

Search for law school dean ready to begin

Prestige tops list of key concerns

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With the looming departure of Dean Gene Nichol, the UNC School of Law has begun its search for a successor.

Many of Nichol's colleagues said finding a replacement to measure up to the current dean's accomplishments could be difficult.

Nichol, who has served as UNC's law school dean for the last six years, will assume power as the 26th president of the College of William and Mary on July 1.

During his time at UNC, Nichol has extended his influence beyond the law school to become an active leader in the University community.

"Well, I spoke to virtually every gathering of three or more lawyers in the state of North Carolina for the last six years," he said. "We've moved that road show outside the state extensively, as well."

One of Nichol's greatest strengths is his ability to garner support and raise funds, said Scott Baker, a professor at the law school.

Heavy community involvement, Nichol said, was key to earning respect within the judicial community and garnering financial support from law school alumni. He said the responsibility of the dean is to build a symbiotic relationship between the institution

and the community.

Support from the community enables the law school to pursue its mission — to be a top institution, Nichol said. The school tied for 27th in U.S. News & World Report magazine's most recent rankings.

Because many of the top law schools are private programs or are moving in that direction, they rely less on donations and state funding than UNC's school does. Nichol said one of his main goals as dean was to show that UNC's law school is a reputable institution, despite its financial disadvantage as a public institution.

"I think UNC law school proves that you can be a great institution and still be public," he said. "You can still fulfill a public mission and obligation."

A vision of progress for a public institution will be a key component to the new dean's success, Nichol said.

"I think the law school will be stronger 10 years from now than it is today," he said. "We've made real progress — that will continue. I have no doubt my successor will be very successful. We're in good shape to attract a strong candidate."

Nichol said he considers his term a success. Citing increased faculty hiring, greater diversity and the creation of new institutions within the law school — such as the most recent Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity headed by former U.S. Senator John Edwards — Nichol said the law school is now more pre-

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table and held in higher esteem.

"The law school is in a lot stronger shape than it was six years ago," he said. "It was a strong place when I came, and it's even stronger now."

Provost Robert Shelton said he plans to assemble a search committee to review potential candidates who might fill the position.

Shelton said he has met with the law school faculty and requested that they submit nominations for people to serve on a search committee for the new dean.

He plans to solicit input from law students and faculty and to work with the faculty council, student government and the employee forum in making the decision.

Baker said Nichol's success and impact will put a lot of pressure on the next dean.

"It's going to be a great loss, he's been a wonderful leader — we're sad to see him go," Baker said. "We're going to have to find a new dean that will continue the tradition in excellence that Dean Nichol started."

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Town celebrates 250 years

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The yearlong celebration for Orange County's oldest town will end in style Sunday when an anniversary parade rolls through downtown Hillsborough.

The parade celebrates the 250th birthday of Hillsborough, the small town situated north of Chapel Hill and established two years after the county was founded in 1752.

"In addition to a number of our former mayors, we will have a special visit from William Hooper, one of Hillsborough's three signers of the Declaration of Independence," said Margaret Cannell, executive director of the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

"Of course we're not going to dig them up from the grave, we're actually going to have people who represent them," she explained. "I'm sure they will be with us in spirit."

Outgoing Hillsborough police Chief Nathaniel Eubanks will serve as grand marshal.

The parade will feature other — living — visitors, including Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange; and Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, on top

of performances from local school bands.

Attention to the town's history won't be limited to former political figures. There also will be Civil War era re-enactors, in addition to antique cars and tractors.

The town originally was named Orange and endured several more name changes before deciding on Hillsborough in 1766. Some town streets, including Churton Street, still carry their original names.

"William Churton surveyed the land in 1754 and laid out the street plan that the town still has today," said Jeffrey Durst, education and interpretation specialist of the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough.

Hooper's house still stands at 118 W. Tryon St., one of more than 100 late 18th and 19th century structures in the town.

"During the Revolution, Hillsborough served as the seat for the General Assembly of North Carolina, and during the 19th century it was the center of politics and economics," Durst said, listing some of the town's claims to fame.

The town is also known as a place that prepared students for

the University during the early 20th century.

"Hillsborough was extremely important in education because the people who were drawn there were well-educated people," said Elizabeth Ryan, who wrote "Orange County Trio," a collection of the histories of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough.

"There were two very fine, outstanding girls' schools that taught women history and literature instead of sewing and cooking," she said.

"Hillsborough was also very supportive of the University because all the Scots-Irish people really were interested in public education."

The yearlong celebration kicked off last summer with the rededication of the town clock.

Other anniversary events included a re-enactment of Gen. Lord Cornwallis' occupation of the town and a candlelight Christmas tour.

But the parade is a novel idea. "As far as I know, they've never had a parade like this," Cannell said.

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THE Daily Crossword

By James E. Buell

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 - Rhine tributary
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 - With 48A, drifts
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 - Apart from this
 - Assorted by dimension
 - California wine valley
 - Knickknack spot
 - Petty rival Yarborough
 - Sleep noisily
 - Chimney sweepings
 - Collar
 - See 27A
 - Split
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 - Helping hand
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 - Mip and at 'em
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 - Babylonia, today
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