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Chambers tapped as May speaker

LAWYER, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

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Julius Chambers, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law alumnus and civil rights activist, was announced Wednesday by Chancellor James Moeser as this year's Commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2004.

Chambers unanimously was recommended to the chancellor in

May by the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, comprising students and faculty. Committee members said he was chosen for his dedication to education and civil rights.

Senior Class President George Leamon said he is confident that the graduating class of 2004 will benefit from hearing Chambers speak at Commencement.

He added that he thinks Chambers will send a dynamic message of hope to this year's graduating class. "It says a great deal for this University and sends a message of us being a vanguard for diversity."

Before Chambers was a Tar Heel, he was a member of N.C. Central University's class of 1958. He then earned his master's degree in history at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor before returning to North Carolina to attend UNC-CH's law school.

Since Chambers graduated from law school, he has remained active



Civil rights leader Julius Chambers was picked as speaker for graduation due to his record of social justice.

in education, especially in North Carolina.

Opening a law firm in Charlotte in 1964, Chambers won the Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education case, which upheld busing as a means to integrate

Charlotte schools in 1971.

Chambers also served as director-counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc.

In 1993, he became chancellor of NCCU. He remained there until June 2001, when he returned to the Charlotte law firm.

Chambers remains close to UNC-CH, serving as director of the Center for Civil Rights, which focuses on the advancement of civil rights and social justice, primarily in the South.

Leamon, a member of the selection committee, expressed interest in Chambers as this year's Commencement speaker in his platform for senior class president.

Senior Class Vice President Doug Melton said the pair wanted a speaker with North Carolina ties as well as someone who has made a national impact. "It's a great opportunity for students to hear a speaker that's from the University."

Later this month, students will have a chance to visit Chambers at

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HEELS FOR HEALTH



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Former UNC men's basketball coach Dean Smith (left) signs a ball for Norris Dunham in Carmichael Auditorium on Wednesday morning. Smith met the N.C. Senior Games players on the court to help promote the games' cause. Male and female basketball players older than 65 participated in the games last week and

got flu shots in an effort to raise awareness of flu season. The N.C. Senior Games began as a way to promote health and education for seniors throughout North Carolina. The state final games took place in Raleigh and lasted from Sept. 29 until Sunday. Various players made appearances in Chapel Hill on Wednesday.

Strict policy on out-of-staters remains unique

Lawmakers wield admissions power

BY LYNNE SHALLCROSS

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When it comes to setting the proportion of in-state and out-of-state students at a school, university admissions officials nationwide say it's a complex balancing act.

But few top public universities adhere to such a stringent and low out-of-state student cap as UNC-Chapel Hill.

Except for University of California system schools, most premier public universities have larger proportions of out-of-state students.

Both the University of Virginia and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, two public institutions ranked higher than UNC-CH, have caps more than 10 percentage points higher.

Yet UNC-CH has a tradition of strong ties to the state, as engrained in the campus's motto as "the University of the People."

UNC-CH also receives a significant portion of its budget from state funds, although state aid has dwindled in recent years.

All these components are part of

the larger issue at hand as the UNC-system Board of Governors considers increasing the current 18 percent cap on out-of-state students.

The BOG will resume discussion today on a policy to relax the cap by admitting as many as 4 percent more nonresident students.

Out-of-state enrollment is a tough area to negotiate, said admissions officers at top public institutions and experts in the field.

Officials said that each side of the debate has its merits and that finding a happy medium involves balancing geographic diversity with accessibility for in-state students.

There is no official dogma on how to reconcile these different aspects, said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"The challenge of deciding the right number or proportion of out-of-state students would be a matter of balancing the state's interests in service to state residents with certain academic and financial benefits associated with enrollment of out-of-state students," Nassirian said.

That challenge is left up to the individual schools, but officials said state legislatures still have an

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LOOKING AT ADMISSIONS POLICIES OF UNC'S PEERS

Top public institutions have a variety of residency requirements and legislative influence.

| School | Percent In-state | Percent Out-of-state | Percent of budget from state |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| U. of California-Berkeley | 89 | 11 | 30 |
| U. of Virginia | 69 | 31 | 10 |
| U. of Michigan-Ann Arbor | 65 | 35 | 38 |
| U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill | 82 | 18 | 25 |
| College of William & Mary | 66 | 34 | 29 |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | 68 | 32 | 34 |

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Scholarship fund will honor Gates

Journalism school seeks donations

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In the wake of the Saturday death of UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus Stephen Gates, a memorial scholarship fund at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication has been approved.

Gates was killed early Saturday morning in a hit-and-run that authorities now are calling a tragic accident.

He studied broadcast journalism at UNC-CH and graduated in 1998. While in school, he completed an internship at the Tar Heel Sports Network that became a full-time job upon graduation.

The Stephen Kennedy Gates Memorial Scholarship Fund was announced Tuesday.

Officials have yet to finalize the details of the scholarship, but the school already is accepting con-

tributions. If fund-raising efforts are successful, a recipient could be announced this spring.

Mick Mixon, color analyst for UNC-CH football and professor of journalism, said, "I think it came about through Stephen's family that knew how he felt about the School of Journalism and about Carolina."

Mixon said officials are looking into combining the scholarship with an internship at the Tar Heel Sports Network, where Gates worked as a football sideline reporter and was the play-by-play voice for UNC-CH baseball and women's basketball.

Many people already have expressed interest in donating to the scholarship fund.

Tony Haynes, who works at the N.C. State University network,

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Public outcry saves bars

BY CHRIS GLAZNER

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The Chapel Hill Town Council approved a sprinkler ordinance by an 8-1 vote Wednesday night, but it removed sections that would affect existing bars.

The revised law affects only new businesses and requires sprinklers in bars with capacities of more than 200 people. The threshold drops to 150 for bars with exits above or below street level.

Owners of Hell, Bub O'Malley's and the Treehouse had feared that the originally proposed ordinance — one that would have applied to existing bars — would have forced them to close.

Existing structures were exempted thanks to an overwhelmingly negative public response to the possible loss of the three businesses. Council member Bill Strom proposed removing the sections that would affect those bars.

"It's a great victory for the people," said Mark Dorosin, owner of Hell.

Dorosin spearheaded a grassroots movement in opposition to the ordinance, gathering more than 600 signatures for a petition and encouraging Hell patrons to attend the meeting.

At the meeting, members of the public spoke out overwhelmingly against the bill. Most comments focused on the injustice of forcing local businesses to close.

"Hell is one of the few bars I like to go to because the undergraduates aren't there," said Phaedra Kelly, a Chapel Hill resident.



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Phaedra Kelly (left) and Jessica Kem, Hell Bar patrons, laugh as Town Council member Dorothy Verkerk makes a joke about "Hell freezing over."

Lloyd Rippe of Bub O'Malley's made a brief and solemn appeal to council members not to put the establishment out of business.

Strom, in particular, was receptive to owners' concerns.

"I've gotten less comfortable with requiring sprinklers for these three businesses," he said. "I think these businesses are very different from the business in Rhode Island."

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UNC roots important to chemist

Nobel winner got start as Tar Heel

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Though Dr. Peter Agre won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for studies at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, his trek toward recognition began at UNC more than two decades ago.

"He began his research work here and he finished it at Johns Hopkins," said Dr. Harold Roberts, UNC Kenan Professor of medicine. "But the beginning was here."

Agre, who split the prize with Dr. Roderick MacKinnon of The Rockefeller University, stumbled upon strange cellular proteins while working as a postdoctoral fellow at

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