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Chancellor search committee expands

BY KELLEN MOORE
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Two new members have been added to the chancellor search committee, bringing the total number of members to 21, officials announced Wednesday.

The committee is the second-largest chancellor search committee of the three most recent searches. But it only has two students and no official representatives from the town of Chapel Hill.

The new members are Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, chairman of the Department of Philosophy, and Dwight "Davy" Davidson, chairman

of the General Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Davidson said his position will allow him to express alumni concerns throughout the search.

"Someone that represents the alumni association has been part of past searches," he said. "Since I'm the chair this year, it fell to me, and I was happy to take the invitation."

Sayre-McCord could not be reached for comment.

The search committee will find a replacement for Chancellor James Moeser, who announced his departure Sept. 26. The goal is to have the next chancellor begin July 1.

Nelson Schwab, chairman of the search committee and a member of the Board of Trustees, said that because Moeser did not announce his resignation until his State of the University address Sept. 26, committee members could not be announced until last Friday.

The short time frame between those dates didn't allow time to contact all committee members. So Schwab said the final two members were not revealed until Wednesday.

The committee now breaks down to six full-member trustees, six professors, five alumni, two employees and two students.

Until Sayre-McCord joined, almost all of the committee was business- or science-oriented. And two of the biggest areas the next chancellor will have to focus on are research projects and Carolina North, UNC's proposed research satellite campus.

Student Body President Eve Carson and Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lauren Anderson are the student representatives.

Schwab said the number of students is appropriate because they are elected representatives.

"They're knowledgeable, and we hope that they'd share the interest

of all students," Schwab said.

Anderson said she is not worried about the amount of student input. "You can look at having two students a few different ways," she said. "You can say it's not enough students, but in the grand scheme of things, students are just one part (of UNC)."

Students and community members can provide input on the qualities a chancellor should have at open forums Oct. 26 and Oct. 30. But Josh Criscoe, co-president of Campus Y, said those forums are insufficient.

"Forums can be helpful in the decision process, but ... there needs to be greater student representa-

tion to cast the vote," he said.

And though Chapel Hill will not have a direct vote, Bill Strom, Chapel Hill mayor pro tem, said some committee members live in Chapel Hill and can give a local perspective.

"UNC's got to make their own choice here," Strom said. "I'm confident that we will have an opportunity to give input, and that's fine."

The committee will make a recommendation to trustees, but the UNC-system Board of Governors will make the final decision.

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GROWING GREEN



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Linda Bell, Petal Stone Landscap Design employee of three years, works on a new display of Epimedium, a shade plant, at the store on Weaver Street on Tuesday. Despite the drought, things are not slowing down at the flower store, which is in the middle of a company-wide

store renewal process. "To keep things updated, keep up with the times," Manager Rodney White said. White said they plan on upgrading the store by replacing tile, repaving the parking lot and remodeling even more on the inside. "By January this store will look very different," he said.

Homecoming draws few candidates

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
STAFF WRITER

Senior Bert Ellison was hoping for some friendly competition this year.

Instead, he'll be alone at the top. Ellison was the only applicant for Homecoming king — all but guaranteeing that he will walk away with the title during halftime at UNC's Nov. 3 football game.

Only two hopefuls — seniors Angela Crocker and Meredith Jones — will vie for the title of

Homecoming queen.

Laura Sheppard, chairwoman of the Carolina Athletic Association's Homecoming committee, said the committee received five applications for Homecoming queen.

"It was surprising based on attendance at our interest meeting. We thought we'd have at least eight candidates to apply," she said.

"I guess that some years are just better than others."

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Senior Bert Ellison is the sole Homecoming king candidate.



Senior Angela Crocker wants to raise funds for a Kenyan orphanage.



Senior Meredith Jones hopes to start a "Read to Succeed" program.

Bush veto creates health care concern

Others: Expanding SCHIP hurts N.C.

BY STEPHEN LARGEN
STAFF WRITER

In a confrontational political move, President Bush vetoed a bipartisan bill Wednesday to expand health insurance coverage for low-income children.

Congress proposed \$35 billion expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, funded by an increased cigarette tax, could cover 116,000 uninsured N.C. children whose families don't qualify for Medicaid but can't afford private coverage.

The state program, N.C. Health Choice, insured 130,116 children as of Sept. 1.

The U.S. Senate passed the expansion bill with enough votes to override the veto, but Democrats fell just short of a veto-proof two-thirds majority in the House. During the next two weeks, bill supporters will try to convince enough Republicans to change their votes in order to overcome the veto.

While many N.C. officials have joined congressional Democrats in lamenting the veto's potential effect on low-income families, others say the proposed 61-cent cigarette tax increase would harm the state's tobacco industry, which is No. 1 in the country.

"The burden to pay for this bill falls squarely on North Carolina," U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C., stated in a press release.

"A dramatic increase in the tobacco excise tax will have grave consequences on the growers, manufacturers and workforce left in the industry, and would be detrimental across the state's economy."

Jake Parker, national legislative director for the N.C. Farm Bureau, said the bureau hoped to see Congress rely on several sources of revenue, not just a tobacco tax increase.

The story so far

1997: The federal government creates the State Children's Health Insurance Program, guaranteeing coverage to kids at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Summer 2007: The N.C. General Assembly sets aside funding to expand the program, reasoning that many families above 200 percent of the federal poverty level still cannot afford private health insurance.

Sept. 27: The U.S. Senate passes a bill to expand the program by \$35 billion during the next five years.

Oct. 3: President Bush vetoes the measure.

Oct. 18: Democratic and Republican congressional leaders will address the veto override.

"Why don't you increase taxes on soda or candy manufacturers?" he said. "Some have even suggested taxing California wine."

Bush, who wants to increase funding for the SCHIP program by \$5 billion instead of the \$35 billion proposed in the bill, said he vetoed the bill because an expansion of the program would derail funding meant solely for the country's poorest children.

N.C. Health Choice depends on about \$165 million in annual federal funds. The N.C. General Assembly planned this summer to expand the program for children whose families are at 300 percent of the federal poverty level, rather than the usual 200 percent or below.

Jerry Meek, chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party, said the number of uninsured children warrants expansion of the program. "Once again, President Bush and

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Rugby team found to violate alcohol policy

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

The UNC men's rugby team has been found guilty of violating the Sport Clubs Council alcohol policy, but members were acquitted of charges of misrepresentation of the University and the club.

Hazing charges also were dropped Sept. 14, shortly after the investigation into the allegations began.

The team's suspension, which has prevented members from practicing and competing since Sept. 3, will continue for two weeks, though the team can now practice.

The decisions came out of a Sport Clubs Council hearing Tuesday night.

The team will be on probation until the end of the school year, meaning that any further infractions will carry more serious consequences, said Winston Crisp, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

"It means that they're effectively under warning," Crisp said.

Rufaro Sikipa, the club's president, said he thinks the sentence was reasonable.

"It was a fair decision, and it was a huge relief for us as a club," Sikipa said. "We're excited about being able to practice again."

The alcohol violations occurred at club-

How the rugby suspension happened:

Sept. 3: The team is suspended from practice and competition due to allegations of hazing, alcohol use and misrepresentation of the University; the investigation begins.

Sept. 14: Hazing charges are dropped.

Oct. 2: A Sport Clubs Council hearing rules that the team violated alcohol policy and sentences it to two more weeks of suspension.

sponsored parties and social events where underage drinking took place.

"We realize we've made mistakes in the past," Sikipa said. "We're going to be taking a lot of measures to correct that."

To do so, the club will establish a student code of conduct and an alumni advisory board to guide its activities. Community service also is being scheduled, Sikipa said. "We're trying to show the real side of UNC rugby."

The policy the team violated states that alcohol use at club-sponsored events is prohibited, said Jason Halsey, director of sport

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CLIMATE AWARENESS Chapel Hill will hold a talk about global warming today.

ON PAR The UNC men's golf team finished seventh in its first tournament.

LEARNING GAMES ITS discusses how computer games can relate to education.

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BLUES MAN

Super Chikan and The Fighting Cocks will perform in the Student Union Great Hall tonight, presenting their Delta blues music.



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ESCAPE!

The Escapism Film Festival, begun in 2003 and part of the ongoing festival series at the Carolina Theatre in Durham, will run Friday through Sunday.

this day in history

OCT. 4, 1991 ...

Student Body President Matt Heyd is issued a police summons for writing a worthless check for \$104 to Southern Bell of Greensboro in May.

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