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Bowles gives UNC efforts high marks

Praises focus on graduation rates, retention

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UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser received high praise Thursday for his efforts to raise graduation rates.

At Thursday's meeting of the UNC-system Board of Governors, System President Erskine Bowles said Moeser's plans, outlined during his State of the University address Wednesday, are exactly the caliber of work he wants to see.

"You saw James come out with some very,

very specific goals for graduation and retention," Bowles said.

Bowles has asked every UNC-system school to set target graduation rates for the next five years.

"When I saw him — it gave me goosebumps, I was so proud," Bowles said.

Moeser set a goal of raising the four-year graduation rate from 71 percent to 75 percent and the six-year graduation rate from 84 percent to 87 percent.

Bowles said system officials are tackling

graduation rates out of an internal desire for progress.

"Nobody's forcing us to do it. We're doing it because we feel it's the right thing to do for us, to be held accountable."

Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and Florida also have developed similar accountability programs, said Alan Mabe, system vice president for academic planning.

Each campus was asked to submit a five-year plan with specific targets for retention and graduation rates and strategies to reach those goals.

In order to write their plans, the campuses

should review their admission requirements and assess their financial aid programs, said Harold Martin, senior vice president for academic affairs for the UNC system.

Students with a higher financial need tend to take lighter course loads. They require a greater amount of total financial aid because their need is spread across a longer period of time, Martin said.

Bowles' office would like to request more money from the legislature in order to meet the system's financial aid needs, he added.

"We're about \$15 million short of what

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Class of 2003 six-year graduation rates

UNC-Chapel Hill: 82 percent
N.C. State University: 63 percent
Appalachian State University: 61 percent
Fayetteville State University: 38 percent
UNC-Pembroke 38 percent

Source: UNC General Administration

CAMPUS GETS GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

WORLD-RENOWNED SPORTS TROPHY, THE STANLEY CUP, VISITS CHAPEL HILL

BY BRANDON STATON
SPORTS EDITOR

It has climbed to the top of Bear Mountain.

It has been to the White House on several occasions.

Now it's seen the storied rafters of the Smith Center.

In case you missed the shining silver glare, the Stanley Cup came to campus Thursday.

The Cup came courtesy of UNC alums Mike Sundheim, director of media relations for the Carolina Hurricanes and Kyle Hanlin, who also works for the team's public relations office.

Any Hurricanes employee who regularly travels with the team is allowed to take the trophy for one day, and the two used theirs to tour their old campus stomping grounds.

Arguably the most famous trophy in all of sports, the Cup is elusive. Because of its history, Mike Bolt of the Hockey Hall of Fame said there usually isn't much advance public notification of the next stop.

Where it will be next is a mystery, but it came to the University Thursday, giving students and staff alike the chance to say, "I touched the Stanley Cup."

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Students gather in the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame at Carroll Hall on Thursday afternoon to look at the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup. Two former UNC students escorted the trophy to the Dean Dome and Kenan Stadium before it was open for public viewing.

UNC to host national forum

Talks center on college inclusion

BY ROBBY MARSHALL
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Movers and shakers in national education are set to engage in a massive brainstorming session at UNC.

Starting Sunday, the University will host "The Politics of Inclusion: Higher Education at a Crossroads," a conference that aims to address the affordability and accessibility of American higher education.

The conference, which will bring together 150 people — including state and federal policymakers, business leaders and educators from coast to coast — will conclude Wednesday.

"I'm hoping for resolve, conviction and the will to do whatever they can for higher education," said Shirley Ort, director of scholarships and student aid.

The three-day workshop will cover a variety of topics, including "Another Asian American Admissions Controversy" and "University Affirmative Action after Grutter and Gratz."

Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment policy and management at the University of Southern California — who previously held the same title at UNC — will contribute to a discussion entitled, "White Students and Their Parents: Fewer, Richer, More Anxious?"

He said his discussion will center on the political and social demographics of students going to college and the characteristics of students who should be going to college but are not.

"I want to learn a lot more about how we can really turn the levers of politics and economics in higher education to make college more readily available," Lucido said, adding that he is excited to return to UNC.

Daniel Gitterman, a UNC professor in the department of public policy, will moderate the discussion, "The Politics of Who Gets to Go to College and Where," which will address the roles that federal and state governments play in higher education.

Ort said UNC is the host of choice because of nationwide admiration for the Carolina Covenant program — an initiative that allows low-income students from across the state and nation to graduate debt-free.

Donations from five major foundations — including the

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Student fee season

All graduate and undergraduate students must pay 10 student fees.

TOP 10 STUDENT FEES	DESCRIPTION	COST 2005-2006	PROPOSED INCREASE
Education and technology	Supports hardware and software applications, educational materials, public student computing labs and central e-mail and Internet services.	\$372.50	\$15.50
Health service	Dedicated to the operation of Campus Health Services.	\$346	\$17
Student activity	Funds for campus services and facilities and officially recognized student groups.	\$273.32	\$20.08
Athletic	Gives students the opportunity to attend regular season athletic events and helps maintain outdoor facilities and athletic fields, including intramural fields.	\$248.50	\$0
Debt services	Provides funds to repay bond debt incurred for construction, expansion and renovation of facilities.	\$180.50	\$0
Student transit	Funds services provided by Chapel Hill Transit and the P2P Express to supplement student transportation access.	\$86.25	\$6
Administrative computing	Supports the maintenance and implementation of the new Student Information System.	\$50	\$1.75
Student Information System registration	Supports all of the Student Information System software maintenance costs for departments such as Scholarships and Student Aid, the University Cashier and University Registrar.	\$13	\$0
UNC One Card	Supports issuing identification cards to all students, maintaining the status of each student in an online, real-time database and funding card materials.	\$7	\$0
Association of Student Governments	Supports the budget and programming of the ASG.	\$1	\$0

SOURCE: STUDENT FEE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

DTH/KURT GENTRY

New process to decide fees

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

A revamped committee is back in action to discuss how student dollars should best be put to use.

The student fee advisory subcommittee will meet today to hear requests for changes in the education and technology fee and student transit fee.

Formerly known as the Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees, the group now has fewer members and will report to the tuition advisory task force rather than the chancellor.

Student Body President James Allred, who will serve as co-chairman of both groups, said he hopes the two groups work together well.

"I'm the only person who stays with these fees on every level," he said. "I have a unique responsibility in that sense."

The changes in the committee were prompted by controversy last year regarding increases in the athletic fee and the administrative computing fee.

The student fee audit committee almost unanimously opposed the

athletic fee hike, but these sentiments were not conveyed effectively through the committees, said Anisa Mohanty, student body treasurer.

"By the time it got up to the Board of Trustees, they had the impression that this was something people supported," she said. "That was sort of the impetus for change."

The subcommittee is composed of 11 members. Five students — including one non-voting member — as well as administrators, faculty and staff serve on the committee.

Twelve members previously served on the committee, including the athletic director and student body vice president.

The committee's work will be submitted to the tuition advisory task force, and the groups will combine their efforts before submitting proposals to the trustees in November.

"At the system level, they have become more interested in viewing the charges to the students in a more holistic way," said Roger Patterson, associate vice chancellor for finance and co-chairman of

ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 2:30 p.m.
Date: Today
Location: 105 South Building

the subcommittee.

Allred said he and his administration have several goals for the student fee talks, which will occur about once a week.

One is an increase in the student transit fee, which will stabilize funds for the Safe Ride program.

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation is not advocating any particular increases, but President Lauren Anderson, who serves on the subcommittee, said she is concerned that graduate students are not able to take advantage of the services that fees provide.

"We're investigating some of the fees to make sure students are benefitting."

The subcommittee's final meeting to discuss increases is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 29.

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Think you're up on your current events? See how well you've been keeping up-to-date and take our online readership quiz.

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BOOK LEARNING A fundraiser will provide books to prison libraries

SAFE IN SCHOOL The city school board passes rules on gangs and guns

PERFECT CIRCLE Ensemble cast shines in dramatic adaptation

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NEEDED FANFARE

Chapel Hill welcomes football traffic and the profits it brings by offering special promotions and products, like game-day buttons for fans.



this day in history

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