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Lawmakers propose changes to BOG



Senator Tony Rand is a proponent of reducing the size of the BOG.

REVIEW RECOMMENDS REVISING GOVERNING BOARD'S STRUCTURE

BY ERIN FRANCE
STAFF WRITER

The UNC-system Board of Governors is under fire this summer. Scrutiny comes at a critical time as the board searches for a replacement for retiring UNC-system President Molly Broad.

The American Council of Trustees

and Alumni released a report last week that reviewed the Board's structure and function and offered recommendations on both.

N.C. legislators have offered criticism as well.

Several pieces of legislation to improve the structure of the Board have been on the table this session.

All told, the analysis from researchers and legislators has sparked dialogue about the BOG's role and how best to execute it.

"I think a good debate is starting," said Jon Sanders, a policy analyst at the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, which sponsored the study.

Leaders want to make the board more proactive and arm it with a clear agenda.

Among changes suggested from various corners this summer to meet these needs are: a decrease in mem-

bership; adding a student vote to the board; appointments by the Governor; and giving more power to individual universities.

The report was written by Phyllis Palmiero, a senior consultant to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

She recommended a decrease in the number of voting BOG members — an issue lately confronted by the state legislature.

The report shrunk the number of voting members from 32 to 15.

"The 15 members would be a weaning down of the current members," Palmiero said.

One version of a bill sponsored by Rep. Phil Haire, D-Haywood, would have decreased the number of BOG members by two. The bill failed on the House floor 26-91.

"Reducing the amount of members from 32 to 30 is a very small step in the right direction," Sanders said.

Senate Majority Leader Tony

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Proposal cuts UNC spending

House budget draft has \$12.7 million reduction

BY WHITNEY ISENHOWER
STAFF WRITER

The latest proposal of the long-awaited House budget would eliminate spending for long-distance students and programs in the UNC system.

The budget subcommittees called for a 2 percent spending cut at UNC system schools — twice most of the reductions proposed by the Senate.

The House budget is still being finalized, while the Senate's was completed May 5, but recent House finance committee amendments to the Senate budget mean it must be voted on again.

The House budget draft proposed a \$12.7 million reduction for university enrollment growth this fall. Distance education programs could be severely hurt by the measure.

"We believe distance education is as equally important as the in-classroom education," said Mark Fleming, vice president for government relations with the UNC system.

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DA throws out Dalzell's murder case



Andrew Dalzell's confession was found to be inadmissible.

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
CITY EDITOR

Friends of a Chapel Hill woman who disappeared in 1997 say they weren't surprised over a recent decision to drop charges against the leading suspect in the case.

Last week District Attorney Jim Woodall dismissed second-degree murder charges against Andrew Douglas Dalzell — the man some believe to be responsible for the disappearance and suspected murder of Deborah Leigh Key.

"We kind of expected, but we were hoping they were going to tell us there was evidence," said Joy Preslar, a friend of Key's.

The decision was reached after Dalzell's confession — the state's primary case — was suppressed in January because the judge ruled that the Carrboro

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Cleo Patterson, 74, speaks Tuesday about his hometown of Jackson Hamlet, one of five predominantly black communities in Moore County. Residents say they have been ignored by more affluent neighboring cities, and these areas lack services such as trash removal, police protection and access to county water lines.

COMMUNITIES PURSUE BASIC SERVICES

With the help of UNC law students, residents are seeking access to amenities

BY LINDSAY MICHEL SENIOR WRITER

For decades, five predominantly black communities in Moore County have been pushed to the sidelines — practically ignored by neighboring cities and tagged as "extra-territorial."

But recent weeks have brought national attention to residents of these neighborhoods, and the inequalities they face.

The communities — Jackson Hamlet, Midway, Waynor Road, Monroe Town and Lost City — lack services such as

trash removal, police protection and access to county water and sewer lines.

Some of the communities have existed for up to a century.

Framed by affluent cities such as Pinehurst and Southern Pines, the people who call the country roads home helped build courses like Pinehurst No. 2, site of the 2005 U.S. Open, which will be held this week, and luxury hotels like The Carolina.

After years of exclusion and muted attempts to provoke change, residents are receiving aid from researchers, lawyers and students from the UNC School of Law's Center for Civil Rights in

bringing their plight to the forefront of the civil rights debate.

"I think the first step to solving this sort of problem is having a dialogue and educating people about the problem," said Chris Brook, a 2005 law school graduate who began interning at the center last January.

"(The residents) have a lot of faith that if people are just educated about the problems then they'll make a good-faith effort to solve them."

The center began its work in Moore County in January of 2004, and its efforts have led to this week when area media attention is at its peak.

"I think the point about the U.S.

Open is this is a time when the whole county is putting itself on show," said Anita Earls, director of advocacy for the center.

"My clients say, 'We're proud too, but we think things aren't as fair as they should be.'"

But the outskirts population is not attacking golf, tourists or city residents, Earls said.

"They're just ordinary folks," she said. "They're not asking for hand-outs. They just want to be included in the communities."

To gain access to county services for area residents, Brook worked with Jackson Hamlet community

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Track and field competitors break records

BY ROCKY RIVERO
SPORTS EDITOR

During the opening day of the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, North Carolina hammer thrower Nick Owens wasn't practicing for his event at Sacramento State University.

Owens was on a plane instead after a delayed flight from Raleigh kept him from arriving in California until an hour before he was scheduled to compete on the field.

It didn't stop the sophomore from breaking the school record by 14 feet with a 218-foot, 4-inch throw that

earned him a qualification for Friday's final competition.

"He just walked up cool as a cucumber and threw really, really well," UNC coach Dennis Craddock said.

Owens broke the school record again with a 222-4 heave in the championship that made him the third-best hammer thrower in the nation and an All-America recipient.

His contribution helped the UNC men's team finish in the top 20 with the women's team for the first time since 1996. Owens and discus-thrower Vikas Gowda provided all the points for the men's team with their performances.

Gowda needed only one of three possible chances to qualify for the discus championship when he hit 196-10 on Thursday and broke his own school record from 2003.

His first and only attempt made him the top-ranked athlete going into the final event. "He walked right up there on his first throw and threw it, packed his bags and went to sit down," Craddock said.

Gowda, who participated in the 2004 Olympics as a representative of India, amended the school record again with a 197-1 throw in Saturday's championship. It earned the senior

a second place finish with an All-America honor after his record-setting throw was beaten by five feet.

In her final collegiate competition, Erin Donohue finished fourth in the women's 1500-meter event after leading with 300 meters left in the race. She achieved a personal-best and earned her first All-America honor when she ran the event in 4 minutes, 14.57 seconds.

Sheena Gordon finished in the top 10 twice after competing in two events scheduled within 30 minutes of each other on Saturday. She became the first

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Track stars win big at NCAA Championships

The men's and women's teams both finished in the top 20 for the first time since 1996 while competing in California.



Vikas Gowda
He finished in second place with a 197-foot, 4-inch throw in the men's discus event.



Nick Owens
A school record was broken in the hammer-throw event with a 222-foot, 4-inch heave.



Jocelyn White
As a freshman, she earned fifth place in her first national championship with the discus.

ONLINE

The Chapel Hill Town Council discussed OI-4 zoning and development firms for parking lots 2 and 5 during their meeting Wednesday. Check online today at www.dthonline.com for updated coverage.



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AN ORGANIC EXPERIENCE

A new store catering to those who enjoy organic food opened in Chapel Hill Wednesday. PAGE 2

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