

MISSION

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to all people of the state. "UNC became the focal point of a group of scholars who really wanted to study what they regarded as the social problems of their own time," Watson said, "especially the social problems right next to them." These scholars, many of whom became the namesakes for the University's myriad buildings, stirred controversy when they encouraged the state to confront its persistent social problems. "And all these guys were publishing at UNC press," Watson said. "They were basically — we'd call them liberals in politics today." From this focus on the issues plaguing the state came a broad new charge for the University. "A lot of the non-elite students get swept up in that, excited by, interested in it, and recruited by it," Watson said. Under the leadership of Frank Porter Graham, from 1930 to 1949, UNC worked to reach out to

all people of the state. And from this charge came the progressive character that has defined both UNC and the then-village of Chapel Hill. "And Chapel Hill becomes famous as sort of a Southern beacon of liberalism and intellectualism," Watson said. "And the University's star begins to rise." And as its reputation grew, so did the campus. Faculty and the student body expanded rapidly between the two World Wars. UNC earned prestige as a premier university, and administrators throughout the rest of the 20th century took steps to excel the University's standings as an institute of learning and research. But the ties to the state remained a focus. During his State of the University address in September, Moeser underscored the need for UNC to become a competitor in the broadening global market. But in its attempts to expand, the University must not forget its mission of service to the people of

North Carolina, Moeser said during the address. "Carolina is moving forward with tremendous momentum," he said. "Our challenge is to sustain that energy and focus it in the areas that will best serve the people of North Carolina in the future." While UNC leaders highlight the importance of a strong relationship with North Carolina, many state universities have begun favoring the move toward separation. Earlier this year Virginia legislators granted the University of Virginia system a greater degree of autonomy. Receiving fewer state dollars, UVa. schools are gradually relying more heavily on other sources — such as tuition. The threat of a similar funding shift looms threateningly on the horizon for UNC. A trend of budget cuts in recent years has left state dollars playing a gradually smaller role in UNC's funding scheme. In the search for funds to fuel UNC's evolving ambitions, leaders have called for stronger relation-

ships with private corporations. And Carolina North, the University's planned satellite campus, is being labeled the next big step toward that endeavor. Carolina North has been cited as a key to attracting private corporations, though many opponents of the development fear the effects it will have on the spirit of the University. Watson said that in yearning for private dollars, the University will begin the move toward training the business leaders of tomorrow. "The biggest companies and most thoughtful donors are going to say 'what we need the University of North Carolina for is once again to train good leaders, and what we most want from the

University is an institution that's giving a really good education." And as the campus celebrates a milestone today, many are confident that in adapting to change, UNC will not abandon its core inspirations. "Other states — I won't name names — I don't think they have that relationship with their state university," Kapp said. "That's our mission: we serve North Carolina through our teaching, our research and our service," Kapp continued. "That is something that not every public university will beat on their chest and tell everybody." *Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.*

FAIR ECONOMY

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pay the fair about \$5.91 for every person who buys a ticket. An adult ticket costs \$6 at the gate. Tiffany Budd, state fair promotions specialist, said the fair's sponsors also generate money. There is a starting rate of \$8,500 for a company to have a booth at the fairgrounds. She said the fair only makes \$150,000 from sponsors. But she emphasized that sponsors are more valuable than their monetary contributions because of their partnerships and relationships. Long said the fair, which originally began in 1853 so farmers could share knowledge and learn more efficient techniques, still showcases the state's \$60 billion agriculture industry. "We want people to reconnect with North Carolina's heritage, which is increasingly important as we become a more urban society," he said. "(Agriculture still) will play a key role in North Carolina's future." *Contact the State & National Editor at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

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estly classifies unqualified teachers as 'highly qualified.'" Black and Basnight said in the release that they look forward to working with the governor and the N.C. Board of Education to address the growing teacher shortage. Tony Caravano, spokesman for Basnight, said the senate will hold only a skeleton session today. Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, said the decision to hold an abbreviated session makes sense because the bill will not be passed onto the Senate for a vote today.

She said the House still could override the veto during the May session, if progress on a compromise is not made. "I am optimistic that we will be able to find an agreement with the governor," Insko said. But Easley's veto and the slow process in getting the bill passed has angered some legislators. "I am disappointed with a governor that is more concerned with his own political agenda than he is with the education of our children," said Sen. Hugh Webster, R-Alamance. "That is a sad state of affairs." Webster said Tuesday morning

he was hoping legislators would override the veto. Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and Faison said legislators instead will try to reach a compromise on teacher standards and licensing. While the bill is focused on ending teacher shortages by opening a door for out-of-state teachers, Insko said this alone would not solve the problem. "The licensure issue is only one leg of the issues," she said. "We need to raise salaries. We need to find out why we aren't retaining teachers." *Contact the State & National Editor at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

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levied from one year to the next. The Board of Governors has considered limiting tuition increases to a rolling three-year average of increases by our peers. We must be flexible so that funding sources are considered, while knowing that funding sources aren't interchangeable. It's time to bite the bullet on these commitments. 3. Face difficult truths. There's a real temptation to think that "someone else" or "some other source" can be used to shelter those closest to us from contributing their fair share. I've disagreed with past actions in raising nonresident and graduate student tuition precipitously, and I believe we run a risk of losing ethnic and socio-economic diversity and future talent if we don't exercise caution here. It's time to recognize that resi-

dent students need to bear a higher proportion of educational costs so long as we assure accessibility. Unfortunately, too, we can't defer fee increases solely needed to replace antiquated computer systems used for registrar and admissions support and to assure gender equity in athletic facilities including Carmichael gym. 4. Build partnerships. Chapel Hill has earned a reputation in some quarters of looking out for ourselves and going our own way. We need to do better by understanding that we're all on the side of quality education and a better future for our state. Let's hope that Erskine Bowles' new leadership will help us craft a funding structure that invests in our future workforce with well-funded graduate education programs here and at N.C. State University. We also need candor where it matters. Our growing numbers of undergraduates can't get quality education if the mirage of enrollment growth funding in the College of Arts and Sciences is offset by budget cuts from year to year. Oscar Wilde's observation — "The truth is rarely pure and never simple" — captures the debate on financing Carolina's high quality education all too well. John F. Kennedy said: "There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." Tuition and fee decisions aren't easy, but we risk our future if we don't recognize that it's time that we face tough choices head-on. *Contact Judith Wegner, a law professor and Chairwoman of the Faculty, at Judith_wegner@unc.edu.*

ELECTIONS

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the 1970s was in response to massive student political involvement. One graduate student who has gone beyond simply voting is Audrey de Nazelle, an environmental sciences and engineering student, who was appointed in June to the bicycle and pedestrian advisory board. "As somebody who does research in that area, I have access to some resources that others on the board don't have," de Nazelle said. "It's just one more good resource for the board to have somebody that actually studies the topics discussed." Even though it's easy for graduate students to get absorbed in their studies, de Nazelle said students should be active in the community. "No matter where you live it's important to have an impact on that place because you do live there." David Keely, the city and local relations contact for GPSF, said it is important to elect council members who are receptive to the University. "This is our chance to be involved with what the town does." *Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.*

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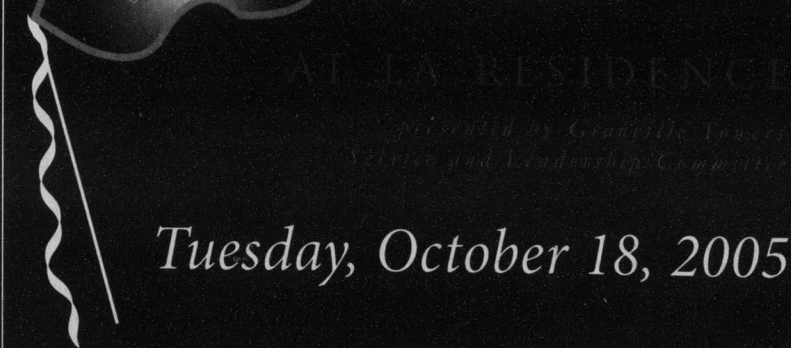
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