

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
**Vice chancellor candidate to participate in forums**

UNC students will have two opportunities this week to meet and hear from Edward Spencer, one of three finalists for the position of vice chancellor for student affairs.

Spencer, the assistant vice president for student affairs at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, will participate in an open forum with students tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. in Union 3206-A.

An open forum for students, faculty and staff will take place tomorrow from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Center in 305 Carroll Hall.

Feedback forms will be available at each of the forums to give audience members the chance to provide the search committee with their opinions of Spencer.

**STATE BRIEFS**  
**Fox OK'd for new post as UC-San Diego chancellor**

Marye Anne Fox, chancellor at N.C. State University, was approved Monday to become the new chancellor of the University of California-San Diego, effective August 16.

The UC Board of Regents approved Fox for the post at one of its meetings. She will become the seventh chancellor at UCSD and its first permanent, appointed female chancellor — a job that brings with it the responsibility of overseeing a school with almost 25,000 students and an annual research budget of \$630 million.

Fox, who has been at the helm of N.C. State since 1998, is a nationally recognized research chemist who has won much acclaim during her tenure for her skill in overseeing research and other facets of university life.

She will earn a base salary of \$350,000 at UCSD, a substantial increase from her N.C. State pay of \$248,220.

"It has been a special privilege and honor to serve as chancellor during a key period of N.C. State's history," Fox is quoted as saying in a press release. "I step down now, proud of what faculty, staff and students have accomplished in six years and confident that the good work of colleagues and friends will continue."

**Former research director files lawsuit against ECU**

GREENVILLE — A former research director at East Carolina University has sued the school, saying she was denied a tenure-track position and demoted because she reported problems in a grant program.

Vivian West, former research director and program manager for ECU's National Library of Medicine project, filed the lawsuit March 11 in Pitt County Superior Court.

In it, she says she was punished after she reported clerical, accounting and hiring problems.

She says that the school never reported the problems to federal officials and that findings of an audit confirming her claims were disallowed by former Chancellor William Muse and former Vice Chancellor Thomas Feldbush.

Ben Irons, the university's attorney, said he is consulting the state attorney general's office, which will represent ECU. He would not comment further.

Muse said he had not been told about the lawsuit, and Feldbush said he knew little about it.

West resigned in August after ECU rejected her application for an administrative position in the nursing school and demoted her, the lawsuit says. She is seeking back wages and benefits; compensation for future loss of earning capacity, loss of reputation, emotional distress, attorney fees; and punitive damages against each of the defendants.

Muse resigned Sept. 12 after audits on the NLM contract and the university's housing department were completed. The audit findings were critical, although officials at the time did not link them directly to the resignation.

West took a job in September at UNC-Chapel Hill as an associate professor of research, working on a prevention study of Type II diabetes in children.

**CALENDAR**  
**Today**

5 p.m. — All students are invited to an open forum and presentation on corporate signage, sponsored by the Carolina Athletic Association and the Department of Athletics. The forum, which will take place in Union 3205, will include administrators in the athletic department, including Athletic Director Dick Baddour.

From staff and wire reports.

# BSM aiming to increase outreach

## New, re-elected leaders expand goals

BY JENNY RUBY  
 STAFF WRITER

As newly elected leaders of the Black Student Movement reflect on the successes of this school year, they are trying to find ways to reach out to a greater number of students and involve them with the organization and its programs.

BSM members held elections earlier this semester, supporting candidates who promoted increasing participation on campus.

Junior Erin Davis was re-elected

as the BSM president, and she and a number of newly elected leaders look forward to pushing the organization to new heights next year.

Davis will work alongside a new vice president, sophomore Brandon Hodges. Junior Fatimah Shahid-el will continue her role as secretary. The position of treasurer is shared by juniors Kendra McKinney and Conitras Houston.

Shahid-el said the leaders hope to increase their influence across campus by co-sponsoring more

activities with other groups. "This year we've done a good job of reaching out to other groups and co-sponsoring," she said. "That is something we need to continue to do."

Davis said that though the group targets black students primarily, others are invited to participate.

"We've been working very hard to make sure that everyone feels like the BSM is a place they can go," she said. "While our focus is on issues that reference the black community, we don't want to exclude anyone."

Shahid-el praised the work of the BSM and the way it benefits the students involved.

"I have a passion for BSM because of what it has meant to me and how it has helped me grow," she said. "I enjoy the way I get challenged through our conversations, and I wanted to continue to work with the leadership."

Davis said she has accomplished most of her goals for this school year and is excited about leading the organization again next year.

"This year we added a new committee," Davis said, referring to the Emphasizing Brotherhood Across Campus Effectively Committee. "We also increased the attendance at meetings. I am looking forward

to continuing success of the organization in the coming year."

EMBRACE provides black male students the opportunity to discuss a number of relevant issues. Davis said this was a good way to encourage students to increase their participation within BSM.

Shahid-el said BSM leaders are in the process of organizing many more events for next year.

"A lot of things are in the works for next year," she said. "We have a lot of good plans. Be on the lookout."

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Senior Gena Bittner leaves the Great Hall stage Tuesday with one of more than 60 Chancellor's Awards. Bittner, a varsity swimmer, won the Jim Tatum Memorial Award, for achieving distinction in her sport and contributing to the University.

# Noteworthy students, faculty, staff honored

## Chancellor's Awards distinguish seniors

BY TORRYE JONES  
 STAFF WRITER

The sounds of the University Brass Chamber Ensemble heralded the return of the annual Chancellor's Awards ceremony to the Great Hall of the Student Union on Tuesday.

Chancellor James Moeser said it was a pleasure to be back in the refurbished venue.

"This is the living room for students on campus," Moeser said. "It's a great place to award them."

The event honored 63 students, whom Moeser called "the brightest and hardest working undergraduate students who enhance the student experience at Carolina."

Three professors, six teaching assistants and one staff member also were recognized and received students' undergraduate awards.

The 12 member student selection committee chose recipients who promote the value of undergraduate teaching through example, create meaningful learning experiences and demonstrate concern for students in and out of

the classroom. Each faculty member received \$5,000, and each teaching assistant received \$1,000.

This year's selection committee dedicated the teaching awards to the memory of Robert Kirkpatrick, the late professor of English, for his "unwavering devotion to undergraduate teaching."

His daughter, Pamela Kirkpatrick, was commended for excellence in poetry with one of the 31 student academic awards presented.

Moeser emphasized the importance of the new staff award, which students approved in a referendum Feb. 10.

"It's a thoughtful and beautiful thing," he said. "Thanks to those who voted for the referendum."

Student Body President Matt Calabria, who presented the teaching and staff awards, gave a special congratulations to Jeffery Garris, production manager of Carolina Union, for being the first recipient of the staff award.

"I heard he had resounding student

support," Calabria said. The staff award was based on demonstrated excellence in service, dedication to undergraduate students and a positive effect on undergraduate students.

Student recipients said the awards were a great affirmation of their accomplishments at UNC.

"It's a great ending to my journey at Carolina," said Norledia Moody, who received the George Moses Horton Award for Multicultural Leadership. "I'm very appreciative of the award. It definitely means a lot to me."

The award is given by the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative and creativity in multicultural education programs.

Four seniors, including Joshua Adam Carter, received two awards each. Carter won both the Archibald Henderson Prize in Mathematics and the Paul E. Shearin Outstanding Senior Award in Physics.

"It was nice to be recognized," Carter said. "It makes you feel like you've done

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## Local group focuses on roots, shuns selling out

BY NICK PARKER  
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Stop me if you've heard this one before.

Roman Candle, a local alt-country ensemble, started with modest intentions. At first just a pair of brothers laying down tracks in the basement of their rural N.C. home, the band has since blossomed into full-time rockers garnering national attention.

As more labels, promoters and artsy indie rockers jumped on the bandwagon, Roman Candle was put under more pressure to record that hot new album that would catapult them into the realm of rock stardom.

But in the face of all that pressure and with the promise of all that money, they stood behind their morals and refused to sell out. They're in it for the music.

It's the American rock fable. But this one ends a bit differently. With Roman Candle, it sticks. The tale is actually true.

"We still record every song in our basement in Wilkesboro," lead

**IF YOU GO**  
 Date: Wednesday, April 14 through Friday, April 16  
 Time: 8 p.m.  
 Location: The Speakeasy  
 Info: [www.romancandlemusic.com](http://www.romancandlemusic.com)

vocalist Skip Matheny said. "It's still just our family, working together, trying to make something that we like, trying to make good art."

Starting tonight, Roman Candle is inviting anyone interested in joining their family to come out to the Speakeasy off Main Street in downtown Carrboro.

For the next three nights, the band will be recording, mixing and cutting — on site — an entire live album aptly dubbed the *Exiled on Main Street Sessions*.

"It's been a long time since we have all been in Chapel Hill together, but it still feels like home," said Timshel Matheny, keyboardist and Skip's wife. "There is just a family of musicians and writers here that are

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## Couple wait to adopt baby

### Unrest in Haiti delaying process

BY KELLY OCHS  
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For two months, Rich Liebowitz has been eagerly awaiting the arrival of his new son, Ryan.

But Ryan is now almost five months old, and Liebowitz still is waiting for him to come home.

Liebowitz and his wife, Tracy Gaudet, are Durham residents and doctors at Duke University Medical Center. They are in the process of adopting Ryan, who is from Haiti.

But recent uprisings in the country have complicated the adoption process.

Gaudet is in Haiti, waiting for government offices to open so the adoption paperwork can be processed, but there seems to be no indication of when that will happen.

For two months, Gaudet and Ryan have been living alternately in a hotel room and in the apartment of a woman in Port-au-



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRACY GAUDET

Waiting in Haiti, Durham resident Tracy Gaudet holds Ryan, the baby she and her husband have been trying for two months to bring home.

Prince, the site of recent fighting. Liebowitz and Gaudet left for Haiti on Feb. 13. Five days later, Liebowitz flew home to return to work, and Gaudet stayed with Ryan and waited for the infant's adoption papers to be processed.

Before the paperwork could be completed, however, violence con-

cerning the Feb. 29 exile of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide broke out.

Liebowitz said that during the fighting, his wife could hear gunshots from her room.

"There were a couple of times in

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