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Moeser readies annual speech

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After putting the finishing touches on his State of the University address Wednesday afternoon, Chancellor James Moeser summed it up with one word: dynamic.

That seven-letter word, Moeser said, defines the energy of growth and change at the University.

It reflects UNC's efforts to

provide a quality education for low-income students through the Carolina Covenant and the recent implementation of several initiatives recommended by the Chancellor's Task Force for a Better Workplace.

But most importantly, it defines Moeser's top seven priorities for the University, to be announced at 3 p.m. today during his annual State

of the University address in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

"There is a momentum on this campus right now," he said. "It defines much of what we are doing, working to be the leading public university in the country."

The speech marks Moeser's fourth State of the University address since he stepped into the position during the fall of 2000.

During past speeches, Moeser has announced the launch of groundbreaking new initiatives for the University. Last year, it was the Carolina Covenant. The year before, it was the Institute for Advanced Materials, Nanoscience and Technology that joined undergraduate and graduate students in state-of-the-art research.

This year, Moeser's top goals

will reflect the priorities already detailed in the Academic Plan, a five-year guide introduced in July 2003 to shape decision-making for the entire University.

The plan's priorities include providing strong academic experiences for students; integrating research, education and public

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Congress stipends left up to students

Referendum will be held in October

BY LIZZIE STEWART
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When students select Mr. and Ms. UNC on the October Homecoming ballot, they also will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum that would entitle top Student Congress officials to receive monetary compensation for their positions.

If the proposal passes by a simple majority vote of at least 2.5 percent of the student body, it will place a provision in the Student Constitution allowing the speaker of Congress and the speaker pro tem to receive compensation.

Part of the Constitution, Title I of the Student Code, states that "no Student Congress member shall be entitled to a salary."

Kris Wampler, vice chairman of the Finance Committee, discovered while working on revisions to the Code that a section of the document allowed Congress to pay high-ranking officials. But that provision did not follow suit with the Constitution, which overrides all other parts of the Code.

"We're in violation with the code," Wampler said. "That's the bottom line."

At press time, members had yet to discuss a bill that would prohibit Student Congress members from receiving any form of compensation, clearing up ambiguous language in the Code.

If the referendum passes in October, the speaker pro tem and the speaker of Congress could be compensated without violating the Constitution.

"I want to emphasize that ... this is a legal way of getting stipends," Wampler said.

Both Speaker Charlie Anderson and Speaker Pro Tem Jen Orr have been offered stipends but have not accepted them.

Students will vote either for or against the proposed change to the Constitution, which would read, "No Student Congress Member, except the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore, shall be entitled to monetary compensation."

Members debated and eventually amended the referendum to put the issue to a vote this fall instead of waiting for elections next spring.

Orr said that if the referendum

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Sales of caffeine see major boost among students

Red Bull, other drinks gain steam

BY ADAM RODMAN
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Coffee soon might become so passé.

On UNC's campus this year, sales of caffeinated products including Red Bull and No-Doz have swelled — but not for any apparent reason.

"Within the last year — the last semester especially — all of a sudden, sales of Red Bull have doubled," said John Ware, manager of the Pit Stop located in Student Stores.

He sells 15 to 20 cases of Red Bull a week.

And Red Bull isn't the only beverage to benefit from chronically caffeinated students looking for a fix — Mountain Dew's AMP Energy Drink and SoBe Adrenaline Rush also are riding the tide.

"It's only been recently that other energy drinks can stick at all," Ware said.

In the past, so few energy drinks were sold that it wasn't profitable to stock anything other than Red Bull, Ware explained.

Red Bull's secret to stimulation is primarily caffeine, with 80 milligrams per can. Coffee has upwards of 80 milligrams a cup, depending on its strength.

On-campus sales of caffeine pills also have increased since last year, said Dawn Tomany, school supplies buyer at Student Stores.

Last year, the store sold 158 packs of caffeine pills. So far this year, 134 packs have been sold, long before November and December, the months when students usually buy the most.

Tomany said she thinks a small number of college students actu-

ally use caffeine pills. "It's probably a lot of the same customers (buying again)," she said.

Sales of caffeinated products have been increasing across the board at Student Stores, with the exception of regular soft drinks, said Steve Graham, Student Stores' snack manager.

"It's interesting that students might try to avoid sugar instead of caffeine," Ware said.

But both Ware and Graham were at a loss to explain the increased interest in energy drinks. "We don't advertise (Red Bull) or anything," Ware said.

But Red Bull has established a marketing presence on UNC's campus — according to the product's Web site, student brand managers have worked on campus to promote the drink during the past four years.

Ware said he thinks many students are drawn to energy drinks as preparation for a night out. "On Thursday, our sales are double."

Despite the increased sales, some UNC students, including senior romance languages major Ryan Fitzpatrick, don't depend on energy drinks for their daily dose of caffeine.

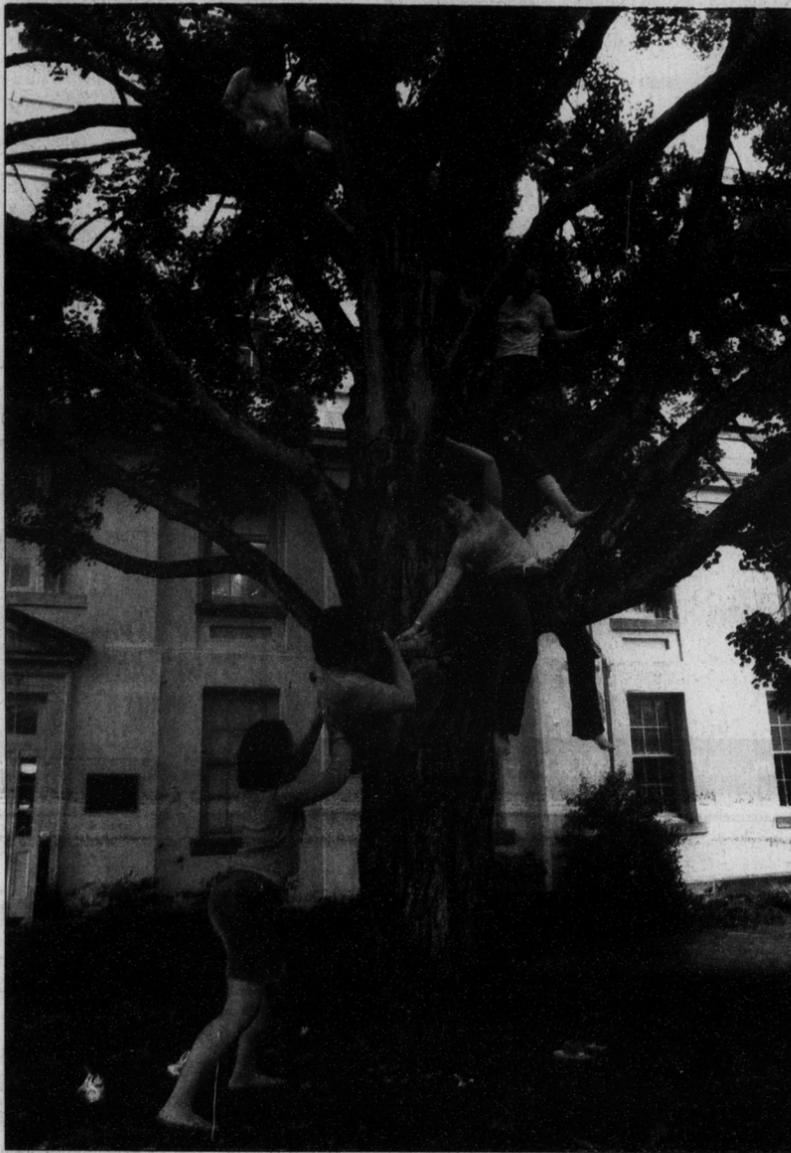
"It's too easy to get into the habit," he said, but admitted that he is addicted to Diet Coke.

Jenny Favret, a dietitian at UNC's Center for Healthy Student Behaviors, said caffeine, though seemingly harmless, is not necessarily the best way to perk up.

Overuse of energy drinks and other caffeinated products can lead to nervousness, jitteriness

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UP, UP AND AWAY



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Members of the UNC chapter of the Student Environmental Action Coalition conclude a group meeting by climbing a tree outside New East on Tuesday afternoon. Finishing

their meeting with an excursion to enjoy the outdoors was part of their meeting agenda for the day. After splashing in puddles outside the Student Union, members played in the fountain outside Bynum Hall.

UNC welcomes new vice chancellor

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
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Provost Robert Shelton climbed onto a coffee table Tuesday afternoon to invite faculty, staff and students gathered in the Student Union to welcome Margaret Jablonski, the new vice chancellor for student affairs.

"The word I would use to describe (Jablonski) is engaged,"

Shelton said. "She has not missed a beat since she's been here. She's already had meetings en masse and one-on-one, which I can tell you takes a lot of energy."

During the six weeks since taking on her new post, Jablonski has tried to acclimate herself to the University. "I've been trying to better understand the campus culture," she said. "I want to

answer the question, 'What does it mean to be at Carolina?'"

To accomplish this, Jablonski has made it her priority to become acquainted with various campus organizations.

"As with any good leader, she is taking her time to understand each organization and the people within it before she decides to move in any particular direction," said Cynthia Wolf Johnson, associate vice chancellor for student learning.

Student leaders present at the welcome event said Jablonski has proven herself to be a valuable asset for all students. "The vice chancellor position is one of the chief liaisons between the students and the administration, so it's been very important to us that she's been so receptive," said Student Body President Matt Calabria.

Focusing her efforts on how to better serve the students, Jablonski has begun implementing programs to address campus issues. She has created a staff development committee that will work to better educate members of her office on how to communicate with and respond to students. "I want to make sure we're developing programs to educate and serve a diverse student body," she said.

Before Tuesday's event, Jablonski expressed her excitement about campus construction and the possibilities that projects such as the Ramshead Center could create for students.

When the Ramshead Center is complete and Chase Hall is demolished in March, construction will begin on the Student Academic Services Building that will take its place and house programs such as the Writing Center and ROTC.

Jablonski will oversee the development of relationships between these programs, students and members of her staff.

"We want it to be like a one-stop shop for students," Jablonski said. Although she only has been at UNC for a short while, Jablonski said she has developed a strong admiration for the students. "I've been really impressed with the level of student involvement on this campus, from everything from Honor Court to Campus Y," she said. "People are just so involved here. I look forward to being part of this community for years to come."

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Council eyes methods to improve Cameron

Group discusses possible changes

BY JON WEINER
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Although problems with parking and biker safety along Cameron Avenue are not a new issue, the Chapel Hill Town Council now is examining ways to rectify the situation.

The council heard several different proposals for alternatives at its Monday night meeting, at which discussion centered on whether the town should establish parking meters, bike lanes or a combination of both.

The proposals specifically dealt with the renovation of about 90 nonmetered parking spaces along Cameron Avenue between Pittsboro Street and Merritt Mill Road.

On-street parking currently is prohibited on the south side of Cameron Avenue between 7 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. and on the north side from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

During these periods, the park-

ing lanes on each side of the road are designated as bike lanes that cyclists and other nonmotor commuters can use.

"It's dangerous to have a bike lane that comes and goes," said Claire Millar, a member of the town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

Town Manager Cal Horton made a recommendation Monday that would place parking meters on nonmetered spots.

This proposal would require 39 double meters and 12 single meters to be installed, which would cost the town about \$35,000, said Kumar Nepalli, a traffic engineer with the town.

These meters would generate somewhere between \$67,000 and \$87,100 annually for the town, according to information presented at Monday's meeting.

The town's Transportation Board and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board both endorsed an alternative to parking meters that would establish 8-foot wide bicycle lanes and prohibit parking

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Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs, speaks to alumni at a reception to welcome her held in the Student Union on Tuesday.

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