

# NCSU looks to Fox's follower U.S. urges reform in Uzbekistan

## Plans makeup of selection committee

BY AMY THOMSON  
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With its chancellor on the verge of heading west, N.C. State University might have some head-hunting to do.

While she hasn't officially been offered a job, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has announced her intention to take over the chancellorship at the University of California-San Diego, forcing N.C. State to launch an arduous nationwide search for her replacement.

Under the code of the UNC system, a committee of N.C. State students, faculty, trustees and alumni will have to select three equally acceptable candidates.

Joni Worthington, communications director for the UNC system, said the exact makeup of the committee will be discussed in the next few weeks by system President Molly Broad and Peaches Blank, chairwoman of N.C. State's Board of Trustees.

Cynthia Bonner, UNC-system

associate vice president for faculty and staff resources, added that the search committee likely will advertise the position, screen all applicants and ultimately pick three names for Broad's consideration.

The BOG will then vote whether to approve or reject the recommendation. The board also would have to approve the new chancellor's salary.

Fox was the second highest paid UNC-system chancellor behind UNC-Chapel Hill's James Moeser.

Fox's salary for the 2003-04 school year was \$248,225.

One of officials' main considerations will be to increase the diversity of the committee. "Obviously, we want to make (the committee) as representative of the campus community as possible," said Katie Perry, N.C. State's senior vice provost for academic affairs.

Bonner said it is still too early to speculate on who would be on the committee or how much the selection process will cost.

The selection committee proba-

bly will use an executive search firm, as the other two system schools that selected chancellors this year elected to do.

The firms typically charge about a third of the incoming executive's salary. Universities also have to pay for advertising, transportation and other interview-related expenses.

If the new chancellor receives a paycheck similar to Fox's, the firm used to find him will charge closer to \$80,000.

Bonner said there are advantages to using such a group, particularly when members of a search committee already are busy performing their everyday jobs.

"The search firms are experts at identifying candidates who are successful in their current positions and might otherwise not be looking for a job.

"That's not to say that committee members couldn't do that, but they all have other jobs."

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TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A U.S. congressional delegation urged the Uzbek government Monday to press ahead with democratic reforms in the wake of terror attacks that killed 47 people last week, saying it was "the natural and correct step."

Calling the attacks an attempt "to destabilize the government of Uzbekistan," U.S. Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., said the United States was willing to help determine who was behind the series of bombings and shootings.

Uzbek authorities are still hunting for those suspected of carrying out the attacks.

"How many? If we knew that, then we'd be the happiest people in the world," Prosecutor-General spokeswoman Svetlana Artikova said.

Officials have said unspecified international terror groups were responsible for the attacks, which mainly targeted police, killing 10 officers and four civilians. Thirty-three alleged terrorists were killed in four days of explosions, suicide attacks and assaults on police that began March 28.

Dreier said the attacks should

prompt the Uzbek government to enact reforms.

"I happen to believe that from this tragedy, moving toward the goal of bringing about greater political freedoms and economic freedoms is the natural and correct step," Dreier told reporters after meeting with Uzbek Foreign Minister Sadyk Safayev.

A U.S. State Department report on human rights in Uzbekistan released in February said the government was committing "numerous serious abuses."

At least four people died in custody last year because of mistreatment by authorities, the report said, and between 5,300 and 5,800 people were in prisons for political or religious reasons.

Still, the United States and Uzbekistan have been close allies since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the United States is using an air base near the Afghan border, a key asset in ousting the Taliban from power in late 2001.

Dreier said the U.S. delegation was "very encouraged from the reports that we have been seeing in the area of human rights," but didn't provide any examples.

Uzbekistan and the United

States signed a strategic partnership agreement in 2002.

For the Uzbek government to continue receiving direct U.S. aid, the Secretary of State must certify that the country is making progress on human rights and other civil liberties.

On Sunday, Safayev told foreign journalists that cutting off aid to the country would be a mistake and insisted progress was being made on human rights and economic reforms.

Dreier's delegation was in Uzbekistan to "conduct oversight on the U.S. regional security presence, including the ongoing operations in Afghanistan," the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent said in a statement.

Also on Monday, the Chairman-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Passy, said Uzbek President Islam Karimov told him that the country was ready to cooperate with the OSCE in the run-up to parliamentary elections later this year.

Passy did not say if OSCE election observers will monitor the vote.

## THE Daily Crossword

By Robert H. Wolfe

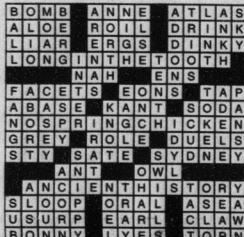
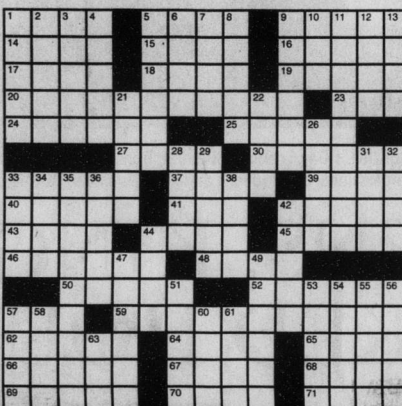
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  - Dash
  - Cogito \_\_\_ sum
  - Empirical philosopher
  - Footwear on horseback?
  - Plunk starter?
  - College paper
  - Outline
  - Road shoulder
  - Blot
  - Cavalryman's weapon
  - Right on maps
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  - Rx approvers
  - Field measures
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  - Russian ruler
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  - Bird perched at the bar?
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  - Actress Campbell
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- DOWN**
- Smallest Scotsman
  - God of Islam
  - Forest space
  - Smooths wood
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  - Rowers
  - Close by, old-style
  - Honker
  - Fragrant substance
  - ET's vehicle
  - Support piece on a swaying seat?
  - Hit with a finger
  - End of the road?
  - Zodiac sign

- Formerly, formerly
- About
- Umps' cohorts
- Lady's address
- Native people of Canada
- Shell rival
- Numidian serpent
- Shaving-cream additive
- Initials carved on a seat?
- Transfuse
- Indian wear

- Video-game company
- Try out
- Stair parts
- Slangy officer
- Burgs
- Lace tip
- Type of fire?
- Parasitic pest
- Brought to a close
- Letter starter
- Opera highlight
- Nabisco cookie
- Molten rock
- Observe



## Judge dismisses two claims in APS battle

BY SARA LEWKOWICZ  
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An Orange County Superior Court judge threw out claims Monday by both sides of the ongoing legal battle between the Animal Protection Society and critics Judith Reitman and Elliot Cramer.

Judge John R. Jolly Jr. dismissed a defamation countersuit — filed by APS in response to a suit filed by Cramer and Reitman — along with Reitman and Cramer's claim of breach of fiduciary duty.

Barry Nakell, attorney for Reitman and Cramer, said Jolly did not give any reason for the dismissal of the claims. Jolly did not dismiss the defamation countersuit filed by APS directors and Laura Walters but did acknowledge the difficulty the plaintiffs would encounter in proving their case.

"We will defend those claims at

trial," Nakell said. "I believe that the court probably held that the First Amendment applies to the claims of APS for defamation. I don't understand why the court let that go to trial."

Former APS President Pat Beyle expressed her relief at the court's decision. "I am so relieved, and I am so delighted," she said. "This has been going on for a very long time, and it's time to move on and have this over with."

Cramer and Reitman filed their suit two years ago claiming that the APS board illegally altered the organization's bylaws to prevent non-board members from participating in the election of board members.

APS and Laura Walters, director of the animal shelter at the time, countered with claims of libel, slander and defamation.

Since then, the organization has

come under harsh criticism from Cramer and Reitman over how it runs the county's animal shelter. As a result, the Orange County Board of Commissioners appointed a task force to examine the future of the shelter.

After examining the management and structure of APS and the shelter, the commissioners decided Thursday to remove animal shelter control from APS. Members of a task force sub-committee met today to discuss the ultimate fate of the animal shelter.

Jim Kramer, a member of the county's task force, said he believes the animal shelter will end up in the hands of the county.

"From the last meeting, it's pretty clear that the county is going to take over the shelter one way or another," he said. "It's just a matter of going through the formalities and the shift in regime."

Kramer said he is relieved at the developments regarding the organization. "I have a very poor opinion of the APS. ... I really hope the county can get in there and do what they are supposed to be doing."

The trial date is set for June 28.

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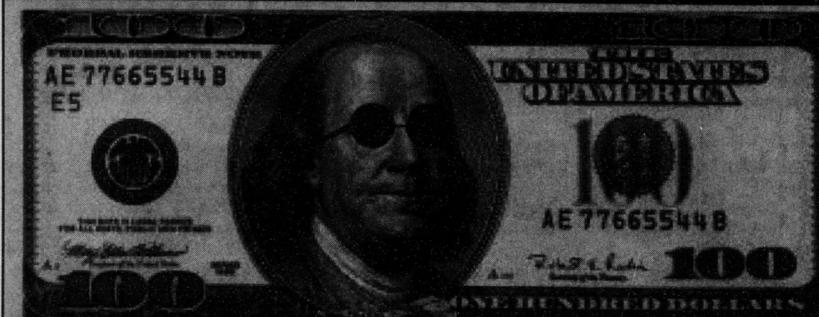
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