result of budget problems because special committees, such as the BOG study commission, cannot meet during regular session.

"Although we definitely need to look

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AT 2 A.M. FRIDAY, ERNEST BASDEN WILL BE EXECUTED IN THIS CENTRAL PRISON CHAMBER.



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Above: Witnesses will watch executions from the witness room at Central Prison. Executions are scheduled for Friday and Tuesday. Top: Posted instructions detail use of the gas chamber, which has not been used in North Carolina since 1998, when the state switched to lethal injections only.

DEATH PENALTY DEBATED IN STATE

By MATT HANSON
Staff Writer

At 1 a.m. Friday, a shackled Ernest Basden will march down the bleached hallway from the tight quarters of solitary confinement in death watch. He will be to be strapped into a gurney and spend the last hour of his life with the Central Prison chaplain. At 2 a.m., he will be put to death.

Desmond Carter will follow Basden on Tuesday. Basden and Carter both were convicted of murder in 1993. Both were sentenced to die by lethal injection.

After a series of appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court denied Oct. 2 Carter's plea for review. Basden's plea was denied Oct. 21.

Gov. Mike Easley is now the only person left with the authority to give them clemency before the executions. Meanwhile, the option of moratoriums on execu-

tions such as these has been gaining support in some states. Illinois and Maryland both have instituted moratoriums in the last three years.

A committee of N.C. legislators and residents also considered what action should be taken on the issue of the death penalty. In 2001 the committee compiled a report used to formulate a law outlawing the execution of mentally handicapped people.

Some state officials now are in favor of a full moratorium. "I'm against the death penalty - period," said N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange.

But others say they favor the current system and think the state should continue to use the death penalty. "If the jury has determined that their crimes merit the death penalty, then I support the jury's decision," said Rep. Edgar Starnes, R-Caldwell.

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UNC Campus Forgiving of Moeser Error

Ehringhaus error admission gains support

By DAVE SZWEDO
Staff Writer

Chancellor James Moeser's acknowledgement of error in his compensation agreement with UNC-Chapel Hill Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Susan Ehringhaus has University faculty and staff members calling for his support.

Several prominent UNC-system leaders, including President Molly Broad, criticized Moeser's actions Monday.

Later that day, the chancellor admitted that his decision to pay Ehringhaus almost \$320,000 for eight months of work in Washington, D.C. and one year of teaching at the UNC-CH School of Law was a mistake.

Though his decision previously has garnered criticism from University faculty and staff, some now say they admire Moeser for admitting his error.

"I think it's a pretty bold thing for someone to acknowledge they made a mistake," said Margaret Leigh, Faculty Council executive committee member. "It's increased my respect for him."

But although some are pleased with Moeser's admittance of fault, others have not received his decision as well. An anonymous flier was posted around campus Tuesday calling for a chant of "Fire Moeser" during Saturday's nationally televised home basketball game.

But Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller said such criticism is inappropriate. "In my job I get to work with

the chancellor more closely than many people, and I can tell you that the chancellor is a friend of the students and a fair administrator," he said. "These comments are completely out of line."

Law Professor Charles Daye, another member of the Faculty Council's executive committee, said he hopes the University can move past the decision

and continue to push forward. "The chancellor has made an extraordinary statement. We should take it at face value and move on."

Some faculty members said it is important to consider the chancellor's very prominent - and very public - standing at the University as a contributing factor to the attention his decision has drawn.

"When administrators make mistakes, they're very public mistakes that invite a lot of criticism," said Noelle Granger, professor of cell and developmental biology and member of the Faculty Council executive committee. She also said Moeser's decision might

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Female Students Hold Top 3 Leadership Posts

By ERIN GANLEY
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With the election of Carey Richter as speaker of Student Congress on Tuesday, women now lead all three branches of student government - a first in UNC history.

Richter, who replaces December graduate Tony Larson as speaker, joins Student Body President Jen Daum and Student Attorney General Amanda Spillman in their leadership roles.

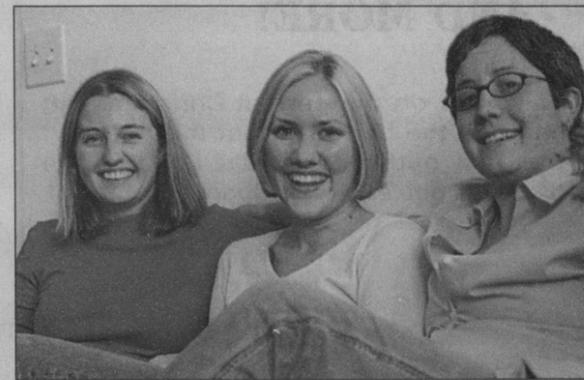
Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, said the event is a sign of the University's progress in the past few decades. "This is a University community that was very late in recognizing and advancing the abilities of women. It is making very notable strides."

Richter said the accomplishment is especially notable because of the University's late acceptance of women. UNC began admitting females as graduate students in 1897 but did not admit women as freshman undergraduates without restrictions until 1972.

"It is amazing considering we (women) haven't been at the University as long as at our peer institutes."

Daum said she hopes students will recognize that representation reflecting the female majority on campus is long overdue. "I hope that most people would think it's about time (women were in leadership positions)," she said. "This campus is so predominantly female that it makes

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UNC's female student government leaders include Student Attorney General Amanda Spillman (left), Student Body President Jen Daum and new Speaker of Student Congress Carey Richter.

One man's justice is another man's injustice. ... One man's wisdom is another's folly.

Ralph Waldo Emerson