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BREAKING NEWS

Williams a Spur

UNC basketball alumnus Jawad Williams signed with the San Antonio Spurs, the team announced Thursday. Williams will join the team Tuesday for training camp.



JAWAD WILLIAMS

was a four-year starter for the Tar Heels, scoring 13.1 points per game his senior year.

Bowles primed as next leader

BY KAVITA PILLAI
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Former U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles is the sole finalist for the position of the next president of the UNC system, all but ensuring that he will assume the post Jan. 1.

The UNC presidential search committee, led by Board of Governors Chairman Brad Wilson, announced Bowles as its unanimous choice Thursday, only five months after the committee was formed. President Molly Broad announced her retirement in early April.

The committee made the decision earlier this week, and the full board will meet Monday to vote on the recommendation.

Bowles, a Charlotte businessman and former chief of staff for President Clinton, was named as a possible candidate before the search process even began, garnering endorsements from state legislators and media attention nationwide.

But Wilson said the 13-member committee conducted a full and thorough search that resulted in only one clear recommendation.

"I think we were surprised that we were able to reach a conclusion this early," he said. "Like we have said since the beginning, we would work until we are finished. And it just so happened that we have reached the end this week."

Amanda Devore, former president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and a member of the search committee, also said the time frame of the search is not indicative of a less-than-thorough process.

"The decision was clear," she said. "So we didn't see any need to go any further."

Although the vote wasn't expected until later this year, BOG members say the process was as open to the public as it could be. The board held four public forums at the beginning of the search to solicit public input.

"You cannot perform a search in a personnel matter that's open to the public," she said.

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A BOG search group advised that Erskine Bowles lead the UNC system.

COME FLY AWAY



DTH/STEVE ANDRAWES

Five-year-old Hannah Rose of St. Thomas More Catholic School's kindergarten class watches as a butterfly flies off a tree branch at the new butterfly garden at the N.C. Children's Hospital on Thursday. One hundred butterflies were released at

the dedication ceremony for the garden, a project headed up by Derek Baker of Boy Scout Troop 39 in Chapel Hill for his eagle project. The garden is designed to enhance the lives and healing processes of hospital patients. See page 8 for the full article.

Highest court sees new leader

BY STEPHEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Almost 25 years after serving as a clerk to then-Associate Justice William Rehnquist, John Roberts was sworn in Thursday to take the place of his former mentor as chief justice of the United States.

"The Senate has confirmed a man with an astute mind and a kind heart," said President Bush during the White House swearing-in ceremony.

"All Americans can be confident that the 17th Chief Justice of the United States will be prudent in exercising judicial power, firm in defending judicial independence and, above all, a faithful guardian of the Constitution."

Thursday's ceremony brought to an end the 10-week campaign by the White House to win confirmation for Bush's first Supreme Court nominee.

The Senate approved Roberts, the youngest chief justice since John Marshall, by a margin of 78 to 22, with half of the chamber's Democrats voting nay.

"I will try to ensure, in the discharge of my responsibilities, that, with the help of my colleagues, I can pass on to my children's generation a charter of

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John Roberts

Chief Justice of the United States



RÉSUMÉ

■ **1980-81**

Clerked for then-Associate Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ **1989-93**

Served as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General; argued 39 cases before the Supreme Court.

■ **2003-05**

Served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Tuition forum fails to attract

BY JENNY RUBY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A tuition forum, organized by student leaders hoping to communicate with the student body about potential tuition hikes, was plagued Thursday night by a lack of publicity and student interest.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin said earlier this week that he would use the forum to gauge student opinion. But of the 18 students to attend the event, most were members of student government.

"I thought the information presented was exactly what students need to hear," said Mary Williams, one of Dearmin's executive assistants. "I think it's a shame more people didn't come to hear."

Dearmin explained the tuition process to the group and detailed progress made by the tuition advisory task force, of which he serves as co-chairman.

He said tuition increases might be necessary to retain top faculty and graduate students.

The task force discussed numbers for the first time Wednesday and expects to cement a proposal during its Oct. 10 meeting.

Dearmin said the task force is focusing heavily on graduate student needs.

Adrian Johnston, student body vice president and a task force member, explained that the group also is looking at race and ethnicity.

"We want to ensure that tuition increases are not altering the make up of the campus," Johnston said. "It really fundamentally affects what Carolina is all about."

Dearmin announced the forum for the first time publicly Monday night and said he would rely on

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LIVE 8 COMES TO CHAPEL HILL

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
STAFF WRITER

London. Moscow. Berlin. Paris. Tokyo. Philadelphia. Johannesburg. Edinburgh.

And now, Chapel Hill.

This summer, Live 8, an international series of free concerts, rocked the world. Today, Chapel Hill will host its own free Live 8 concert to raise awareness about poverty, social injustice and education.

Recording artist Edwin McCain and other entertainers will join

IF YOU GO

Date: Friday
Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Polk Place; The Sandbar, on Rosemary Street

ONLINE

Concert series aims to raise awareness of poverty

campus performing groups, such as the Clef Hangers and Bhangra Elite, at 5 p.m. in Polk Place.

Campus Y has been organizing the concert since this summer, and group leaders hope the event

attracts interest in global issues.

"Live 8 is important because students at UNC are privileged to have what we have," said sophomore Manisha Panjwani, the Campus Y's head organizer for the event. "We have the capability to help others who don't have what we do."

Campus Y has invited numerous student groups to participate in the event. During the concert, groups will set up tables to provide information about global problems.

Campus Y Co-president Stephen Lassiter said he hopes the concert will entice students to learn more about issues such as poverty while enjoying the festivities.

"I hope the concert will draw a crowd that of people who wouldn't necessarily hear about social issues," Lassiter said.

The main goal of the Live 8 concert is to raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals,

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Displaced students see cloudy prospects

BY LAURA PHELPS
STAFF WRITER

Universities across the nation welcomed thousands of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina for the fall but are hesitant to make their status permanent.

Many university officials say they don't want to steal Gulf Coast students and will require them to go through regular admissions processes.

"We need to be careful that we have an even-handed approach and that we are not trying to poach students from other schools," said UNC Provost Robert Shelton.

"At the same time, students have every right to apply to any university that they want to and get fair consideration."

He said that UNC, which enrolled 14 displaced students, does not accept spring admissions,

so displaced students must apply for enrollment for fall 2006.

Weston Davis, a Tulane University student who is studying at UNC, said he received notification from Tulane officials that the school will open for an abbreviated spring semester.

He said most students are enthusiastic about returning to their home institutions, but he is wary of going back and plans to fill

out a transfer application to UNC.

"The city and the state is not what it was," he said, adding that he will give Tulane a chance before making a final decision.

Nearly 5,500 students have been displaced to Texas alone from the Gulf Coast region, and it is too early to know how many will want to stay, said Ray Grasshoff,

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PREPARING THE FALL Officials ready the area for the annual Festfall festival

LOOK MA, NO WIRES Major cities see coordinated wireless efforts multiply

YOU MIGHT HAVE AN NCD Locals begin planning for conservation district

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DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER TO VOTE
for more info, see <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/>

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OPEN AND SHUT SPACE

The closing of four UNC park-and-ride lots after being free to the public for a month excites permit holders who were feeling a space crunch.



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The annual college fair held at the Smith Center marks the first time the two county school districts have joined together for the event.

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