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all three schools between May 29 and June 3 and seemed poised to invite all three teams.

But in an unexpected turn of events, the ACC offered invitations to only Miami and Virginia Tech, leaving the conference one team short of the required number for a football championship game.

"Eleven was in one sense an incomplete pass, if you will, and some thought even an awkward organization," said UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser.

"Twelve works better. Twelve obviously gets you to a football championship, which has a major impact on the health of the conference."

Rumors swirled in late September about Notre Dame possibly being incorporated into the ACC on a gradual basis, a process that eventually would have included the Fighting Irish's independent football team.

But Notre Dame officials vehemently denied any interest, which forced ACC leaders to look elsewhere for the coveted final team. They found a willing partner in BC. "The ACC is a strong, stable con-

ference, and membership in it secures the future of our intercollegiate athletics program," Leahy said.

The announcement ends the expansion saga and the bizarre sequence of events involved.

"When the process started, our point of view was that we have a strong conference and there wasn't any need to expand," said Dick Baddour, UNC-CH director of athletics. "I'd say that the process was extremely difficult and awkward at times."

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RELATIONS

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Center for Black Culture and History, said she hears few concerns about overt racism and more problems with students feeling isolated because of their race.

She said that some students feel uncomfortable in classes in which they are the only minority and that students are reporting that their group of friends is not very diverse.

"You can walk into the Pit, and on one side of Lenoir (Dining Hall) you see white people, and the other side you see black people," said Derwin Dubose, co-chairman of SARR.

But while sitting in the Pit, some students said they don't think UNC is split along racial lines.

"I don't see many boundaries and divisions between the races (at UNC)," said Bruce Carroll, a freshman journalism major. He said the groups he is involved in, including Carolina Fever, are diverse.

Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, said the relatively small number of UNC's 26,000 students who meet at the Pit make it an inaccurate picture of UNC's self-segregation.

Instead, he said, he measures the level of self-segregation at UNC by examining student groups, which he said are diverse, with the exception of those formed around cultural and ethnic affiliations. "People look at the Pit and sometimes use that as their measuring stick," he

said. "Outside the Pit, I don't see self-segregation at UNC."

But Lily West, co-chairwoman of SARR, said race relations on campus look better than they are.

"I think UNC does a great job of providing the image of a race-relations-conscious campus," she said. "But fundamentally, there are issues of race communication that have not been addressed and have never been addressed. And it fractures this campus."

West said she thinks student leaders, especially those of different races, are not communicating well, making it difficult for their groups to work together.

Some students pointed to culture- and ethnicity-based organizations as promoting segregation.

"There's something of value in sharing time and friendships with people that are similar to you," West said. "But the reaching out isn't happening."

Maya Sirur, a junior and one of the student coordinators of UNITAS, said her experience in the program helped her stray away from what she calls "the Indian clique." "I've noticed it, and I've personally found myself falling into it at times," she said of self-segregation. "It takes a conscious effort not to fall into that."

Most people agree that improving relations is a two-pronged effort. Individuals, along with organizations, must make it a priority.

Sargent said students first must decide to explore other cultures

and then organizations must provide them with opportunities. "Students are naturally curious, and I think they will take that chance," Sargent said. "Institutions must then be there for them."

Tripp Costas, president of UNC College Republicans, said he is making cultural outreach a club priority with plans to speak to cultural groups such as the Carolina Hispanic Association. "I think we're a fairly diverse group, but I don't think that's enough," he said.

West said her committee aims to improve communication by institutionalizing race relations dialogue training. The training, which would arm students with the skills to confront racism and race relations issues, already has received support from the Office of the Dean of Students, West said.

She said her committee plans to include some dialogue training for freshmen during C-TOPS and to offer it to all student groups. She said that by creating a dialogue, the committee will unite all campus groups working on race relations.

But some said the University cannot force improved race relations. "We can never really understand people until we interact with them by choice," said Miriam Williams, a senior international studies major.

"I think there's a fix, but it's not a quick fix, and it's not a mass fix."

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CONCERNS

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letes and a loss of tradition as key reasons why the school did not support the additions of Boston College, Miami, Syracuse or Virginia Tech.

While the University used those concerns to justify its rejection of expansion in June, those fears seem to be less prevalent now despite the fact that the conference will stretch from Massachusetts to southern Florida — a reality that could result in additional class time missed by athletes.

"We continue to have those concerns," Moeser said. "I'm reasonably confident, and I think Dick Baddour is reasonably confident, that we can manage those."

When BC joins the conference, the ACC likely will adopt the foot-

ball divisions the conference's athletic directors created earlier this month in order to stage an annual football championship game that could bring in nearly \$10 million. BC probably will be added to the division that had five teams.

Each team will play the other teams in its division once each year. The champion of each division will play at a neutral site in a conference championship football game, which now will be permissible since the NCAA allows conferences with 12 or more teams to hold such a contest.

UNC-CH's division will include Georgia Tech, Miami, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Duke, so UNC-CH would play these five teams each year.

And assuming that the ACC continues to guarantee the annual rivalry game between UNC-CH and N.C. State, North Carolina

would have only two games each year between the other five conference schools: Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Maryland and Wake Forest.

How a rotation could be established between those five teams remains to be seen.

Another potential consequence of the addition of Boston College is that for budgetary and student welfare reasons, some Olympic sports might have to cancel a non-conference trip to compensate.

"There are some concerns with flexibility and scheduling," Baddour said. "In other words, a team might be planning a trip to the Midwest and instead now will plan a trip to Boston."

"So I think we can minimize missed class time."

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DEBATE

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other, which has characterized the candidates' debates so far.

"While George Bush has been in office, America has lost 3 million jobs," Edwards said after the debate in the Hilton Charlotte & Towers atrium. "We need to make sure Bush has a new job come November."

Clark, Kucinich and Sharpton arrived on time for the round table, hosted by the South Carolina National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Edwards, Gephardt and Moseley Braun arrived more than three hours late — well after the debate's conclusion.

The debate focused on civil liberties under the Bush administration. "There is an attempt by the president to turn back the clocks on civil rights," Sharpton said. "But we will not go back."

Clark said Bush's tax cuts have made minority communities poorer, furthering their already unstable economic situation. "We're hemorrhaging jobs out there," he said. "We need to have an active

job creation process in America." Kucinich said using affirmative action would give minorities necessary access to all levels of work.

"Blue collar, white collar, pink collar — it's all the same," he said. "We're going to have iron collars around our necks if things don't change."

Sharpton, the crowd favorite when it came to minority issues, said he has devoted a lot of his time to recruiting minority voters.

"We must expand the electorate to defeat Bush," he said.

While the event's focus was on civil rights, the evening's undertones were based on a much more recent fight.

It was a year to the day that the U.S. House had passed legislation allowing military action in Iraq, and the Democrats gathered at the debate were not quick to forget the bill's repercussions.

Sharpton said he shares the U.S. public's dissatisfaction with Bush's dealings with the United Nations.

"I would go to the U.N. and say my predecessor was wrong," said

Clark, who took a lambasting from the other Democratic candidates in Phoenix for his wavering stance on Iraq.

"I'm willing to concede control," he said. "It's time to protect the American people from the real danger, and that's the people who ran into the World Trade Center."

But there was one aspect of the Iraq rebuilding process the three candidates in the debate agreed on: the Bush administration's request for \$87 billion in additional rebuilding funds.

"The \$87 billion should not, cannot, will not be approved before the American public knows what it's going toward," Clark said.

Almost an hour into the round table, Kucinich and Sharpton had to make their exit, leaving Clark to command the stage.

The three late arrivals gave impromptu speeches after the debate's conclusion while the remaining NAACP delegates ate dinner in the atrium.

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UNIVERSITY DAY

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In the last portion of her address, Coleman criticized the number of articles written about the cost of higher education, citing UNC as an example of a university trying to combat that stigma.

"There is no question that the University of North Carolina is providing broad accessibility for students seeking higher accessibility," Coleman said.

Kit Evans, chief marshal for the class of 2004, said she enjoyed the speech. "She brought everyone into her speech."

University Day also included the

presentation of the Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards to Coleman, who received a doctoral degree in biochemistry from UNC in 1969; Katherine Ann High, who received her medical degree from UNC in 1978; and Shirley Friedlander Weiss, who received her master of regional planning degree from UNC in 1958.

Moeser stressed in his speech that UNC has been a model for public universities across the country since its founding in 1793. "Carolina still continues to keep this lamp burning."


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