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Chancellor search begins

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The first steps in the search for UNC's next chancellor began Thursday with the announcement of 19 search committee members and their October meeting schedule.

At the UNC Board of Trustees meeting, Chairman Roger Perry revealed that Nelson Schwab will serve as the search committee's chairman and that Perry and fellow trustee Karol Mason will be vice chairmen.

"It was a natural decision," Perry said of Schwab, who has served on

other types of search committees in recent years.

At Wednesday's State of the University address, Chancellor James Moeser announced his decision to step down June 30, along with the goal of having his successor in place by July 1.

The search committee responsible for finding his replacement will first meet Oct. 12, when the University celebrates its 214th birthday.

At the initial committee meeting, Schwab said UNC-system President Erskine Bowles officially will give the

committee its charge, relaying the details of open meetings laws.

"Our process will be an open and transparent one," Schwab said.

At the search committee's second meeting, set for Oct. 16, members aim to select a search firm to help them recruit applicants.

The executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles helped the search committee that selected Moeser about eight years ago.

That committee was led by Richard

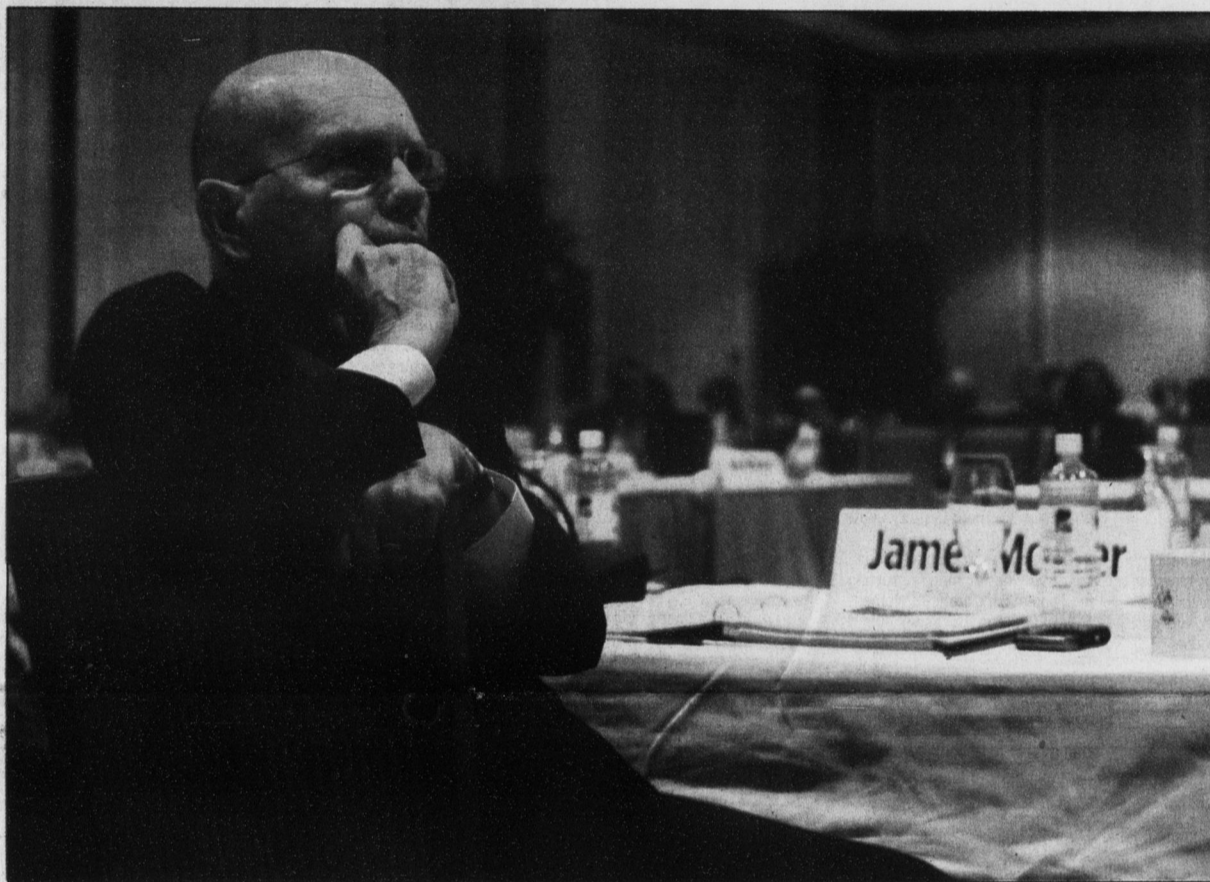
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The chancellor search committee

Chairman: Nelson Schwab, trustee

Vice chairwoman and -man: Karol Mason, trustee, and Roger Perry, chairman of the Board of Trustees

- ▶ Three other full-member trustees
- ▶ Two students
- ▶ Five professors
- ▶ Two employees
- ▶ Four alumni



DTH/ELYSSA SHARP

Chancellor James Moeser listens at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday morning. After Moeser announced Wednesday that he will step down from his position as chancellor June 30, the board named on Thursday trustee Nelson Schwab to lead the committee in charge of finding a replacement.

LEAVING HIS MARK

Moeser's impact framed by past leaders

BY WHITNEY KISLING
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

What defines an era at the University is more than a name.

It's a man, his accomplishments and his failures that mold a tenure.

Chancellor James Moeser now is in his final year. But the eight years he will have spent at the top of the

University will be noted with projects that focus on accessibility, funding and physical change.

"He's been aggressive and progressive, as well," said Jack Boger, dean of the School of Law.

Moeser is the ninth chancellor to set foot in South Building and one of the longest-serving chancellors at UNC.

Those who came before him have shaped the University and its history through the projects they embraced and the stances they took on controversial campus subjects.

As each chancellor settled into his role, common threads weaved him together with his predecessors.

One of the battles that every chancellor seems to meet is matching a

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UNC chancellors from the past 30 years

2000-present: James Moeser

1999-2000: William McCoy

1995-99: Michael Hooker

1988-95: Paul Hardin

1980-88: Christopher Fordham

SOURCE: unc.edu/chan

ANALYSIS

Tuition cap still unknown

Tuition task force to meet before system's final quote

BY ERIC JOHNSON
SENIOR WRITER

The University's tuition and fee advisory task force will be heading into uncharted territory when it meets for the first time this year on Monday, and task force members are still waiting for a map.

The UNC system is imposing a variable limit on tuition hikes, part of a revised policy designed to tie tuition rates more closely to state appropriations.

The policy caps campus tuition hikes for resident undergraduates, and task force members will have to center their tuition and fee discussions on meeting that limit.

Trouble is, system administrators are still calculating what this year's limit will be.

Jeff Davies, chief of staff to UNC-system President Erskine Bowles, said he's not sure the final numbers will be ready in time for the Monday meeting.

That has some task force members wondering what they'll be discussing Monday.

"This whole process is the cart before the horse," said Lauren Anderson, president of the UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

If task force members begin tuition discussions without knowing the system-imposed cap, they face the possibility of having to go back and start over when the limit is finally calculated.

The reason for the delay, system officials say, is that setting the variable cap is enormously complicated.

"It's the initial year, and it's important to ensure that we've examined all the calculations carefully," Davies said. "We want to make sure we get it right."

The cap, which is set at a baseline level of 6.5 percent, is designed to shrink in years that state funding expands faster than its historic average of 9 percent.

The idea is that campuses won't need as much tuition revenue in years that the legislature is especially generous to the university system.

This year, the legislature increased system funding by an impressive 10.6 percent, meaning that there should be a tighter cap on tuition.

Unfortunately, figuring out just how tight isn't as easy as looking at overall system funding.

"It will vary from campus to campus," said Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for finance. "It depends on the percentage change in campus appropriations."

And because each of the system's 17 campuses draw state funding from a host of different sources, finding out how much additional money went to each school is a painstaking process.

UNC-CH Student Body Vice President Mike Tarrant said he hopes the task force can make some headway, even if final targets aren't known.

"I'm hoping we get brought up to speed," he said. "I want to ask pointed questions to make sure administrators and trustees are being held accountable."

But for now, accountability will have to wait for accounting. System officials said they hope to have the final numbers ready sometime in early October.

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Advising set to receive overhaul

BY BRIAN AUSTIN
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Academic advising is turning the tables, receiving some words of wisdom instead of dispensing them.

At the Board of Trustees' University affairs committee meeting Wednesday, Holden Thorp, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, presented an advising report on behalf of the academic advising committee.

The plan calls for a number of changes to advising, including the elimination of academic advising teams in favor of a primary adviser for each student.

"I encourage students to get enormously involved in this. ... This is a huge issue."

RUSTY CARTER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

"We did a self-study about advising. The report said we're doing a fine job with freshmen and sophomores, but we're less effective for

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Varsity sticks to art through the ages

'Anti-plex' vision appeals to town

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
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When Bruce Stone acquired the Varsity Theater seven years ago, he brought along a vision that he hoped would allow the venue to avoid the fate of other theaters that had come and gone from downtown Chapel Hill.

"(The Varsity) had slipped into a state of disrepair, in every way imaginable," he said. "The seats were falling apart; there were no curtains. ... It was pretty shabby."

So Stone got to work.

"We got new seats, a new

screen, and we updated the equipment," he said.

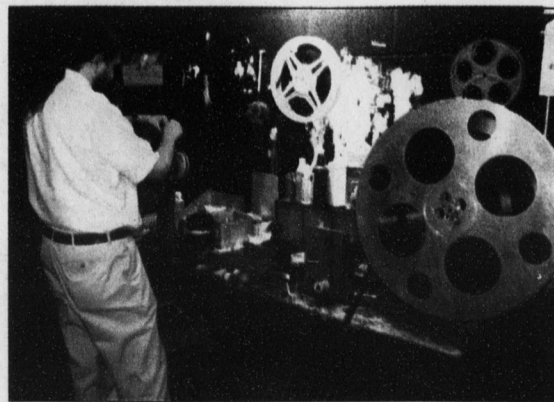
But the work Stone did was more than just aesthetic.

His goal was not just to maintain, but to enhance, the theater's independent, artistic essence, something that Stone suggested previous theaters had lacked.

Stuart Hoyle, who has worked as a projectionist for the Varsity and other theaters for decades, explained that before Stone came — before "Superbad" and before "Snakes on a Plane" — venues like the Ram and Carolina theaters were also options for local moviegoers.

Stone owned the Carolina — not to be confused with Durham's

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DTH/SAM WARD

Stewart Hoyle, an employee at Varsity Theater since 1981, takes a reel off the rewind machine in the original back room of the theater.

CORRECTION

The pullout with Wednesday's front-page story "Trustees start search process" was incorrect. The Board of Trustees selects the committee members for the chancellor selection committee, as the story itself stated. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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FLOAT ON A CAA Homecoming float competition proposal gets little enthusiasm.

REORIENTATION Carson-initiative Sophomore Reorientation starts today.

GIRLS GET FIT The Women's Health & Fitness Fair educates women Thursday.



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A MERE MORTAL

First-time director junior Abby Manekin is at the helm of Lab Theatre's first production of the year, "Mere Mortals." The play debuts today.

this day in history

SEPT. 28, 1950 ...

Marianne Pollak, editor of the Austrian newspaper "Die Frau," meaning "The Woman," addresses UNC women on a 30-day tour to observe women in public affairs.

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