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MOESER TO STEP DOWN

Chancellor will leave office effective June 30

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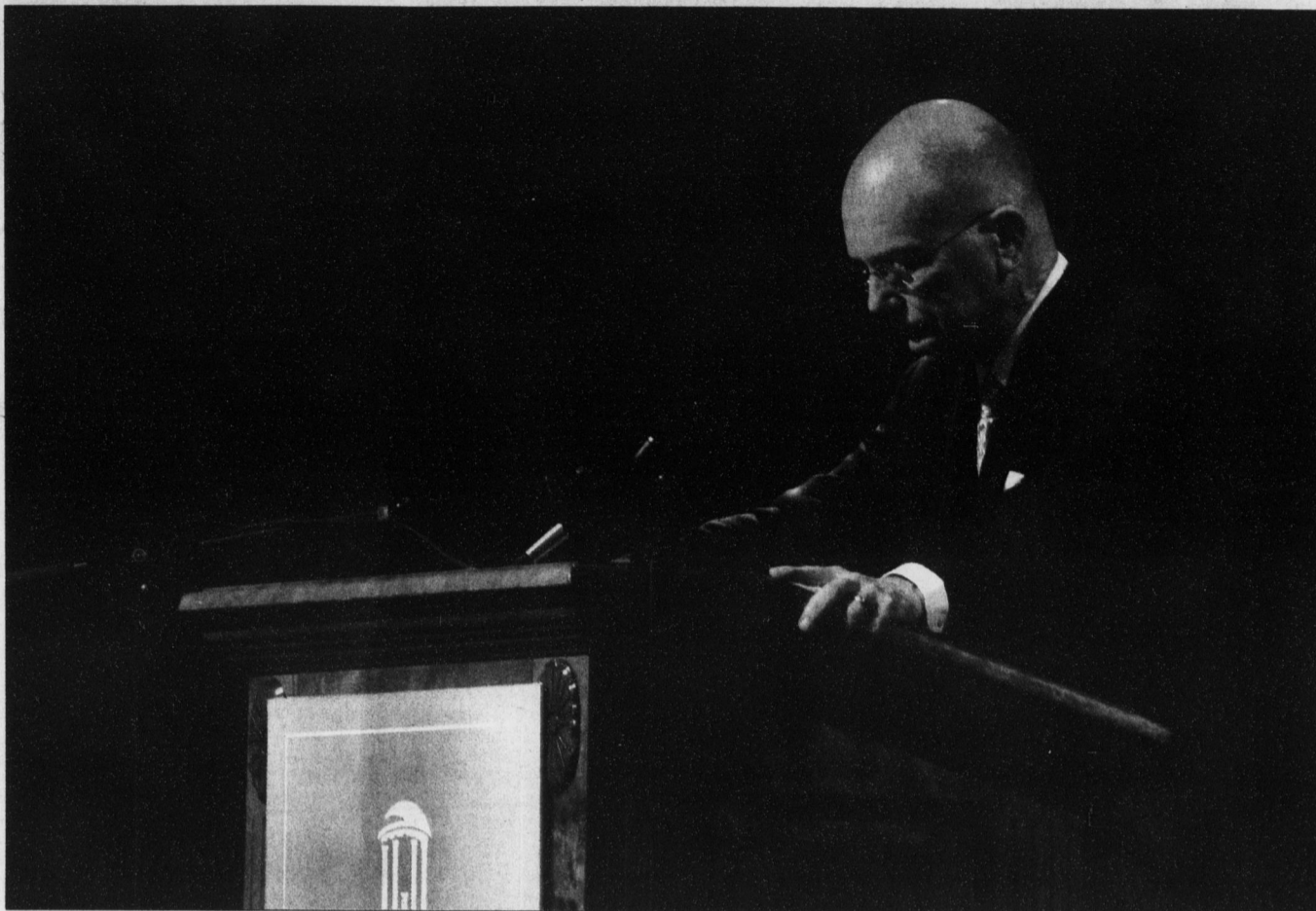
Chancellor James Moeser announced Wednesday that he will relinquish his position, effective June 30.

"This is not a retirement for me," Moeser said in his annual State of the University address. "After a year's research leave, I will return to the campus with the most exalted title

INSIDE this University can confer on an individual — professor." Moeser was visibly emotional as he made his personal remarks in front of a crowd that included UNC-system President Erskine Bowles, former chancellors, the Board of Trustees, students and faculty.

Despite the announcement, Moeser said he will continue to push the current initiatives.

"My pledge to you is to bring the same level of passion, energy and commitment in my last year as I did in my first seven," he said.



Chancellor James Moeser announces that he will step down from his position during his State of the University address in the Great Hall of the Student Union on Wednesday afternoon. Moeser, who has been chancellor for more than seven years, was clearly emotional while making his announcement, which take effect June 30.

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Final year will shape legacy

Moeser's performance resonates

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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A successful performance hits the audience at just the right times. A steady start, followed by a cacophony of words. Then a pause. In a moment, everything falls seamlessly into place. It was that moment that

Chancellor James Moeser took Wednesday to announce he will step down as chancellor to become a professor. "The principal lesson I learned as a concert artist was always to get off the stage before the applause stopped," Moeser told an audience full of his predecessors and colleagues, as he fought

to contain emotions. After a lengthy standing ovation, Moeser settled the audience back down, going on to sing the praises of past years' accomplishments and upcoming challenges. "It was a great speech, which fits very well his performance in office," said Paul Hardin, UNC chancellor from 1988 to 1995. From here, UNC will move on — looking for the next chancellor, wrapping up major projects and diving into the international scene. But the past eight years will not be remembered without a mention of Moeser and his influence on the University, its mission and the physical campus.

The first gathering
When several former UNC leaders got together for a meeting more

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Trustees to start search process

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
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UNC's Board of Trustees will begin the search process for a new chancellor at its meeting today, following Chancellor James Moeser's announcement Wednesday that he will step down in June.

Roger Perry, chairman of the board, said a search committee soon will form to start recruiting candidates for the position of chancellor.

"It would be a nationwide search," trustee Bob Winston said, adding that he expects candidates within the University will be considered as well.

Winston said several characteristics will be important to consider as the committee reviews candidates.

"For an institution like Chapel Hill, that would be leadership and vision," Winston said.

Perry said the key attributes for a new chancellor will be "the same ones that Chancellor Moeser has," naming specifically leadership, scholarship and experience.

The chancellor search process

- ▶ UNC-system president appoints members of a search committee.
- ▶ Search committee recruits applicants and interviews finalists.
- ▶ Search committee makes recommendations to UNC's Board of Trustees.
- ▶ Board of Trustees recommends two finalists to the UNC-system president.
- ▶ UNC-system president recommends one finalist to UNC-system Board of Governors.
- ▶ Board of Governors votes to approve the candidate.

In his address, Moeser said he will step down June 30, at which time a permanent replacement or an interim chancellor will take office.

"We certainly hope to have someone in place by the time he leaves," Perry said.

The University has only had

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Chancellor James Moeser talks with former Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf about a new town committee on Oct. 19, 2000.

Chapel Hill leaders say Moeser sets standard

BY SARA GREGORY
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Chancellor James Moeser has set a high bar for his replacement, town leaders said Wednesday.

"James has set pretty much the standard," Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said.

Moeser's June retirement means change for the University, but also for the town.

The University relies on Chapel Hill's approval of the annual development plan, which guides campus growth for the next decades.

Plans for the University's proposed satellite research campus Carolina North also soon will come before the Chapel Hill Town Council for consideration.

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Moeser's accomplishments

April 14, 2000

The UNC Board of Governors unanimously approves James Moeser as chancellor, effective Aug. 15, 2000.

Oct. 12, 2000

Moeser is officially installed as chancellor during the University Day ceremony. Moeser said his vision is for the school to become the leading public university.

Sept. 5, 2001

Moeser delivers his first "State of the University" speech and identifies three challenges: assessing funding needs, creating an academic plan and moving forward with UNC's development growth plan.

Oct. 11, 2002

The Carolina First Campaign sets a goal of raising \$1.8 billion to help make UNC the top public university.

Oct. 1, 2003

Moeser launches the Carolina Covenant program to provide a debt-free education to qualified low-income students.

May 27, 2004

Moeser launches his Carolina Connects tour to increase UNC's involvement in North Carolina.

July 22, 2004

The University breaks its fundraising record for a single year, raising \$190 million in gifts and private grants during the 2004 fiscal year.

Aug. 24, 2004

The first class of Carolina Covenant scholars begins classes.

Sept. 21, 2005

UNC marks the halfway point of the Higher Education Bond Referendum projects with the dedication of the Rams Head Center.

Jan. 12, 2006

The University posts a higher rate of students studying abroad than any other public university for the third year in a row.

Feb. 21, 2007

The Carolina First Campaign meets its \$2 billion goal 10 months ahead of schedule when Dennis and Joan Gillings commit \$50 million, the largest single pledge in the University's history, to the School of Public Health.

Sept. 26, 2007

Moeser announces his resignation, effective June 30, 2008, and his plan to return to UNC as a professor after a year's research leave.

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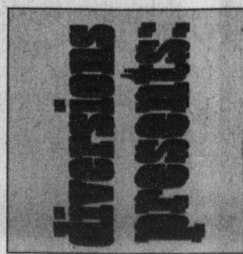
OPEN HOUSE The Orange County Rape Crisis Center pumps two new programs.

A WHOLE LOT OF LAUGHS DSI kicks off its annual 24 hours of comedy.

TALKING SPORTS Athletics Director Dick Baddour lunched with town residents.

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SMOKING BAN TALKS Students discuss the proposed ban on smoking within 100 feet of campus buildings at forums hosted by the student advisory committee to the chancellor.



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IT'S PARTY TIME Diversions is hosting its third party, featuring Red Collar, The Nothing Noise, Ben Davis and the Jetts and a few surprises, on Saturday at the Local 506.

this day in history

SEPT. 27, 1982 ... The Rev. Billy Graham kicks off a weeklong lecture series in Carmichael Auditorium. His first speech addresses the topic of "Personal Peace in a Nuclear Age."

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