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## Duke professor declines deanship

SEARCH COMMITTEE TO RECONVENE SOON AFTER CHERMERINSKY SAYS 'NO'



Duke professor Erwin Chemerinsky turned down an unofficial offer.

BY BRIAN HUDSON  
NEWS EDITOR

Erwin Chemerinsky refused Thursday the University's offer to be the next dean of the School of Law, sending the search process back to the drawing board.

The Duke University law professor had been in negotiations with administrators this week, but he declined the position, citing the University's inability to offer the resources he was seeking, said Provost Robert Shelton.

The offer was not official and

was not yet drawn up on paper, said Shelton, who is charged with selecting the dean.

"I think he didn't feel he would have the resources he wanted to realize his vision for the law school," said Mike Smith, chairman of the dean search committee.

Smith, who is dean of the School of Government, said it is reasonable to assume that Chemerinsky's background in private universities might have contributed to his decision, though he said he believes it is a more complex issue.

"I felt the provost made a really generous ... unprecedented offer. It didn't match up with Erwin Chemerinsky," he said.

"I respect his decision, that's his own judgment about what he felt was necessary."

Attempts to contact Chemerinsky on Thursday were unsuccessful.

Shelton received a fax with news of the decision about noon, and he sent an e-mail to the law school faculty at 2:14 p.m. notifying them of the turn of events.

In the e-mail he stated that he had contacted Smith and asked him to reconvene the search committee, so it could offer advice on how to proceed.

The committee will meet next week, Smith said, and one of the first steps will be to reconsider the other two finalists.

Chemerinsky competed with Davison Douglas, a professor at the College of William and Mary, and Teresa Roseborough, a partner at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan law firm in Atlanta.

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## Towns, gown gather to talk

Carolina North group convened

BY BRIANNA BISHOP  
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Before it can guide the University in its future development, the leadership advisory committee for Carolina North decided that it first needs some guidelines of its own.

At the first meeting of the University's newest planning entity Thursday, the 25 group members present outlined exactly how they would approach the next year.

In an address from Chancellor James Moeser, the committee received its charge to be a body that drafts guiding design principles for the satellite campus.

"The question for this committee is not whether ... but how," Moeser said.

"Having guiding principles can be a steppingstone for ideas that unite us," he added.

Member Douglas Crawford-Brown, director of the Carolina Environmental Program, asked whether the group could be reconvened after the final designs are made to see if its principles are properly integrated.

Moeser replied that he was not ready to answer that at this time.

The chancellor briefly talked about the Horace Williams airport, which sits on the site and has largely held up planning discussions to this point.

Officials plan to close the airport when beginning site work, relocating the N.C. Area Health Education Centers to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

His statements drew questions from committee members as to whether the University had clearance from the General Assembly and if officials had been in conversation with RDU authority.

"That's our problem to solve," Moeser said. "Assume that the airport is not an issue, and we have this land mass to deal with."

The N.C. General Assembly has been unable to reach a consensus on the airport — with last session's budget bills differing on UNC's request for closure.

Other discussion Thursday centered on fixing rules for future meetings.

The council decided that it would not hold formal votes. Rather, group members will try to

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DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Family members of Keith Shawn Smith watch on during a candlelight vigil Thursday evening outside of Stacy Residence Hall, where Smith fell to his death last Friday.

## LIVING ON THROUGH MEMORY

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON  
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A death so sudden, so unexpected and with nowhere to assign blame is a difficult thing to make peace with.

Despite the more than 400 observers clad in red for the memory of sophomore Keith Shawn Smith at a sprawling memorial tribute Thursday, many said the outpouring was but a Band-aid on a deep wound that would not soon heal.

"None of us can fill the void," said junior Sherea Burnett, a resident adviser on the first floor of Aycock Residence Hall.

The University community and Greensboro residents came together Thursday night for a candlelight vigil to

honor Smith, the resident adviser who died last week after falling from a third-story window in Stacy Residence Hall.

"It's just sad to see somebody with all these goals die," said junior Dewhitney Upchurch, a friend of Smith's girlfriend, Tiffani Neal.

"You don't expect it to be one of your own," she continued. "It makes you realize your mortality real quick."

While many came with ties to either Smith or Neal, others participated without ever having known Smith.

"I'm just paying my respects," freshman Orrin Carter said before the vigil.

Sophomore Kierson Robinson tied a red ribbon around her candle on behalf

of a friend grieving in Greensboro who could not attend.

Some participated in the vigil because of what they had learned about Smith's religious commitment.

"He was very grounded in his faith from what I saw," said junior Erica Pigford, who read about Smith on facebook.com. "I thought that was very admirable, and I didn't even know him."

Winston Crisp, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said he wished such a profound student outpouring didn't have to find fruition at a time like this.

"To see all these people, to see all this red and think first and foremost it's a testament to him," he said.

"It's times like these that make you realize why you wanted to be here in the first place," he added.

The vigil moved from the Pit, stretched more than the length of Davis Library and moved to the quad-facing entrance of Stacy Residence Hall.

Smith's supporters formed a horseshoe around his family and took in the sights and sounds of his life, exemplified by slide-shows, personal poetry readings, song, spoken letters and humorous recollections — from Smith's "Dictionary for Cool People" to his insistence upon formulating a business plan for political science major

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## Little a big part of UNC success

BY JACOB KARABELL  
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Long after the fans had filed out of Carmichael Auditorium

after North Carolina's win against Duke on Saturday, Coach Sylvia Hatchell entered her team's seemingly desolate locker

room and found the big-screen television on.

"Anybody here?" she called.

"I am," someone replied.

That voice came from junior Camille Little, doing homework and watching former UNC men's player — and boyfriend — Marvin Williams as his Atlanta Hawks battled the Milwaukee Bucks.

Maybe Little has taken some tips from the No. 2 pick in last June's NBA Draft. It might be as good a reason as any for why the forward has increased her scoring, since neither Little nor Hatchell claim to know the reason for the upsurge.

"Maybe (my shots are) falling

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## UNC scholars go behind enemy lines

BY BETHANY BLACK  
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Move over Dookies — there's a new blue in Krzyzewskiville.

Surrounded by die-hard fans at the famous Duke University tent city, more than a dozen UNC students are camping out for admission to Saturday's Duke-UNC basketball game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

All of the students are members of the Robertson Scholars Program, which grants full rights and privileges at both Duke and UNC. Although the students primarily attend one of the two universities, they switch campuses for the second semester of their sophomore year.

"I'm really trying to get the

Duke experience while I'm here, and this is sort of the epitome of the Duke experience," said Katie Macpherson, a sophomore journalism major from Rochester, N.Y.

They are attending the game technically as Duke students, but these students plan on cheering the Tar Heel boys.

"I'll get to see what being a Cameron Crazy is all about, but of course I'll be cheering for Carolina."

The Robertson scholars are camping out in two tents in Krzyzewskiville, which Duke students create each spring to gain admission to the UNC

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

**NO. 13 UNC vs. NO. 1 DUKE**

TIME: 9 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Cameron Indoor

WATCH: ESPN

LISTEN: News Talk 1360 WCHL

**BREAKDOWN**

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in the ACC

#1 DUKE

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**NO WARMING NEEDED** Speaker says global warming issue overhyped

**THE PLAY HAS TWO FACES** Pauper Players hold auditions for spring work

**A LITTLE SHORT** Town fire officials looking for help to the tune of six grand

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**SHORT & SWEET**

Though his work is only slightly longer than his name, Avi is expected to draw a large crowd for his Saturday children's book reading.

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**DROPPING NUMBERS**

According to a report released this week, both county school districts' dropout rates did not improve last year, with city schools boasting a lower rate.

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**RADIO ADVISER**

Western Carolina University police launch a program to provide emergency weather updates over campus radio frequencies.

today in history

**MARCH 3, 1961 ...**

Alumnus Spencer Everett, class of 1960, writes a letter to the editor about the University's failure to form a lacrosse team despite vocal student interest.

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